

Central Soya Sales, Profits Reported

Second quarter profits of \$735,215, after provision for federal and state taxes, have been reported by the Central Soya Company, Inc., on sales of \$63,563,739 for the three-month period ended February 29.

This compares with net profits of \$548,390 and sales of \$64,325,017

for the first quarter. Net sales for the six-months period were \$127,826,776 as compared with \$123,188,862 for the same period in 1959. Net profits for this period, after provision for income taxes, were \$1,583,905, versus \$3,178,871 a year ago.

Net profit per share for the three-month period just completed was \$2.27 as compared with \$3.31 in the previous quarter (based upon the 2,734,846 shares outstanding on February 29), and with \$6.61 per share for the quarter ended February 28, 1959.



EXALTED RULER—George Bair, Sr., is the present exalted ruler of the Decatur Elks lodge.

Company officials said the financial statement reflects a continuation of market conditions that have prevailed throughout the industry during the past nine to twelve months. It now appears that the situation in the industry will show improvement in the next few months.

National Wildlife Week March 20-26

"Water: the key to your survival is the slogan for national wildlife week, March 20-26," R. A. Meyer, chairman of the Adams county reservation council, said today.

All Adams county schools are cooperating this year in the national program, and a film, concerning water conservation and the national water crisis, is available for use during the week.

The local council takes it to various schools or club groups, and keeps it moving about the county. The film is produced by the General Electric company, and distributed through the Indiana department of conservation.

The Adams county conservation council met Monday night, and delegates were given copies of the booklet, "Save Indiana's Waters," by the division of water resources, Indiana department of conservation.

Stamps will also be sold to those interested, and distributed to local merchants by the various conservation clubs of the county.

Elks Lodge Granted Charter Here In 1906

The Decatur Elks lodge, No. 993, was granted its charter July 20, 1906, following the formal application for a charter Aug. 2, 1905.

Prominent Decatur residents who signed the application for the charter in 1905 were Herman L. Conter, Amos P. Beatty, David E. Smith, James C. Merryman, Carl O. France, E. X. Ehinger and C. C. Ernst.

Herman L. Conter was elected as the first exalted ruler of the Decatur lodge following receipt of the charter.

Charter Members

The charter members of the organization, other than those who signed the charter application, were:

Thomas Haefling, W. A. Lower, D. D. Clark, George Haddy, E. G. Coverdale, N. J. Khorn, J. H. Yager, C. S. Niblick, D. N. Beery, Richard Irwin, T. A. Gottschalk, Nick Miller, R. J. Holthouse, M. J. Mylott, Charles D. Teeple, James P. Haefling, J. C. Johnson, C. C. Schafer, J. W. Bosse, C. J. Voglewede, Gus Rosenthal, Charles Adelberger, Earl B. Adams, Fred Vaughn, Calvin Miller, L. A. Holthouse, Charles N. Christen, Charles Meibers, H. M. DeVoss, Joseph Lyman, M. E. Hower, D. E. Studebaker, Harvey Roop, Harry Fritzinger, H. F. Callow, A. J. Forbing, F. C. Foreman, Charles Brown, Dr. Roy Archbold, Charles Elzey, J. D. Dailey, Dr. Burt Mangold, I. A. Kalver, John C. Moran and J. B. Meibers.

Only two of the charter members are surviving. They are Earl B. Adams, retired Decatur attorney and former judge of the Adams circuit court; and I. A. Kalver, retired theater owner.

Moved In 1925

The Elks had club rooms for many years in the Boch building on South Second street. In 1925, the lodge purchased the Chalmer C. Schafer home, 327 North Second street, one of the city's most pretentious homes at that time.

The lodge moved into its new home, constructed east and north of the old home, Dec. 29 of last year. The old home is now being razed and this space will be used to provide parking facilities for Elks members and their guests.

Present Officers

Present officers of the Decatur Elks, who will serve until April 1, are:

George Bair, Sr., exalted ruler;

James Newton, esteemed leading knights and exalted ruler elect; Bernard Hain, esteemed loyal knight; Denzil Dowell, esteemed lecturing knight; Oran Schultz, Wilbur Petrie and George Alton, trustees; Vincent J. Bormann, secretary; Bernard J. Clark, treasurer; Robert Wood, tiler; Sherman Koss, chaplain; James Hunter, inner guard; Larry Elliott, esquire.

Building Committees

Members of the building committee for the new home are Bernard Hain, chairman; David Baker, Bernard Clark, Earl DeWeese, Walter Schug, Ed Peck and Don Forst.

George Laurent and Bernard Hain are co-chairmen of the building finance committee, whose other members are D. Burdette Custer, Andrew Appelman, Wilbur Petrie and Denzil Dowell.



The Adams county 4-H horse and pony club will meet Thursday at 7:30 p. m. at the Farm Bureau Co-op building. This will be an organization meeting and the new rules set-up by the state will be introduced. The advisory committee consisting of Dr. Elizabeth Peck, chairman, Mrs. John Carroll, Everett Singleton, Oscar Ray, Edward Gerbers, Robert Colter and Robert Fuhrman, are asked to be present and any interested parents are invited to attend.

Sodbusters Club

The St. Mary's Sodbusters 4-H club met Friday evening at the Pleasant Mills school. Pledges were led by Dave and Nancy Bailey.

Election of officers was held. The new officers are: Don Riley, president; Steve Barker, vice president; Paul Rich, treasurer; Linda Riley, secretary; John Noll, health and safety; Dick Sprunger, song leader; Dave Bailey, news reporter; Gary Clouse, Dean King, and Nancy Bailey, recreation leaders.

John Noll will attend the district junior leader training conference at Wabash. 4-H leaders for the Sodbusters group are C. W. Morrison, Paul Rich, Russell Edgell, and Richard Mailand.



VIEW OF LODGE ROOM—Above is a view of part of the large lodge room of the new Elks home, located in the north portion of the building. This room is used not only for lodge meetings, but for banquets, dances and other social events.



PAST EXALTED RULERS—Above are pictured a majority of the past exalted rulers of the Elks lodge, taken at a recent lodge meeting.

Seated, left to right—Albert Colchin and Jesse G. Niblick. Standing, left to right—L. V. Baker, Walter Schug, Oran Schultz, George Alton, Earl DeWeese, Hugh Holthouse, H. P. Schmitt, Jr., George F. Laurent, George Bair, Sr., J. K. Eady and O. W. P. Macklin.

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