

## COUNTY FAIR ASSOCIATION IS ASSURED

### ASSESSMENTS ON PAVEMENT ARE CHANGED

**Council Decides To Extend Assessments On Jefferson Street Back 156 Feet**

### OTHER ACTION TAKEN AT REGULAR MEETING

Assessments on the Jefferson street improvement will go back 156 feet from the abutting property line, while on South First street the assessments will be charged on a 90 foot depth. The street and sewer committee made these recommendations in its report to the city council last evening, petitions having been filed with the council for changing the preliminary assessments.

The Jefferson street improvement, including brick street, curb and cement sidewalk, cost \$20,599.17, while the South First street improvement cost \$4,317.10.

No objections were filed against the preliminary assessments on the Adams street light improvement and the assessments were referred to the treasurer for collection.

### Purchase Two Lots

The water works committee reported the purchase of two lots from John S. Niblick and others, located in the Nuttman addition in the northwest part of the city. The lots are near the ones owned by the city on which the water wells are located and will be used in sinking new wells when the demand for more water is made.

The sum of \$600 was appropriated for the purchasing of two electric adding machines, one for the office of the city treasurer and the other for the clerk's office.

The petitions for street lights at the corner of Jefferson and Sixth street and on Nuttman avenue at the corner of Twelfth street and on McBurnes street were granted by the electric light committee.

The street and sewer committee reported unfavorable on the petition for the opening and extension of North Fourth street.

It was voted that the Erie railroad

### Electric Light Pole Torn Down By An Auto

An electric light pole at the corner of Tenth and Jackson streets was knocked down by an automobile last night. The car failed to stop after hitting the pole and the driver is not known. The wires were broken when the pole fell and the lights in the home of T. W. Holsapple were put out of commission for some time. A temporary wire was placed up by the city electric light department and the lights were put back in running order last night.

### GOOD FELLOWS FUND STARTED

### Delta Theta Tau Sorority Opens Contributions With \$25 Donation

The Delta Theta Tau sorority, as has been their custom since the inauguration of the Good Fellows Club has started the fund off with a subscription for \$25.00. It is the hope that other organizations will contribute, as well as individuals, and that the fund here can be secured as early as possible so that plans can be made to take good care of every poor boy and girl in the community on Christmas Eve.

Did you read the report of last year's work in the Monday evening issue? It showed that a lot of poor children had been made happy and that Christmas last year was a more genuine event than it would have been without the Good Fellows. Drop a dollar or two in one of the depositories—at any of the banks, at your barber shop or at the Daily Democrat office. The fund is started. Help make it grow.

Delta Theta Tau .....\$25.00

Seeks \$250,000



MARGUERITE MINUTY

Charging William Andrews Clark, 3rd, grandson of the late Senator Clark, the copper king of Montana, refused to wed her after he had promised to do so, Marguerite McNulty, show girl, has filed suit for \$250,000.

### Police Chief Orders Parking Of Autos In Old Cemetery Stopped

Parking of automobiles in the old cemetery on Winchester street must cease, Chief of Police Reynolds stated today. He has received many complaints against the practice and he has instructions to put a stop to it.

### Youth Swallows Poison

Indianapolis, Dec. 2.—Jules J. Kiplinger, 22, a former Wabash student and son of John J. Kiplinger, city attorney of Rushville, is in a hospital here today suffering from what physicians say is bichloride of mercury poison.

Kiplinger swallowed 35 grains of the poison, physicians were told. No motive was assigned for the act.

### FLORIDA RESUMES RUSHING BUSINESS

### Severe Tropical Storms Cause Five Deaths And Heavy Property Damage

Tampa, Fla., Dec. 2.—(United Press).—Slowly recovering from the effects of severe tropical storms, the east and west coasts of Florida today resumed its rushing business of entertaining the tourist traffic and selling real estate.

The property damage may exceed one million dollars, it has been unofficially estimated, the chief sufferers being Miami and Tampa.

The human toll taken by the elements was five dead, four missing and 18 injured. All the casualties occurred when a sleeping shack on Davis island near Tampa collapsed, burying a score of negro workmen.

Fire added to the terror of the gale when a fertilizer plant burned down in the Latin quarter here.

