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FEW CHANGES IN OFFICES IN COURTHOUSE

Two New Officials
Terms But Both
Former Officials

SEVERAL RE-ELECTED

Ed Green, Recorder
John T. Kelly, Pro
secutor, New On

FIELDMEN WILL HOLD MEETING

New Sugar Beet Contract
To Be Announced At
Meeting Jan. 7

Two new county officials entered office today, but no new were seen at the Court House, Green, county recorder and John Kelly, prosecuting attorney, the new officials who assumed offices today, being former officials. Mr. Green served as sheriff Adams county from 1915 to 1919. Green has appointed Miss Almehart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Lenhart of this city as deputy. She started to work in recorder's office the first of December.

Mr. Kelly, who assumed office to day as state's prosecuting attorney, served as county clerk 1920 to 1924, was deputy clerk three years, and also held office of county clerk by appointment for several months in 1919.

Thurman A. Gottschall of Berne, will begin his third term in the legislature when it convenes month.

Dick Bock began his term to day as county surveyor. Mr. Bock will not have a deputy in the office this year, he dispensed the assistant surveyor more a year ago.

Martin Jaberger begins second term as auditor of Adams county to day. Mrs. Jaberger continue to assist him in the office.

Dr. L. L. Mattox, Seiva, began his third term as of Adams county today.

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FIVE TOWNSHIPS MAY BUD ROADS

Have Sufficient Credit To
Issue Bonds For Road
Construction In 1925

Five of the six townships will have sufficient credit available during 1925 to enable them to issue bonds for the building of macadam roads if they would be up by County Auditor Martin Berg. The five townships which will have a credit sufficient to build or more miles of road in 1925, Root, Preble, Kirkland, Washon, and St. Marys. Monroe townships a small credit, but not large enough to build a mile of road.

The other townships, Union, Blue Creek, French, Ford, Wabash and Jefferson, will be able to issue any bonds due 1925, they being over the 2 per cent limit already, the maximum fixed law.

The credit road building is figured by taking 2 cent of the assessed valuation in township and deducting from the credit the amount of the bonded indebtedness outstanding on January 1, 1925, less the amount to be paid during the year. In

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gentis and son, Don, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Gentis and son, and Miss Eola Gentis, of Fort Wayne, are the guests of Mrs. Estelle Liddy and daughter, Mildred, today.

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Sunday Schools Elect Officers For Year 1925

The annual election of the Pleasant Mills Sunday School held last Sunday resulted in the following officers for the coming year: Superintendent, Lowell Smith; Assistant Supt., O. J. Suman; Secretary, Ralph Smith; Assistant Secretary, Juanita Evans; Treasurer, A. W. Gulick; Pianist, Midge Davis; Assistant Pianist, Velma Lillard; Chorister, Orab Steele; Cradle Roll, Mary Teeple; Assistants, Ada Mauler and Capitola Clark; Librarians, Mable Smith and Merle Foote; Home Department, Mrs. Geo. For; Correspondent Secretary, Albert Mauler.

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A meeting of the twelve fieldmen of the Holland-St. Louis Sugar company will be held in this city next Wednesday, January 7, at which time the new 1925 grower's contract will be announced and plans made for securing the beet acreage for the 1925 campaign.

The new contract will not vary to a great extent from the one under which beets were grown in 1924. John Carmody, local manager stated today. The price will be about the same, it was stated. This year sugar beets growers had the advantage of growing beets under either one of two contracts. The one contract guaranteed a minimum price of \$7.00 per ton, plus what ever bonus might be paid, based on the price of sugar, up to February 15, and the other contract was called the "participating contract," whereby the grower was paid a guaranteed price of \$6.00 per ton for the beets and a bonus based on the sugar content of the beets. This year the sugar content of the beets ran high and those who grew beets under the participating contract benefited by it.

On January 8 and 9, the fieldmen, together with Mr. Carmody, will attend a conference of all the sugar beet fieldmen in Indiana, Ohio and Michigan at Toledo. Subjects of interest to fieldmen will be discussed and a general short-course in looking after the interests of the grower and the company will be given.

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COMMISSIONERS RE-ORGANIZED

Ernst Conrad Re-Elected
President Of Board;
Visit Infirmary

The board of county commissioners met at the court house this morning and organized for the year by re-electing Ernst Conrad, commissioner from the First district, as president of the board. Mr. Conrad has served two years as president of the board, being elected in 1923. The other two members of the board are B. F. Breiner from the Second district and George Shoemaker from the third district.

Following the organization the commissioners went to the County Infirmary where they will have charge of taking the annual inventory. Chris Elcher and Jess Michaud acted as appraisers in taking the inventory.

The county commissioners will meet again on Monday, January 5, it being their regular session. At this meeting a trustee of the Adams County Memorial hospital will be appointed and a county health physician to care for the inmates of the County Infirmary will be selected. Dr. J. N. Miller is the present county physician.

Mr. Breiner began his second term of three years as commissioner today. Mr. Shoemaker, who was re-elected last November, will not begin his second term until next year. Mr. Conrad is now serving his second term.

Community Spirit And History

The foreword in the book deals with the excellent community found in Decatur and Adams County. The second page tells of the early history of Decatur, when it was estab-

lished and where it is located. The story of Decatur reads as follows:

"Decatur, the county seat of Adams county, is located in the eastern tier of counties, in the northeastern part of the state along the Indiana-Ohio line. It is situated in the heart of one of the most productive and progressive agricultural communities in the state and industrially its location is equaled by few cities. Three main railroads connect it with all parts of the country and place at its door the markets of the east, west, north and south. In recent years its growth has been due to the expansion of the splendid industrial concerns which have located here."

Early History Of Decatur

"As the name implies, Decatur was

named in honor of that brave naval

hero, Commodore Stephen Decatur,

hero of the battle of Tripoli and of

other conflicts in the Mediterranean.

"The spirit of unselfishness, pro-

gressiveness and public spirit, which

our people are at all times willing to

demonstrate, was handed down by

the founders of this commonwealth.

In 1836 the town was platted by

Thomas Johnson and Samuel L. Rugg and sites for the court house, schools, churches and city park were donated by the founders. For 46 years the town struggled along, fought the battle of the pioneers, progressed and in 1882 was incorporated as a city. The first mayor and city officers were elected on September 5th. Flanked on the east by the St. Marys river, Decatur was, for many years, an important trading point between Fort Wayne and St. Marys, Ohio. The Winchester trail, now one of the principal highways through the county, was used in the pioneer days in traveling from one point or fort to another during the days of the Indiana fighting.

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Grand Rapids and Indiana railroad

(Pennsylvania System) passed through

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