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People can't move to Decatur unless we provide houses for them and any one who has been looking for one during the past few weeks will tell you its some job. There is not only a shortage in modern homes here but there are few places for laborers of any kind. There are no homes here with rent cheap and there is a demand for them. If we could have a dozen or so modern homes and twenty-five to fifty plain every day houses, they could be rented at a profit. Its time to get them too.

According to the latest in the Yeoman Shield, which came today, the decision for the location of the home and school has been deferred until October. Rochester, Minnesota is a new possible site, the famous Mayo Brothers offering free medical care for the children if the home is located near there. The offer from the Iowa state university is also given serious consideration and Des Moines of course is in the running. The job of picking out the one spot in the United States is a difficult one and the frequent delays it seems but complicates the problem. So far no official information has been received here.

If the auto races next Monday are a success and this now seems assured, you may safely predict more of them. There is talk now of the organization of a company which will conduct these and similar events at frequent intervals during the year, attracting big crowds here and helping to call attention to the best town in this section. The men who are putting the races on are taking the chances. All they ask is your co-operation, good will and patronage. They feel every business man and every booster should buy a ticket. Many are coming from out of town. Every racer will be backed by a crowd from home. The people here should show their loyalty by attending. You will more than get your money's worth for the program is high class. The men behind the races are in deep earnestness and are trying their best to give the community something new and interesting. Don't miss it. Buy your ticket in advance and show the right spirit.

O. L. Vance and family recently returned from their annual trip; this year, traveling through Michigan, Wisconsin and Illinois and camping each

night near some city where there was provided a camping ground. Mr. Vance is a greater enthusiast than ever for a camp for tourists conveniently arranged near Decatur. He says that from forty to seventy tourists were camped each evening with them and the cities which have them are gaining in many ways. It is not uncommon to travel twenty-five to fifty miles out of your way to reach one of these places and the news of camp facilities travels rapidly, one driver passing it on to another. The tourists buy supplies, gas, machine parts and other things in the towns thus visited and every camper is a booster for that place. He is agitating a tourists camp here and with a little co-operation, Lee can put it over. He knows just what is needed and what it means to the tourist and the community. Its worth thinking about.

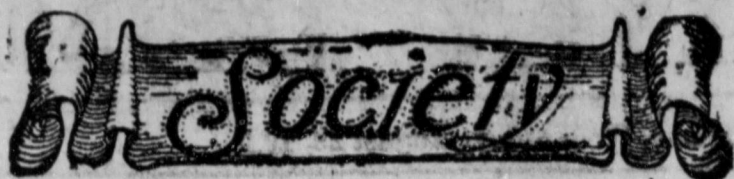
While we haven't had the opportunity to study the budgets which bring forth the various tax levies and which combine to make a total of \$3.45, estimated, for Decatur, the figures are rather startling. An advance of thirty-eight cents over last year is too strong if there is any way to avoid it. We realize that its hard to meet all demands of the people and keep the rates down, but its most important that we guard the tax rate and make every effort to lower it. If each taxing unit will go over their estimate and knock off a few cents, the total will be some where near that of last year at least and there ought to be a real effort to keep it down to three cents. As stated we haven't studied the figures and it may be impossible to cut, but we are convinced that the safe way for those who have the authority to levy taxes, is to tax only for necessary appropriations and those petitioned or voted for. If you try to meet every suggestion, the tax rate will soon become unbearable. Use caution. A low tax rate is about the best asset that a community can have and that's one big reason why the levies should be made with great care and always with Economy as the watchword. The Nash Motor company, one of the big ones, is now seeking a location. They have decided to move to South Bend, if the tax rate there compares favorably to other places under consideration. They are investigating and comparing the taxes this week and on that alone hinges their decision. When a concern must invest millions in a community they want to know these things, for the amount saved as the difference between tax levies may be all or a large part of the profits of that concern. Its a big factor in community building every where and it should have the greatest and most thoughtful attention.

Complaint On Note

A complaint on a promissory note was filed in the circuit court today by the Gilliom Lumber company, of Berne against Edwin Heller. Judgment in the sum of \$300 is demanded. Attorney Frank M. Cottrell, of Berne represents the plaintiff.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL.

The Pleasant Mills Baptist Sunday School will hold an Ice cream social at Pleasant Mills Saturday evening, September 1. Music and an entertainment will be given and the public is cordially invited to attend.



