

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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## ERIE MOTOR CAR HAS FATAL COLLISION

### ROBINSON IS NEW SENATOR FROM INDIANA

Indianapolis Attorney Appointed By Governor To Succeed Ralston

### APPROVAL EXPRESSED BY STATE COMMITTEE

Indianapolis, Oct. 21.—(United Press)—Approval of the appointment of Arthur R. Robinson, Indianapolis attorney, as the new United States senator from Indiana, was expressed today by Clyde A. Walb, republican state chairman, and other organization leaders.

Selection of Robinson to fill the vacancy left by the death of Senator Ralston was announced last night by Governor Jackson. Robinson will serve until the first of December, 1926. A senator to fill the remainder of Ralston's term until 1929 will be picked at the state election next year.

Pledged To Support Coolidge.

Robinson is pledged to give full support to the policies of President Coolidge, Governor Jackson said in announcing the appointment.

The new senator will add to the republican strength in the upper house of congress the vote which was taken from the democratic side by the death of Senator Ralston.

Robinson, a former state senator and superior court judge, is 44 years old. In 1916 he ran for the senate but was defeated. He has practiced law in Indiana for a number of years.

Personal Friend of Jackson.

Governor Jackson moved quickly in making the appointment to prevent strife between supporters of half a dozen prominent republicans whose names were mentioned in connection with the selection.

"I regard Robinson as being qualified in every way for the senatorship," said the governor. "He will command the respect of the people of Indiana and will faithfully support President Coolidge."

Robinson is a close personal friend of the governor and was backed for the senatorship by the Coffin faction.

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### LOCAL TEACHERS ARE ON PROGRAM

Decatur Instructors Scheduled For Part In State Teachers Meeting

Three Decatur teachers have been honored by the State Teachers' Association, which will meet in Indianapolis Thursday and Friday of this week, by having been placed on the state program. Miss Nell Winnes, E. S. Christen and Miss Grace Coffee will have parts in the program.

Mr. Christen will give a talk, "My Observations and Conclusions on Teaching Handwriting," Miss Winnes will talk on "Every Day Handwriting, By An Everyday Teacher," and Miss Coffee will be the leader in the discussion which is to be held after the Thursday afternoon program.

The teachers are divided into their departmental classes and each section will have individual meetings. These meetings will be held at various places in Indianapolis. The general meetings will be held at Cadle Tabernacle. Teachers' headquarters will be at the Claypool hotel. Most of the local teachers will have their headquarters at the Sevérin hotel.

The first session will open at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning and the last one will be held Friday evening. Indianapolis theaters are offering special attractions this week for the Indiana teachers and several good shows have been booked for their entertainment. The state association boasts a membership this year of 14,312 members. This compares with a membership of 220 members, in 1882. William P. Dearing, of Oakland City, is the present president of the state organization.

### Pitcher Recently Bought By Cincinnati Is Killed

Bulletin  
Houston, Texas, Oct. 21.—(United Press)—Marvin Goodwin, former manager of the Houston, Texas league, club, died early today from injuries received when his airplane fell 200 feet Sunday.

Goodwin was one of the leading pitchers of the Texas league.

He was sold to the Cincinnati Reds for \$10,000. Goodwin was a reserve officer in the National Guard.

### ALLEGED FORGER GOES ON TRIAL

#### Counsel For Lloyd Biberstein Seeks To Dismiss Case On Technicality

Lloyd Biberstein, a young married man residing in the southern part of Adams county, went on trial this morning in circuit court on a charge of forgery. He is charged with attempting to forge a check for \$13.20 on the Burk Elevator company, of Decatur. Considerable time was spent this morning in obtaining a jury. The twelve men finally chosen to hear the evidence are: Ed Engeler, Dan Smith, Charles Shafter, Henry Durr, Edward Melcher, Grover Moser, Leo C. Kohn, Earl Martin, Earl Haugh, George H. Rice, Millard Cowan, and Frank McConnell.

