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Annual clean-up day in Decatur is Wednesday, May 26. Don't forget the date and don't forget to be ready for the teams when they arrive in your alley.

Clean up the yard, and clean it before next Wednesday. That's the day the city teams will cart the dirt out of the alleys. Be sure to place the cans and rubbish in barrels, baskets or boxes so it can be handled the easier. Don't wait. Do it at once. Clean up.

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Sir Edward Grey says he wishes to clear up a misunderstanding on our part of Great Britain's purposes toward American shipping. What he really wishes is to show us that our commerce has not suffered as much from British depredations as we think, and to persuade us that it is quite the correct and necessary thing for "his majesty's government" to go on as it is doing. This is part of the diplomat's regular job. On the whole, it is about as hard to deal with the slippery diplomat as it is with a brat man of arms. Great Britain is too

wise to blow up a ship with American citizens on board. On the other hand, Germany is helpless to go out on the high seas and grab off our shipping the way the British do. It is a comfort to feel that the administration at Washington is both able and willing to address each of these eager belligerents in the language they can best understand.—Indianapolis Star.

We congratulate the forty-eight young men and women who last evening received diplomas as graduates of the Decatur high school. You have completed the first period of your life and you are now ready to enter a field of usefulness. We sincerely hope and believe that you will prove equal to every task, though you will find some of which you did not learn in the text books. The pathway is open before you and your continued success or your failure depends largely on your own efforts. Jump in now, with your sleeves rolled up and not with any idea that the diploma will insure you the best of it. Your only advantage is that you have learned to study. Now you must learn to use the knowledge obtained. Select the work you like best and then work and smile. Clean up.

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A little learning is a dangerous thing.

—Pope.

A joyous time was spent last evening at the M. J. Welker home when they entertained Rev. and Mrs. L. W. Love, the former pastor of the U. B. church in Decatur. Many friends of the country charge and the city charge were very glad to meet the minister and his wife for the purpose of having another old time chat. Wednesday evening they were royally welcomed into the prayer service where they also saw many of their best friends. Although it rained on Thursday the people of the country charge could not be held back. They put up a brave struggle and faced the storm trip into town in order to say "Hello" to the Reverend and his wife. On Thursday at twelve o'clock a sumptuous dinner was served for the party by Mrs. Welker with Miss Ethel Potts as assistant hostess. When they departed for their home, which is at Pleasant Lake, Ind., they were accompanied by the party who bid them a warm and hearty welcome back to Decatur.—Contributed.

Dr. and Mrs. McKeeman returned to Fort Wayne last night. They came

to attend the commencement, their niece, Miss Frances Dauer being a graduate. They were also guests of Mrs. McKeeman's brother C. E. Hocker and family.

Mr. Scheckler, Miss Emma Schulz of Fort Wayne; Misses Bessie Stuffer and Ada Cowan of Huntington; and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanna, Ft. Wayne; Miss Marie Baker, Monroeville, were guests of the Henry Schulz family. They attended the commencement, Bertha Schulz being a graduate.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dauer entertained at a six o'clock dinner last evening in honor of their daughter, Miss Frances, who is one of the 1915 graduates.

The following persons who came to attend the commencement exercises were guests: Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Merrillat, Mrs. E. H. Felger, Dr. and Mrs. R. B. McKeeman, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McKeeman, the Misses Margaret Estig, Gladys McKeeman, Winifred Ting, Bertha Dauer and Messrs. Chas. Gilbert, Harold Sessions, George Merrillat of Fort Wayne; Harvey Everett, of this city.

Miss Bertha Dauer is spending the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Dauer, having come last evening to attend the commencement exercises of the '15 class of the high school, her sister, Miss Frances, being one of the graduates.

There will be a called meeting of the Queen Esthers Tuesday evening at 7:15 at the Methodist church. The monthly meeting and the mite box opening will be held at the church Thursday at 7:30. Each member is expected to bring a guest. The program will be in charge of the Misses Florence Myers and Muriel Leonard. The hostesses will be the Misses Esther and Ireta Butler, Helen Kinzie, Nanci Myers and Agnes Eady.

