

BUDGET IS TRANSMITTED TO CONGRESS

JUNIOR BAND IS ORGANIZED IN THIS CITY

Forty-Four Boys And Girls Sign Up To Play In Musical Organization

FIRST LESSONS GIVEN TO MEMBERS TODAY

The organization of the "Decatur Junior Band," has been perfected and the first private lessons were given this morning to a group of members by Signor J. C. Cafaro, musical director of Fort Wayne.

The organization already has 44 members, including 40 boys, 3 girls and one woman, and during the winter months private lessons will be given to the members and by spring it is hoped that the regular band can be organized.

The boys' work committee of the Decatur Rotary club, of which M. F. Worthman, superintendent of the city schools, is the chairman, assisted in organizing the band and in securing the services of Signor Cafaro and the musical instruments.

To Give School Credit

Through an arrangement made by En Lankenau, superintendent of the Decatur Works of the General Electric company, the instruments can be purchased by the players through the Conn Musical company, of Elkhart, on a monthly payment plan, or rental basis, and at very reasonable prices. The band director will visit Decatur every Wednesday and Thursday to give private lessons and the Decatur Industrial rooms will be used for this purpose. Pupils in school will be allowed to take lessons during the assembly periods and arrangements are being made in both the public and parochial schools to give credits to the pupils. From 8 to 10 private lessons will be given the members.

Fifteen of the 44 applicants for the band can play instruments, already, and the private lessons will be given to those who cannot play. The band will be under the supervision of the principals of the public and parochial schools and agreements from the parents of the children have already been secured.

Three Instruments Furnished

Three of the large musical instruments needed in a band, namely the bass tuba, the bass drum and the bass baritone, will be furnished or paid for, if the band continues to function, out of a fund known as the old swimming pool fund, which was raised in this city several years ago, when it was thought that a municipal swimming pool could be erected at the city light and power plant in connection with the spray pound. The money was raised and has been

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MASONIC LODGE HOLDS ELECTION

John Dickerson Re-elected Worshipful Master; Installation Soon

John Dickerson, of the freight department of the Pennsylvania railroad company, was re-elected Worshipful Master of the Decatur Masonic lodge last night, at the annual election of officers. Mr. Dickerson will start his second term in the master's chair in January. Wilson Lee was re-elected Senior Warden.

M. E. Hower was elected to the Junior Warden station. A. D. Stutjes, who has been treasurer of the Masonic lodge for several years, was re-elected at last night's meeting, and E. B. Adams, secretary, was re-elected. All offices are for a one year period, excepting that of trustee.

Dan Sprang, the only trustee whose term expired this year, was re-elected for another three-year term. Other trustees of the lodge are, C. E. Peterson and R. D. Myers. Installation of officers will take place in the next few weeks, it was announced.

Police Chief Charged With Contempt Of Court

Michigan City, Ind., Dec. 9.—(United Press.)—Charges of contempt of court were pending in the Laporte county court today against Richard Kruse, police chief of Michigan City.

The charges were brought because Kruse released for publication the names of persons involved in juvenile wild parties.

Kruse had been requested by Judge Richter not to release the names of young girls participants in the parties but disregarded the court's request.

REV. ALLSTON IS NEW MODERATOR

Bluffton Pastor Succeeds Rev. Covert As Head Of Fort Wayne Presbytery

The Rev. T. R. Allston, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Bluffton, was selected moderator of the Fort Wayne Presbytery, to succeed the Rev. B. N. Covert, of this city, at the quarterly meeting of the Presbytery, held in Fort Wayne yesterday. The Rev. A. P. Bourne, pastor of the Fort Wayne Westfield Presbyterian church was elected state clerk of the Presbytery to succeed the Rev. C. O. Shrey, also of Fort Wayne, who has held the office for the last several years.

The Presbytery convened at the Y. M. C. A. building at 10 o'clock yesterday morning. Another session was held in the afternoon. Round table discussions of the church's financial systems and the young peoples' work was held. The Rev. B. N. Covert attended the meeting.

Rents Are 67 Per Cent Higher Than 1913 Level

St. Petersburg, Fla., Dec. 9.—(United Press.)—Rents are now 67 per cent higher than the 1913 level and the trend is definitely upward the annual convention of the Investment Bankers' association was told in a report by the real estate securities committee today.

ENGLAND AND FRANCE AGREE

Nations In Full Accord On Program Of Proposed Disarmament Parley

By Henry Wood
(U. P. Staff Correspondent)
Geneva, Dec. 9.—France and Great Britain today reached a full agreement on the program of the proposed 1926 League of Nations' disarmament conference. This agreement, sought in two secret meetings of the league council, finally included an understanding on all points, including settlement of the two nations' dispute over the question of military contingents to be provided under the mutual assistance provisions of Article XVI of the league covenant.