CLUB CALENDAR

Wednesday
So Cha Rea—Mrs. F. J. Schmitt.
Philamath Bible class of Mt. Pleasant church, Mrs. S. P. Sheets, 8 p.m.
Thursday
Kirkland Ladies club, Kirkland high school.
Union Township Womans' club, Mrs. C. S. Mumma.
Missionary society of Christian church, at home of Mrs. Arthur, Fourth street, Mrs. Dr. Charles hostess.
Loyal Workers Class of Evangelical church, picnic, Henry Barkley.
Saturday
Christian Ladies Aid Two-Cent supper—Old Adams County Bank Bldg.

Honoring Miss Flanders

The following account of a tea and garden party given by the Tri Kappa sorority in Peru last Saturday afternoon in honor of Miss Gladys Ann Flanders, of this city who is a bride-elect of September 1, appeared in the Peru Daily Tribune:

"Among the first of the prenuptial gaieties for the members of the Tri Kappa sorority who will be September brides was the pretty garden party and tea given Saturday afternoon at the C. E. Redmon residence on East Third street, honoring Miss Gladys Flanders, of Decatur, Indiana, who will be married in September to Richard Chamberlain, of this city. The hostesses were Mrs. Lyman Keyes, Mrs. Donavon Debolt, Miss Ercell Brubaker and Miss Goldie Martin. A shower of miscellaneous gifts was given the honor guest Miss Flanders and Miss Ocal Fidler presided at the tea table which was adorned with a basket of fall flowers. The decorations were in orchid and pink. The guests were 39 members of the Tri Kappa sorority. Miss Catherine Urban, of St. Louis, house guest of Mrs. Berne Welch, was the only guest from out of the city."

Hart Family Reunion

The fourth annual reunion of the Hart family was held at Bellmont park, Aug. 26, 1923. About one hundred members were present. At noon a sumptuous dinner was served, after which a short business session was held. Officers for the coming year were elected, they being:

Saul Hart, president; Gilbert Schaffer, vice-president; William Hart treasurer; Lona Shifferly, secretary. Short talks were given by Rev. R. W. Loose and Otis Shifferly. It was decided to hold the next reunion at Hicksville, Ohio. Four generations were present. Members of the first generation, 6; members of the second generation, 9; number of births since last reunion, 3; number of deaths since last reunion, 4. The oldest member of the Hart family present at this reunion was William Hart, age 74. The youngest member present was Mildred Maxine Shifferly, age 4 weeks granddaughter of William Hart. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Saul Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Lee McClelland, Mr. and Mrs. John Hart, all of Hicksville, O. Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Barkley, and family, Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Schaffer, and family. Mrs. Mary Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Art Deney, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Gleckner, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hart and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Hart and family, Mr. and Mrs. William McClure, son, Mr. and Mrs. Wilford Hart, Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Stephenson and children, Mr and Mrs. Wayne Hart and family, Mr. Hilton Hart and daughter Rosamond, Mr. William art, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Miller and family Mr. and Mrs. Otis Shifferly and family, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Hart and family, Rev. R. W. Loose and wife, Mr. Coyle McClure and children, Mrs. John Thomas and son.

The Christian Ladies Aid society will hold a Two-Cent supper Saturday, starting at 5 o'clock in the building formerly occupied by the Old Adams County Bank. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Homer Raudenbush, of south of the city entertained the following guests at their home Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Clem Pattman, and Miss Wilda Wilson, of Ft. Wayne. The visit was a very enjoyable one. The main attraction of the day was the triplet boys, Roscoe, Robert and Raymond, grand-nephews of the Pattmans.

Mr. and Mrs. Elias Sudduth, of Elm Street, entertained a number of relative and friends at their home Sunday at dinner, in honor of Mr. Sudduth's 54th birthday. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Gilbert and

William Highlen, of near Monroe; Mr. and Mrs. Charles Brown and sons, Mrs. Hannah Sudduth, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Johnson, of Decatur; Mr. and Mrs. Hudson and family, of Convoys, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Levi Johnson, of Monroe. Every one present enjoyed the big dinner and all left wishing Mr. Sudduth many more such occasions.

Barkley Family Reunion.

