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Put on one of the red, white and blue buttons. They look good.

Wear your Old Home Week Club button. It's a sure sign that you are not only patriotic and loyal but that you are willing to back this organization.

The winter has slipped by rapidly, or at least it seems so to us. We have just got used to it and we notice the baseball teams are heading south for spring training.

Watson for president, Jackson or Robinson for senator, Schortemeier or Jewett for governor, gosh what a pill to swallow. And the scandals go right along uninterrupted.

Bill Rogers says that Hoover is for both the wets and the drys and they are for him. Thats the kind of fellow who seems to be able to win just now, a good "winker" who can fool both sides partly.

If they want Ed Jackson to resign, seems as though somebody ought to get him a job. There's Harry New and Will Hays and James Watson and Will Woods and several others with enough pull in Washington to land him a place in the Philippines or some other foreign seaport. Use your heads boys.

The Decatur Rotary Club has endorsed Old Home Week. We knew they would and we are sure every organization in the city will, by not only adopting resolutions but likewise by joining the Old Home Week Club one hundred per cent. Keep the good work going. Lets make every week a better one.

The Brotherhood of Baptists, meeting in Vincennes and representing twenty southern Indiana churches does not mince words in the resolutions adopted by them, demanding the resignation of Governor Jackson. There is no question that the people are determined in their belief that the governor has violated his oath of office sufficiently to make his resignation necessary.

Gosh, the bank robbers are using machine guns now. Guess they figure everybody has got so used to having a gun poked in their face that they had to do something more startling. In Kansas City yesterday a dozen men backed by a regular machine gun held up seventy people and helped themselves to some fifty thousand dollars, which is going some even in this age.

The Decatur light plant showed a profit of more than \$35,000 last year, on a total business of \$150,000 which shows excellent management, a good field and a fine investment. The plant in the meantime is being built up and now has a total valuation of nearly half a million dollars. The improvements made this year alone amounted to nearly thirty thousand dollars. The wonderful showing the past year was made also in the face of a reduction to the patrons. Just now we are reaping the harvest of years of effort and investment.

The time is slipping along. It will soon be the first of March and if we

wish to give a real Old Home Week we should be getting ready. Invitations should go out soon so that those a great distance away can make their plans. Before we can do anything we must raise the finances and that's what the club now under way is for. All you have to do is to send in five dollars to one of the banks or to this office. If we can raise \$5,000 we can have a grand old time in the late summer or early fall. Help a good thing along.

President Coolidge has signed a bill which appropriates a hundred million dollars for postoffices and federal buildings in the United States. Thats enough money to build a lot of buildings and will. Decatur's was included in it originally but was lost track of for some reason or other which has never been satisfactorily explained. Evidently those here who could have influence with the departments at Washington do not care to do so. It would be fine to have such an edifice here and since Portland, Bluffton, Elwood and other towns this size have them, there can certainly be no good reason for not having it except that Congressman Vestal hasn't pushed it. He ought to tell us why.

The Medical Journal for this month contains an interesting story of the needless operation performed upon a young woman in Chicago by Henry Junius Schireson, self-styled plastic surgeon with a record that reeks to heaven." The story shows X-Ray pictures of the girl's legs, which were straight before the operation and pictures of the results which necessitated amputation. The magazine also gives a record of Schireson since 1911, proving him to have been a fakir of the worst kind in numerous cities and in several states. The terrible results of this case should serve as a warning to those who believe every statement of cure-alls. Usually they are fakes designed to secure your money and often results are serious.

\* \* \* \* \* BIG FEATURES OF RADIO \* \* \* \* \*

## Saturday's Features

CFCA, Toronto, 357, and CKAC, Montreal, 411, 8:30 EST—Mark Hambourg, noted British pianist.

WBZ, Springfield, 333, 8:30 EST—Boston Symphony Orchestra.

WJZ, hookup, 8 EST—Walter Damrosch and Symphony Orchestra.

WJZ, hookup, 9 EST—Philco Light Opera Hour.

WNAC, Boston, 461, 8:30, EST—Triangular track meet, Harvard-Cornell-Dartmouth.

\* \* \* \* \* TWENTY YEARS AGO \* \* \*

\* From the Daily Democrat File \* \* \* \* \*

\* Twenty Years Ago Today \* \* \* \* \*

Feb. 25—Six affidavits filed against French township farmer for hauling heavy loads over soft roads.

Dewitt Miller lectures at the opera house on "Love, courtship and marriage."

Six men added to the force at the Decatur furnace plant.

