

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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## MAT BREINER IS NEW POLICEMAN

Succeeds Ed Green on Night Beat--To Cover the West End, Also

## PETITION IS FILED

Asking for Special Night Policeman in West Part of City--Council Met.

Mat Breiner, well known citizen and for a number of years an employee of the Conter Ice Cream company was appointed night policeman for the city of Decatur last evening.

The Public Safety Committee, through the chairman, A. R. Ashbaumer, recommended that Mr. Breiner be appointed to the place, succeeding Night Policeman Ed Green. The appointment was approved by the council and Policeman Breiner will begin his "beat" tonight.

A petition was filed by a number of property holders and residents of the West part of the city, asking that a special policeman be appointed for that section of the city west of Fifth street. Upon motion the petition was referred to the board of safety and following the appointment of Mr. Breiner as the regular night policeman instructions were given to him to also include the west part of town in his beat.

### To Repair Crossing.

The matter of repairing the crossing at the intersection of Sixth and Jefferson streets was referred to the street and sewer committee.

### Commissioner's Job.

Street Commissioner Ed Augenbaugh was instructed to look after the matter of placing the signal lamps on the traffic signs at the various street crossing.

### Bills Were Allowed.

J. F. Kocher, chairman of the finance committee read the following bills which were allowed by the council:

Elberson Service Station, \$27.69; National Meter Co., \$3.66; Water Works pay roll, \$183.95; F. Bissell Co., \$162.72; National Mill Supply Co., \$42.79; Coll Basinger Coal Co., \$113; General Electric Co., \$74.02; Vacuum Oil Co., \$37.86; Protective Electrical Supply \$3.24; A. E. Boyce, \$5.57; Fort Wayne Belting Co., \$15.67; National Mill Supply, \$3.33; Shanahan-Conroy Co., \$3.06; Acker Cement Co., \$3.50; Burk Elevator Co., 70c; D. F. Teeple, \$21.41; City Truck pay roll \$24.00; M. J. Mylott \$246.25; Citizens Phone Co., \$7.65; Citizens Phone Co., \$11.50; Service Oil Co., \$71.28; Thomas Dowling, \$50.00; Decatur Volunteer Firemen, \$8.00; Decatur Volunteer Firemen, \$14.00; Decatur Volunteer Firemen, \$14.00; Orval Haruff, \$37.50; Street Commissioner pay roll \$160.60; Police pay roll \$109.50; City Firemen, \$145; C. C. Linn, \$44.00; Erdmon Fuel Co., \$400; A. C. Foos pay roll \$473.50; Jess Hurst, \$5; Schmitz & Tricker, \$2; T. St. L. & W. R. R., \$467.78; Interstate Petro Co., \$25.62; Elberson Service Station, \$10.65; Wayne Oil & Supply Co., \$35.91; Johns-Monville Co., \$49.96; Clyde H. Hoyte Co., \$481.96; Cleveland & Western Coal Co., \$154.80.

### FUNERAL HOUR SECRET.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—Simple funeral services for Senator Boles Penrose will be held here this afternoon or tomorrow, it was rumored here today. The family maintains secrecy.

Spencer Penrose, brother of the late senator, arrived here from Colorado Springs today and as plans had been delayed pending his arrival, it was understood that the funeral which is to be private, would be held at once.

The body will be cremated and the ashes placed in Laurel Hill cemetery, it also was rumored.

### RECEPTION TONIGHT

The reception planned several days ago for the Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Saunders by the Presbyterian congregation, and postponed because of the illness of the pastor, will be held this evening following the prayer service, beginning probably at 8:15 or 8:30 o'clock. Rev. and Mrs. Saunders will be here for the Sunday service, the usual communion service will be held Sunday morning. Members of the congregation and friends are asked to be present at the church this evening. The prayer service will be held at 7:30 o'clock.

## MANY FROM HERE

Will Attend District Rotary Convention at Indianapolis Next Month

**BIG PLANS ARE MADE**  
By Indianapolis Club to Entertain Guests--Committees Appointed.

The new year's first big pep-producing event for Indianapolis will be the Eleventh district conference of Rotary clubs, composed of the fifty Rotarian organizations that abide in Hoosierdom. The conference is to be held in Indianapolis on February 21 and 22 and it is expected that 3,000 Hoosier Rotarians, accompanied by the women of their hearts and households, will mobilize in the capital city for a round of Rotary business and entertainment.

The Rotary club of Indianapolis, of which Charles E. Hall is the president, will be the host club and Arch V. Crossman, first vice president of the Indianapolis club, has been named as general chairman on arrangements for the conference. Grossman is a twelve-cylindered Rotarian and he has been surrounded with an executive committee that can step on the gas, too. Each member of the executive committee also is the chairman of a committee and they are at work now rounding out the details for the liveliest conference Hoosier Rotarians have ever had. The following are the chairmen for the event: Charles E. Hall, president; Albert S. Pierson, secretary, Indianapolis club; Clyde A. Bowers, reception; Ralph T. Edgeron, decorations; C. Roltare Eggleston, entertainment; J. Emmett Hall, hotels; William Herschell, publicity; Frederick E. Matson, program; Henry L. Stenger, registration; Nelson G. Trowbridge, entertainment for women; and Dr. Herbert T. Wagner, bowling tournament. The bowling tournament, in which several of the leading clubs are entered, will begin on the night of February 21st. Dr. Wagner has arranged to have the best bowling alleys in Indianapolis ready for the battle of the bowlers.

