

## Power Light Rates Proposed Here By Decatur Officials

Asks Maximum Rate Of Five Cents Per Each Kilowatt Hour; Benefits All Customers.

### PRODUCTION UP

A maximum five cent per kilowatt electric rate will be given to the city light and power plant, according to the new schedule of reduced rates to be passed by the city.

The reduced rates will benefit the customer of the municipal plant in the city, the maximum rate of six cents per kilowatt for first 50 KWH being reduced to five cents.

The savings to the city will also result to the user under the residence rate, the step-down rate, as low as 2 1/2 cents per KWH on all kilowatts over 125 KWH.

It is estimated that the savings to the city will amount to \$6,000 a year, based on the city's consumption. The five cent rate will also apply to business houses and stores on the 50 KWH and then the rate will be four cents per KWH.

The city council in session last night passed a resolution adopting the new schedule of rates and authorizing the electric light commission and the board of public works and safety to file a petition with the public service commission seeking the lower rates.

The reduction of the light and power rates is voluntary on the part of the city and is not believed that the public service commission will offer any objection to the proposed schedule.

The city administration is determined to reduce electric rates as rapidly as possible.

The present schedule, together with the proposed reduced rates, is as follows:

**Present Residence Light**  
First 50 KWH month ..... 6c  
Next 50 KWH month ..... 5c  
All over 100 KWH month ..... 4c  
Minimum charge 50c month.

**Proposed Residence Light**  
First 50 KWH month ..... 5c  
Next 50 KWH month ..... 4c  
All over 100 KWH month ..... 3c  
Minimum charge 50c month.

**Present**  
Combination Light & Power  
First 50 KWH month ..... 6c  
Next 50 KWH month ..... 5c  
All over 100 KWH month ..... 4c  
Minimum charge \$1.50 month.

**Proposed**  
Combination Light & Power  
First 50 KWH month ..... 5c  
Next 50 KWH month ..... 4c  
All over 100 KWH month ..... 3c  
Minimum charge 50c month.

**Present Business House Rates**  
First 50 KWH month ..... 6c  
Next 50 KWH month ..... 5c  
All over 100 KWH month ..... 4c  
Minimum charge 50c month.

**Proposed Business House Rates**  
First 50 KWH month ..... 5c  
Next 50 KWH month ..... 4c  
All over 100 KWH month ..... 3c  
Minimum charge 50c month.

Increased production at the city light and power plant, which is reflected in larger net earnings, despite the big reduction in electric power rates last January, makes the lower schedule of rates possible, city officials were told.

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**Flower Garden Club Will Be Organized**

The civic section of the woman's club is sponsoring the organization of a flower garden club. A meeting will be held Friday evening at 7 o'clock in the Homestead office at the Old Adams county bank building. Anyone interested in this project is invited to attend the meeting.

## ROOSEVELT SON DENIES SELLING WAR AIRPLANES

Senator Nye Defends Committee In Refusing Hearing

Washington, Oct. 7 — (U.P.) — Chairman Gerald P. Nye of the senate munitions committee, today vigorously defended his action in deciding against hearings on charges that Elliott Roosevelt sought a \$500,000 commission for selling airplanes to Russia.

After studying documents submitted to it, Nye said, the committee decided that if there ever was a contract between the president's son and Anthony Fokker "it never was fulfilled and nothing was done under it and going into it would have resulted only in one thing — smearing of the President — one thing which no member of the committee wanted to do."

Nye also held that "in the interest of fairness" he had considered it necessary to release yesterday the affidavit of Fokker filed a year ago alleging that at one time he held a contract with Elliott for proposed sale of 50 military planes to Soviet Russia.

Nye, who is a Republican senator from North Dakota, but who so far has remained neutral in the presidential race, said that he did not consider that his action releasing the affidavit was anything more than "a fairness to all parties concerned."

"Obviously," he said, "when an attack is made on the committee challenging it with concealing files every member wants to resent it. Speaking as a member, I thoroughly resent it. At no time has there been partisanship on the committee."

"A good many ends were not run down, obviously," Nye asserted that the "whole purpose of making the affidavit available was to afford a demonstration of the fact that after all nothing had ever come of the charges."

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## FIRST MEETING OF CENTRAL PTA

Parent Teachers Association Holds First Meeting Tuesday

The first meeting of the Central Parent Teachers association was held Tuesday afternoon at the Central building, Mrs. L. A. Cowens, president, conducted the meeting.

