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OFFICERS ARE RE-ELECTED BY CITY FIREMEN

Annual Meeting Of Volunteer Firemen Held At City Hall Last Night

BY-LAWS ARE CHANGED

Rules Now Provide For Retirement Of Members When They Are 60

All the old officers of the Decatur Volunteer Fire Department were re-elected at the annual meeting of the organization held at the city hall last evening. Amos Fisher holds his position as first chief by appointment from Mayor H. M. DeVoss.

Joe Smith was re-elected assistant chief; Erv Elzey, foreman and secretary; and R. E. Smith, treasurer of the organization. Copies of the new by-laws were distributed at the meeting last evening. Changes in the by-laws provides for the retirement of the volunteer members after they reach their sixtieth year, and placing them on the honorary list.

Two of the veteran volunteer fire fighters are L. C. Helm, former chief and Oliver Jackson. Mr. Helm has been a member of the department for nearly 29 years and answered nearly every fire call within that long period of time. He served as fire chief for several years.

In point of service, Oliver Jackson, holds the record. Although the old minute books were burned in the fire of the old city hall many years ago, it was stated by firemen that Mr. Jackson had been a member of the department for nearly thirty-five years. He has been a faithful servant and has at all times been ready to do his bit when it came to fighting fires.

Charles "Pop" Fisher, a member of the regular department, is another veteran in the firemen's association and for several years has been a member of the regular department. C. O. Meibers is also one of the veterans. He has been a member of the volunteer department for more than 25 years and has taken an active part in activities of the organization.

Many of the volunteer firemen, including the four veteran firemen, were members of the organization when all the equipment Decatur had was a hook and ladder wagon and they have seen the equipment added to from time to time until the present modern truck and pumper and other equipment has been purchased.

The members of the volunteer fire department are: Amos Fisher, Joe Smith, Jack Freidt, captain of the

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TO TRY ALLEGED ROBBERS FRIDAY

Trio To Be Arraigned In Court At Van Wert For Robbing Home

Van Wert, O., Jan. 8.—Martin Walsh, 28, Frederick Miller, 32, and Samuel Gallagher, 30, brought here Tuesday night from Terre Haute, will be arraigned in common pleas court here Friday on a burglary indictment returned against them here by the grand jury.

The trio was positively identified by Jacob Sluterbeck, his wife and daughter, living on a farm near here, as the men who ransacked their home on the morning of December 27, after binding the family. They secured \$100 and made their getaway in a large sedan which they took from Darius Albert as he was on his way to be married.

John Baldwin, a fourth member of the party, wanted in East Rochester, N. Y., for a postoffice robbery in which \$15,000 was taken, has been taken to New York by federal authorities.

Albert was forced to ride with the group to Terre Haute where they turned the car back to him and let him go. The four men were arrested at the home of Baldwin, in Terre Haute.

The men are also believed to have been implicated in the robbery of the Littlefield jewelry store in Fort Wayne shortly before Christmas.

To Attend Meeting Of Water Works Association

Orval Harruff, city engineer and superintendent of the Water Works department of the city plant, is planning to go to Indianapolis on January 22 and 23 to attend the annual convention of the Indiana Water Works association. The convention will be held at the Claypool Hotel and subjects of interest in the management of water plants will be discussed.

POULTRY SCORES HIGH IN EXHIBIT

Monroe Man Wins Several Ribbons With Chickens At Indianapolis

J. S. Rupert, of Monroe, has returned from Indianapolis where he had eighteen Rose Comb Rhode Island chickens entered in the Indianapolis Poultry and Cat Show. Mr. Rupert won a large number of ribbons with his chickens, sixteen of the eighteen chickens entered by him winning places. There were 157 Rhode Island Reds entered in the show, making the accomplishment of Mr. Rupert's chickens all the more gratifying.