This left the Mosul controversy practically the sole stumbling block before the council. This question, it was said, offers grave possibilities.

Meantime, league men studied the message of President Coolidge to congress, reached the conclusion that congress was ready for American participation in a naval disarmament parley, but not in a land conference.

President Coolidge's congressional message, welcoming European efforts at disarmament, was one of the decision factors in enabling the British and French to reach the agreement on the conference program.

The message is still being studied by the council to enable that body to decide the precise nature of the invitation it will address the United States for collaboration in the conference work.

BEET WORKERS CUT AUTO TIRES

Mexicans Become Angry When Told They Must Wait For Their Wages

A dispute over beet wages at the Decatur Sugar factory last night resulted in the threat of "getting even" being carried out and when E. J. Fricke, field agent for the local factory, left the factory to come into this city, two of his automobile tires had been cut in several places.

The dispute started when several Mexican employees came to the factory and demanded their wages at once. They were told that the checks would be made out as soon as their work had been checked and the amounts determined. The workers wanted them immediately and when told they would have to wait a little while they became angry. Threats followed.

Officials of the local factory notified city officials of the situation last night and about 10 o'clock, Sephus Melchior and Arthur Clark, Decatur police, arrested Flora Ortiz, a young beet worker, whom several people said they had seen near the automobile just before the tires were cut.

Ortiz was questioned last night by the police officers, but denied his guilt. He was placed in the county jail last night and this morning, after no charges were filed against him, he was released. It is not known yet whether any charges will be filed or not. No one saw Ortiz cut the tires, but several employees say that they saw him near the Fricke automobile shortly before the deed was done.

The insurance company in which Mr. Fricke's car is insured, stated late last night that they would send a man to this city to investigate this morning.

COL. MITCHELL SCORES AGAIN

Second Attempt Of Prosecution To Brand Him A Plagiarist Fails

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—(United Press.)—Another attempt by the war department prosecution to brand Col. Mitchell as a plagiarist, failed today when the court refused to hear testimony purporting to bear on the subject.

The prosecution produced Captain Thomas C. Hart, U. S. N., submarine expert, who is the author of a printed lecture delivered in 1919, which, it charged, Mitchell embodied verbatim in his book "Winged Defense," it asked that his testimony be admitted to shed light on Mitchell's character.

Col. Blanton Winship, law officer of the court, however, ruled that the court was not trying Mitchell for plagiarism and the court sustained his recommendation that they refuse to hear the witness.

A previous attempt by the war department failed on similar grounds. After this flurry, Major-General Mason M. Patrick, chief of the army air service, was called by the prosecution to confront his former assistant, Col. Mitchell. He denied many of Mitchell's charges against the air service.

Accordion Serenade Ends In Slaying Of Aged Infirmay Inmate

Monticello, Dec. 9.—An accordion serenade for two aged women inmates at the White county infirmay ended last night in the slaying of Nelson Anderson, 74.

William Devans, 76, was held in jail today, charged with murder for Anderson's death.

Anderson was playing his accordion for the two women inmates when Devans called down the stairs and told him to stop.

Anderson threw an apple at Devans and the latter ran down stairs toward him. Anderson struck at Devans with a stick of wood. Devans whipped out a pocket knife and stabbed Anderson.

Says Davis And Bryan Were Too Good To Waste On Prohibition Question

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—(United Press.)—"I wish we had let the Democrats nominate Al Smith on a wet platform last year," Dr. Clarence True Wilson, general secretary of the board of temperance and prohibition of the Methodist Episcopal church, told the annual meeting of the board here today.

"Davis and Bryan were both too good to waste on the situation, or to have offered such a defeat," he said.

FREE MOVIE IS OFFERED KIDDIES

Van Grant, Of Adams Theatre, Makes Offer To Good Fellows Club

Mr. Van Grant, of the Adams Theatre, has donated a gift to the Good Fellows club that will bring a big broad smile of appreciation from every boy and girl in Decatur, and hold it there.

The club, this morning, received an offer from Mr. Van Grant for a free matinee to the kiddies of this community on the afternoon of Wednesday, December 23. It will be a good show and will be free to all children under fifteen years of age. Of course, the offer was accepted by the Good Fellows and is more than appreciated, for it helps them complete a program for happiness for the boys and girls during the Christmas week.

NEW STOCKYARDS ARE BUILT HERE

Nickel Plate Railroad Company Constructs Pens And Sheds

After being without stockyards here for several years, a new loading and unloading station has been constructed by the Nickel Plate railroad company in the southwest part of Decatur, near the end of South Tenth street. The yards have been completed and, as soon as a weighing station is constructed, the new yards will open.

