

Register of Old Buildings
Macon County Historical Coordinating Council

Address: 919 West William
Legal description:
McCaskill's Second Addition
10' S and adj. and W15' Lot 2 & all Lots 3-4-5 Blk 2

Date of original construction: 1904 Decatur Review - May 3, 1905
1904 Decatur City Directory

Name of original owner: Thomas T. and Anna J. Roberts
(Architect - Professor White - Champaign)

History:

1. A partial chain of title follows: (Source - Office of Macon County Recorder of Deeds)
 - March 10, 1903- Est. Henry Davis to Harriet H. McCaskill & husband
hus. Lots 1-4-5.
 - June 10, 1903- Harriet H. McCaskill & hus. to Thomas T. Roberts,
Lots 1-5.
 - May 11, 1915- T. T. Roberts to Anna H. Roberts. Lots 1-5.
 - Sept. 30, 1924- Anna H. Roberts, wid, to Laurens W. Cook & wf. Aileen.
 - July 17, 1941- Laurens W. Cook & wf. Mary A. to Cook Properties, Inc.
Lots 1-5.
All int. in a strip 20 ft. in width 5 of adj. sd. lots
said lots.
 - July 19, 1941 Cook Properties, Inc. to Walter Flora and (Lots 1-5)
Rosamond T. Flora, wf J T
 - Aug. 15, 1946 Walter Flora and Rosamond T. Flora, hus & wf, to
Orval W. Diehl and Marian N. Diehl, hus & wife as J T
West 15' of Lot 2 and all of lots 3-4-5.
 - March 19, 1947 Orval W. Diehl etc. to Carroll W. Rogers and Helen
Rogers, hus & wf as J.T.
 - July 8, 1970 Helen Clare Rogers inventory.
 - October 2, 1970 Virginia C. Rogers, a spinster, to John E. Fick &
Norma J. Fick, hus & wife as J.T.

2. Data from available city directories:

1904-1920- Thomas T. and Anna J. Roberts

1921-1922- City Directories missing

1923-1924 Mrs. Anna J. Roberts

1926-1935 L. W. Cook

1935-1936 Vacant

1937-1941 Horace L. Bering

1942-1944 Vacant

1945-1946 Walter Flora

1947-1967 Carroll W. Rogers

1968-1970 Vacant

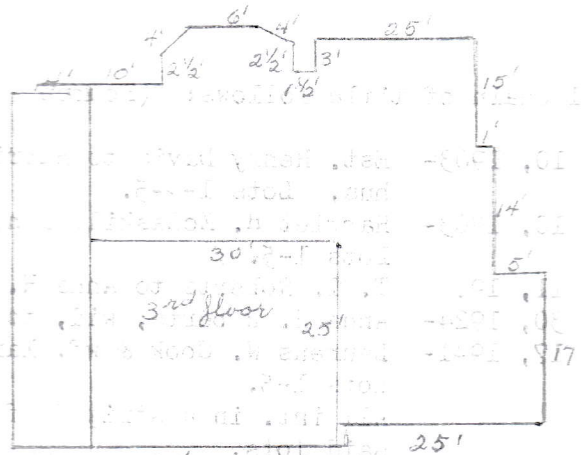
1971- John E. Fick

Present owners - John E. and Norma J. Fick.

History Cont'd.:

3. Data from assessor's office:

- Family dwelling
- 2-1/2 stories
- Brick, concrete foundation, masonry construction
- Roof-med pitch, gable, asphalt shingles
- 1 porch - open 14x40 (front)
- Hardwood floors - 15' Linoleum floors (Bath & Kitchen)
- Hardwood trim
- Hot water heat
- 3 bathrooms, 1 2-fixture-toilet room
- Dec., 1974 - 22x26 car port



4. Architectural notes on 919 West William, written by Bradford Cantrell, BUD, early 1976:

919 West William lost much of its character when the brick and rear section were added; however, even with these alterations many of the details which derive from the Prairie School of Architecture still remain. The unusual paned windows being placed directly under the eaves are a Prairie feature. Its horizontal emphasis which is achieved through the low pitch, hip roof, wide overhanging eaves, grouped third story window and long, low front porch are characteristics of the style. The home is ornamented by supporting brackets under the eaves, tiled columns and brick design in the chimney. Its ornamentation is very subdued and blends into the overall structure to make this home a simple but pleasant version of the Prairie style.