The prizes won by Mr. Rupert's chickens were: first and third hen; first and fifth cockerel; third and fourth pullet, second old hen; first young hen; best display; and color special on hen. The show was the fifty-second annual show held by the Indianapolis organization, the show being the oldest of its kind in America.

Mr. Rupert was elected vice-president of the state Rhode Island red club, also. He has won wide recognition over this state through his exhibits.

M. & B. Company Buys Bryant Light Company

Bluffton, Jan. 8.—The ownership of the Bryant Electric company has been acquired by Mr. Charles W. Chase and associates of the Marion & Bluffton Traction company. Operation of the Bryant company was taken over by Mr. Chase Saturday, the local management and operation being placed in the hands of Mr. James S. Clark, manager of the Marion and Bluffton Traction company.

The Bryant electric company operates an electric power transmission and distribution system in Bryant, extending south to Portland, serving the town and rural customers. A connecting 6600-volt 3-phase transmission line will be constructed by the Bryant company within the next few months, connecting the power lines of the Marion & Bluffton Traction company at Geneva with the Bryant system at Bryant, insuring an adequate and complete power service for the Bryant company.

The new officers of the Bryant company are the following: President, Charles W. Chase; vice-president, John A. Norman; treasurer, George F. Mitchell; secretary, W. D. Boune; assistant secretary, R. M. Scheidt.

Ford Buys Airplane Plants In Germany

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Berlin, Jan. 8.—Henry Ford has acquired the extensive Entler airplane manufacturing plants at Wilhelmshaven, according to a rumor circulated here today.

Detroit, Jan. 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Neither the Ford Motor company nor Henry Ford has made any purchase of the Entler Airplane manufacturing plants at Wilhelmshaven, Germany, it was said at the Ford offices here today.

Berlin reports that Ford had acquired the plants were denied.

Passenger Train Hits Split Rail In Georgia

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 8.—Scores of passengers had miraculous escape when the Georgia railroad's train No. 7 ran into a split rail one mile from Stone Mountain, near here, and was wrecked.

Five coaches piled in a heap but none of the passengers was seriously injured.

R. L. Palmer, veteran engineer, who stuck to his post and jammed on the air brakes when disaster seemed certain, said today that it was a miracle that many passengers were not killed.

HOME ECONOMICS CLUBS MEET IN DECATUR TODAY

County Roundup Held At Christian Church By Adams County Women

PURDUE LADY SPEAKS

Samples Of Dressmaking Exhibited; Potluck Dinner At Noon

Between seventy-five and a hundred ladies from various parts of the county gathered at the First Christian Church here today to attend the "achievement meeting" or county roundup of the home economics clubs of the county. The meeting opened at noon with an excellent potluck dinner in the basement of the church.

The meeting here today was the last of a series of meetings held in the county. During the previous meetings the ladies received instruction in dress-making and general sewing, and today they exhibited samples of their work. In the first meeting the subject of material was discussed; in the second meeting, commercial patterns were discussed; in the third meeting, the subject was finishes for wash materials; and in the fourth meeting, the care of clothing was the subject discussed.

Mrs. Helen B. McKinley, of Purdue University, gave the principal address this afternoon. She was present in the previous meetings and gave instructions. Miss Helen Schenck, of St. Marys township, who was sent to the Indiana State Fair last fall by the home economics club of the county, gave a talk this afternoon in which she told of her experiences at the State Fair Home Economics School. Six demonstrations were given by Adams County ladies. Another interesting number on the program was a little skit in which the development of the house dress from the early styles to the styles of today was shown. Songs were sung by the ladies and the meeting was on interesting one.

The purpose of the meeting held here today and the previous meetings is to create more interest among the ladies in dress-making.

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EARLY PAYMENT OF BILLS ASKED

City Treasurer Urges Payment of Light Bills Now; Water Bills Due

A request is being made this month by Mrs. Flora B. Knize, city treasurer, of patrons of the city light and power plant to pay their December light and power bills before January 20. The quarterly water bills also become due this month and the request is being made on account of the many patrons who call at the city treasurer's office to pay their monthly accounts.

