

CITY IS PROUD OF MUNICIPAL POWER PLANT

Decatur Has 600 Ornamental Lights; City Plant Worth \$1,000,000

CITY WATER WORKS IS MODERN PLANT

Visitors to Decatur during Old Home Week will vouch that Decatur has a modern and up-to-date light and power plant after they take just one look at the lighted streets within the city. In addition to the regular street lights, several thousand small overhead lights have been put up for the big week.

No city the size of Decatur has as many ornamental lights as there are in this city and they are kept burning every night of the year. Decatur has 600 ornamental lights, placed on several miles of streets. The streets that are lighted by ornamental lights are Second street, both north and south; Mercer avenue to the corporate limits; Winchester street to the Nickel Plate railroad; Adams street; Madison street; Monroe street; North and South Third street; South Ninth street; North Ninth street; Fourth street; one block on Jackson street; Fifth street; Line street. Petitions for lights on other streets have been granted.

The ornamental light posts were erected in front of the court house and county jail by orders of the county commissioners.

Program Started Few Years Ago

During the administration of Mayor H. M. DeVoss, 1922 to 1925, the ornamental light program, now in vogue, was started. The posts are erected under the provisions of a law which provides that the abutting property owner pay for only his share of the posts, the city defraying all the expenses of laying the cable, making the connections and erecting the posts. Through this law and the hearty cooperation of city administrations, the ornamental light posts are erected at a minimum of cost. The average cost is only about 30 cents per front foot.

Plant Is Modern

The city of Decatur owns one of the most modern and up-to-date municipal plants in the state. Originally built in 1897, the plant has been improved from time to time, until today it stands practically a new and modern plant. The machinery and equipment is practically all new. All the equipment in the plant is of the General Electric make.

The plant has a capacity of 6,000 horsepower or 40,000 K. W. H. per day. The highest run of electric current was in December, 1926, when the reading showed 24,800 K. W. H. for the 24 hours. This figure is quoted to prove that the capacity of the plant has not been reached and that there is plenty of reserve to take care of a large growth.

Water Supply Ample

The city plant also pumps and distributes the water throughout the city. Through the 15 miles of water mains, service is provided at every end of the city, ample fire protection is given and the sanitary condition of the city is above the average due to the ample water supply. If necessary 2,556,000 gallons of water can be pumped every 24 hours. For fire protection and reserve against shut-downs, the reservoirs are kept filled with 350,000 gallons of water.

The city plant has every modern piece of machinery necessary to manufacture electric current at a minimum cost. The management has always been in the interest of the city and mayors and councilmen have, from time to time, worked for the betterment and enlargement of the city plant.

M. J. Mylott Is Superintendent

M. J. Mylott, who was appointed superintendent of the city plant in 1897 by Hon. Bart Quinn, then the mayor of Decatur, has served continuously as the efficient and accommodating superintendent of the light and power department of the city plant. By the title of superintendent, is meant the "jack of all trades." Mart is a lineman, electrician, flunky or whatever he has to be in order to give service and serve the patrons of the city plant. Mart has friends, who, if they heard one word of criticism about his "bossing" the job, would take off their coats, ready for fight. He has a loyal and willing staff of helpers and when it came to decorating and putting up the lights for Old Home Week, the job was just about turned over to Mr. Mylott and today the lights are burning in all their glory.

The city plant has about 1,800 customers in the city and 500 on the rural lines, the local plant supplying electric current to a wide territory surrounding Decatur, including Monroe, Pleasant Mills, Magley and Preble and in Union township.

Water Department Well Managed

The water department is efficiently supervised and managed by Orval Haruff, competent engineer and splendid official who has, in a few years, given Decatur one of the best municipally owned water works plants in the state. New mains have been laid, others have been extended and

the commercial side of the business have been placed on a regular business basis. The water department serves more than 1,000 patrons.

In dollars and cents, it is estimated that the city plant is worth near a million dollars, but that is only a small part of the actual worth to the citizens of Decatur, who pride themselves in knowing that they own a municipal plant, sufficiently large enough to supply all the electric current required in the houses, business houses and offices, and in keeping Decatur's splendid industries running and producing their products for the markets of the world.

Wide Awake

As a rule those who wake up and find themselves famous "woke up" many years before.

EVENT PROVES OUTSTANDING IN CITY'S HISTORY

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celebration, including a masquerade parade in the evening, with Walter Wilkenson in charge.

Free acts will include several thrills described elsewhere, balloon ascension and airplane stunts. There will not be an idle moment and besides entertaining several thousand former residents Decatur is planning to greet many distinguished people including authors, professors, political leaders and state officials.

The stage is set, everybody is ready to extend a royal, hearty and sincere welcome to all who come. Everyone

is going to have just a great big, good time for a solid week, forgetting business worries and other troubles and living again for and with their friends.

Famous Artist's Model

Mona is an abbreviation of Madonna, meaning "my lady." Lisa was the name of the young woman who sat for the famous portrait by Leonardo da Vinci.

Poet Long Honored

The custom of the Romans of making a pilgrimage to Tasso's tomb has been observed since 1595. Tasso died on the day before that on which he was to ascend the Campidoglio to receive the poet's crown. A votive lamp has recently been placed on a slender marble pedestal before Tasso's tomb.

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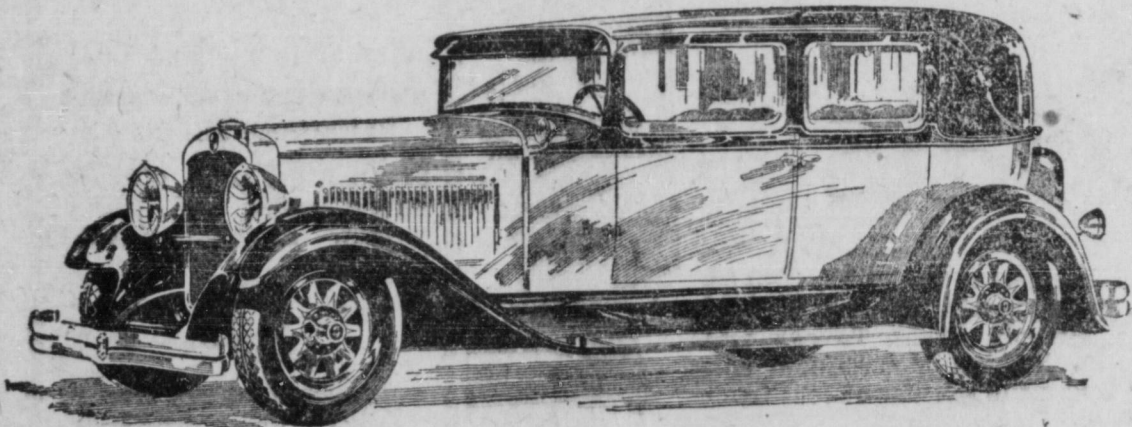
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