

## DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

Decatur, Indiana, Thursday Evening, November 20, 1919

Price Two Cents

## BIG INDUSTRY NOW ASSURED HERE

FUNDS TO SECURE LAND  
SUBSCRIBED IN ONE DAY

DECATUR INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATION  
GIVEN HEARTY SUPPORT -- WORK  
WILL BEGIN IN SHORT TIME -- MAY  
OPEN A SCHOOL.

## WHAT DECATUR DOES.

Furnishes site containing 7.54 acres or 35 city lots.  
Raised the funds to cover expense within a day.  
City officials agree to provide power equipment to meet demands.

Organized industrial association, to take care of local proposition.

Purchased lots and cleared title.  
Promised to take care of housing and to aid in growth of city in every way possible.

The General Electric company, one of the greatest corporations in the world, manufacturers, whose fame reaches every corner of the universe and whose growth during the past decade has been marvelous, will locate a branch in Decatur.

The decision was made at a meeting of the board of directors held in Schenectady, N.Y., the first of last week and the information and the letter setting out the same was given to a committee of Decatur business men, summoned to Fort Wayne last Thursday afternoon. By request of the company no publication was made of that fact until matters concerning contracts and information about securing machinery and material were taken care of.

To Make Small Motors  
The Decatur factory will be used for the manufacture of fractional motors, less than one horse power, recognized as one of the most staple articles on the market today. The plant will be located just west of the G. R. & I. railway between the gas tank and the Alfo Products plant and work on same is to begin soon. Messrs. Barnes, superintendent of the Fort Wayne plant, Matson, the engineer and McDonald, the electrical engineer who were here Tuesday to meet the city officials, stated the contract for the building will be let about December 1st and work will start at once. It is hoped the building can be completed by early spring.

The contract for the local plant will probably be awarded to a Cleveland, Ohio firm of contractors, familiar with the class of construction.

The details as to size have not been completed but will be within a few days.

Some Idea of "G.E."

The General Electric company is one of the big business concerns in the United States with factories in many cities and a total of 90,000 employees. The following condensed account as given by Mr. Goll, of the Fort Wayne company best tells the story of this great concern which will soon establish a new branch here:

"This company is engaged in the manufacture of well-nigh everything electrical with the exception of telephone equipments, and we number among our products large capacity

steam turbines, driving generators for power and light service; generators of every capacity for direct connections or belt drive from steam engines gas and gasoline engines and waterwheels, switchboards, transformers, meters of all kinds, motors of every description from one-two hundredths horse power to many thousands horse power, railway equipment for city, interurban, trunk line traction work including mine locomotives and very heavy locomotives for mountain work, refrigerating machines, electrical controllers and control devices, all sorts of wiring devices, incandescent lamps, electric fans, etc.

Companies affiliated with the General Electric company are engaged in the manufacture and distribution of all sorts of household utilities such as heating devices, including flat irons, electric ranges, water heaters, washing machines, vacuum cleaners, dishwashers, etc.

The principal factories of this company for the production of electrical machinery and devices are as follows:

Schenectady, N.Y.—Ground area, 340 acres; 5,800,000 feet floor space; 23,500 employees.

Lynn, Mass.—Ground area, 200 acres; 3,000,000 feet floor space; 12,000 employees.

Pittsfield, Mass.—Ground area, 88 acres; 2,000,000 feet floor space; 7,000 employees.

Erie, Pa.—Ground area, 68 acres; 1,100,000 feet floor space; 5,000 employees.

Fort Wayne, Ind.—Ground area, 27

BUYING OF LOTS  
TOOK SOME TIME

Shelter New Factory Includes Thirty-five Town Lots in Hanna Addition

## WEST OF RAILROAD

List of Those From Whom Lots Were Purchased to Land G. E. Factory

One of the big jobs connected with securing the General Electric branch was that of securing options and deeds to the thirty-five lots in the territory where the plant will be built. There were eighteen different owners and in several cases real complications. In one case the title was held by minors and the appointment of guardians was necessary. The lots were purchased from the following:

Lots 11, 12, 19, 20, 24 and 25, Hanna addition, from F. M. Schirmyer; 14 with house, from John Grady; 15, with house, Henry Huston and daughter; 16, with house, Bert Baier; 17, C. S. Niblick and E. X. Ebinger, trustees; 18, Mrs. Martha Johnson, Monroe; 21, Charles Battenberg; 22, True & Runyon; 23, Mrs. Mary F. Holthouse; 26, Samuel Butler; 27, C. A. Dugan; 28, Fruchte & Littner; 29 and 30 and house, George Chicote and Willard McConney; 21, E. B. Adams; 32, Mrs. Sarah Roop; 33, Mrs. Fred Smith; seven lots in Hanna addition and four in the Nuttman addition, Mary Ellen and Oliver Hanna.

