

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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## EVIDENCE SUPPORTS GIRL'S STATEMENT

### PLANS MADE FOR CLUB ROUND-UP IN DECATUR ON NOV. 7

Committees Named to Have Charge Of Junior Farm Club Show

### BIG DISPLAY OF PRODUCTS PLANNED

Tentative plans were completed last evening at a meeting of the directors of the Decatur Industrial Association for the county round-up of the Junior Farm clubs in this city on Saturday, November 7.

Committees were appointed by Oscar Lankenau, vice-president of the association, who presided at the meeting, and the details pertaining to the big event were being disposed of by the committees today. A. D. Sattles was named general chairman. According to the plans now underway, a big tent will be erected on Liberty Way, south of the court house, where all the Junior farm workers, comprising the calf, corn and beet clubs, will exhibit their corn, beets and calves.

#### Prizes To Be Awarded

The corn and beets are to be brought to the tent Friday morning, November 6 and will be judged Friday afternoon. The calves are to be brought to the tent Saturday morning and in the afternoon the members will receive the contest prizes awarded to them at Berne four weeks ago and the grand prizes which will be awarded to everyone of the 36 members. In addition to the cash prizes, the calf club members also received a free trip to the National Dairy Show at Indianapolis on October 12.

Corn club members are asked to bring in ten ears of corn and the beet club members are asked to bring six of the choice beets.

#### Judge Is Chosen

C. E. Troyer of LaFountain, grand sweepstakes winner in the International corn show held in Chicago two years ago, and who judged the corn and sugar beets at the Northern Indiana Fair last September, will judge the corn and beets at the county round-up meeting here next Saturday. Because the yield and record book figures and totals will not be available until a later date the judging of the corn and beets will be made only on grades placed on relative merits of specimen. Prizes in the corn and beet clubs will be awarded when the final figures are available, and the cash prizes amounting to \$120 in each class will be mailed to the winners sometime next

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### TO HAVE SPECIAL PROGRAM SUNDAY

Lutheran Church To Observe Anniversary Of The Reformation

Commemorating the 408th anniversary of the Reformation, the historical event of October 31, 1517, when Martin Luther, Augustinian monk, posted his 95 theses on the church door at Wittenberg, Germany, condemning the sake of indulgences, urging repentance, and proclaiming free salvation through Jesus' merits, the children of the local Lutheran church will assist in the celebration with a special program. The order of service will be:

Luther's Battle Hymn—"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

Altar service.

Choir-Choral.

Hymn 283.

Catechization—Luther, the Student; the Monk.

"Rock of Ages" sung by children.

Catechization: Luther's Battles; His End and Legacy.

Hymn 465.

Altar service.

Doxology 583.

The pastor of the church will speak on "The Bible in the Light of the Council of Trent."

### THE CALLITHUMPAN PARADE

Starts promptly at 7:15 o'clock tonight, moving south on Third street.

Masqueraders requested to meet on Third street at 7 o'clock.

Decorated automobiles form on Madison street west of Third, facing east.

Judges meet at stand in front of Liberty Way at 6:30 p.m. for instructions.

Parade moves south to Adams, east to Second, north to Interurban station, then counter marches to judges stand.

Prizes will be awarded and paid at stand.

Red fire will light parade as it moves up and down Second street.

Everybody invited to mask and join parade.

Requested that cars do not park on Second street between Jefferson and Monroe, between 6:30 and 8:30 p.m.

The G. E. band will give a concert this afternoon.

The Monroe band and G. E. band will take part in tonight's parade.

Callithump with the Callithumpians tonight.

### MUCH INTEREST BEING SHOWN IN CITY ELECTION

More Than 125 Persons Already Voted By Absent Voters' Ballots

### HEAVY VOTE IS BEING PREDICTED

Indications of unusual interest in the coming city election in Decatur are shown in the fact that more than 125 people have already voted at the city clerk's office and probabilities are that that number will mount to close to 200 by tonight when the voting by absent voters' ballot will stop, according to law.

About 25 Decatur voters have come in person to the clerk's office during the last ten days and voted while the others have voted by mail giving their reason as illness or being out of the city.

#### City Clerk Busy

Mrs. Catherine Kaufmann, city clerk, has been busy the last several days receiving the ballots at the City Hall. In previous city elections, it was learned, only 75 to 100 citizens took advantage of the absent voter's ballot.

The law reads that people who are unable to go to the polls on election day because of sickness or absence from the city are entitled to vote during a certain number of days by mailing their ballot or delivering it in person to the city clerk.

Many people who work out of Decatur, but maintain their residence here, and many who are unable to go to the polls because of sickness, have taken advantage of this method of voting.

#### Heavy Vote Forecast

It is predicted that a heavy vote will be cast in the city election next Tuesday. Both parties have tickets in the field, the only office being uncontested is that of Mrs. Catherine Kaufmann, democratic candidate for re-election as city clerk. The republicans failed to nominate a candidate for this office.

It is unable to ascertain just how many voters of each party cast absent voters' ballots. These ballots are sealed and are not opened until the counting of votes is started after 6 o'clock next Tuesday evening.

### INTERURBAN HITS AUTO; TWO KILLED

Michigan Couple Fatally Hurt In Accident Near Kokomo Today

Kokomo, Oct. 31—Adolph Guerin, 45, and his wife, Frona, 34, of Ludington, Mich., died in a hospital here today from injuries received when their auto was struck by an interurban.

Mrs. Harriet Dibble, 65, another victim of the accident is not expected to live.

Mary Guerin, 15, and Bernard Barber, 63, two other occupants escaped with less serious injuries.

The party was returning to Ludington from a trip to Kentucky and Guerin who was driving stopped at a filling station for directions and then swung across the tracks in front of the interurban.