Wire communication with St. Petersburg, Fort Myers and other towns on the west coast, cut off when miles of wires went down, was restored during the night.

The citrus industry as a whole suffered little damage, according to C. C. Comander, general manager of the Florida Citrus Exchange.

The storm took Tampa and the

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### Sen. Norris Proposes Nationalization Of Country's Coal Mines

Washington, Dec. 2.—(United Press).—Nationalization of enough coal mines to provide the country with coal in times of emergency such as he said in times of emergency, was proposed today by Senator George W. Norris, republican of Nebraska.

### MR. FERGUSON DEFENDS WIFE'S ADMINISTRATION

Former Governor Of Texas Issues Scathing Statement Today

### ATTORNEY GENERAL SEVERELY CRITICISED

(United Press Service) Austin, Texas, Dec. 2.—In a scathing statement issued here today, former Governor James E. Ferguson came to the defense of the administration of his wife, Governor Miriam A. Ferguson, and declared the state had sustained "a loss of \$1,800,000 as a result of the legal gymnastics of the youthful Attorney General Dan Moody."

The former governor's statement contains seven pages of argument and figures and is entitled "The Highway Case at Austin."

The statement is signed "by James E. Ferguson." The former governor explained he waited to make a statement until the attorney general entirely finished his case in court and until the grand jury reported so that "he could make his case as strong as he could, and his record as big as he could."

He called attention to the fact the grand jury deliberated five weeks supposedly on highway matters, then reported without returning an indictment.

The Ferguson administration has been under threat of a special session of the legislature since Moody

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### GIFT DAYS TO BE CONTINUED

### Decatur Merchants To Give Gifts To Customers During Winter

More than 25 business houses were represented at the meeting of the Decatur Advertising association, held last night at 6:15 o'clock. It was decided, after a lengthy discussion, to continue the Gift Days throughout the winter months, and plans will be made immediately after the gift distribution January 9 for another gift day.

Several interesting topics were discussed at the meeting, which lasted about two hours. Tickets for Gift Days will be distributed in the same manner as previously done, it was decided after other plans had been discussed.

The merchants decided that the patrons would be better benefited if the distributions were continued as they have been in the past, rather than to have special "bargain days" on which to entertain the patrons and present them with special bargains.

The next gift distribution day will be held in this city January 9. The time of the distribution has not yet been decided on, but it is probable that one will be held in the morning and one in the afternoon, so as to give the patrons sufficient time in which to do their regular Saturday trading.

### Briand's Declaration Is Received Coldly

Paris, Dec. 2.—(United Press).—Premier Aristide Briand's ministerial declaration to the French parliament today was received coldly by the members.

The situation was deemed serious, leaving the government in a post on where it was not so certain as it was earlier in the day that it would find a safe majority to support it.

The "ministerial declaration" was considered the first test of strength of the new Briand ministry.

### Bandits Get \$14,000 From Detroit Bank

Detroit, Dec. 2.—Two bandits held up the Highland Park branch of the Peninsula State bank here this afternoon and escaped with funds estimated at \$14,000.

Temperament



GERALDINE FARRAR

The artistic temperament of Geraldine Farrar was blamed for the postponement of "The Love Spell" at Hartford.

### LOCAL ELKS TO HOLD MEMORIAL

### Lodge To Honor Deceased Members With Program At Home Next Sunday

Plans have been completed for the annual Elks Memorial Day program, which will be held by the Decatur lodge of the B. P. O. Elks next Sunday afternoon, at the new Elks home on North Second street. The program will be public and will be held at 2:30 o'clock in the lodge room.

Judge J. T. Merryman and C. J. Lutz will be the principal speakers and a musical program has been arranged, together with the memorial observance for the deceased members of the Decatur lodge. The entire program will last about one hour and the people of Decatur are cordially invited to attend.

The program is as follows: Opening by Exalted Ruler "Home of Peace".....Blowers Mrs. L. A. Holthouse Prayer.....Rev. H. W. Thompson "My Redeemer and My Lord".....Buck Mrs. Cecil Moser Eulogy.....Judge J. T. Merryman "God Shall Wipe Away All Tears".....Cara-Roma Dr. Fred Patterson Memorial Address.....C. J. Lutz Closing Ode....."Auld Lang Syne" By all present. Benediction.