Reports of past activities and completion of organization work for the present year were taken care of in the business meeting. Miss Glennys Elzey, secretary, gave a short summary of last year's activities; Mrs. Joe Hunter, treasurer, read the financial report; and Mrs. Francis Eady talked briefly on the district PTA meeting held here September 30.

Miss Helen Haubold, accompanied by Mrs. Carrie T. Haubold, sang, "By the hand of the river."

It was voted to hold the next meeting at 7 p. m., November 10. Thereafter, meetings will be held the second Tuesday of each month. Committees appointed by Mrs. Cowens were: program—Mrs. Francis Eady, Mrs. Buckley, Miss Coffey, Mrs. Ralph Yager; finance—Sylvester Everhart, Harry Dailey, Mrs. Joe Hunter; membership—Mrs. Fred McConnell, Mrs. Ben Schroyer, Mrs. Russell Melch; publications—Mrs. Bruce Christian; hospitality—Mrs. Paul Edwards, Mrs. Mrs. Harold Sauter, Mrs. Thomas Venie, Mrs. Amos Graber; welfare—Mrs. William Hoffman, Mrs. Floyd Hunter, Mrs. Jess Williams, Mrs. William Kohls, Mrs. Ralph Rupp; publicity—Lowell Smith, Mrs. William Affolder.

The hospitality committee served refreshments at the close of the meeting. Kathleen Foreman, Margaret Hancher, Martha Macy, Kathryn Schroyer, Mary Pickford and Betty Zinsmayer, Central students assisted in serving.

**City Officials To Attend Convention**

Several city officials are planning to attend the annual convention of the Indiana Municipal league in South Bend this week. The convention opens Thursday and continues through to Saturday, when the mayors and city officials will be guests of the mayor of South Bend at the Notre Dame-Washington football game.

## War Secretary Joins Red Cross



Harry Woodring, one of the first to join the 1936 roll call of the national Red Cross was the new secretary of war, Harry H. Woodring, shown as he signed up with Mrs. Frederick W. Boscher, wife of Major General Boscher, chief of finance of the U. S. army.

## G. E. INCREASE WILL BE \$200

Two Per Cent Wage Increase To Benefit Local Employees

The two per cent wage increase benefiting the 400 employees of the General Electric company in this city, is effective from October 1, according to instructions received by E. W. Lankenau, superintendent of the Decatur works from Gerard Swope, president of the company.

Mr. Lankenau estimated that the increase would amount to approximately \$200 a week to local employees.

The new plan calls for the employee's pay check to be governed by the relative cost of living, as set forth in an index published quarterly by the United States department of Labor. The check will fluctuate between arbitrary minimum and maximum limits. All employees receiving an annual salary of wages of not more than \$4,000 are affected. The increase will be paid on the first \$3,000 per year for all such employees.

This plan provides that if the cost of living goes up corresponding increases will be made in employees' earnings up to a maximum of 10% above the present level, and when this point is reached the company will again give consideration to the question. If the cost of living decreases, adjustment will be made downward but will not go below the standard of employees' earnings now in effect. With this arrangement the question of the relation of employees' earnings to the cost of living is taken care of automatically.

## CITY PARK WILL BE GARDEN SPOT

Water Works Park To Be Beautified; Council Takes Action

The first part of a three-year program to transform the city water works into a garden spot was announced at the city council Tuesday evening by Forest Elzey, chairman of the park committee.

The cost of the improvement is to be paid by the electric light and water departments. The work is to be supervised by the park committee.

A contract with the Auburn Nursery company of Auburn to furnish flowers, shrubs and trees for planting this fall and next spring was approved by the council. The cost of this is to be \$589. This part of the improvement will be on the east side of the plant north of the walk. It is impossible to landscape south of the walk at this time because of the remodeling of the plant to house the new turbine.

A double terrace is planned around the plant. The two reservoirs will be concealed by rose trellises. A rock garden has been planned for near the northeast corner.

The work will be started this fall. The city is to prepare the ground and furnish the rocks. WPA labor will be used.

## Many Vehicles On Roads Without Light

County and state police authorities stated today that they have received numerous complaints in regard to wagons and buggies being driven on the roads and highways after dark without a light.