Attorney H. M. Devoss, who is counsel for the defense, questioned the legality of the affidavit this afternoon, on the grounds that the word elevator was spelled "elevator" on the check. The court had not ruled on the question at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon.

### CONTRACT FOR SIXTH STREET SIDEWALK LET

#### City Council Also Contracts For Bath House At Municipal Swimming Pool

#### PLAN FOR MORE ORNAMENTAL LIGHTS

The contract for constructing the cement sidewalk on the east side of South Sixth street from Madison to Jefferson, was awarded to Amos Fisher, by the city council last evening, his bid being the lowest of three filed with the council. Julius Haugk and John Hill were the two other bidders. Work on the sidewalk will begin immediately. Mr. Fisher stated

Plans For Street Lights

The city engineer was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the installing and placing of the ornamental light posts on North Third street, west of Monroe to Marshall street. The petition filed with the council sometime ago called for the improvement within these two blocks and the posts will be erected this fall. They will be placed on the inside of the sidewalk, it is thought, and the trenches for the cable have already been dug.

Contract For Bath House  
H. F. Linn received the contract for erecting a modern bath house and dressing rooms at the city swimming pool at water works park. His bid was \$1,875. W. E. Moon, the other bidder, filed a bid of \$1,980. Work on the construction of the bath house will commence this fall and

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### U.S. DESTROYERS SENT TO EGYPT

#### Troops Sent To Eastern Mediterranean To Protect American Lives

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)  
Washington, Oct. 21—Officially advised that the Druse tribesmen of Syria had captured part of the city of Damascus in their warfare with France, the American government today ordered two American destroyers to proceed at once to the eastern Mediterranean to protect American lives.

Four witnesses had testified at 2 o'clock this afternoon. They were Mr. Lawless, Mr. Ault, John Stults, clerk at the F. V. Mills grocery, and Avon Burk, of the Burk Elevator company. Mr. Stults testified that Biberstein presented the check at the Mills store but that he did not cash it.

Decatur Girl Chosen For Part In Play At Chicago

Miss Jeanette Clark, popular daughter of Mrs. Rose Clark of this city, who is attending the Chicago School of Physical Culture at Chicago, was chosen as one of eight girls from a class of 125 members, to be in the cast of a play, which will be given sometime before Thanksgiving. Miss Clark will be remembered for her unusual dramatic ability in the senior play, "Billy," given here last Spring in which she had one of the leading parts.

Man Gets Marriage License Next Minute After Getting Divorce

Goshen, Ind., Oct. 21.—(United Press)—Additional trouble clouds gath-bonds of one matrimonial venture and assumed those of another with startling rapidity here.

He obtained a divorce from his first wife and a moment later marched into the clerk's office for a license to wed Eva Stevens.

The bride, herself, a divorcee, was present at O'Keefe's divorce trial.

#### NINE INCHES OF SNOW FALLS IN WESTERN NEW YORK

Buffalo, N. Y., Oct. 21.—(United Press)—The heaviest snowfall for October in western New York was experienced last night. Early today nine inches of snow covered the district about Eden Center, Erie county.

### Keeps Order



NEIL FINLEY.

### COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOLS TO HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

#### Convention To Be Held At Monroe And Berne Thursday And Friday

#### THREE SPEAKERS TO DELIVER ADDRESSES

Sunday school pupils and workers from all parts of Adams county are expected to attend the annual Adams County Sunday School Convention, to be held in Monroe and Berne, Thursday and Friday. The convention will open at the Monroe M. E. church Thursday evening. The second and third sessions will be held in the Evangelical church in Berne on Friday morning and afternoon. The closing session will be held in the First Mennonite church in Berne Friday evening.

