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## HAWKINS FIGHTS RETURN TO INDIANA

### COMMITTEE IS NAMED TO PLAN ANNUAL MEETING

Three Men Appointed To Arrange For Industrial Association Meeting

DINNER IS PLANNED

Many Important Subjects Up For Discussion During Evening

Avon Burk, president of the Decatur Industrial Association has appointed Walt Johnson, Fred Kolter and Will O'Brien as the committee to arrange plans and select the place for the annual meeting of the association to be held on Monday, January 12. It is planned to serve a dinner at the meeting after which several hours will be devoted to adopting a program for 1925.

Every member of the association is invited to attend the meeting and participate in helping to do something for Decatur. Subjects of interest, such as a paid secretary, an agriculture program and several other propositions will be acted upon. The new survey books, "Facts About Decatur, Indiana," will also be distributed to the members.

President Burk in discussing the 1925 program for Decatur, stated in an interview this morning.

The Decatur Industrial Association can feel very proud of its record for 1924. There are a lot of things that could have been done that ar-

### Directors Of Industrial Association Meet Monday

An informal meeting of the directors of the Decatur Industrial Association and those interested in the program for Decatur and community for 1925 will be held at the industrial rooms Monday night, January 5. The meeting will be held at seven-thirty and those interested in discussing subjects of interest to be adopted at the annual meeting on January 12 are invited to attend. Round table discussions will be held.

### TO BE BROUGHT BACK FOR TRIAL

#### To Bring McCleator Back From Reformatory For Fry's Trial

Judge Sutton today ordered a subpoena issued for Cleo McCleator, a prisoner in the Indiana State Reformatory, commanding the superintendent of the reformatory to bring McCleator to Decatur to testify in the trial of Elwood Fry next Wednesday morning, January 7. Fry is charged with larceny in connection with the holdup and robbery of Homer P. Crum, store keeper at Honduras last July. McCleator and Fry were both charged with the holdup and McCleator pleaded guilty to the charge. He was sentenced to the reformatory. Fry entered a plea of not guilty and provided \$2,000 bond for his release. Attorney J. Fred Fruchte has been appointed assistant counsel for the state to assist Prosecutor John T. Kelly in the prosecution of the case.

#### Killed By Shot Gun Trap Set To Catch Thieves

Muncie, Ind., Jan. 3.—Davie Shockley, 34, died at the Home hospital here today from wounds received this morning when a shot gun set as a trap for thieves by Addie Burke, a farmer, was discharged.

Burke, who lives on a farm near Middleton had been bothered with thieves and concealed the gun in some loose grain.

The men who were with Shockley at the time rushed him to the hospital where he died.

#### U. S. Representatives To Financial Parley Named

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Washington, Jan. 3.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Appointment of Ambassador Kellogg at London, Ambassador Herrick at Paris and Colonel James A. Logan, unofficial ob-

server of the reparations commission, as the American representatives to the Paris financial conference January 7, was announced at the state department today.

The inclusion of Kellogg as one of this country's representatives was interpreted here as meaning this government will use the London-Dawes agreement as a confirmation of its rights to collect \$250,000,000 of American war claims from the reparations fund.

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### DRILLING FOR OIL IN COUNTY

#### Wells Being Drilled Near Monroe And Geneva; Few Are Producing

Work on the drilling of an oil well on the J. N. Burkhead farm at the east edge of the town of Monroe is progressing nicely. The drive pipe has been landed in the rock, about eighty feet below the surface. As soon as the rock and slate have been penetrated the well will be cased and the drilling will progress rapidly from that time on.

Some delay was occasioned last week when water lines froze up and it was necessary to shut down the driller for a few days. The lease on which the well is being drilled is owned by Jacob Rawley. The drilling is being done by Floyd Kenyon, of Jay county. Mr. Rawley has more than 1500 acres leased in this vicinity.

A well is being drilled a short distance north of Geneva, also. Two or three wells have been brought in in Geneva locality recently and they are said to be producing about forty barrels.

#### State Highways Are Like Boulevards Now

Indianapolis, Jan. 3.—Like boulevards, is a term that can be conveniently applied to the major mileage of state gravel and stone surfaces now. John D. Williams, highway director, said in the commission's weekly traffic bulletin today.

