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TERMS OF SUGAR BEET CONTRACTS ARE ANNOUNCED

Holland-St. Louis Company Decides To Use Only Participating Contract

FIELDMEN IN MEETING

Enjoy Dinner at Hotel Here; Go to Toledo For Short Course

Mrs. Harry Knapp To Spend Winter In Florida

Several Decatur people will spend the winter in Florida and among those who will leave this week are Mrs. Harry Knapp. She will go to Gainesville, Florida, to spend the winter with her mother, Mrs. Amy Bockman, formerly of Berne. Mrs. L. A. Hirsch, of Chicago, will accompany Mrs. Knapp to Florida. Mrs. Bockman has purchased the Wehmeyer home on West Monroe street and when she returns from Florida in the spring will make her home in this city.

RE-ORGANIZE BOY SCOUTS OF CITY

New Troop Committee From Rotary Club; Scoutmaster Appointed

At the annual meeting of the fieldmen of the Holland-St. Louis Sugar company held at the Hotel Murray this afternoon, John Carmody, local manager announced the terms of the 1925 sugar beet contract.

The price of the beets for this year will be the same as last year under the "Participating contract," which the company will use in its territory this year. Under the terms of this contract the grower will be paid a guaranteed minimum of \$6.00 per ton for the beets, in case the participating provision of the contract does not give him a higher price. The participating contract will be the only one offered by the company this year.

For an example, under the terms of the participating contract, the grower is given 45 per cent of the value of the sugar packed from a ton of beets, with the guarantee of receiving at least \$6.00 per ton. In other words if a ton of beets produces 250 pounds of granulated sugar, the 45 per cent value would be 112½ pounds. If the price of sugar, wholesale, was 8 cents per pound, the grower would receive \$2.00 a ton for his beets.

Most sugar companies in the west and in this section of the country use this form of contract. Last year many of the growers used the old style contract, whereby they were paid a guaranteed price of \$7.00 per ton for the beets, but did not participate in the sugar content of the beets. The sugar content of the beets was higher than usual last year and those who used the participating contract profited by it. Through the participating contract, the grower becomes a mutual partner with the sugar company and if the sugar content of the beets is high, although the tonnage is smaller, he will profit by it. The sugar company wishes to give the grower every advantage and therefore has decided to use the participating contract this year.

Go To Toledo Tonight

The fieldmen and Mr. Carmody will leave tonight for Toledo, where they will attend a two-day short-course of the Indiana and Ohio fieldmen, which is conducted by the University of Ohio, in cooperation with the beet sugar companies of these two states.

Dinner at Noon

A dinner was served to the fieldmen at the Hotel Murray at noon and subjects of interest to the 1925 crop were discussed by them. The twelve fieldmen who attended the meeting were: E. L. Haracher, Deffane; R. J. Cummings, Ft. Jennings; C. J. Yarger, Ohio City; Harry Overmeyer, Woodburn; Arthur Gilliom, New Haven; Ed Zachrich, Waterloo;

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BIRTHS EXCEED DEATHS IN CITY

Health Officer Reports 115 Births And 68 Deaths In City In 1924

The number of births exceeded the number of deaths in Decatur during 1924 by 47, the total births being 115 and deaths 68, as shown in Dr. J. M. Miller's annual report to the city council last evening. The males lead in both the number of births and deaths, there being 68 male births and 38 male deaths. The female births numbered 47 and the deaths totaled 30.

The Health officer's report also showed of the 68 deaths, 14 were children under 2 years of age. According to the city health officer's report, 33 cases of measles were reported to him during 1924 and only one case of Scarlet Fever. No other contagious diseases were reported to the health officer during the year and Dr. Miller noted on his report that the general health condition in the city was good.

KRICK ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM

Chosen To Preside Over Council In Mayor De-Voss' Absence

Councilman George Krick, chairman of the Electric Light committee of the City Light and Power plant, was elected mayor pro tem to preside over the council meetings in the absence of Mayor Huber M. DeVoss who has gone to Huston, Texas, on account of his health.