History Cont'd.:

5. Note the following attachments:
 - a. Helen Beeson's write-up of her visit to the house on January 24, 1976.
 - b. Biographical sketch of T. T. Roberts in Past and Present in Decatur and Macon County, S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago, 1903, pp 760-761.
 - c. Jan. 15, 1944, Decatur papers, obit. Mrs. T. T. Roberts.
 - d. Copy of page 122, History of Macon County, Brink, McDonough & Co., Philadelphia, 1880. Article on establishment of Coffin Factory.
 - e. Print-outs of Sunday, August 31, 1924 Herald and Review. Sale of house to L. W. Cook for \$35,000. Includes description of house.
 - f. Article on relationship of Wm. Howard Taft's wife to Mrs. Roberts, visit here, etc., February 5, 1911.
 - g. John Fick's election to Board of Education, Sunday H. & R., April 9, 1967, and April 17, 1970.
 - h. Sunday Herald and Review, December 29, 1974, Community Heating Plant, Decatur Diary column, page 39.

Notes: T. T. Roberts - Fick House
919 W. William St.

On Saturday, January 24, 1976, I visited this house and was graciously received by John and Norma Fick, who reside there with their son, Jonathan, age six, and their daughter Julia, who is almost two.

The Ficks reported that Mrs. Ruth McMillen, a daughter of the T.T. Roberts, visited them soon after they moved in and told them that she was married standing in the three window bay on the east side of the living room. She also recounted the story of the Sunday morning when her family rang for the Japanese houseman, whose room was on the third floor. When he didn't respond, they went up and found a note saying that he had gone to New York. He was never heard from again.

This house was on the community steam heating system while it was in existence from 1923-1952. There are evidences in the basement of the piping used. When the plant went out of business, a gas fired hot water boiler was installed.

In the living room and dining room original wall fixtures remain. They hold two electric bulbs with a gas candle in the center.

When the Cooks bought the house in 1924, a sunroom was built over an existing patio and the outside of the house was covered with brick. A wooden railing above the front porch was removed.

During the period when the Walter Flora family lived in the house, the two story garage on the back of the property with bedrooms in the upper story was torn down. It has been replaced recently with a long three/^{car}port. Mr. Fick wishes the old garage had been left.

Originally built on a five lot site, part of the land on the east of the house, about sixty-five feet, was sold. This also happened during the Flora ownership.

There are four fireplaces in the house, three natural and one gas. Two of them are located back-to-back in the living room and front hall. The one in the living room has four interesting tile brackets supporting the mantel. The third natural fireplace is located in the sitting room area of the master bedroom on the second floor and the gas fireplace is in the music room, now used as a TV room.

When the Ficks bought the house in 1970, they found it in poor condition and have been busy since with repair and renovation. There was much plumbing work to be done in the numerous full and half baths located all over the house, from the basement to the third story.

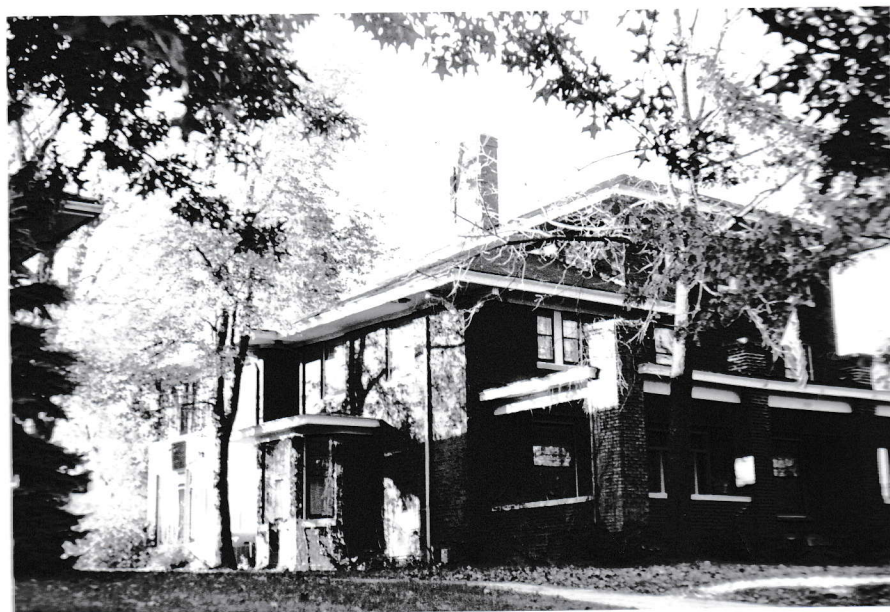
The main structural change was made in the kitchen where the wall of the butler's pantry was removed to enlarge the room. The exposed brick chimney has been left uncovered, giving a very interesting effect. They have also done much redecorating.

