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GREAT INTEREST IN CITY AFFAIRS

Manifested at Meeting of Decatur Industrial Association Last Evening

MANY CITIZENS OUT Fair and Open Discussion of Important Problems—New Power Committee

A hundred citizens, business men and officials of Decatur, including the entire city council, Mayor Yager, and others of the official family, attended the meeting of the Decatur Industrial association at the library last evening.

It was an interesting and earnest meeting of those who wish to improve Decatur and her conditions and with a continuation of this kind of interest it will be impossible to stop us from making real progress.

Mr. Henry Thomas was appointed chairman of a committee to co-operate with Mr. Herbert Wilding of the Fort Wayne Works of the General Electric company to assist in the dedication exercises here in April. He will name two other members of the committee to assist him.

The Hospital Report

Dr. S. D. Beavers, chairman of the hospital committee, made a report in writing and asked the approval of the association which after a discussion of much interest was given. The proposition will be put before the people at the primary in May. The report follows:

Decatur Industrial Association.

Gentlemen:—

The members of the Adams County Medical Society, believing the needs of the people of Decatur and Adams county to be such as to require the building of a county hospital, have for that purpose circulated a petition asking the county commissioners to take such action as may be necessary to secure same. Said petition received about twelve hundred (1200) signatures which represented, very evenly, all parts of the county, requesting the attorney general to act on the petition. After carefully considering it, the commissioners decided the best plan was to give the citizens of the county the privilege of voting on the matter which will be done during the May primary. Owing to the recent industrial developments in Decatur the physicians request the full and complete co-operation of your organization. The Decatur Industrial Association, in securing the proper action of the county commissioners and your aid in conducting the campaign throughout the country in behalf of this hospital. Upon investigation by the hospital committee, appointed by you for the purpose, the cost of building a twenty-five bed hospital was found to be approximately from \$50,000 to \$60 or \$65,000, with the equipment complete to cost from \$8,000 to \$10,000, making the total cost amount to not over \$75,000, respectively.

S. D. BEAVERS, M. D.

Chr. Hospital Com.

Discuss Other Matters

Report from the lighting committee showed that about fifty per cent of the property owners have signed the petitions and it is believed that a sufficient number can be secured to assure the ornamental lights along the main streets. The housing committee reported that all visitors are being well cared for as to rooms and board but that no definite action has yet been taken as to building. This will be taken up after the present important matters are disposed of.

The Foundry-Finances

The prospects of securing the new foundry and the various proceedings up to date were reported and Mr. Conner announced his finance committee. These men met and organized for the campaign and several started out this morning to secure the pledges. The basis of assessment is one-half that made for the General Electric fund.

The New Power Plant

The next subject taken up was that of securing power in some manner. The president stated the plan of the power plant was to be made up to this time and the various suggestions so far made to solve the knotty problem. Dr. J. M. Miller explained the position of the committee and talks were made by M. J. O'Leary, French Quinn, C. N. Christen, O'Leary, and others, resulting in the

GO TO VAN WERT

The local high school boys basketball team will go to Van Wert this evening where they will clash with the varsity basketball quintette of the Van Wert high school. This is the first game the locals have played the Ohio team this year, and just how strong their opponents are is not known. The locals are prepared for a stiff fight, and are confident of returning home the victors. A large number of rooters will accompany the team, the trip being made by automobile.

AUTO DAMAGED

William Ayers, Delco Salesman, Meets with Accident Near Bluffton

RAN INTO THE DITCH

Was Going to Give Pedestrian a Ride and Let Go of the Steering Wheel

The Bluffton News says:

"William Ayers, of Decatur, a salesman for L. L. Bender, the Delco-Light agent, had a brand new Ford sedan badly damaged late Monday afternoon when he lost control of it and it shot down a grade at Villa North, struck a fence post, and rebounded against the road grade. Mr. Ayers escaped injury, without injuries other than some bruises about the head and minor lacerations.