The interurban was southbound from Fort Wayne to Indianapolis on the Union traction lines.

Tom Taggart On Job In Indianapolis Campaign

Indianapolis, Oct. 31—Tom Taggart is on the job again.

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The rumor was substantiated by the fact that Taggart visited Myers' office and held a long conference.

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New Broadcasting Station Is Planned By St. Louis

St. Louis, Oct. 31—(United Press)—The "voice of St. Louis" soon may be spread to the far reaches of the United States.

A plan is under way now for the erection of a 5,000 watt radio broadcasting station which will cost approximately \$135,000 annually to operate. Prominent St. Louis business concerns will back the project.

Good musical programs and information concerning the city will be sent out.

Panic Occurs When Street Car Catches Fire

Muncie, Ind., Oct. 31—Three people today are recovering from injuries received yesterday in a panic which resulted when a street car caught fire.

Opal Hardwick and William Shay were trampled to the floor of the car in the rush for the doors and George Harty was pushed through a glass door.

### Mitchell Off to Flying Start



### DEADLINE FOR TAXPAYERS NEAR

### Monday Is Last Day To Pay Taxes; Large Amount Remains Unpaid

With only one more day in which to pay the fall installment of taxes more than \$100,000 still remains unpaid, according to figures available at the county treasurer's office. Last Wednesday was the heaviest tax-paying day this fall and citizens of Adams county paid in more than \$50,000 in taxes on that day. Other days last week ran between \$15,000 and \$25,000.

It is expected that a large number will pay their fall installments today and the remainder will make their payments Monday. The final day is usually the heaviest day, many people waiting until the last minute to make their payments. Most of the unpaid taxes at present, it was learned, are those of Decatur people.

Farmers and people in other Adams county towns have paid up in a majority of cases. The treasurer's office will remain open until about 5 o'clock Monday evening, receiving tax payments before the penalty is added for delinquency.

If all payments are made for this fall there will be slightly more than \$400,000 paid in. Up to Thursday of this week about \$215,000 of this had been paid in. Thursday, Friday and today it is expected that about \$100,000 will be paid in and the remaining \$85,000 will mostly come in Monday.

### Col. Miller Denies Conspiracy To Defraud

New York, Oct. 31—Counsel for Colonel Thomas W. Miller, Wilmington, Del., former property custodian, who was indicted with four foreigners and three foreign corporations here yesterday on charges of conspiring to defraud the United States government out of more than \$7,000,000, said today he would have his client in court to plead "not guilty" next Wednesday.

The federal grand jury was "hoodwinked" into returning the indictment. Colonel Miller's attorneys said Miller was in New York today but would not make a statement.

Rev. Loose To Preach Funeral For Mr. Johnson

The Rev. R. W. Loose, pastor of the Evangelical church, will have charge of the funeral services Sunday afternoon for J. T. Johnson, who died at the home of his daughter here yesterday morning, owing to the illness of the Rev. Somerville Light, pastor of the First Methodist church.

The funeral will be held from the home at 2 o'clock and from the Methodist church at 2:30 o'clock.

### Russian Commissar For War Dies After Operation

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### Weather

Generally fair tonight and Sunday; slowly rising temperature.

Washington, Oct. 31—(United Press)—Weather outlook for period, Nov. 2 to 7 inclusive:

Region of Great Lakes: Mostly fair but some probability of rains or snows the latter half of the week. Temperatures near normal most of the week and colder near the end of the week.

The plant now has an operating surplus of \$50,000.

### Mother Carries Her Children From Burning House; Seriously Burned

Gary, Ind., Oct. 31—Mrs. Louis Summer of East Chicago, is in a hospital here today with burns which will probably cause her death.

She was burned while carrying three of her children to safety after a kerosene stove exploded. A fourth child she bundled into pillows and dropped to safety from a window.

Anna, the eldest daughter, is in a critical condition from inhaling smoke.

### HOTEL CLERKS IDENTIFY GENTRY AND STEPHENSON

Witnesses Tell Of Defendants Staying At Hammond Hotel With Girl

### DYING STATEMENT GIVEN AS EVIDENCE

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Noblesville, Oct. 31—Strong evidence supporting the dying statement of Madge Oberholtzer was introduced by the state today in the trial of D. C. Stephenson, Earl Klenck and Earl Gentry.

The three men are charged with murder for her death.

After placing the dying statement of the girl in evidence, Prosecutor Remy called Ted Wilson, night clerk at the Indiana hotel in Hammond, where Miss Oberholtzer said she was taken by Stephenson.

Wilson identified Stephenson and Gentry as the men who registered with the girl at the hotel. Under rigid cross examination by the defense, Wilson said there was a telephone in the room to which Miss Oberholtzer was assigned and that she could have used it to call help.

He said that Stephenson and the girl were registered as "Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Morgan" and that they occupied the same room.

At times during the testimony of Wilson spectators in the room went through the movement of clapping their hands, giving evidence of the sentiment against Stephenson.

Wilson was followed by Dean Ayres, day clerk at the hotel, who saw the party check out the afternoon after Miss Oberholtzer had taken poison.

Ayers said that he saw a large auto drive up in front of the hotel about three-thirty in the afternoon.

Ayres identified Stephenson and Gentry as the men who checked out in company with the girl.

"The girl walked out as if she were dizzy or intoxicated," the clerk testified.

"As they left the desk, one of the men took her arm and steadied her while she walked through the lobby of the hotel."

Alleged Attack Described

Noblesville, Ind., Oct. 31—(United Press)—Ohio voters will go to the polls Tuesday to settle one of the most bitter partisan campaign in the history of the state.

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