### SAYS U. S. LEADS IN NAVAL FLYING

### Officer From Navy Bureau Of Aeronautics Testifies At Court-Martial

(U. P. Staff Correspondent) Washington, Dec. 2.—The United States leads the world in naval aviation, Commander Kenneth Whiting of the navy bureau of aeronautics in charge of aircraft carriers, testified at the Mitchell court-martial today. When the Lexington and Saratoga, new carriers, are commissioned, the nation will have the most powerful aircraft carriers afloat, Whiting testified.

"Each has 180,000 horsepower," he said. "They are the greatest in power in the world."



### Weather

Indiana: Partly cloudy to cloudy tonight and Thursday. Slightly warm on Thursday and in southwest portion tonight.

### CHAPMAN TAKES STAND IN HABEAS CORPUS HEARING

"Arch Bandit" Tells Of Alleged Legal Injustices Accorded Him

### SHOWS NO TRACE OF NERVOUSNESS

Hartford, Conn., Dec. 2.—(United Press).—Without a trace of nervousness, Gerald Chapman took the witness stand today at the habeas corpus hearing before the federal court in Wethersfield state prison today and listed alleged legal injustices that had befallen him.

The "arch bandit" testified that when he was taken from Atlanta prison to be brought to Connecticut to stand trial for murder, he did not know his destination, having been left uninformed of Connecticut's wish to make him stand trial.

Chapman also charged that he was not told of the writ of habeas corpus the state superior court granted to bring him into the state court until two hours before he was taken.

He testified that he did not know that he was considered a state prisoner after he had been convicted by the state court for killing a policeman.

After describing refusal of the commutation of federal sentence offered him by the president, he was excused.

The bandit abused his guards for letting him go to the witness stand alone. The hearing was recessed until later this afternoon to allow the bandit's attorneys time to prepare some new papers.

### GERMANS SEEK CONCESSIONS

### Country Tries To Translate Locarno Spirit Into Easier Terms

London, Dec. 2.—Germany is seeking to have the "Locarno spirit"—Locarno spirit—translated into concessions for her from her new allies. Scarcely was the ink dry upon the peace and arbitration pacts signatures before Germany, through Chancellor Luther and Foreign Minister Stresemann, besought the representatives of France, Belgium and England to make these modifications of Versailles treaty stipulations:

First, early evacuation of all territory occupied in Germany.

Second, immediate reduction of allied forces in Germany.

Third, relaxation of treaty restrictions on aircraft production in Germany.

The Germans are understood to have announced their intention to apply to Geneva for German admission to the league of nations as soon as they return to Berlin.

As for the evacuation of Coblenz and Mayence bridge heads—Cologne is already being cleared—it is understood that the allies first intend to modify the present occupation and later to relinquish it entirely. This relinquishment perhaps will come in connection with the league of nations proposed disarmament conference next fall.

### Gasoline Tax Totals \$740,594 In November

Indianapolis, Dec. 2.—(United Press).—Indiana's gasoline tax poured \$740,594 into the state treasury during November, it was announced today. The amount was nearly a quarter of a million dollars larger than the collections in November, 1924.

### Thieves Steal Trolley Wire From Car Barns

Thieves broke into the interurban car barns in the north part of the city some time Tuesday night and stole 300 pounds of copper trolley wire. The theft was not discovered until the barns were opened this morning. Sheriff Baker was notified, but no clues have been found.

Finds Drug Cure



FRED DU BRY

Fred Du Bry, San Francisco chemist, claims to have found a cure for the drug habit in "curare," the extract of a plant found in South America and the Orient. His claims have been endorsed by physicians who have seen him work wonders with supposedly hopeless addicts.

### Woman Freed Of Charge Of Slaying Boy Who Threatened Her Child

Evansville, Ind., Dec. 2.—(United Press).—Mrs. Ruby McIntosh, mother of four children and slayer of a boy whom she feared was going to attack one of her children, was free today.

A jury hearing her trial for murder Tuesday night acquitted her after four hours deliberation. In her testimony the mother told the court she shot and killed Devenas Taylor, 16, on August 13 last, because he had slapped her son, Donald, 13, and because she feared further attack.