Reports from all districts show,

Williams declared, that most surfaces are in excellent shape. Highway officials do not anticipate any serious breaks this winter in view of the large volume of work just completed at strengthening secondary types to withstand the rigors of freezes and thaws.

### IDENTIFY FOUR MEN AS BANDITS

#### Ohio People Identify Men Arrested At Terre Haute As Robbers

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Washington, Jan. 3.—Four men

who robbed Jacob Sluterbeck, Union township farmer at his home last Saturday, were identified yesterday at Terre Haute, Ind., by Mr. Sluterbeck, his daughter, and Darius Albert, Paulding young man. The men, together with a woman, were arrested in an apartment house at Terre Haute Tuesday night by police and detectives armed with riot guns and accompanied by a United States post office inspector.

Among those arrested was John E. Baldwin, 34, alias John Moran, under indictment at Buffalo, charged with a robbery at East Rochester, N. Y., December 14, 1923, of a mail messenger, in which a registered pouch containing \$13,270 in bills and silver was stolen.

Unless liberty through habeas corpus proceedings is obtained, Baldwin will be held to answer this charge, but it is probable that the other three men will be brought back to Van Wert for the Sluterbeck robbery. These three are Martin Walsh, 30, Frederick Miller, 28, and Samuel Gallagher, 30. The woman in the apartment with them was Bessie Young, 23.

When arraigned in city court at Terre Haute the bond of each was placed at \$20,000. The five at once tried to free themselves through habeas corpus proceedings which were ignored in one court and then filed in another.

Two of the men arrested in Terre Haute are believed by authorities of that city to be the pair who held up and robbed the Wayne Littlefield jewelry store, 214 West Berry street, Fort Wayne, two weeks ago, according to word from Terre Haute last night. The other two are thought

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### Deaf and Dumb Woman Talked Her Deaf And Dumb Husband To Death

Chicago, Jan. 3.—Although deaf and dumb, Mrs. Allison Reynolds talked her husband sick, according to testimony introduced in court of domestic relations today.

Reynolds, accused by his wife of non-support, appeared in court and told the judge through an interpreter his wife nagged him from morning to night until he had gotten sick. Reynolds is also deaf and dumb.

Whereupon the outraged Mrs. Reynolds opened fire with all ten fingers going and the judge re-treated in disorder, continuing the case on the docket.

### JESS J. BUTLER DIES OF INJURY

#### Former Adams County Man Dies Of Fractured Skull At Fort Wayne

Jess J. Butler, age 43, a former Adams county resident, died at the Methodist hospital in Fort Wayne at 1 o'clock this morning from a fractured skull received when he was struck by an automobile driven by R. D. McRaver, of Fort Wayne, on the evening of December 23. The accident occurred when Mr. Butler ran diagonally across the street and into the path of McRaver's car which had already passed the intersection according to the driver's police report.

Mr. Butler owned a grocery store in Fort Wayne. He was married and the father of three children, Berneice, Alice and Bobbie. Mr. Butler was born in Adams county in 1881.

He was a son of Albert Butler, former sheriff of Adams county.

The parents now live in New Haven. Mr. Butler was a nephew of W.H. Sam and Ben Butler, of this city.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

### CONGRESS TODAY

Senate  
Considers unobjection bills.  
Cousens committee continues tax investigation.

House  
Considers army appropriation bill.  
Appropriations committee begins work on independent offices supply bill.

### HARDING HIGHWAY MEETING JAN. 12

#### Annual Meeting To Be Held At Marion, Ohio; To Plan For Future

The annual meeting of the Harding Highway association will be held at Marion, Ohio, January 12 and those interested are invited to attend. Special trains to and from over the Erie have been arranged for. The morning session will include a report of the marking to date, miles improved, miles unimproved, future outlook. After a noon luncheon at the Marion club there will be an inspection of the highway and a visit to the president's tomb, then a visit with Dr. G. T. Harding, father of the former president. At four o'clock a meeting of the directors will be held and at 6:15 the big banquet. Delegations from each state will attend and soon after the meeting plans for the coming year will be announced.