Mr. Ayers explained that he had started to his home at Decatur and was passing through Villa North when he saw a man walking ahead of him, and he thought he would ask the pedestrian to ride with him, and with this purpose in view picked up a grip from the front seat, to place it in the rear of the machine, partially turning in his seat as he did so. His attention was deflected from the steering wheel just long enough to cause him to turn the car toward the ditch and the crash followed. He said he had been used to driving a heavier car, which did not swerve so readily. He said the man he had intended to ask to ride never stopped to offer assistance or sympathy, but kept right on going. An inventory showed one front wheel damaged, a tire and some of the spokes having suffered, and the top was torn out although the sides of the sedan top, including the glass doors and windows were not broken. The doors were jammed shut and a window had to be lowered to let him crawl out. Despite the damage Mr. Ayers decided to continue his drive homeward with the car."

TOURNAMENT OFF

Hartford Township Manager Objects to Draw Made at Geneva Last Night

MEET IS POSTPONED

Mr. Worthman Made Announcement Today—Team Goes to Van Wert

The county basketball tournament was indefinitely postponed this afternoon by announcement from Mr. Worthman, superintendent of the Decatur schools. The announcement will be a disappointment to many fans here and over the county who were anticipating some lively scraps. The manager of the Hartford township team was the principal objector and seemed determined to prevent the tournament. Mr. Worthman said this afternoon:

"Since matters relative to the Adams county tournament could not be definitely settled at the meeting at Geneva last evening, it has been deemed advisable to postpone the meet indefinitely. The Hartford township manager was the only one dissatisfied with the new draw and he seems to have succeeded in blocking the tournament."

The local management is planning a game for Saturday evening here. The Decatur team will play at Van Wert tonight and there will be three or four games here before the district tournament.

Mrs. J. H. Teitman went to Fort Wayne to visit with Mrs. August Vane and others, resulting in the

REVIVAL NOW ON

Meetings at M. E. Church arousing interest—Various Committees Named

REV. EDDIE THOMAS

Is the Evangelist in Charge—H. A. Butler in Charge of the Song Books

The revival at the Methodist church is becoming organized very nicely. Rev. "Eddie" Thomas is doing very fine work and leading the services in a way that interests everybody. He is a great singer and is creating great interest in that part of the services. His sermons are right to the point and do all good that listen to them.

All departments of the work is being seen to and the committees are doing their work finely.

The committees are as follows:

Finance committee—C. D. Lewton; E. W. Johnson; A. D. Suttles; H. A. Butler; W. F. Beery.

Publicity committee—C. L. Walters; O. L. Vance; Helen Fanner; F. W. Downs; Mrs. B. R. Parr.

Music Committee—W. F. Beery; Mrs. Dan Tyndall; Dr. Neptune; Miss Florence Haney; Mrs. F. V. Mihl; Mrs. J. O. Sellmeyer.

Prayer Meeting committee—Mrs. Palmerlee; Mrs. Robert Case; Mrs. C. D. Lewton; Mrs. Dixon; Mrs. D. Sprang; Mrs. R. D. Myers; Mrs. Fred Haneher; Mrs. Frank Winans.

The Glad Hand committee is one of the most important committees of all. Come to every service and you will find the members of this committee. They will always meet you and make you at home and answer any questions regarding the services that you may desire to ask.

The new song books are fine and are in charge of H. A. Butler. Get me and help sing.

A FINAL REPORT

Of Red Cross Seals is Made by the County Chairman, Guy Brown

OVER 70,000 ARE SOLD

Decatur Schools Sold 34,067—The Leaders in the Different Townships

W. Guy Brown, the county chairman of the Red Cross Christmas seals, makes the final report of the drive. He was delayed in making a report owing to the fact that a few districts did not report to him until yesterday.

The report follows:

Decatur schools 34,067

Country schools 25,132

Berea schools 5,543

Monroe schools 3,500

Geneva schools 2,581

Total 70,827

The following schools lead in their respective townships:

Union, Dist. 4—Miss Zula Steele.

Root, Monmouth—L. B. Sawyer.

Preble, Dist. 6—Rosella Mills.

Kirkland, Dist. 1—Ralph Yager.

Washington, Dist. 8—Ethel Potts.

St. Mary's, Pleasant Mills schools

R. J. Mann.

Monroe, Dist. 4—Agnes Schenck.

French, Dist. 5—Merle Poling.

Hartford, Dist. 2—H. B. Hoffman.

