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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

At the annual meeting of the field men 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 550 pounds of granulated sugar, the 45 per cent value would be 12 1/2 pounds. If the price of sugar, wholesale, was 8 cents per pound, the grower would receive \$4.00 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, Defiance; 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.

## 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. I. A. Hirschy, of Chicago, will accompany Mrs. Knapp to Florida. Mrs. Bockman has purchased the Wehmer 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

A complete re-organization of the Decatur Boy Scouts was held last night. A new troop committee from the Rotary Club was appointed by the President of the Club, Henry Heller, and the new committee met with the scouts at the Central school building last night. The new committee consists of Eno Lankenau, chairman, Avon Bark, Carl Pumphrey, R. J. Harting and T. J. Durkin.

The Scout committee appointed Bryce Thomas Scoutmaster and named Richard Frisinger and Cornelius Durkin as assistant scoutmasters. Harry Dailey, was appointed Scribe, and Harold Zwick will serve as senior patrol leader. All of the Scouts are re-registering and they will be organized into four patrols of eight members each. Each patrol will select a patrol leader.

M. F. Worthman, superintendent of the city schools, and W. Guy Brown, principal of the Central school, are honorary members of the Boy Scouts and they will serve as advisors. The Scouts have fixed up rooms in the Central school building and have a fine place to hold their meeting. The Scouts have a basketball team and have played several games already this season. Mr. Thomas served as Scoutmaster last summer and proved to be a great leader for the Scouts. Recently he returned home from school at Muncie and will spend the remainder of the winter and next summer at home.

## KRICK ELECTED MAYOR PRO TEM

Chosen To Preside Over Council In Mayor DeVoss' 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 Houston, 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 banks as depositories 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 months' 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.

Frank Habegger will head a committee which will arrange these exhibits and schools wishing to enter the competition may obtain details from him or from one of the members of his committee. A reception committee consisting of Levi Stucky, Jerry Liechty, John Mason and Fred Blum and a membership committee consisting of Ed Gilliom, Rufus Huser, Joe D. Schwartz, Lee Neuschwander, John C. Soldner, Menno P. Steury and Dan Lehman was also appointed at the meeting Monday evening.

On Wednesday following the Berne institute the Bobo association will have their meetings and on Thursday the Geneva farmers institute will be in session.

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

## Weather

Indiana: Cloudy and unsettled tonight; 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 many loyal and long-time subscribers, who not only have taken the daily paper since it was established in 1903, but who were subscribers to the old Decatur Democrat Weekly, which was first published in 1874, succeeding the Decatur Eagle. It is a pleasure to hear from these subscribers and learn that they have taken the paper for fifty years or more.

Among those who have taken the weekly and daily Democrat for more than 60 years are John Hendricks, prominent farmer of Monroe. Mr. Hendricks, in renewing his subscription to the Daily Democrat to 1926, stated that he has been a subscriber of the weekly and daily paper since 1861. The paper was then known as the Decatur Eagle, and was published from 1859 to 1863 by A. J. Hill, who in that year resigned as editor to join the Union Army. The "Daddy" of

## 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.

## 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.

The parties who were married were Mr. Enrique Costellano and Miss Apolonia Conde, members of the Los Mexicanos villages in Adams county, the groom being employed in the sugar beet fields in this and Wells county.

Rev. Father Michael Abraham, of Michigan City, a student of several languages, including the Spanish and the Mexican dialect, officiated at the wedding ceremonies 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 bridesmaid, 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 Apolonia 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.

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 on file today with the state pardon board.

## NEW BOILERS TO BE INSTALLED AT CITY POWER PLANT

Council Will Purchase Two Boilers And Stokers At Early Date

## TO GET BIDS JAN. 20

Addition Will Increase Capacity Of Plant To Meet Demands

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.

It has not yet been decided if the council will purchase the five hundred or four hundred horse-power boilers, but the matter will be determined by January 20. The alternating bids are being received so that the council may have the advantage of the selection.

## Must Increase Capacity

The new boilers are being installed in order to increase the K. W. capacity at the city plant. The one old 400 horse-power boiler, installed 14 years ago, has been condemned by the insurance company and it is dangerous to fire. A capacity load cannot be placed on the boiler. At present the city plant is manufacturing a peak load of 1350 K. W., while the capacity of the present equipment is 1500 K. W. or equal to 1800 horse-power. With the installing of two new boilers this capacity can be increased to 2500 K. W. Increased demands for power from the G. E. Cloverleaf Creameries, Krick-Tyndall Tile Company, the Decatur Casting Company, the Holland-St. Louis Sugar Company and other manufacturing plants in the city makes it necessary to install the new boilers in order to increase the capacity.

## Paid Out Of Earnings

As heretofore, all the equipment installed at the City Light and Power Plant will be paid for out of the earnings of the city plant. Within the last three years more than \$75,000 of the earnings of the plant have been put back into the plant. The plant was operated at a profit last year and part of the 1924 earnings will be used in purchasing the new boilers, stokers and other equipment necessary to keep the Decatur light and power plant in first class shape and to take care of Decatur's splendid growing industries. On December 18, 1924, a total of 17,020 K. W. were manufactured for the 24 hours, the peak load carried at the plant for the year.

## 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 Liechtys have again straightened up their home.

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

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 Dauer, 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.