The Ficks find the house very convenient to live in with doors and windows everywhere giving light and a feeling of openness. Mrs. Fick says it has a good traffic pattern.

Mr. Fick is interested in the preservation of the brick paving of William Street. He said that he is almost afraid to speak of it in case it would make the city fathers cover it with asphalt.

Helen M. Beeson

919 West William

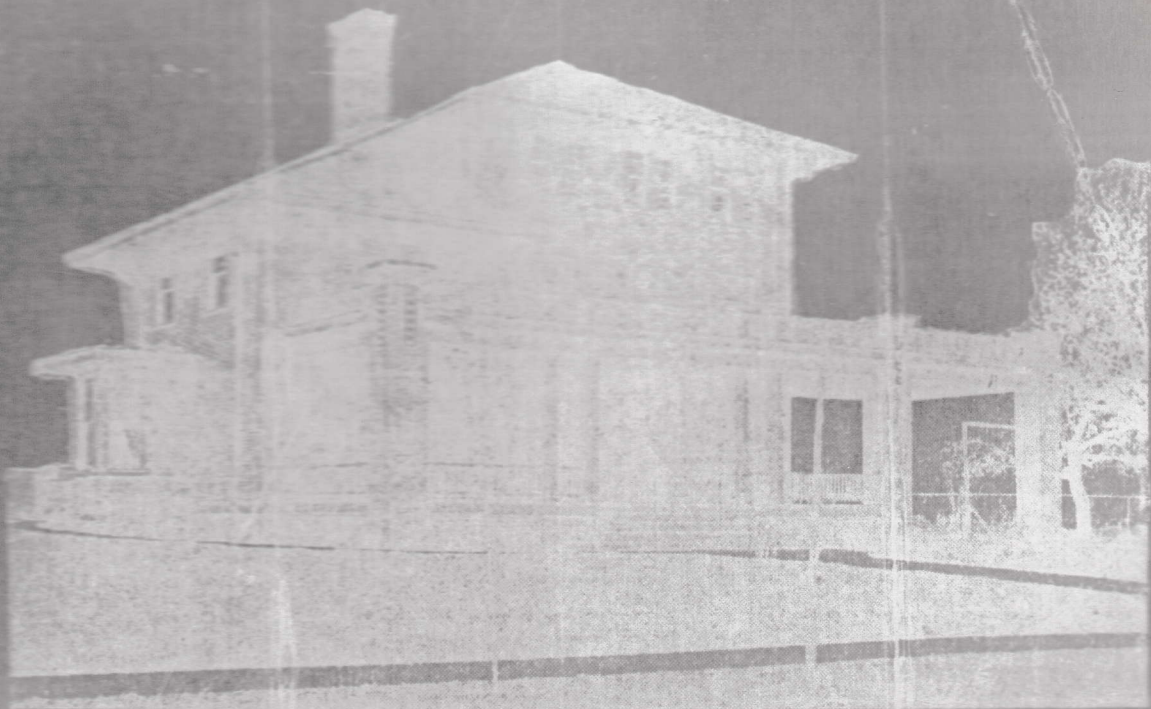


VI * ADN *

919 West William Street



PORTFOLIO OF HANDSOME DECATUR HOMES.



T. T. ROBERTS' RESIDENCE.

FEW Decatur houses are more attractive either in situation or in construction than that of T. T. Roberts at 913 West William. Built at the end of West William street and surrounded by a lawn of ample size, the house is one that seizes the attention and keeps it. The house is new, being finished only last spring. It was designed by Professor White of Champaign, who also designed the house of Mrs. Elizabeth

Wells. In style the house inclines to the Spanish mission. It is a three-story frame building with twelve or fifteen large rooms. The finish is all mahogany and white enamel. On the first floor are, a long L-shaped hall with a large fireplace, the dining room at the end of the hall, the big living room, thirty or more feet long on the east side, and the music room and stairway on the west. The kitchen is in the rear of the house. The second and third floor rooms are

smaller than those on the first floor. The ground on which the house is built includes five lots of ordinary size. In Sunday's paper a statement was inadvertently made that the house on Prairie avenue belonging to Mrs. Elizabeth Wells was a made over house. The fact is that the old house was moved away and replaced with an entirely new building. The design was made and worked out by Professor White of Champaign.