The December electric light and power bills total nearly 1,800, in addition to the 900 or more water bills, which are also paid at the treasurer's office. The bills are due by January 20, in order to obtain the discount on them. Mrs. Knize stated that if everyone waited until the last few days to pay the bills it would be difficult for her to wait on the many people standing in line waiting to get their receipts. The city bills can be paid anytime between the first and twentieth of the month and if the patrons of the local plant call at the city treasurer's office before the final date, January 20, Mrs. Knize will greatly appreciate the accommodation and will assure speedy service in waiting on those who call.

The city treasurer's office is open from eight in the morning until five in the evening.

Son Born To Mr. And Mrs. Bernard Terveer

A nine-pound boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Bernard T. Terveer, at the Adams County Memorial hospital, at about nine-thirty o'clock last night. Reports from the hospital today stated that mother and babe were getting along nicely. This is third child and second son in the family the other children being Mary Martha and John Bernard. The babe has not yet been named. Mr. Terveer is secretary of the Schafer Wholesale company and was passing out fine cigars to his friends this morning.

JURY AWARDS FENNIG \$4,000

Edward Fennig Gets Judgment Against Linn Grove Light & Power Co.

After deliberating for about five and three-quarter hours, the jury in the case of Edward Fennig vs. the Linn Grove Light and Power company, suit for \$10,000 damages, returned a verdict at 9:45 o'clock last night, finding for the plaintiff and assessing his damages at \$4,000. The verdict was read in open court last night, the court officials and counsel remaining in the court room in anticipation of a verdict before late.

The main difficulty experienced by the jurors in reaching a verdict was in reaching an agreement on the amount of damages it was stated. Mr. Fennig was burned and shocked when he came in contact with a power line belonging to the Linn Grove Light & Power company, while moving a house near Berne, in June, 1921. He claimed that the power line was not properly insulated as required by law.

The accident happened and the case was filed before the Linn Grove Light & Power company was sold to the Samuel Insul utility interests.

Senate Will Vote On Muscle Shoals Bill Today

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Washington, Jan. 8.—After working itself into one of the most complicated parliamentary situations in years, the senate at 4 p. m. today will vote on the Underwood plan for disposing of the Muscle Shoals power project.

Republican leaders expect to pass the Underwood bill in preference to the Norris government operation bill but they have no intention of stopping there. If the bill passes they intend to put it up to a vote again in competition with the Jones plan for referring the whole question of disposing of the project to a government commission and kill the Underwood bill. This vote will come at some future date.

President Turns His Attention To Prohibition

Washington, Jan. 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—With the whole nation stirred by charges of drinking parties in official life at the capitol President Coolidge today turned his attention to the prohibition law enforcement question in conference with John D. Rockefeller, Jr., Judge E. H. Gary and others of the "Citizens committee of 1,000 for law enforcement."

Members of the committee expressed themselves as well pleased with results so far obtained in stopping the flow of liquor into New York, New Jersey and other Atlantic coastal towns by the use of fast motor boats but urged more drastic measures.

High School Classes Attend Trial Yesterday

The classes in civics and commercial law Decatur high school attended the trial of the case of Edward Fennig vs. the Linn Grove Light & Power company in the Adams circuit yesterday. The classes are taught by Ralph Tyndall and Miss Blanche McCrory. Mr. Tyndall and Miss McCrory accompanied the pupils to the trial.

Weather

Generally fair tonight and Friday; not much change in temperature.

AGREEMENT WITH GREAT BRITAIN EXPECTED SOON

U. S. Officials Say Agreement On War Claim Payments Is In Sight

FAVORABLE TO U. S.

Under Terms Of Proposed Agreement U. S. Will Get Payments

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Washington, Jan. 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—An agreement between Great Britain and the United States under which the latter will receive payments of war claims out of the reparations funds is in sight, officials said today after reading Ambassador Herriek's cable report of yesterday's session of the Paris financial conference.

