

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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# SENATORS WIN OPENING GAME 4-1

## COUNCIL ORDERS SIDEWALK BUILT ON SIXTH STREET

Several Routine Matters Disposed Of At Council Meeting Last Night

## CONSIDER MAKING NEW STOP STREET

No objections were offered to the building of a cement sidewalk on the east side of Short Sixth street, from Madison to Jefferson street, and the city council, in session last evening, ordered that bids for the construction work be received on Tuesday, October 20. The walk will be built this fall weather conditions permitting.

Routine matters were disposed of by the council last evening, only a few matters coming up for action. Improvement bonds to the amount of \$200 were ordered issued on the Sudduth Sewer improvement, as property owners affected by the improvement had signed waivers to that amount.

The Pennsylvania railroad company was ordered to repair its crossing on North Second street, near the Leibhart saw mill.

The city attorney was ordered to notify the Nickel Plate railroad that it was trespassing on private and city property in extending its switch tracks on North Tenth street.

The purchasing committee was authorized to purchase a new boiler feed pump for the city light and power plant and negotiations were opened last evening with representatives from the concerns, which manufacture such pumps.

The matter of making Third street, at the corner of Third and Madison street, a stop street was discussed and referred to the committee on public safety. Boulevard stop signs similar to those in use at Five Points, may be installed at this important crossing as a means of avoiding accidents.

The finance committee allowed bills and the session adjourned.

## URGE PAVING OF STATE ROAD NO. 7

Representatives Of Eight Counties Boost Paving of Penn Highway Route

Good road enthusiasts from eight Indiana counties met at Logansport Monday night and voted to urge the paving of State Road 7, which is a part of the proposed route for the William Penn Transcontinental Highway. Adams county was represented at the meeting. State Road 7 extends from Huntington to the Illinois line. The proposed William Penn Highway will enter Indiana between Decatur and Van Wert, Ohio, pass through Decatur and strike State Road 7 at Huntington.

The meeting at Logansport was called by J. L. Barnes, of Logansport, who was elected last week at a meeting held in Wabash, to serve as Indiana chairman of the Penn Highway association. The purpose was to get an Indiana organization at work on the proposed paving of the Penn highway.

On the proposed route through Indiana are nine counties—Adams, Wells, Huntington, Wabash, Miami, Cass, White, Jasper and Newton. All of those counties, with the exception of Wells, were represented at the meeting in Logansport.

Interest in the meeting was high, and it was agreed that the eight counties could wield enough influence to obtain paving on No. 7 at an early date, and it was agreed that this should be done. Some re-routing of No. 7 may be necessary before the paving should proceed, but this, it was said, will not necessarily require a vast amount of time.

Money requirements were discussed,

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## Winning and Losing Pitchers



## AIR SERVICE FIGHT TAKEN UP BY LEGION

Commandant Of U. S. Marine Corps Stirs Convention With Address

## OPPOSES PLAN OF COLONEL MITCHELL

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 7.—(United Press)—Major General John A. Le Jeune, commandant of the United States marine corps, took the fight of the opponents to the unified air service plan submitted by Colonel William Mitchell right out in the open today when he told the American Legion national convention that the air service is an essential part of the army and navy.

Tearing the air service away from the army and navy would be like tearing a man's leg from his body, General Le Jeune declared in an address.

## Applause Greets Statement

To the surprise of Colonel Mitchell's followers, a storm of applause greeted the chief of the "devil dogs" statement.

The air service has become an essential and vital part of both the army and navy, Le Jeune said.

"It can save the lives of thousands of infantrymen on the battle field, and is the eyes of our navy."

With little preliminary gusto, Le Jeune launched into what was the first reference to national questions. No mention of the policies outlined by President Coolidge in his address to the legion yesterday were made, the speaker confining his words to management of the two great divisions of the nation's defense.

"Personalities must be sunk in maintaining the armed forces of the nation," Le Jeune declared.

While Le Jeune was opposing unified air service before the convention at large, Major Reed Landis, national aeronautics figure, dominated the aeronautical committee of the legion, demanding a resolution endorsing a unified air service to be handled under a national defense secretary as would the army and navy.

Commander H. W. Hill, U. S. N. opposed Landis' views. Over the protests of Arkansas members of the committee, resolutions of praise for Colonel Mitchell were eliminated.

The committee adjourned in the midst of a heated debate at noon.

## SITE FOR PYTHIAN HOME CONSIDERED

Committee Likely To Be Appointed To Make Selection of Location

Indianapolis, Oct. 7.—(United Press)—A summary of the forty-six letters returned to the county agent's office shows that seventy-seven bushels of seed corn have been gathered and stored by members. Joseph J. Schrock, of Monroe Township, has gathered approximately ten bushels, thereby leading the contestants.