Wabash, Dist. 1—True Buckmaster.

Jefferson, Dist. 2—Claudia Buckmaster.

Blue Creek, Dist. 1—Russell Merriman.

Last year's sales amounted to only 38,000.

ABOUT THE SICK

Mrs. Koos, living east of the city, is suffering from neuralgia of the face.

Mrs. Sam Roop, who is still at the Decatur hospital, is very low from general dropsy.

Word received here by D. M. Hensley regarding the condition of Charles Schick is very encouraging and states that he is getting along fine. Both lungs are being cleared up very nicely.

Arthur Mangold, who has been ill for the past two weeks, is reported as being much better today. Mr. Mangold had typhoid fever last fall and had a relapse two weeks ago.

SHIPPED FINE TURKEY

W. A. Fonner shipped one of his fine Mammoth Bronze turkeys to Kentucky at a fancy price yesterday.

CALLED TO COLUMBUS

Dr. W. E. Smith left last night for Columbus, Ohio being called there on account of the critical illness of his brother Clarence. He will be absent from this city for several days. When he returns his patrons will watch for announcements in the paper.

NEW FOOD DRAFTS

Can Now be Obtained from People's Loan & Trust Company in Decatur

HUNGRY IN EUROPE

Can be Properly Fed by Friends—Unique Plan of Relief Administration

PROGRAM FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Services will be Held Sunday Afternoon at 2:30 in Circuit Court Room

FRENCH CERTIFICATES

Will be Awarded to

Relatives of Soldiers who Died in Service of Country

The program for the Memorial day services to be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock under the auspices of the Decatur Post of the American Legion in honor of the twenty-five young men from this county who gave their lives for their country during the war has just been completed.

The services will be held in the circuit court room and a very interesting program has been arranged, including the awarding of the French Memorial certificates to the relatives of the soldiers who died during the war, talks and addresses by prominent men, singing, and a pageant scene in which sixteen young ladies will take part.

The public is cordially invited to the services and all ex-soldiers are urged to wear their uniforms.

The program as prepared by the local post is as follows:

Musical selections—H. S. Orchestra

Opening remarks—W. D. Cross, Geneva.

Prayer Rev. J. Ed. Stone

Address Clark J. Lattz

Musical Selection—H. S. Orchestra

Reading of Edwin Markham's Poem, "A Song of Victory." J. C. Moran

Address H. D. Jones, Berne

Song, "The Americans Come" Elmo Smith

Pageant Scene

Awarding of Memorial Certificates

Reading of Honor Roll—Ottie Gase

Elmo Smith

Singing, "Star Spangled Banner,"

and "Marseillaise" Audience

Benediction Rev. J. A. Seimetz

Washington, Feb. 18.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A constitutional amendment giving congress and the supreme court joint power to authorize the vice president or the ranking cabinet officer to assume the duties of the president during a disability of the chief executive has been prepared by Representative S. D. Fess, Ohio, for introduction in the house today.

Fess would have the constitution amended so that congress might by concurrent resolution declare that the president is unable to serve, after a finding of the facts by the supreme court. In case congress was not in session when the president became disabled, the Fess amendment would give the vice president power to call it into special session for the purpose of determining whether the chief executive is able to function.

Details of the plan have not been completed by Fess, as he believes several features of his proposal must be left to legislation to enforce the constitutional amendment. Just who would initiate the proceedings to determine whether the president is unable to serve, would be left to later legislation, but Fess believes this should be done by a resolution, asking the supreme court to investigate.

WEEKLY DISCUSSIONS

Bolshevism, or hyphenated Americans, have become familiar words, but how much do they mean to us?

Could you give a good definition of these words or could you offer a remedy for the evils which they suggest?

In a democracy such as ours the people rule, but in order to rule they must have sound knowledge.

With this in view studies of Christian Americanization will be held at the Presbyterian church on Wednesday evenings at 7:30 for the next six weeks, beginning this evening.

The pastor will lead the meeting tonight and will present the situation in our country. Those who have the text book, "Christian Americanization," should read the first chapter.

Members are urged to attend and both will retain their positions.

For the present they will make a costume a lovely blue tailored suit with accessories to harmonize.

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