At the regular meeting of the council held last evening the motion was made, seconded and carried that Mr. Krick preside as mayor during the session. Mr. Krick accepted and the meeting opened with the reading and approval of the minutes of the previous meetings.

The water-works committee reported that it purchased an Ingersoll-Rand air compressor for the city plant and the street and sewer committee reported favorable on the monthly report filed by Street Commissioner Ed Augenbaugh.

Proposals from the Decatur Daily Democrat as depositaries for the city's funds were received and read. Each bank agreed to pay the city 2 per cent interest on daily deposits of six month's duration and 2 1/4 on daily deposits for a year. The matter was left in the hands of the finance committee to distribute the funds. The Peoples Loan and Trust company agreed to take up to \$40,000, the First National Bank up to \$30,000 and the Old Adams County Bank up to \$50,000.

A short round-table discussion meeting was held following the regular meeting, during which time the councilmen discussed matters of interest to the city and the improvement of the city light and power plant.

BERNE FARMERS INSTITUTE WILL BE HELD JAN. 20

Three Sessions To Be Held; Institute Will Open Series In County

TO HOLD CORN SHOW

Prizes To Be Awarded For Exhibits In Corn And Other Articles

At a meeting of the officers and directors of the Berne Farmers Institute at the Bank of Berne, Monday evening, further plans were made for the institute sessions to be held January 20. Three sessions will be held during the day, Mrs. Tuttle and Mr. Muller being the speakers representing the extension department of Purdue. Complete programs of the sessions will be made public later.

Members of the county boys' corn club will exhibit 10-ear and bushel samples of corn in connection with the institute. In addition, schools of the county are invited to enter the competition for prizes which are to be awarded for the best exhibit from the school. It is specified that the school exhibit shall consist of ten different articles, containing one 10-ear sample of corn, one peck of oats and one peck of wheat. The other seven articles of the exhibit shall have been made in connection with school work and may be maps, compositions or other school material. Prizes to be awarded in this section shall be five dollars for first place, three dollars for second place and two dollars for third place. Any common country school in Adams county is eligible to compete.

Rev. Father Michael Abraham, of Michigan City, a student of several languages, including the Spanish and the Mexican dialect, officiated at the wedding ceremony this morning and received the vows from the couple.

The bride, age about twenty years, wore a white dress with long white wedding veil, while the groom was attired in the conventional blue suit.

The couple was attended by two of their friends, both Mexicans,

the best man being John Gouregui and the brides-maid, Miss Luisa Gouregui, also of this county.

The groom is a son of Trinidad and Trinidad Costellano, while the bride's parents are Simon and Appolina Conde. They have lived in this county for several months and have been employed in the beet fields.

Following the wedding mass the married couple, their attendants and guests remained in the church and prayer. They were very devout and religious and after kneeling in prayer and adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, stood up and gave a

prayer of thanksgiving. An elderly man, whom they called "Grandpa," led in prayer and in the thanksgiving service which they held.

Hawkins Released From Jail At Dayton, Ohio

Dayton, Ohio, Jan. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Morton S. Hawkins, head of the defunct Mortgage Co., of Portland, Indiana, today is reported at Marion, Ohio, in conference with his attorney, Fred W. Warner.

He was released from custody last night when two Hamilton, Ohio, men signed the \$20,000 bond which was

approved by the federal court. The bondsmen are Dr. Milt Milliken and David O. Pierce.

Weather

Indiana: Cloudy and unsettled to-night; followed by generally fair Thursday; somewhat colder. Thursday and in west portion tonight.

John Hendricks Of Monroe Has Been Subscriber Of Decatur Paper Since 1861

The Decatur Daily Democrat has the Weekly Democrat and the Decatur Daily Democrat first was published on February 13, 1857, as the Decatur Eagle, H. L. Phillips being the editor and owner. A few months later W. G. Spencer became a partner in the paper. Joseph McGonagle became the publisher in 1874.