There are four pens in the new yards, two on each side of a leadway which guides the cattle to and from the cars. Two sheds are located on the ends of the two west pens. The new yards will accommodate most of the stock being shipped or received in this city for any one day.

The yards are located a considerable distance from any house and it is believed that it is the best location near this city for them. The Pennsylvania railroad some time ago took out their yards near Seventh street because of objections of property owners near the yards. Since that time Decatur has been without a loading pen.

The new yards are the property of the Nickel Plate company but may be used by anyone shipping livestock, according to the present plans. Butler and Ahl is the chief Decatur company dealing in livestock, and that company plans to erect a weighing platform at the new yards.

M. E. Sunday School Board To Reorganize This Evening

A meeting of the Sunday school board of the Methodist church will be held at the church this evening immediately following the weekly prayer meeting. Election of officers will be held and all members of the board are urged to be present.



Weather
Generally fair tonight and Thursday but with some cloudiness. No decided change in temperature.

MINISTERS ELECT OFFICERS TODAY

Rev. Loose Re-elected President Of City Ministerial Association

The Rev. R. W. Loose, pastor of the Evangelical church, was re-elected president of the Decatur Ministerial Association at a meeting of the organization held this morning. The Rev. A. R. Fledderjohann, pastor of the Zion Reformed church, was elected secretary and treasurer.

Plans for the simultaneous evangelistic meetings to be held by the local Protestant churches beginning January 10, were discussed at the meeting this morning. The Rev. O. E. Miller, pastor of the Baptist church, was received into membership in the association. Rev. Miller was taken ill with typhoid fever shortly after assuming the pastorate of the local church several weeks ago, and this was the first meeting he had had an opportunity of attending. The treasurer of the association reported this morning that the collection taken at the union Thanksgiving service amounted to \$30.71 and that the money had been turned over to the United Charities.

The ministers and their families will meet at the home of the Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Thompson on West Adams street for a social meeting next Tuesday evening.

Burns From Scalding Soup Cause Death Of Child

Gary, Ind., Dec. 9.—(United Press.)—Michael Mumattles, 3, is dead here today from burns received when he turned over a bowl of scalding soup on his head, while the mother was preparing dinner.

COLT CLUB IS STARTED HERE

Adams County Enters Hoosier Gold Medal Colt Club; Rules Explained

The "Hoosier Gold Medal Colt Club," a new movement formed along the same lines as the "Hoosier Ton Litter Club," which has gained such wide recognition in Adams county during the past few years, has been launched in Indiana during the past few weeks and already is being given attention by local farmers. The county agent states the new work will receive attention through his office the same as has been accorded the ton litter contest work.

According to the rules of the new club, any 1925 colt, regardless of the breeding, is eligible. In order to nominate the colt and enter the contest, the owner shall join the Indiana Livestock Breeders' Association and obtain a nomination card for his colt. On the card is to be recorded the age, color, markings and other information concerning the colt, as well as the weight on date of nomination. Memberships shall be taken and colts nominated on or before December 15, which is next Tuesday, and leaves little time for delay.

The colts will be weighed again one year from date of nomination. Owners of all colts making a gain of 600 pounds or more will receive gold medals from the Association. Those making gains of 500 pounds and less than 600 pounds will receive silver medals while those gaining 400 pounds and less than 500 pounds will be awarded bronze medals.

Further details of the contest may be learned by obtaining a copy of the rules, which are being distributed by the county agent. It is said, a few farmers already have enrolled although, due to the newness of the project, but few are expected to participate the first year.

Corn Prices Trend Upward

Chicago, Dec. 9.—Corn took the leadership in trading on the board of trade today and gained from 3 to 3 1/8 cents per bushel. It was the first upward demonstration in months.

Conrad Baby Dies At Home On Eleventh Street

Fauntelle Mae Conrad, nine-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Conrad, died at her home on South Eleventh street at 10 o'clock last night. Death was due to a complication of the spine. The child was ill for three weeks. She was born February 20, 1925. Surviving are the parents and one sister, Mrs. Lucille Earhart, of Northville, Michigan. Short funeral services will be held at the home on Eleventh street at 9:30 o'clock Thursday morning and the body will be taken to Woodstock, Ohio, near Columbus, for burial. Mr. and Mrs. Conrad formerly resided at Woodstock.

FORMER DECATUR RESIDENT DIES

J. W. Smith Dies At Wells County Hospital In Bluffton Last Night

Bluffton, Dec. 9.—(United Press.)—J. W. Smith, 78, former Decatur resident, died at the Wells county hospital here last night, after a day's illness with heart trouble. Mr. Smith had been in apparently good health until Tuesday morning, when he suffered a heart attack and he lived only a few hours, dying early last evening.

