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Decatur will have a Calithumpian parade on Hallowe'en and that means a happy time for those to enjoy participating or watching such affairs. It is being planned and managed by J. W. Rice of this city who has had considerable experience and who promises many surprises and a fun frolic that will make every body happy. Details will be announced from time to time and you are invited to take part in the affair. It's just for a good time and to keep the pep up in the best town in the country.

Much is said, necessarily so about what can be done to accommodate automobiles on our streets. The first thing to remember in any proposal for the relief of automobile traffic is that the rights of pedestrians are and should be supreme over every other interest. This fact is generally recognized and usually finds expression in statutes and ordinances enacted to govern and control in the matter. The safety of the people who walk on the streets and sidewalks is of paramount concern. Their convenience and accommodation should be the first thought of all who have to deal with the problem.—Kokomo Tribune.

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Conditions in Decatur were never better than they are now, the culmination of efforts made during the past fifteen or twenty years and it is necessary that it continue. During the next four years under careful, proper management, we will step forward at greater speed and the city must keep up, while at the same time guard against such expenditures that

would start the tax rate soaring. Think it over and be your own judge of what is best to make conditions better for every one here. We are proud of our city, of those administrations which during the past decade or two have built up the city plant, constructed splendid streets, put in ornamental lights, built the swimming pool, kept up the streets, paid the debts and has money in the treasury.

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"BIG SIX" IS DEAD

Christy Mathewson, Idol Of Baseball Fans, Succumbs To Illness Of Tubercular Pneumonia.

Saranac Lake, N. Y., Oct. 8—Christy Mathewson, idol of baseball fans the world over, has lost his seven year fight against the white plague. Mathewson, idol of baseball fans. He died at 11 o'clock last night at his home here, just a few hours after the world's series had opened in Pittsburgh.

Death of the "Big Six" was unexpected, although he had been in poor health all summer. Tubercular pneumonia, brought on the end.

Funeral services will be held Saturday morning in Lewiston, Pa., according to tentative plans. The body will be taken from here tonight.

Mathewson's gallant battle with tuberculosis had held public sympathy ever since he contracted the malady while serving as captain in the army gas service during the world war. The disease developed slowly and it was not until 1920 that he was forced to retire as coach of the New York Giants, the club with which he won fame as a pitcher.

Mathewson's 45 years were devoted to sport. As a youngster at Factoryville, Pa., where he was born, Aug. 12, 1880, he was a leader on diamond and gridiron. When the scene shifted to Keystone academy and Bucknell university he continued to star as a baseball and football player.

In 1900 the big pitcher joined the G's, but was "farmed" to the Virginia League for experience. At the end of the season he was drafted by the Cincinnati Reds and later went back to the Giants in a trade for the veteran Amos Rusie.

The "Big Six" won 30 games in three successive seasons, 1903-5, an astounding record. He pitched two no-hit games and is believed to have made a world's record when in a game with Philadelphia, he pitched only 67 balls, less than eight balls an inning.

Control was the secret of Mathewson's mound success. In the 629 games he pitched in the National League, he yielded only a trifle more than an average of one base on balls a game.

He appeared in four world's series, winning five games, losing the same number and tying one. His most sensational post season pitching was done in the New York-Philadelphia

series of 1904 when he won each of his three starts. Each victory was a shutout.

Venire Of 100 Drawn
For Stephenson Trial

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 8.—(United Press)—A special venire of 100 was ordered drawn today by Special Judge Will Sparks of Rushville, in preparation for the opening of the trial of D. C. Stephenson, ex-klan dragon, and his henchmen, Earl Kiencke and Earl Gentry here Monday.

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