MOCK WEDDING AT C. P. CHURCH.

Christian Endeavor Society Members Put in All the Details. A mock wedding was a feature of the social given by the Christian Endeavor society of the Cumberland Presbyterian church Tuesday night. It was carried out with all the attention to details that marks the usual church wedding. Just before the wedding there was a short program. There was reading by Miss Margaret Gray, a selection by the High School Glee club and a violin solo by Miss Olga Keck. As the last number was finished Miss Bertha Rugh began playing the wedding march from "Lohengrin," and the bridal party marched down the aisle preceded by the flower girls, who strewed their flowers along the way. At the altar the bride and groom were met by the "minister," who performed the ring ceremony. There was a reception after the wedding, during which the girls' glee club sang "Over the Waves." Refreshments were served. Those who took part in the mock wedding, and their characters, were as follows: Bride, John Davidson; groom, Harry Humphrey; maid of honor, Katherine Barrett; best man, Earl Bryant;

Large New Hotel for Peoria. D. M. Mayer has purchased 2,000,000 brick for his new hotel at Peoria on the site of the old Peoria house, corner Adams and Hamilton streets. The new hotel will be the largest business building at Peoria in the point of floor space. The size of the structure will be five stories and basement, 138x171 feet, the total floor space being 141,588 square feet. This will exceed by some 15,000 feet its nearest competitor.

Fugitive Kalaquin Captured. Pana, Ills., May 3.—Frank Kalaquin, who shot and killed W. P. Thomas at Divernon was captured at Herrick, near here, yesterday morning. It seems Kalaquin has been in hiding at the home of his sister in Pana. The

arrest is due to a 12-year-old boy, John Lemberger of Pana, who secured a rig for Kalaquin. He was taken to Springfield.

KNOCK-OUT-SPOTS

Will Quickly Remove Stains caused by Wine, Tea, Coffee, Vegetables, Fruit, Grass, Mildew, Scurch, Ink, Penetration, Iodine, Silver Nitrate, and all similar stains. Knock-Out-Spots will remove Payson's Indelible Ink.

NO ACID—NO LIME—NO POISON—NO DANGER.

The most delicate laces can be cleaned without the slightest injury to the fabric. Try it once and you will never be without it in your home. Price, 25c. For sale by

H. W. BELL, DRUGGIST, Cor. N. Main and North St., Decatur, Ill. J. C. Locher, Cerro Gordo, Ill. Yodakis Pharmacy, Bethany, Ill.

Bad Health-Foul Breath

Nine-Times Out of Ten IT'S CONSTIPATION

If your bowels are full of stagnant corruption, how can you have health? It leads to almost every serious disease. Correct the evil before it is too late. Beware of physics. Most suffering is due to neglected constipation, especially among women.

THE CHURCH

Ended With Service—Boast Week

...the church... service... week... the church... service... week... the church... service... week...

1904

...the church... service... week... the church... service... week... the church... service... week...

ON MOWEAQUA

...the church... service... week... the church... service... week... the church... service... week...

tial, the residence having been erected in 1873.

Born and reared in the south, Mr. Stoner's sympathies were with the Confederacy during the dark days of the Civil war, and on the 12th of October, 1861, he joined a cavalry company at Cumberland Ford, about twelve miles from Cumberland Gap. This company was under the command of his brother and the regiment to which it was assigned was under General Zollie Coffey. Our subject participated in the engagements at Rock Castle river and Princeton, Virginia, and Middle Creek, Kentucky, besides numerous skirmishes, and after the battle of Middle Creek was discharged at Abingdon, Virginia, December 12, 1862, but he subsequently went on the Morgan raid with Colonel Roy Clarke. At that time his brother, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Stoner, and Colonel Breckenridge were at McMinnville, Tennessee. He left Morgan at Licking, near Zanesville, Ohio, with two comrades, Pendleton Ewing and John Fessler, who went from Cincinnati to Maysville, Kentucky, and then on foot over the Maysville and Mount Sterling pike to his father's farm, reaching home on the 1st of March, 1864.