The deceased was born in Ohio, in 1847, and came to Adams county when he was seven years of age. He lived in Adams county with an uncle, until the Civil war, and he then left with the Adams county volunteers. After the war, Mr. Smith farmed near Decatur for two years, and then aided building the grade for the G. R. & I. railroad. In about 1872, Mr. Smith came to Bluffton, where he engaged in business and he lived in this city the remainder of his life. He is survived by five children.

Funeral services will be held from the Methodist church here Thursday afternoon, at 2 o'clock, and burial will take place in the Bluffton cemetery.

New Advertising Feature Starts In Daily Democrat

Why it will pay to trade in Decatur, is the heading on a special page of advertising which appears in the Daily Democrat, for the first time this evening. The page contains 16 ads and will be published as a weekly feature for several weeks. The page contains many good suggestions for shoppers and we invite you to read it. A picture of the store of the one of the advertisers will appear every week at the top of the page.

HASTEN ACTION ON TAX MEASURE

Administration Starts Plans To Rush New Revenue Bill Through Congress

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—(United Press.)—The administration today gained expedited attention to the new \$225,000,000 tax reduction bill.

While orators lauded the measure and defended it against attacks in the house, plans were completed for handling it in the senate.

At a conference between Senator Reed Smoot, Republican, chairman of the senate finance committee, and Representative Wm. Green, Republican, Iowa, chairman of the house ways and means committee, it was decided that the senate committee would open hearing on the bill Jan. 2, immediately after the holiday recess.

Bond Secured For Release Of Klink And Gentry

Indianapolis, Dec. 9.—Bonds aggregating \$20,000 were to be presented to Judge James Collins in criminal court today for the release of Earl Klink and Earl Gentry, former henchmen of D. C. Stephenson, held in jail on charges of conspiracy to kidnap and arson.

Before Gentry and Klink are released, both Judge Collins and prosecutor Remy must approve the bonds. Both are said to have indicated they would not oppose the release.

MORE ECONOMY IS NECESSARY SAYS COOLIDGE

President Declares Past Economy Has Borne Fruit; Expenses At Minimum

PROVISIONS MADE FOR PROHIBITION

By William J. Losh,
United Press Staff Correspondent
Washington, Dec. 9.—The national budget for the fiscal year of 1927, transmitted to congress today by President Coolidge, estimated total revenues of \$3,824,530,203, total expenditures of \$3,494,222,308.44, and a probable surplus of \$330,307,894.56 for that year.

Revised estimates for the current fiscal year placed total revenues at \$3,880,716,942, total expenditures at \$3,618,675,186, and the probable surplus June 30 next at \$262,041,756, a decrease of \$89,082,244 below the surplus estimated by the President for that date a year ago, due to increased expenditures.

Counselling continued effort for economy, the President, in a message accompanying the document, said it had borne fruit, but added, "we have about reached the time when the legitimate business of government cannot be carried on at a less expenditure than that which it now requires. With regard to our legitimate business, the operating costs have been reduced to nearly a minimum."

"The effort for economy, however, must continue," said the President. "So far as it lies within the power of the Chief Executive, it will continue."

The message was notable for more comprehensive expression of the President's sentiments toward aircraft, prohibition, and government building than he made in his annual message to Congress yesterday.

"This government is pursuing an orderly policy toward building up its air services," he said, announcing large appropriations for new aircraft construction. "If we continue this policy, there need be no fear of our national defense situation in so far as air strength is concerned."

"Every available resource of the Government will be employed for prohibition enforcement," he warned, announcing his intention to propose a great expansion of the Coast Guard. "Such reinforcement is needed. It should be provided."

New Buildings Needed

"The actual conditions that face some of the government's most important activities because of lack of sufficient and suitable working space are almost inconceivable," he said, asking money for new building construction.

The President wrote at length on (CONTINUED ON PAGE THREE)

CHRISTMAS TREES ON LOCAL MARKET

Yuletide Decorations Are Plentiful In Decatur Stores Now

Several local stores have received their shipments of Christmas trees and others are expecting shipments in a day or two. The trees are large this year and appear to have a better color than usual. Most of the shipments are coming from Maine.

Prices on the Yuletide trees range from 50c to \$2.50, most of them, however, selling at 75 cents and \$1.00. If the weather does not become warmer in the next two weeks, the trees will be in good condition for Christmas, dealers said today.

Tree holders are selling at from \$1.00 to \$2.50, according to the size and construction. They can be obtained at several local stores. Trimmings and lights for trees have arrived at the stores handling electrical appliances and most of these stores report heavy sales the last few days.