Entertainment features for the conference will be novel and numerous.

The conference organization will be headed by Clarence H. Wills, of Kokomo, district governor; Wilbur T. Gruer, Indianapolis, conference secretary; Roy Sahm, Indianapolis, conference treasurer, and J. Duane Dungan, Indianapolis, conference sergeant at arms.

The fifty clubs in the Eleventh or Indiana district, have a total membership of 3,500 and it is expected that almost the entire membership will be in Indianapolis. This prophecy is based on previous conferences held in Fort Wayne and Evansville, where the attendance was noted as surprisingly large, in fact, as Arch Grossman says: "Almost unanimous."

### K. O. P. INITIATION

There will be work in the rank of page Thursday evening. All members of the lodge are requested to attend, and especially members of the first rank degree team. It is probable fifteen or twenty men will take the page degree Thursday evening.

J. H. Stewart, M. of W.

## Methods of Junking the Navy Ships

The United Press learned from the highest sources the details of the ship scrapping program.

Two main methods will be followed in junking the big sea fighters:

1.—All of the 68 capital ships to be scrapped under the agreement between the United States, Great Britain and Japan must be rendered incapable of warlike purposes within 16 months from the time the naval treaty goes into effect and must be entirely scrapped within four years from that date.

2.—The old ships to be replaced after they have been in service twenty years, under the agreement are to be rendered incapable of warlike pur-

## TO LECTURE HERE

State President of W. C. T. U. Will Address Decatur Audiences

### ON NEXT SUNDAY

Afternoon at Baptist Church and at Union Meeting at M. E. Church at Night.

Members of the Women's Christian Temperance Union have planned a union meeting for all the churches of the city for next Sunday evening at the Decatur Methodist, when Mrs. Elizabeth Stanley, president of the Indiana Women's Christian Temperance Union, will deliver an address to Decatur people. Mrs. Stanley has been in Decatur and Adams county many times and her ability as a speaker and leader in the cause in which she is so greatly interested is known to all.

Her subject for the Sunday night meeting which will be at 7:15 o'clock is "The Challenge of an Unfinished Task" and the public is invited to attend the meeting.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon a meeting will also be held at the Baptist church and every member of the W. C. T. U. is urged to attend and bring a friend. An interesting service is asured.

## IT'S A BUSY PLACE

Decatur Plant of General Electric Co., Going at a Splendid Pace

### CAR LOAD OF MOTORS

Will Be Shipped This Week—Employees Are Interested in Athletics, Etc.

The Decatur plant of the General Electric company is just now one of the busiest places in northern Indiana and Decatur people are jubilant over the fact that the new industry is at this time furnishing employment to approximately 140 people, and additions are being made to the force each week. The new employees this week are Rolland Shimp and Misses Beatrice Stalter and Ulva Ray.

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## UP TO ANDERSON

Fort Wayne Telephone Case Will Be Decided by Judge in Federal Court

### WANT RATE INCREASE

Public Service Commission Refused it and Cause Has BeenAppealed.

Indianapolis, Jan. 4.—(Special to Daily Democrat).—The Home Telephone and Telegraph Company of Fort Wayne would be permitted to increase its rates to the schedule rejected by the public service commission filed with Federal Judge A. B. Anderson today by Charles Martindale, master in chancery.

Martindale held the order of the public service commission refusing company the increases for which it petitioned was confiscatory. He recommended however, that the company be required to give a bond of \$250,000 conditional to return to the subscribers of the excess received by the company above any schedule of rates which the commission may hereafter establish and found to allow a reasonable return on the investment.

Judge Anderson will have to rule on the recommendations, but there has been no indications when his ruling will come.

Under Martindale's recommendations, the company would charge \$5 for a single party business telephone in Fort Wayne; \$5 for two party business phones; \$4 for four party business phones; \$2.75 for individual residence phone; \$2.25 for two party residence lines and \$1.75 for four party residence lines.

The report is the outcome of a suit brought by the telephone company to enjoin the commission from putting its orders into effect on the ground they were confiscatory. It was the first case of the kind ever filed in federal court and Judge Anderson's decision will have far reaching effect on similar litigation in the future.

## THE WEATHER FORECAST

Indiana: Rain this afternoon and tonight, much colder tonight; Thursday fair, colder, cold wave.

Lower Michigan: Heavy snow in north and central portions and snow or rain in south portion this afternoon and tonight, colder tonight; Thursday clearing and colder, cold wave east shifting to northwest gales.

Upper Michigan: Snow probably heavy this afternoon and tonight, colder tonight; Thursday clearing and colder, cold wave.