In view of recent confusion in the recent French debt negotiations the state department accepted the "private agreement" between Col. Logan, American delegate, and Winston Churchill, British chancellor of the exchequer, as hopeful but not final.

Churchill has agreed to the compromise offered by the United States more than a month ago as reaffirmed in the Washington note to London last Monday, it is understood.

Under the compromise the United States permits extension of its \$255,000,000 claim for army of occupation costs over 25 annual payments instead of twelve annual payments.

Rotary Club To Resume Meetings This Evening

The Rotarians will meet this evening at the Decatur Industrial rooms it being the first meeting held during the holiday season. The January committee, C. C. Pumphrey, Oscar Langeau, Fred Reppert and Arthur Suttles will be in charge of the program.

Geneva Man Held On Forgery Charge In Ohio

Fred Durr, of Geneva, was arrested last Saturday and taken to Celina, Ohio, where he was placed in jail on a charge of forgery. He pleaded guilty to the charge when arranged before Mayor Morrow on Monday morning and was bound over to the grand jury and returned to jail. It is charged that on October 17, 1924, Durr wrote a check on a Geneva bank for \$28 and passed the check to Leo Schunck, in Celina. The check was returned marked, "not good."

FRUIT COMPANY CHANGES HANDS

Homer Templin And Wulford Ray Purchase Business In This City

Homer "Peck" Templin and Wulford Ray, two well known young men of this city, have purchased the A. & B. Fruit company, located on West Monroe street from Albert Acker and William Blee. The new owners will operate the business under the firm name of the Decatur Fruit company. They have already taken possession.

Mr. Acker and Mr. Blee purchased the business from A. D. and Dallas Hunsicker last fall. It was known as the Decatur Fruit company at that time. Mr. Templin has been employed at the Peoples restaurant for several months and Mr. Ray has been driving a truck for the Standard Oil Company.

Score Injured In Natural Gas Explosion

Cincinnati, O., Jan. 8.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—More than a score of persons were injured and the lives of hundreds were imperiled in an explosion of natural gas at a booster station today.

Fumes made rescue work difficult and several men were pinned down by debris.

The explosion occurred when an acetylene torch ignited gas fumes in a booster tank which was being repaired.

Loss was estimated at \$5,000,000.

Dr. Mattax's Condition Unchanged Late Today

The condition of Dr. L. L. Mattax, of Geneva, Adams county coroner, who is a patient in the Adams County Memorial hospital with a severe case of blood poisoning, was unchanged this afternoon. He is very low, but continues to retain consciousness. He suffered a sinking spell yesterday afternoon, and has been in a critical condition since then.

FARM CONFERENCE IS WORTH WHILE

County Agent Has Supply Of Programs Of Agricultural Conference

That any man or woman who attend the agricultural conference at Purdue, January 12 to 16, will receive many times over the value of the expenditures necessary is assured from a glance at the program which has been arranged for Indiana's biggest agricultural week. Women will hear lectures and will take part in discussions on such subjects as cooking, food, clothing, care of children and various phases of social life.

Broad programs have been arranged for men in every kind of agriculture and experts in each line will lead in discussions of farm problems of every nature.

The state corn show, staged by the Indiana Corn Growers Association will reveal exhibits of high class from every part of the state. The state boys corn club show will also be held in connection with the conference.

According to the county agent, several farmers from Adams county are planning to attend. Roy Price, tester for the Adams County Cow Testing Association which is operating in the vicinity of Berne, states he is arranging plans for several farmers to drive to Lafayette in automobiles, weather permitting. Those wishing to join the party can obtain details by calling Mr. Price at Berne. Local steam and electric lines also have arranged to grant reductions for the trip, round trip tickets selling for one and one-half price.

Programs of the conference and other information concerning it may be obtained at the county agents office.