### BANKERS TO AID CORN GROWERS

### President Coolidge Directs Banks To Organize Credit Agencies

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Acting at the direction of President Coolidge, mid-western bankers today started organization of credit agencies to help Iowa farmers market their corn crop and thus avert a feared "corn crisis." Two credit organizations with a total loaning power of \$5,000,000 will be in operation within ten days, it was estimated.

A message from President Coolidge was read to the conference of bankers from Iowa, Chicago and other points when Secretary of Agriculture William Jardine opened the session late yesterday.

The message said: "Iowa farmers in common with those in other sections of the country have had difficult times to meet in recent years, and while conditions have improved, they are still far from satisfactory. Fortunately there is a good corn crop this year but it is important the farmers market this crop to the best advantage.

"Some farmers will need credit to carry out a program of orderly marketing, and I am desirous that the agencies of the federal government give every possible assistance. Since the federal immediate credit system was created by congress expressly for the purpose of serving the farmers, I trust every effort will be made to utilize the facilities thus afforded. It is my hope and expectation that out of this conference will come constructive help."

The conference decided on the organization of two credit agencies to be called the National Credit Corporations, to be located at Des Moines and Fort Dodge, Ia. Each corporation will have capital stock of

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### NINETY ADAMS COUNTY CITIZENS PURCHASE STOCK

Papers Being Prepared To Incorporate Company Last Of This Week

### PLANS BEING MADE FOR FAIR NEXT YEAR

Ninety prominent business men, manufacturers and farmers of Adams county have subscribed for stock in the Adams County Agricultural Association, being organized in this county, according to a statement made today by E. B. Williamson, who is organizing the association. As only thirty subscribers are needed to incorporate, plans are going forward to incorporate the association and it is likely that the necessary papers will be issued late this week. The application for incorporation has been filed, already.

Much interest is being shown in the project by persons in all parts of the county. Not only Decatur citizens, but citizens of Monroe, Berne and Geneva are behind the movement. The success of the undertaking is now assured. As soon as the organization is completed the association will take over fifty acres of Belmont Park, where the Northern Indiana Fair has been held for many years.

In addition to holding the fair, the association will do many other things to promote and encourage agricultural interests throughout the county.

**Making Plans For Fair**  
Plans are already under way for holding the fair here next fall. The dates for the fair will not be set until February. It is planned to make many improvements at the fair grounds, among which are the enlargement of the art hall so that manufacturers and dealers of household furniture and equipment may exhibit their products; erection of a education and historic exhibit building, remodeling of the cattle barns and several others.

The local fair-association already is a member of the National Association of County, District and Independent fairs, the Northern Indiana and Southern Michigan Fair Circuit, the Indiana State, County and District Fair Association and the Harness Horse Association of America.

**List of Subscribers**  
The list of subscribers for stock in the association includes: J. F. Arno'd, Ed A. Ashbacher, A. R. Ashbacher, E. J. Ahr, P. E. Anspaugh, E. B. Adams, Frank Aurand, D. W. Beery, C. E. Bell, Charles Burdick, Dick Boeh, L. F. Conter, Dr. J. W. Clark, J. H. Carhody, Charles N. Christen, Ed Chronister, Cross Service company, H. M. DeVoss, Owen S. Davis, Frank W. Downs, Thomas J. Durkin, L. A. DeVoss, Benjamin Elting, Leo B. Ehinger, E.

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### NOTED MOOSE TO BE IN FORT WAYNE

### Local Lodge To Hear Rodney H. Brandon Speak To Kiwanis Club

Rodney H. Brandon, secretary-treasurer of the Mooseheart Legion of the World and a leading figure in Moosehood, will speak to the Kiwanis Club at Fort Wayne next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The Decatur lodge of the Loyal Order of Moose has accepted an invitation to attend and has chartered a car on the interurban line which will leave here at 6:45 o'clock, arriving in time for the meeting and returning after the meeting. The fare for the round-trip is one dollar and all are invited to attend. Mr. Brandon is a wonderful speaker and will have a message worth hearing. The Moose club here will be closed Tuesday night because of the Fort Wayne trip.