Next in line is Eldred V. Shifley an eleven-year-old boy, living in St. Marys township who gathered about eight and one-half bushels. Clifford Simons, of Wabash township, has gathered five and one-half bushels.

Checking of yields of the club acres is now in progress. In doing this one hundred hills from four representative places in the acre are husked. Moisture tests are taken in order that boys growing early and late corn may be on an equal footing.

## Negro Outlaw Goes On Trial On Murder Charge

Indianapolis, Oct. 7.—(United Press)—Edward Stewart, negro outlaw, who is alleged to have boasted that he "would kill anybody for \$150" was to tell in criminal court today of the slaying of Ralph Cunningham, of Advance, Indiana.

Stewart admitted the murder at the opening of the trial but Judge Collins refused to accept a plea of guilty. The state practically completed its case yesterday and Stewart was scheduled to take the stand today.

He was handcuffed and under heavy guard for fear of a break for freedom while he was in the courtroom.

## New Newspaper To Be Published At Hammond

Hammond, Ind., Oct. 7.—(United Press)—A Sunday newspaper, the Lake County Sunday Morning Call, will begin publication here Oct. 11, it was announced today. The paper has the backing of a group of local business men.

## Recommend Construction Of Another Giant Dirigible

Bulletin  
Washington, Oct. 7.—(United Press)—Immediate replacement of the dirigible Shenandoah with an airship three times as large was recommended to day to the president's special air board by Rear Admiral W. A. Moffett, navy air head.

Moffett defended the performances of the Shenandoah and Los Angeles, both of approximately two million cubic feet gas capacity adding that "they are too small."

"We should have an American built ship of at least six million cubic feet," he said.

## RILEY POEM HAS LOCAL INTEREST

"The Pet Coon" Is Written About Animal Owned By N. A. Bixler, Decatur

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The coon was given to him by Dr. Ruesser, of Berne, and he cherished it as a pet. A tamed animal of this sort was unusual in those days and the story of "Noey's" pet and protector was told all over the state.

Riley, who was always in search of nature and homefolk subjects for his poetry, heard the story and it so impressed him that he wrote "The Pet Coon." The Billy Miller in the poem was a blacksmith at Berne, and it is probable that the children of Berne in those days would visit the smithy and the coon would protect them after he had given chase.

After a number of years, the coon was poisoned, and as Mr. Bixler said today, it almost broke his heart. He said that he was young when he had the pet, but he can remember it very well, and especially the day it died.

The Riley poem is as follows:

## THE PET COON

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When he's ist a little teeny-weeny baby-coon

Bout as big as little pups, an' tied him to a tree;

An' Pa gave Noey fifty cents, when he come home at noon.

"Nen he buyed a chain fer him, an' little collar, too.

An' sawed a hole in a' old tub an' turnt it upside-down;

An' little fell'er stay in there and won't come out for you—

"Tendin' like he's kinda' skeered o' boys 'at lives in town.

Now he aint afraid a bit! he's ist so fat an' tame,

We on' chain him up at night, to save the little chicks

Holler "Greedy! Greedy!" to him, an' he knows his name,

An' here he'll come a-waddle-un, up fer any tricks!

He'll climb up my leg, he will, an' waller in my lap,

An' poke his little black paws 'way in my pockets where

They's beechnats, er chinkypins, er any little scrap

Of anything 'at's good to eat—an' he don't care!

"An' he's as spunky as you please, an' don't like dogs at all—

Billy Miller's black-an'-tan tackled him one day,

An' "Greedy" he ist kinda' doubled all up like a ball,

An' Billy's dog he gived a yelp er two an' runned away!

An' neen when Billy fighted me, an' hit me with a bone,

An' Ma she purt'nigh ketch'd him as he dodged an' skooted thro' the fence, she says, "You better let my little boy alone,

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## WALTER JOHNSON HURLS WASHINGTON TO VICTORY

VETERAN OF SENATORS' PITCHING STAFF BESTS MEADOWS IN PITCHING BATTLE IN FIRST GAME OF WORLD'S BASEBALL CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES WITH THE PITTSBURGH PIRATES.

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Batteries: For Washington, Johnson and Reul; for Pittsburgh, Meadows, Morrison and Smith.

(United Press Service)

Forbes Field, Pittsburgh, Oct. 7—Walter Johnson rose to the heights of his greatness before 45,000 people at Forbes Field this afternoon, and the Washington Senators defeated the Pittsburgh Pirates in the first game of the world series, 4-1.

The ace of the world's champions mowed down the Buccaneers, inning after inning, fanning ten and allowing five hits.

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Washington—S. Harris up. Hit by pitched ball. Goslin up. Hits into a

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