Lot 13, Jerry Coffey is the only lot on which option has not been secured and a deed has been sent to Mr. Coffey in Los Angeles and is expected back at any time.

acres: 1,300,000 feet floor space; 5,000 employees.

Watseking, N.J.—Ground area, 30 acres: 600,000 feet floor space; 1,200 employees.

Its principal lamp factories are:

Harrison, N. J.—Ground area, 23 acres; 1,500,000 feet floor space; 8,000 employees.

Cleveland, Ohio—Ground area, 152 acres; 2,800,000 feet floor space; 9,500 employees.

In addition there are a considerable number of smaller plants for the production of specialties and incandescent lamps.

All the factories of this organization occupy a ground area of something in excess of 955 acres, having a floor space of approximately 20,000,000 square feet, and together with the sales organization include about 90,000 employees.

Because of there being many details to work out, the deal was kept comparatively quiet, but it is only fair to say that every person called upon, willingly responded, day or night. J. T. Myers was active and helped in a hundred ways. C. J. Lutz gave many hours and excellent service. F. M. Schirmyer furnished plats, gave wise counsel and had charge of investigation of the titles, being assisted by various attorneys and abstractors of the city. To these and a hundred others who assisted the chairman and all interested are sincerely grateful. You made it possible, men of Decatur.

Plans Ready Soon.

The first section of the new plant will be erected just north of the gas plant and will provide 50,000 to 60,000 feet of floor space. As rapidly as necessary this will be increased and it is hoped that within a short time at least three sections will be needed and that 1,500 to 1,800 people will be employed. Whether or not the building will be one or two stories has not been determined but will be soon, depending on the securing of material. The office and administration building will occupy the ground just north of the tank.

May Open School Here

The G.E. company is planning if possible to open a school of instruction here and the J. W. Vail building at the corner of Jefferson and Seventh streets may be rented for that purpose. If this is done they will employ 100 people or more at once and train them to do the work of winding motors. If this arrangement is not made an invitation to go to Fort Wayne for a course of in-

A NEW LAW FIRM  
THAT FORMED BY  
JUDGE DAVID E. SMITH  
AND R. C. PARRISH

## TO OPEN AN OFFICE

In Bass Block, Fort Wayne  
At Once—Judge Retires  
from Bench Saturday

With the retirement of Judge David E. Smith from the bench of the Adams circuit court next Saturday, Nov. 22, when his six-year term will have ended, Decatur will lose two of its best practicing attorneys—Judge Smith and Attorney Raleigh C. Parrish, who will go to Fort Wayne and open a law office in rooms 309 and 310 in the Bass Block, under the firm name of Smith & Parrish.

Both have been engaged in practicing law in this county for many years. Judge Smith was admitted to the bar January 18, 1882, having studied prior there in the office of Van Vorhees & Spencer, in Indianapolis; and at school at Indiana University and Butler. On engaging in the practice of law here, he was a member of the firm of Schurter, Reed & Smith, later the firm of Schurter & Smith. He also served as prosecuting attorney of this district. He became one of the foremost attorneys of the county and seven years ago was elected judge of the Adams circuit court for six years, the term ending Saturday, Nov. 22. He has served his judicial capacity with fairness and impartiality, and has made a fine judge.

His partner in the firm, Raleigh C. Parrish, is an Adams county boy, who began reading in the law office of Judge Smith, and supplemented his studies with the course in the Indianapolis Law School. He has been engaged in the practice of law here for many years, and has served as prosecuting attorney and also a member of the state legislature.

It was decided to look over the territory for a suitable location and the board met for that purpose. Several sites were examined and it is possible that a choice will be made soon and some action taken towards securing a site. It is likely that a petition will be filed with the state tax board asking for permission to issue bonds for the improvement which may cost \$100,000. Decatur will meet all requirements.

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