The old Decatur Democrat Weekly was published until about 1913, when it suspended publication and made room for the fast growing Daily Democrat. The present Daily Democrat was established January 12, 1903 by L. G. Ellingham and J. H. Heller and has not missed a publication, except on holidays and Sundays since that time.

The support given the paper is appreciated more than words can express and the publishers of the paper are grateful to the many loyal subscribers who are again renewing their subscription for another year.

C. E. Of Evangelical Church To Meet Thursday Night

The young peoples society of the Evangelical church will hold their regular monthly business and social meeting in the church parlors tomorrow evening at 7:30. The meeting is being held on this date on account of conflicting dates next week. Some special business will be brought before the members and every member should be present to give his opinion on these matters. After the business session a social time will be enjoyed.

TO GET BIDS JAN. 20

ADDITION WILL INCREASE CAPACITY OF PLANT TO MEET DEMANDS

MEXICAN COUPLE MARRIED TODAY

High Mass Celebrated at St. Marys Catholic Church This Morning

The marriage of the second Mexican couple since Christmas took place at the St. Marys Catholic church this morning, a high mass being celebrated at eight-thirty and the occasion was a solemn one, not only for the participants but for the 20 or 25 Mexican friends who attended.

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Several colonies of Mexicans are located in Adams and Wells counties, they coming here to work in the beet fields. They speak the Spanish language, with the Mexican brogue thrown in.

The first wedding of a Mexican couple to take place in the St. Marys Catholic church was held on December 26.

Wells County Man Asks For A Pardon Today

Indianapolis, Jan. 7.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The petition of Lawrence Vardaman, sentenced to imprisonment from Wells county for forgery was among thirty-nine petitions for clemency to file today with the state pardon board.

Dr. Mattax Reported To Be Sinking This Afternoon

Although rallying for a short time this morning, Dr. L. L. Mattax, of Geneva, county coroner, was sinking this afternoon and it was stated at the Adams County Memorial hospital, where he is patient, that it was doubtful if he would live through the day. He was very weak at three o'clock. Dr. Mattax took ill about ten days ago from blood poisoning and several days later suffered a heart attack. Dr. Mattax is about 62 years old and on January 1 started his third term as coroner of Adams County.

Liechty Residence Near Berne Almost Burned

The country home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Liechty northwest of Berne, came very near burning early Monday morning. It is thought that the fire originated from the handle of a carpet sweeper that happened to be near the stove pipe. The fire burned a hole into the floor and had also gained a flaming fire at the ceiling. Fortunately the flame was discovered just in time to save it from burning to the ground. There will be considerable smoke damage to household goods. The children were taken to Berne by G. C. Moser at whose home they will remain until the Liechty's have again straightened up their home.

NEW BOILERS TO BE INSTALLED AT CITY POWER PLANT

Council Will Purchase Two Boilers And Stokers At Early Date

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COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL ENDORSED

Ministerial Association Unanimously Favors School For City

Two new boilers, together with stokers, will be purchased by the city of Decatur for the City Light and Power plant, the council in regular session last evening deciding to advertise for bids to be received on Tuesday, January 20, 1925. The legal notice to bidders, published in today's Daily Democrat, calls for bids on two 500 and two 400 horse-power boilers, together with stokers and other equipment necessary for the operation of the boilers.

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Son Born To Mr. And Mrs. Harvey E. Everett

BOYS FOUND IN FRUIT CAR NOT DECATUR BOYS

Robert Carlyle is the name of a seven and one-half pound boy born to Mr. and Mrs. Harvey A. Everett, of Akron, Ohio, at the Adams County Memorial hospital this morning. This is the second child and second son in the family. Both mother and babe are doing nicely. Mrs. Everett formerly was Miss Frances Bauer, of this city. Mr. Everett is expected to arrive in the city today to spend the remainder of the week with his family and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Everett, of southwest of the city.

Report Current Here Today That Two Decatur Boys Were Found Dead

REPORT IS UNFOUNDED