## COMMUNITY BIBLE SCHOOL ENDORSED

Ministerial Association Unanimously Favors School For City

A Community Vacation Bible School for Decatur was unanimously endorsed at a meeting of the Decatur Ministerial Association held Monday. Provision was made for referring the matter to the church governing boards of the different churches of the city to ascertain if they desire to back the movement. Under the plan proposed, the various churches of the city would unite in holding a Bible school during the summer vacation. Three of the churches, namely, the Presbyterian, Baptist and Evangelical, held separate vacation Bible schools last summer. Community Bible schools are conducted in many cities and have proven to be highly satisfactory.

Different committees were appointed at the meeting Monday, also, to serve during this year. The committees consist of: Program—B. N. Covert and R. W. Loose; Religious Education—R. W. Loose and B. N. Covert; Interchurch Activities—B. F. Dotson and A. R. Fledderjohann; Union Services—F. D. Whitesell and H. W. Thompson; Community Welfare—H. W. Thompson and B. F. Dotson; United Charities—A. R. Fledderjohann and F. D. Whitesell. The Rev. U. S. A. Bridge, through his office as president of the association, is an ex-officio member of each committee.

The Rev. B. F. Dotson led an interesting discussion of the book, "Why I Am A Christian," by Frank Chance.

## NEJDL LIKELY TO GET POST

Lake County Senator Appears Certain To Be President Of Senate

Indianapolis, Jan. 7.—Election of Senator James J. Nejd, of Lake county as president pro tem of the senate appeared probable this afternoon when Nejd took personal charge of the campaign.

His supporters said a careful canvass of the republican senators showed that Nejd had eight votes more than the seventeen necessary for election.

Reports again were current that two members of the Marion county delegation would bolt their support of Senator Thomas Dailey, Nejd's opponent.

Harry Leslie, of Lafayette, appeared to have at least seventy votes of the eight-four house republicans in the speakership race.

Support for Charles Clark, point representative from Johnson and Marion counties and an aspirant for the speakership appeared to be dwindling following Clark's attendance at a meeting called last night by Walter Bossert, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan of Indiana.

Practically all members of the legislature had reached Indianapolis at noon to participate in the caucuses tonight.

On the democratic side of the house Thurman Gottschalk, Berne, was to be floor leader with Herbert Kenney, of New Albany, or John Kitch, of Plymouth, as caucus chairman.

Possibly the sixteen democrats in the house will have more of a voice in legislation than has been sought was discussed today by politicians thronging the Claypool awaiting the

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## BOYS FOUND IN FRUIT CAR NOT DECATUR BOYS

Report Current Here Today That Two Decatur Boys Were Found Dead

## REPORT IS UNFOUNDED

Bodies Identified As Ontario Youths; Local Youths In South

A report was widely circulated in this city last night and today that the two boys who were found dead in a sealed fruit car on a railroad line in Chicago last Friday were Darrell Brothers and Cletus Railing, of this city, but the story proved to be unfounded when it was learned this afternoon that the bodies of the two boys had been identified as Earl Hoskins, and Edward Turner, of Ontario.

The Brothers and Railing youths left here a week before Christmas, intending to go to Florida. They are still out of the city, but Mrs. Railing stated today that she received a card from her son a few days ago, postmarked, Birmingham, Alabama.

It was thought that the local youths had decided to return home after going south and had "bummed" their way to Chicago on a freight train. The fruit car in which the two bodies were found was reported to have been billed to a city east of here, and it was supposed that the Decatur boys had boarded the car with the intention of returning to Decatur. The report circulated here even went so far as to say that one of the bodies found in the car was clothed in a suit bearing the trademark of a local clothing store, and that Mr. John Brothers, father of the Brothers youth had gone to Chicago to identify the bodies. However, Mr. Brothers did not go to Chicago and relatives of the two youths stated today that they were confident that the two boys were in the south.

The following dispatch was printed in the Chicago Tribune:

"Police Chief McIntosh of Wallaceburg, Ont., yesterday identified one of two boys found dead here in a sealed fruit car last Friday as Earl Hoskins. He is wanted at Wallaceburg for burglary. It is believed the other boy may be Edward Turner, also sought by the Ontario authorities."

## Semester Examinations In City Schools Next Week

The first semester examinations will be held in the city schools next Monday and Tuesday. The schools will be dismissed for the remainder of the week and the second semester will open on January 18. The teachers will be busy grading manuscripts and filling out grade cards during the last three days of next week.

## WILL OBSERVE ANNIVERSARY

Knights Of Columbus Will Hold Banquet On 25th Anniversary

Decatur Council, No. 864 of the Knights of Columbus, is planning to observe the twentieth anniversary of the establishing of the order in this city with a banquet and suitable program, Joe Lose, being appointed general chairman in charge of the plans.

The anniversary of the founding of the Decatur Council comes on Feb. 26 and it is planned to hold the anniversary meeting sometime between February 1 and that date. The charter of the local council will have been received twenty years on February 26. The council started with about twenty-five members and now the membership is 300. The council also owns the big three story building at the corner of Madison and Second streets, the lodge room being located on the third floor. The building has been remodeled and a vapor heating plant and office rooms on the second floor have been installed. The late Edward X. Ehinger was the first Grand Knight of the local council and a committee has been appointed to purchase a suitable memorial to him, which will be placed in the lodge room.