The road has been marked through this county, but it is quite likely that it will be changed to follow what ever route is decided upon by the state for the Huntington to Ohio state line route.

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### HOSPITAL GETS X-RAY MACHINE

#### Trustees Purchase Portable Machine For Memorial Hospital

Delivery of the Victor portable bed-side X-Ray machine, which the trustees of the Adams County Memorial hospital purchased for the hospital this week, is expected sometime within the next thirty days. Miss Emilie C. Christ, superintendent of the hospital, stated this morning. The X-Ray machine was purchased through a representative of the Fort Wayne General Electric company. The machine is manufactured by the G. E. company.

A room is being fitted on the first floor of the hospital as a developing room and local physicians who have patients at the hospital and need the use of the machine will be permitted to use it.

The developing room will be in charge of Miss Christ. The new device will prove a great convenience at the hospital. The machine cost approximately \$1,000, including all equipment.

#### Fetters Taken To Prison

Celina, Ohio, Jan. 3.—Sheriff Charles Creeden and Deputy Otto Vonder Haar took James Fetters to Mansfield Thursday, where he will start serving his sentence in the reformatory. He was found guilty recently by a jury of manslaughter and sentenced by Judge Barnes on Wednesday to serve a term of one to 20 years.

Funeral arrangements have not been announced.

### RELIGIOUS CENSUS NOT FINISHED YET

#### Ministers Of City Making Effort To Finish Task Soon

An effort is being made by the ministers and members of the local churches to complete the religious census of Decatur within the very near future.

Sponsored by the Decatur Ministerial Association, the first canvas of the homes was made early in October and three-fourths of the homes have been visited by the solicitors. It was stated that only seven small districts remained to be canvassed and when the people in those sections have been interviewed as to their church or religious affiliations, or preference given, the canvassers will again make a double-check of the homes visited in October.

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Police officials in nearly all cities saw little change in the drinking situation as far as their blotter records go and they considered this a good indication of the extent of public drinking.

Philadelphia, Butlerized Police force led the country in arrests, but

### Mrs. C. C. Schafer Is Removed To Home Today

Mrs. C. C. Schafer was removed from the Adams County Memorial hospital to her home on North Second street today. Mrs. Schafer underwent a serious operation at the hospital about five weeks ago. Although her condition was serious for several weeks, she gained strength and within the last two weeks has been progressing nicely. She was able to walk from the hospital to her car today.

### MILLER WILL IS SET ASIDE

#### Court Finds That The Will Of The Late Michael Miller Is Void

The will of the late Michael Miller was declared void and the probate of the said will was ordered revoked and set aside by Judge Sutton, in circuit court, after he had heard the evidence offered in the suit brought by the widow, Mary Miller, to contest the will. The court found that the will was written on July 7, 1922, that Mr. Miller was unmarried at that time, and that Mr. Miller was married to the plaintiff, Mary Miller, after that date, thereby making the will void. The estate will now revert to the widow. Several parties received bequests in the will, including the St. Mary's Catholic church. Charles S. Niblick was administrator of the will.

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### New Year's Services At First Evangelical Church

A unique New Year's service will be held Sunday evening at the First Evangelical church. It will be a candle service. The pastor, Rev. R. W. Loose, will be assisted by twelve girls from Mrs. Avery's Bible class. Every adult in the congregation will be given a candle during the service. Friends are cordially invited to worship with the membership. The service begins at 7:00 p.m.

### Mrs. Frances Vail Has Position In Indianapolis

Mrs. Frances Ward Vail, formerly of this city and who for two years past has had charge of the fancy work and hosiery department of the Boston Store, at Gary, Indiana, has been selected to have charge of the hosiery department of the Wasson store at Indianapolis, according to word received today by Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Conter who are visiting here. Mrs. Vail will begin her new duties January 12 and will be assistant buyer as well as manager of her department. The Wasson store is one of the largest retail establishments in Indianapolis and the position which Mrs. Vail will hold is a responsible one with a future. Her many friends here will be glad to hear of this recognition of her ability and this proof that she is more than making good.

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