On the 3d of September, 1851, Mr. Stoner was united in marriage to Miss Nannie J. Hathaway, a daughter of Philip Hathaway, of Montgomery county, Kentucky. She died April 28, 1900, at the age of sixty-nine years. By this union were born eight children as follows: William Clinton, who died in Texas, had three children: Hope A., Royal and Clinton, the last now deceased. Andrew was scalded to death at the age of two years. Millard is also deceased. Mary P. is the wife of W. W. Burt, principal of the McLeonard school of Springfield, Illinois, and they have seven children: Price, Clinton Miriam, Margaret, Robert, James and Hathaway. Thomas C. is a resident of Mount Zion township, this county. Robert L., who married a Miss Glenn, is a resident

of Macon township. Nannie H. is the wife of Walter S. Bromley, who lives on our subject's farm, and they had three children: Elva, Wallace, and Vera, deceased. Mattie A. is the wife of Thomas Smith, of South Wheatland township. They have three children: T. Weaver, Nannie Hathaway and Daniel Boone Michael Stoner Peter Tribble.

Mr. Stoner is spending his declining years on his farm, looking after his interests, but he leaves the operation of the land to younger hands, while he practically lives retired. Since casting his first vote he has affiliated with the Democratic party and has always taken a deep interest in public affairs. He is widely and favorably known in the county where he has now made his home for almost a half century and he has the respect and confidence of his fellow citizens.

THOMAS T. ROBERTS.

Thomas T. Roberts was born on a farm near Charleston, Coles county, Illinois, of Scotch-Irish Presbyterian parents, who emigrated from East Tennessee about 1830. He is the ninth child of a family of three sisters and seven brothers. His early life was spent on the farm, working during the summer and in winter attending the school which was then held in a log schoolhouse near the farm. The Charleston Academy was afterward established and he took advantage of this better opportunity for an education. He enlisted in Company A, One Hundred and Twenty-third Illinois Volunteers in 1862 and continued in active service with his regiment until the close of the war, being mustered out in July, 1865. He was once wounded in a battle at Selma, Alabama, April 2, 1865. Immediately upon his return from the war he came to Decatur and associated with his brother, Dr. J. E. Roberts, in the drug business and continued in the same until 1872. He then entered in-

*Past and Present in Decatur and Macon County, Ill.,
S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago 1903 p. 760*

to co-partnership with Captain R. P. Lytle and O. Z. Green and built up what was afterwards known as the Decatur Coffin Company, where he has continued ever since.

Mr. Roberts was married in 1870 to Miss Rachel T. Musgrave, of Cincinnati, who died in 1882. In 1886 he was again married to Miss Anna H. Jack of Decatur. Mr. Roberts has been prominently associated with many of the business interests of Decatur, among others the raising of the one hundred thousand dollars by the citizens, which secured the location of the James Millikin University. Since its establishment, he has been a member of the board of directors of this university.

Politically Mr. Roberts is a Prohibitive Republican, and was one of the six aldermen, who, in 1883, voted the city anti-license. He is a man who believes and trusts men, and thinks success is always within the reach of all who are willing to pay the penalty in honest effort. He does not think success is always measured by the money standard, but that to be honest, industrious and true is to be successful.

FRANK J. MITTAN, M. D.

One of the recent additions to the citizenship of Decatur is Dr. Frank J. Mittan, who removed from Colfax, McLean county, Illinois. He has already won favorable attention here and is building up a good practice, for he is recognized as a thorough student of his profession who keeps abreast of the times and the improvement that is continually being made in the practice of medicine and surgery. He was born in DeWitt county, Illinois, April 13, 1865, and obtained his literary education in the district schools and in the high school of Farmer City.

His father, George H. Mittan, was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania, September 12, 1837,

and when twelve years of age accompanied his parents on their removal to Lee county, Illinois, where after completing a course in the common schools he learned the blacksmith's trade and later conducted a shop of his own. Subsequently he became the owner of a farm which he operated for a time or until turning his attention into mercantile affairs. He is now engaged in the ice business in Farmer City, Illinois. He has been twice married, having on the 24th of December, 1862, wedded Miss Eliza Margaret Erwin, of Farmer City, by whom he had seven children, five sons and two daughters, namely: Clara B., Frank J., Wesley C., Effie J., Ira C., Elmer, and Ora C. The eldest daughter became the wife of John S. Brandon of Bellflower, Illinois, and they have two daughters, Myrtle and Pearl. They now reside in Marshalltown, Iowa. Effie J. is the wife of Frederick D. Rhea, who formerly lived in Bellflower, but is now a railroad agent, living at Marion, Illinois. They have three living children. Mrs. Eliza Mittan died August 31, 1888, and the father of our subject was again married March 3, 1897, his second union being with Mrs. Fannie (Knight) Wharton.

