

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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## 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 Eno 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; In- stallation 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. Suttles, 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 officers 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. Petersen 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. "I want the parents to know just what their children are doing," Kruse said. "Their names are on the police records."

### 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. Shirey, 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 people's 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.

It is interesting to note, however, the report said, "that rents have not risen as rapidly as the general cost of living, which is 73.5 per cent above the 1913 level."

### 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 he was ready for American participation in the naval disarmament parley, but not in a land conference.

President Coolidge's congressional message, welcoming European efforts at disarmament, was one of the deciding 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, Stephen Melchi and Arthur Clark, Decatur police, arrested Flora Ortez, a young beet worker, whom several people said they had seen near the automobile just before the tires were cut.

Ortez 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 charges were filed against him, he was released. It is not known yet whether any charges will be filed or not. No one saw Ortez 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 Prose- cution To Brand Him A Plagiarist Fails

Washington, D. C., Dec. 9.—(United Press)—Another attempt by the war department prosecution at the Mitchell court-martial 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. Blaston 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 fury, Major-General 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.

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 lead-way 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 Nickle Plate company but may be used by anyone shipping livestock, according to the present plans.

Butler and Ahr is the chief Decatur company dealing in livestock, and that company

plans to erect a weighing platform at the new yards.

After being without stockyards here

for several years, a new loading and

unloading station has been constructed

by the Nickle Plate railroad com-

pany in the southwest part of Decatur,

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