Program for the Baptist Missionary society to be held at the home of Rev. Rogers on Wednesday, May 26: Song, "Let the Lower Lights be Burning;" Prayer, Mrs. Winnie; hymn, "The Morning Light is Breaking;" "Our Peace Fleet." Mrs. Jacob Buhles; "How the Life Line Began," Mrs. J. Baumgartner; hymn, "Throw Out the Life Line;" paper, "The Field of the Life Line," Mrs. Miller; "The Method of Work," Mrs. Cal Peterson; solo, Mrs. C. E. Bell; "The Field of the Crozier Colportage Cruiser," Mrs. Hite; "The Place of Boats in the Ministry of Jesus," Mrs. Bell; doxology.

#### COURT HOUSE NEWS

The inventory number one, filed by Christian Eicher, administrator of the Badgley Anderson estate, was approved. The petition of the administrator to sell at public auction was sustained, the sale to be after notice.

The inheritance tax appraiser in the John Huser estate filed report and June 12 was the date set for the hearing. Notices to be given to all parties.

June 12 was the date set for the hearing of the report of the inheritance tax appraiser in the Nora Moran estate. Notice to all parties was ordered.

F. M. Cottrell of Berne filed a new case entitled Julius C. and Charles C. Cehug vs. Byron Buckmaster, on note demand \$75.

A marriage license was issued yesterday afternoon to Fred H. Koennemann, farmer, born August 31, 1880, son of Fred Koennemann, to wed W. H. Helmina Scheuler, born November 19, 1892, daughter of Fred Scheuler.

Real estate transfers: Menno S. Liechty, et al to C. C. Neunschwander, west half of lot 472 Berne, \$265; U. S. Patent deed to John Everhart Jr. 98.78 acres of Monroe township; U. S. patent deed to David D. Johnston, 160 acres of Blue Creek township; \$1; Orlie C. Gaskill et al to C. Gaskill, 64 acres of Jefferson township, \$1.

A marriage license was granted to Samuel Emanuel Beeler of Geneva, born January 25, 1882, son of Daniel Beeler, to wed Villas Gross of Ceylon, born April 30, 1893, daughter of William Gross. The groom was divorced in 1908 from a former wife. Another license was issued to Vernon Ralston, driller, of New Corydon, born November 16, 1893, son of Dr. August Ralston, to wed Mabel Cook, born December 11, 1895, daughter of Joel Cook.

FOR RENT—A middle room in the Gregory building at the corner of Madison and Third streets. Inquire of Jesse Sutton, agent.

## THE HEARING IS CONCLUDED

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE) replied Ross. "The estimate is based on actual performance of the road and shows that a saving of \$35,000 would have been made if the terminal had been located at Decatur."

"How far have you progressed with your negotiations with the city of Decatur?" Northrup asked.

"They have simply told me what they would do," Ross replied.

Northrup: "Has it been put in writing?"

Ross: "No."

Northrup: "Have you asked them to put it in writing?"

Ross: "No. I couldn't do that. I was unable to promise them what I could do. I simply have the word of number of business men and I think I can depend on them."

Northrup: "Are conditions on the Clover Leaf the same as it was thirty years ago, when the terminal was built at Delphos?"

Ross: "No, conditions are continually changing. New problems are coming up each year."

Northrup: "Then it is possible that conditions may so change that by next year you will want to move the terminal back to Delphos?"

Ross: "Certainly, anything may happen in the next year. I know that based on all good railroad practice and the opinion of good railroad experts, the terminal should be at Decatur, or at some other place near the half-way point between Toledo and Frankfort. The change should be made in the interests of the bondholders."

Ross testified that from a safety standpoint, it was important to shorten on the Delphos-Frankfort division.

"The longer you work the men, the more liable they are to make mistakes," Ross said.

#### HERE COMES THE BRIDE

To the people who think the bride-description is over done in the average wedding write-up we refer the following flowery description taken from the Farmington, Mo. Times.

"The bride is a young lady of wondrous fascination and remarkable attractiveness, for with manners as enchanting as the wand of a siren and a disposition as sweet as the odors of flowers and spirits as joyous as the caroling of birds and mind as brilliant as the trees that blithely adorn the brow of winter" and with heart as pure as dew drops trembling in violets, she will make the home of her husband a paradise of enchantment like the lovely home of her girlhood, where the heavenly harp of marriage with its harp of love striking of devotion and fond endearments, sent forth the sweetest strains that ever thrilled senses with the rhythmic plusing of ecstatic rapture.