Famous Taylor-Studabaker case is reversed and must be tried over for fourth time.

Myers-Dailey Clothing Company is installing the rack system to display clothing.

Miss Isabelle Spuller and Mr. Joseph Meyers married at St. Mary's church.

Mrs. Elsie Stalter weds Mr. George Thomas. It was the bride's sixth venture.

Stealing parties are still in order. Friends assist Miss Leona Harting celebrate her birthday anniversary.

J. J. Helm will sing "I read it in a book" at the Uncle Rube show.

\* \* \* \* \* THE GREAT WAR 10 YEARS AGO \* \* \* \* \*

Chancellor Von Hertling tells the Reichstag that utterances of President Wilson in his famous "fourteen points" speech of Feb. 11 show "small step toward peace," but adds that such sentiment has not been shown by any entente government.

U. S. built 14-inch guns, having a range of 17 miles, pound the Austrians in Italy, receiving praise from Italian war department.

**Largest "Old Master"**  
The "Paradise" of Tintoretto, which hangs in the palace of the Doges in Venice, is the largest picture ever painted by the old masters.

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## Annual Report of the

Electric Light Dept.  
Of the City Plant

JANUARY 1, 1927

DECEMBER 31, 1927

The Electric Light and Power department of the City Plant, Decatur, Indiana, in 1927, did a total business, including non-operating revenue of \$155,835.89.

Operating expenses amounted to \$104,685.78, depreciation \$15,864.20, leaving a net operating profit of \$29,466.67. Non-operating revenues amounted to \$5,819.24, making a total gross income of \$35,285.91. Deducting a charge of \$3,000 for interest and a payment of \$5,000 on bonds, the department showed a net profit of \$26,385.91.

During the year improvements and new equipment to the amount of \$29,725.44 were added, giving the department a value of \$402,513.69. The total power generated during the year was 5,689,510 K. W. H.

As taxpayers of the City your attention is called to the following report:

CREDITS		
PLANT INCOME		
Commercial Lighting Earnings	\$42,400.17	
Municipal contract lighting earnings	\$ 7,500.00	
Commercial power earnings	\$82,434.10	
Municipal power earnings from W. W. Dept.	\$10,983.25	
Earnings from Monroe, Preble, Union township and Pleasant Mills	\$ 6,699.13	
		\$150,016.65

INCOME FROM OTHER SOURCES		
Paid to treasurer for ornamental posts, 1927	\$ 3,528.40	
Received from insurance, sale of lamps, meters, labor, poles, etc.	\$ 2,290.84	
	\$155,835.89	

DEBITS		
COST OF STEAM POWER GENERATED		

Steam generated, coal, freight, hauling	\$46,839.20
Operating labor	\$17,403.96
Miscellaneous power plant supplies, expenses	\$ 7,742.21
Maintenance of power plant equipment	\$ 6,355.31
Maintenance of buildings, fixtures and grounds	\$ 1,183.37
	\$79,524.05

DISTRIBUTION COSTS		
Operating labor	\$ 1,327.90	
Distribution system, supplies and expenses	\$ 2,620.01	
	\$ 3,957.91	

MAINTAINANCE COST		
Maintenance of distribution system	\$ 4,602.69	
Maintenance of transformers	\$ 5.40	
Maintenance of meters	\$ 54.81	
	\$ 9,120.81	

MUNICIPAL CONTRACT LIGHTING COSTS		
Commercial consumption	\$ 297.99	
Trimming and inspecting lamps	\$ 602.40	
Municipal contract lamp renewals	\$ 154.85	
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Miscellaneous municipal contract lighting supplies, expenses and posts	\$ 6,485.16	
	\$ 8,079.99	

COST OF COMMERCIAL LINES		
Reading meters, collection and expense	\$ 1,080.00	
Promotion of business expenses	\$ 225.92	
	\$ 1,305.92	

GENERAL EXPENSES		
General office salaries	\$ 1,705.42	
General office supplies and expenses	\$ 339.23	
Public services commission expenses	\$ 92.52	
Insurance	\$ 2,990.49	
Stationery, printing	\$ 160.00	
Operation of utility equipment	\$ 221.74	
Maintenance of utility equipment including new truck	\$ 1,102.76	
Maintenance of buildings, fixtures and grounds	\$ 42.85	
	\$ 4,517.84	

SUMMARY OF COSTS		
Total of all operating expenses	\$104,685.78	
Depreciation on building, plant and equipment for 1927	\$ 15,864.20	
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