The Rev. Somerville Light, pastor of the First Methodist church, and his new wife, received a surprise last night when the members of the city Ministerial Association overstepped the bounds of dignity and added a round of good-natured fun to what was expected to be a cut-and-dried reception for the pastor and his bride. The pastor and his wife smiled and enjoyed the fun while they were driven down Second street in an automobile with a long string of tin cans trailing and banging in the rear of the car, and several preachers letting out yells that made high school rooters turn yellow with envy.

The Rev. R. W. Loose, pastor of the Evangelical church and president of the Ministerial Association, called at the Methodist parsonage in his automobile to take Rev. and Mrs. Light to the Evangelical parsonage, where the reception was to be held. While Rev. Loose was in the Methodist parsonage, the Rev. H. W. Thompson's car stopped on the opposite side of the street and two other preachers proceeded to tie a string of tin cans onto Rev. Loose's car.

#### Banquet Friday Evening

The Fellowship banquet will be served Friday evening at 6 o'clock. This banquet is for all Sunday school officers, teachers and pastors. Plates

will be sold for fifty cents each.

Reservations may be made with Mrs. C. E. Bell, of Decatur; Menas Lehman, of Monroe; F. W. Studler, Linn Grove; Fred Lindsey, of Geneva; or

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### FURTHER DELAY IN PICKING JURY

#### Eight Jurors Accepted In Trial Of D. C. Stephenson And His Aides

(U. P. Staff Correspondent)  
Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 21—Completion of the jury to try D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Klan, and Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry on murder charges, was delayed again today.

At a time when it seemed that all the task of picking a jury was ended, the defense suddenly dismissed two men in the box and had a third removed because of an opinion.

The state secured removal of a fourth, leaving eight accepted. Prospects were that some of the eight might be dismissed.

When court opened this morning it appeared that eleven of the twelve were acceptable and that a jury would be empaneled during the day.

It was expected that the first members of the third special venire of 100 talesmen would be called during the afternoon.

### LIBRARIANS OPEN TRI-STATE MEET

#### Miss Annette Moses Represents Decatur At Convention In Fort Wayne

Miss Annette Moses, librarian of the Decatur Public Library, left this morning for Fort Wayne where she will attend, as delegate from this city, the tri-state conference of librarians, which opened in that city yesterday.

The official spokesman for the state department regards the Near East situation as quite serious, it was said, following announcement of the orders transmitted from Secretary Kellogg to the navy department.

The two destroyers, now at Gibral-

tar, are proceeding at once to Alex-

and're, Egypt.

Every effort will be made to pro-

tection the lives of the approximately

1,000 Americans in the region of the

Druse-French guerilla warfare, which

appears to have flamed into a critical

stage after six months of intermittent fighting.

The sending of destroyers, it was

officially stated, is a direct result of

the revolt of the Druse tribesmen.

The destroyers may be used to re-

move refugees from Damascus, it

was officially indicated. They will

proceed, probably from Alexandria to

Beirut and thence to Damascus, if

needed.

No word has been received at the

department from Consul Keeley at

Damascus.

#### BULLETIN

Mrs. Lucy Rout, mother of Mrs. F. M. Schirmeyer, of this city, died at the Adams County Memorial hospital at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Mrs. Rout had been suffering from a complication of diseases. She was removed to the hospital yesterday evening.

### Weather

Mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday. Probably rain tonight and in north portion Thursday. Warmer tonight and in east portion Thursday.

### RURAL EDUCATION MEETING POSTPONED UNTIL NOV. 7

Indianapolis, Oct. 21.—The rural education conference scheduled to have been held at Auburn, October 31, has been postponed until November 7, it was announced today.

H. N. Sherwood, state superintendent of public instruction said the postponement was necessary because of the State Teachers' Association convention which closes just a few days before the conference was scheduled to open.

### PREACHERS MUST HAVE THEIR FUN

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#### Pot Luck Supper Served

A pot-luck supper was served at the

home of Rev. and Mrs. Loose, and the

ministers and their wives proceeded

to enjoy the bounteous repast. Follow-

ing a social hour, the Ministerial Asso-</