The sixteenth annual reunion of the Barkley family was held at Bellmont Park, August 25, 1923. Dinner was partaken of by about sixty people. After dinner the meeting was called to order by President John A. Barkley. The secretary's report for last year was read and adopted. Short talks were given by those present and the officers for the coming year were elected as follows:

President John A. Barkley; Vice-President Henry Turner; Secretary Belle B. Walters. A motion was made and unanimously adopted to hold the next reunion the first Saturday in September, 1924. J. C. Barkley was appointed by the president to arrange a program for next meeting, he to select his helpers. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Barkley, John A. Barkley, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Barkley and daughter, Xartiffa, Bulard and Ida, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barkley and son, Glenn, Mrs. J. D. Miller and son, Forest, and daughter, Ruth, Joseph Crissenberg, Miss Rose, Mrs. Ocie Bartley, Mrs. U. S. Cress, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Barkley and family of Columbia City; Mrs. W. H. Workinger and children, Robert, Kenneth, Lester, Laura, Ruth and Flemming; Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barkley and granddaughters; Mr. and Mrs. George Rummel and daughter of Conway, Ohio; Mrs. Orley Barkley and daughter; Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Turner and children, Arlo and Isabel, Conway, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. John A. Wybourn of Sturgis, Mich.; Mr. C. R. Schlemmer and children, Richard, Carolyn and Nina, Ligonier, Ind.; Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Walters and children, Orley, Genevieve, Naomi and Anoli, of Monroe.

MONROE NEWS

On Monday, September 3, Labor Day, the annual Methodist church picnic of this conference district, will be held at the Foster Park in Fort Wayne and a large number from his place will be present. This occasion is annually looked forward to with much interest, as it is one given by the people in behalf of the Methodist hospital of Fort Wayne, and is one of great importance in this community, and is a source of much good toward that institution. Let everybody turn out and make this event one of the best ever held. An excellent program has been prepared for this event.

Mrs. Bessie Shaney of Plymouth, is the guest of Mrs. Martha Johnson and other relatives here this week.
Mr. and Mrs. Schineller and Mr. and Mrs. Pontius, former residents of Adams county, but now of Illinois, stopped here Monday evening en route to their former homes at Vera Cruz and Lima Grove to visit with relatives.
Wilda Fuhrman, of Reno, Nevada, is the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Fuhrman, here this week.
James Ahlert, of Youngstown, Ohio is the guest of his aunts, Misses Caroline and Elizabeth Scherer, and other

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The same sturdy engine is under the hood; the same dependable chassis, improved in numberless details, underlies the body.

But the rear springs—now underslung—have been materially lengthened. The wheelbase, too, is longer, and the combined result is a notable improvement in riding qualities.

Bodies of all types have been designed to give improved appearance, and greater comfort. Lower, longer, with deeper seats and more leg room, the lines of these new cars are low-swung and graceful—the interiors are comfortable and roomy.

New head lamps and fenders, especially designed by Dodge Brothers to conform with the general lines of the car—a long straight hood and cowl effect—longer and wider running boards—unusually wide doors—combination stop signal and tail lamp—and instruments attractively grouped on raised panel—are a few of the numerous body innovations common to all types.

Combining these features with important mechanical improvements too numerous and technical to enumerate here, it is not extravagant to predict a reception for these cars unprecedented in automotive annals.

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relatives here this week.

Jacob Rawley, of Willshire, Ohio, was in town this week completing arrangements for putting down his first test oil well on the J. N. Burkhead farm just at the edge of the east corporation line.

Stanford McKeeman of Ft. Wayne and C. E. Hocker and family, were over Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Jestead Hocker.

L. F. Lobinstein returned from a six weeks visit with relatives in

Grand Rapids, Mich.

Miss Mardell Hocker returned from a weeks visit with Dr. Parrish and family in Sturgis, Mich., Monday.

Harlan Osterman, cornetist and Mason effner, slide trombone player, are now members of the General Electric band of Decatur.

A bunch of colored people in a Pennsylvania touring car enroute to Fort Wayne, stopped here a short time Monday evening and were the center of attraction. It is seldom

our people see any number of colored people at this place.

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Hocker returned Tuesday afternoon after spending a few weeks touring the East with the Michigan Touring party.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Sells, of Wyandott, Michigan, visited in Monroe at the home of Mr. Sell's mother, over Sunday.

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