#### THE HONOR ROLL.

Twenty-one high school students have won a place on the honor list for the second semester by making a grade of 90 per cent or more in four or more subjects on the final semester:

Freshmen—Ireta Butler, Dora Davis, Rachael Leavell, Anita Swearinger, Alta Teeple.

Sophomores—Eva Augenbaugh, Kathryn Carey, Sophia Droll, Vera Eady, Roy Goldner, Ida Gunseth, Thelma Houk, Roy Kalver, Gertrude Kinzie.

Juniors—Mary Ray, Zelma Stevens, Vera Stoutenberry.

Seniors—Clelland Ball, Catherine Christen, Fred Kooken, Earl Ripley.

WOULD NOT ADMIT POLICY.

Washington, D. C., May 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Chairman Walsh of the industrial relations commission tried for hours today to make J. D. Rockefeller, Jr., admit that it was his business policy to avoid direct touch with anything disagreeable; that the witness made no suggestion concerning the Colorado strike except indirectly and that his methods were the same when he took a hand in the affairs of any concern his family was interested in. Rockefeller would not admit this.

COOPER ESTABLISHES RECORD. Indianapolis, Ind., May 22—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Earl Cooper, driving Stutz, made the fastest time in the morning elimination trial today. Cooper did it in 1:33.4, or 96.25 miles an hour. The others follow: Bob Burman, Peugeot, 1:37.4; Gill Anderson, Stutz, 1:36.3; Howard Wilcox, Stutz, 1:39.9.

#### NOTICE, BIBLE CLASS.

For unpreventable reasons there will be no meeting of the Young Women's Bible club Monday evening. The regular meeting will be held, however, the following Monday.

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## HOW TO BE A OPTIMIST

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The scene was then transferred to the Knights of Pythias home, where forty-eight seniors received their several hundred guests. A double receiving line of the graduates circling from the door through the reception room and parlor back to the stairway, was formed. The guests after congratulating the graduates, went to the large assembly room upstairs where they mingled. The orchestra played and there was dancing. At booths, presided over by the seniors, cooling drinks of punch were served with wafers. The hall was prettily decorated in the seniors' colors of green and white.

The seniors were assisted in serving by the Misses Dora Davis, Fannie Heller, Naomi Durkin, Anita Swearinger, Gladys Flanders, David Hensley, Walter Rilling, Adrian Stephenson, Dave Thompson and Ramona Smith.

Bennett Briefs.

There is one thing sadder than to graduate; and that is not to graduate.

"The man who can" is the man who doesn't know when he is licked.

A trousseau is the clothes a woman wears the first three years after she is married.

Poverty is not a handicap; it is an inspiration, but don't let it become a habit.

Burn your brain; it will rust out anyhow.

Act like you want to feel, and you will feel like you want to.

#### Class Roll.

Martin Archibald.

Nellie Grace Barkley.

Clelland J. Ball.

Abbie Bigham.

Paul Blackburn.

Ruth Eva Bowers.

Earl Blackburn.

Catharine May Christen.

Sidney Borton.

Ruth Marguerite Daniels.

Vernon Michael Brodbeck.

Frances Kathryn Dauer.

Ellis Marlowe Christen.

Esther Mildred Enos.

Francis Charles Davison.

Ruth D. Fledderjohann.

Harvey Everett.

Lucile Fleming.

Irvin James Goldner.

Mary Irene Grisinger.

Truman DeForis Hey.

Julia Genevieve Gillig.

Otto William Hoffman.

Leah Alice Hensley.

Edward F. Jaberg.

Vera Irene Hunsicker.

Fred Fuhrman Kooken.

Mary Agnes Laughlin.

Harry Major Magner.

Olive Blossom Perkins.

Roy Wellington McIntosh.

Mary Naomi Poling.

Robert Albers Merryman.

Bertha Viola Schultz.

Ralph H. Miller.

Lucile O. Smith.

Albert B. Miller.

Nola V. Snyder.

J. Dwight Peterson.

Iva Miriam Spangler.

Edwin Rabbitt.

Laura Augusta Stanley.

Earl Frazier Ripley.

Bessie Rhoda Wilder.

Eyard Hale Smith.

Neil Madeleine Winans.

John B. Stults.