

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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## 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 Nutman 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 Nutman avenue at the corner of Twelfth street and on Mc Barnes 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

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### 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 Fellow's 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



### 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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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.

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#### 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 officially 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.

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

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

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#### 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



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

C. 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 arrivers, will be the most powerful aircraft carriers afloat, Whiting testified.

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The situation was deemed serious, leaving the government in a position 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.

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#### Thieves Steal Trolley Wire From Car Barns

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### CHAPMAN TAKES STANDINHABEUS 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 habeus 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 habeus 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.

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### Finds Drug Cure



**FRED DU BRY**

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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 Northland 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 country.

#### 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 house hold 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 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, G. E. Bell, Charles Burdg, Dick Boch, L. F. Conter, Dr. J. W. Clark, J. H. Carmona, Charles N. Christon, Ed Chronister, Cross Service company, H. M. DeVoss, Owen S. Davis, Frank W. Downs, Thomas J. Durkin, L. A. DeVoss, Benjamin Elting, Leo E. 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 Moosedom, 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.

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