They asked to remind these offenders that they are not only breaking the law but creating a condition dangerous to their lives and that of motorists, and ask that all vehicles, including bicycles, be equipped with a light at the first sign of darkness.

## Moose Drill, Degree Teams Meet Friday

All members of the Moose drill and degree team are requested to meet at the Moose home Friday evening at 8 o'clock.

## COUNCIL WILL RECEIVE BIDS

City To Receive Bids For Construction Of Sewer

The city council will receive bids for the construction of the Arnold sewer on West Monroe street on October 20 at the next regular meeting of the body.

At the council meeting Tuesday night the council approved the city engineer's report on the revised estimates for the sewer. Ralph Rupp's report gave the estimated cost of material at \$1,409.30 exclusive of labor. With both material and labor, he estimated the cost to be \$2,035.80.

The report of the electric light committee on the extension of the rural lines a mile and a half along the river road to serve Francis Fuhrman and others was approved.

A petition was read from Samuel Ritter and others asking that a light pole be erected on Harrison street near the Ritter home. This was referred to the electric light committee.

Complaints concerning the construction of the new sidewalk around the Engeler property on the northeast corner of Fourth and Monroe streets were reported. It was stated that there are now stumbling blocks which may be dangerous to pedestrians. The street and sewer committee was instructed to conduct an investigation.

Fred Engle appeared for the residents of Kugg street, asking that a number of improvements be made along that street while the street is being repaired. He announced that residents would soon petition for ornamental lights.

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## Democratic Rally In Allen County

A Democratic rally and hickory pole raising will be held Friday night at Boston, in Madison township, Allen county.

Harry Hilgeman, democratic candidate for judge of Allen county, will be the principal speaker. The Decatur-American Legion band will furnish the music.

Free lunch and coffee will be served. Charles Brower, Dr. C. Cordell and Louis Scherer are the committee in charge. The public is invited to attend.

## TRUCK DRIVER IS HELD AFTER FATAL ACCIDENT

Dayton, O., Man Is Held Here After Truck-Wagon Crash

Mack Matosky, aged 21, of 535 Notre Dame Ave., Dayton, Ohio, is being held in the Adams county jail following the truck-wagon collision near Geneva Tuesday afternoon, in which Hosa Newcomer, farmer of near there was killed.

Matosky is being held at present on a charge of operating a motor vehicle with the chauffeur's license required by law.

Charges of involuntary manslaughter, carrying a sentence of 2 to 21 years, could be filed by the coroner's jury, which was scheduled to meet late this afternoon.

Matosky's partner in the fruit truck, owned by the Kiefober Motor Company, of Dayton, Ohio, was allowed to finish the belated trip to Michigan markets for a load of fruit. He is to stop here on the return trip tonight to hear the coroner's verdict.

The partner, known only as "Tal" Peiffer to Matosky, had been working with him for less than a week, and Matosky stated "Tal" was the only name used in their conversation.

**Died Enroute Home**  
Hosa Newcomer, the victim in the crash, died on the way home from the office of a Geneva physician. His home was located in Jay county near the Adams county line. Authorities are now investigating to determine definitely whether he died in Adams or Jay county, which will place the matter of jurisdiction in the hands of the Jay county coroner or with Robert Freely, deputy coroner here, acting in the absence of Coroner Robert Zwick, who is out of town.

Deputy Freely stated this afternoon, that he was convinced the man had died in Jay county.

Matosky told Sheriff Dallas Brown that he had had but little or no sleep since last Wednesday, driving almost constantly since that time.

From the story gathered from the men in the truck and the passerby, who arrived on the scene shortly after the crash, a plausible account of how the accident occurred was pieced together by Sheriff Brown and state police.

The deceased was traveling north on highway 27, when struck from the rear by the big truck at the intersection of the highway.

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## Ticket Purchasers To Have Reserved Seats

Purchasers of tickets for the banquet to be held preceding the Town-sent rally at Bluffton Saturday night will have reserved seats at the program in the community building it was announced today.

Those who did not have tickets may attend the program which will be free of charge. The doors will be open at 6:30 o'clock in the auditorium.

The program is sponsored by the Young Democratic clubs of Adams and Wells counties.

## FRANK AVERY CLUB SPEAKER

District Deputy Governor Speaks To Lions Club Tuesday

Frank Avery, of Auburn, district deputy governor of Lions organizations, was the chief speaker at the regular meeting of the local club last night in the Rice hotel. "Principles of Lionism," was the topic of the deputy's address, concerning the activities of the club during the past few years in aiding humanity.