But Don't Want to Put Administration in Bad by His Sudden Decision

### NEW IS MENTIONED

As a Possible Successor if Postmaster Decides to Join Picture Company.

(By Raymond Clapper, United Press staff correspondent)

Washington, Jan. 4—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Postmaster General Hays is personally disposed toward accepting the offer to become head of the motion picture industry of America, although his final decision is still under consideration, it was learned authoritatively today.

While the officer of a three year contract at a net salary of \$100,000 a year, exclusive of all income taxes is admittedly appealing, Hays does not want to make a move at this time which might be construed as a desertion of the Harding administration.

He is also in the midst of working out a number of policies in the post-office department which he wants to see realized before he leaves the cabinet. Whether these policies will be carried out if he resigns is understood to be the question on which his decision is hanging.

Hays spent two hours at the White House on his return here yesterday, and he will hold another conference with the president within the next few days.

President Harding is said to be reluctant to have his cabinet disarranged so soon after the beginning of his administration but Hays has assurance that the president will interpose no obstacle in the way of a resignation if Hays decides upon that course.

Hays is attracted by the educational feature of the proposed job. The movie industry, now fourth in the United States, offers opportunities for educational work yet scarcely touched, he thinks.

Speculation as to the next postmaster general in event Hays resigns is already being widely indulged in here. William Boyce Thompson of New York, a close friend of Hays and prominent in the republican party, is mentioned as a possibility. Others whose names are being discussed include Senator Harry New Indiana; Fred W. Upshur, Chicago, treasurer of the republican national committee; John T. Adams, who succeeded Hays as chairman of the national committee, and John T. King, former national committeeman of Connecticut.

## PHI DELTA KAPPA

Fraternity Meeting Last Night—Officers for Coming Year are Installed

### JOE BREMAN PRES.

Plan for This Year to Be One of Best in History of the Chapter.

At the meeting of the Phi Delta Kappa Fraternity, in their club rooms last evening, officers for the coming year were installed, Joe Breman, president; Harry Knapp, treasurer; and Dick Durkin, Master of Ceremonies. During the business meeting plans were made to make 1922 a good year for the Phi Deltas. Several social activities were discussed and the organization is expecting to take great strides toward betterment in the coming year.

Last year the Phi Deltas took a prominent place in the social activities of this city and their year closed with a decided success. The new officers will have far reaching effect on similar litigation in the future.

Monitor—Agnes Weber.

Inner Guard—Mary Alberding.

Trustees—Mrs. Lillian Losen, Margaret Braun, Mrs. J. Neering.

The attendance at the meeting last evening was very large.

## DIED EARLY TODAY

Elmer LeRoy Smith, After Week's Illness, Succumbs to Pneumonia

### SURVIVED BY WIDOW

And Three Children—Thirty-Four Years Old—Krick & Tyndall Employe.

Elmer LeRoy Smith, an employee of the Krick & Tyndall factory, died at his home in the south part of the city at 2 o'clock this morning after suffering the past few days from pneumonia. His condition had been extremely critical, and during the past day or two his death had been expected at any time.

The deceased was a son of Wesley and Sarah Smith, and he was born in this state January 12, 1887. He is survived by the widow and three daughters, and a number of other relatives.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon from the Evangelical church, the Rev. Haney officiating, but the hour had not been definitely decided upon this afternoon.

Miss Margater Flauger of Fort Wayne, has returned from Akron, O., where she spent her Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Bentz.

## ANNUAL MEETING

J. C. Laurent Chosen Commander of Adams Post 43 American Legion

### YEARLY REPORTS READ

And an Enthusiastic Gathering of Ex-Service Men Held at Legion Hall.

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## THE NEW OFFICERS

For the Catholic Ladies of Columbia Were Installed Tuesday Evening

### REV. FATHER SEIMETZ

Installing Officer-Order Has Made Excellent Growth During Past Year.

The Catholic Ladies of Columbia, at their regular meeting on Tuesday evening installed their officers for the next year. The service was one of the most beautiful and impressive the local organization has ever held. Father Seimetz, who is the spiritual advisor for the local order, acted as installing officer, and in his talk he praised the ladies for the excellent work they had done during the past year, and stated that he believed the Catholic Ladies of Columbia would soon be one of the largest organizations of its kind in Decatur.

Father Seimetz commented on the insurance feature of the order, and thought all should become affiliated with the organization.

Miss Agnes Costello, the new president of the chapter, gave a talk, also in which she urged the co-operation of the members, in the upbuilding of the local chapter. She will make an excellent leader for the Decatur ladies and under her guidance a great advancement is sure to come. During the past year forty-five new members were added to the roster, and the prospects for a better year than last are exceedingly good.

The officers installed Tuesday night are:

President—Anges Costello.

Vice President—Christina Schuriger.

Treasurer—Mrs. Ruth Keller.

Financial Secretary—Edith Miller.

Recording Secretary—Winifred Kitson.

Monitor—Agnes Weber.

Inner Guard—Mary Alberding.