Freshmen Girls To Give Afternoon Tea For Mothers

The freshmen girls' domestic science class in Decatur high school will entertain their mothers at an afternoon tea at the high school building, at 2:30 o'clock Friday afternoon. Their instructor, Miss Naomi Christen, will assist them. The girls will exhibit articles they have made in their sewing class during the present school year and will give their mothers a chance to sample their cooking. Principal Walter Krick and Miss Christen will make short talks.

Frank Steele Accepts Position In California

Frank Steele, son of Mrs. Mary Steele, of this city, has gone to Pasadena, Calif., to accept a position as head meat cutter at Leland Stanford University. Mr. Steele has been employed as a meat cutter in the H. P. Schmitt meat market in this city since last August, and he has attracted much attention through his wonderful window displays at the local market.

Mr. Steele is rated as one of the best meat cutters in the United States. He has worked in large markets in all parts of the country, from New York to California. He spent many years in Chicago. He formerly worked at Leland Stanford University, but was not the head meat cutter. His new position pays a salary of \$50 per week and his room and board.

Revival Meetings At Pleasant Valley Church

Revival meetings are in progress at the Pleasant Valley Friends church. Miss Myrl Huff, of Muncie, is the evangelist. The public is cordially invited to attend the services. The Rev. Grant Whittenack is the pastor.

LEGISLATURE COMPLETES ITS ORGANIZATION

Seventy - Fourth General Assembly Convened At Capitol Today

GOTTSCHALK HONORED

Adams County Man Is Minority Leader And On Rules Committee

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)
Indianapolis, Jan. 8.—The two houses of the seventy-fourth Indiana general assembly convened today, ratified selections of the republican caucus, heard the message of Gov. Emmett F. Branch, retiring executive, and adjourned until Monday to await the inauguration of Ed Jackson as governor.

Lewis Bowman, auditor of state, rapped for order in the senate chamber at 10 o'clock. Invocation was offered and the roll of senators was called.

Julius C. Travis, chief justice of the state supreme court administered the oath of office. The senate then elected James J. Nejdil, of Whiting, as president pro tem and the other officers picked at the republican caucus last night and adjourned to the house to hear the message of Governor Branch.

After preliminary organization in the house Harry Leslie, Lafayette, was elected speaker by the republican delegation, the democratic minority voting for Representative Gottschalk, of Adams county.

Leslie was escorted to the speakers rostrum and the house proceeded with ratification of other organization officers named by the republican caucus.

A joint committee of the two houses waited on Governor Branch and informed him that the legislature was ready to hear his message.

The governor went immediately to the chamber of the house and read his message.

Both houses adjourned following completion of the message. They will be called to order again at 11 o'clock Monday morning to attend the inauguration of Jackson.

Speaker Leslie, of the house, appointed Representative Gottschalk, of Berne, a member of the rules committee.

Indianapolis, Jan. 8.—Urging members of the state legislature to "leave their politics at home while making laws," Governor Emmett F. Branch in his message to a joint session of the general assembly today called for a rigid retrenchment wherever possible in state expenditures.

The governor read his message to

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ANNUAL MEETING MONDAY EVENING

Industrial Association Banquet At K. Of C. Hall At 6:30 O'Clock

The annual dinner and meeting of the Decatur Industrial Association will be held at the Knights of Columbus hall next Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock. The committee in charge, composed of Walt Johnson, Will O'Brien and Fred Kolter, report that the tickets for the annual dinner are selling rapidly. Eighteen men were given ten tickets each and yesterday two or three of the ticket sellers reported that they had sold all of their tickets.

Arrangements are being made to accommodate just as many men as there have been tickets sold. The committee must know by Saturday how many will attend the banquet in order to make proper arrangements for serving the meal. Avon Burk, president of the Industrial Association, will preside at the meeting and the evening will be devoted to the discussion and adoption of the 1925 program.

About Decatur, Indiana, will be distributed to the members and everyone of the 185 boosters for Decatur who are members of the Association are asked to attend the meeting.