The clubs are now engaged in the work of sponsoring many movements and organizations aiding blind and crippled individuals and dependent children.

He also spoke of the rapid growth of Lions clubs, stating that while in 1917 there were only 25 clubs, there are today 2,700 organizations all over the United States and several foreign countries.

Speaking of a local nature, he recalled the fact that the Decatur club had only nine members at the time of its founding, but now has a total of 39 enrolled.

On the next meeting induction ceremonies for three new members, Donald Waite, Harold Essex and one other, will be held.

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## Roosevelt Plans Campaign Tour Of Over 5,000 Miles

K. OF P. OPEN MEET THURSDAY

Prominent Officials Of Order To Attend Meeting Here

Ira E. Clarke, of Minneapolis, Minnesota, assistant supreme keeper of records and seal, of the national order of Knights of Pythias, will attend the open meeting of the Knights and Pythian Sisters Thursday night.

Mr. Clarke will also address the meeting during the session, which will be open to the members of both organizations, their friends, wives, sweethearts and interested persons.

The membership campaign for the coming fiscal year will be discussed and other open business transacted.

Other prominent lodge officers expected will include Carl Mitchell, grand keeper of records and seals, of Indianapolis, Grand Chancellor Dalrymple and Grand Vice-Chancellor Walker, of Montpelier.

The meeting will be opened at 6 o'clock with a potluck supper in the lodge dining rooms, and the open meeting will follow. Those in charge of the entertainment are Joseph Hunter, F. R. Fenimore and Charles Knapp, of the K. of P., and Mrs. Fenimore and Mrs. Frank Carroll, of the Pythian Sisters.

A program of speeches and musical entertainment has been arranged for later in the evening.

A called special meeting of the Knights of Pythias will be held tonight at 7:30 in the lodge home. All members are urged to attend. New business and regular business will be conducted tonight, since the meeting Thursday is to be open to the public.

## RUSH PLANS FOR DEMOCRAT MEET

Program For Woodring Meeting Will Be Announced Soon

Plans for the Democratic meeting here on October 17 are being concluded and will be announced within a day or two, Nathan Nelson, county chairman stated this morning. He has named Will Bowers and H. J. Yager to have charge of the parade and to select such assistants as they deem necessary.

The meeting will be held at the Catholic high school auditorium in the evening and the speaker will be Harry H. Woodring, secretary of war. This noted statesman will make only two speeches, the one here and one in his home state of Kansas.

Senator Gottschalk reports that plans for the meeting at Berne on the night of the 22nd are completed. C. H. Muselman will preside and a concert by the Berne band will precede the speaking program at the auditorium. Plans for the lunch following the meeting are also being made.

Mrs. Olive Belden Lewis of Indianapolis will be the principal speaker at the regular meeting of the Woman's club, to be held at the Masonic club rooms in this city on the evening of the 15th, with a banquet at 6 o'clock.

Mr. Nelson is also planning meetings to be held in the various townships with local speakers and also trying to arrange for meetings in the north and south part of the county with state speakers on the program.

On Oct. 17, the final day of the campaign, Mr. Woodring will appear in person in Ohio. The president will reach Cincinnati about 10 a. m. for a brief visit and thence will move northward to Cleveland via Middletown, Dayton, Springfield, and Columbus. He will spend an hour in Cleveland.

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## MRS. TINKHAM DIES TUESDAY

Mrs. Sylvester C. Tinkham Dies At Blue Creek Township Home

Mrs. Phoebe A. Tinkham, 79, wife of Sylvester C. Tinkham, died at her home in Blue Creek township Tuesday evening at 7:45 o'clock. Death was caused by infirmities and complications.

The deceased was born in Pleasant Mills May 4, 1857 and had spent practically her entire life in Blue Creek township. She was married in April, 1894.

Surviving besides the husband are two children: Mrs. Elta Myers, Blue Creek township and DeWitt Tinkham, of Hartford township, and six grandchildren. One son, Floyd preceded his mother in death.

Funeral services will be held at 1:45 p. m. Friday at the home and at 2 o'clock at the Mt. Hope church. Burial will be made in the church cemetery.

**WEATHER**  
Cloudy, possibly showers extreme south, slightly cooler tonight; Thursday fair north, cloudy south, cooler along Ohio river.