After completing his literary education Dr. Mittan engaged in teaching school for four years, being for two years a teacher in the country schools and for a similar period in the high school at Bellflower, Illinois. During the vacation months of 1883-4-5 he studied medicine with Dr. Godfrey of Bellflower and in the fall of 1887 he entered the Miami Medical College of Cincinnati, Ohio, where he remained for one year. He then taught school as principal of the high school of Bellflower and in 1888 he entered the Rush Medical College of Chicago, in which he was graduated with the class of 1891.

Immediately after receiving his diploma the Doctor located in Colfax and entered upon the practice of his profession, in which he has since met with enviable success. He was a member of the McLean County Medical So-

*Past and Present in Decatur and Macon County, Illinois,
S. J. Clarke Publishing Co., Chicago, 1903 p. 761*

15
1934

91 Years Old, Dies in Home

Mrs. Anna H. Roberts, Decatur civic, social and church leader for more than half a century, died at 8 a. m. today in her home at 631 West William street, where she had been ill the last month.

The widow of T. T. Roberts, Decatur industrialist who died Nov. 24, 1919, Mrs. Roberts observed her 91st birthday at a family dinner June 6, 1943.

Anna Hurst Jack was born June 6, 1852, in Westmoreland county, Pennsylvania, a daughter of Col. Joseph Jack and Hannah Jane Herron. She was a granddaughter of Capt. John Jack of the American Revolutionary army.

She came to Decatur with her family in 1869; shortly after arriving, the family moved to a house at West Prairie avenue and College street, which was the home of Mrs. Roberts' sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, until her death in December 1934.

Early School Teacher

Mrs. Roberts taught in the fourth ward school and later was principal of the Marietta street school, serving a total of 10 years.

She was married June 22, 1866, in Decatur to Thomas T. Roberts, industrialist and philanthropist. Both Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were active in church and civic affairs.

As a close friend of the late Mrs. James Millikin, Mrs. Roberts was a member of the first board of the Anna B. Millikin home, and was president of the board when the present building was erected.

She was one of a group of young women who organized the Decatur Y. W. C. A. chapter and was a member of its first board of directors in 1907. She continued to serve on the board until 1933, and was its president in 1909. She has been a member of the honorary list of the Y. W. C. A. board the last few years.

Active in Millikin Affairs

Since Mr. Roberts was in a group chosen by Mr. Millikin to plan and build Millikin university, which he founded, and on whose board of



Mrs. Anna H. Roberts, 91, long a prominent Decatur resident, died at 8 a. m. today in directors he served, both he and Mrs. Roberts were in close touch with both the social and academic life of the university for many years.

Mrs. Roberts was a charter member of the Daughters of American Revolution chapter here, formed in 1886.

She was an active member of the Decatur Art class, which since the time of its organization by Mrs. Millikin has held an important place in Decatur literary life. For the past two winters meetings of the class have been held in Mrs. Roberts' home.

The principal interest of both Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, however, centered in the First Presbyterian church. Mrs. Roberts was an active member of the church since the time of her arrival here and took part in all branches of its work.

her home at 631 West William street, where she had lived since 1924.

Cousin of Mrs. Taft

Although Mrs. Roberts has been unable to read for the last several years, she has kept informed on world affairs and her mind was keen.

A first cousin of Mrs. William Howard Taft, wife of the former President and Chief Justice of the United States, Mrs. Roberts leaves three daughters, Mrs. Rolla C. McMillen and Mrs. Robert P. Vail, both of Decatur, and Mrs. Arthur S. Dunmont of Pasadena, Texas; a son, Thomas Ten Brook Roberts, of Grosse Pointe, Mich., nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Funeral arrangements are incomplete.

Friends may call at the Dawson & Wilkoff chapel between 3 and 5 p. m. Sunday.

16
1934

Mrs. Roberts Funeral Monday

Mrs. Anna H. Roberts, widow of the industrialist, Thomas T. Roberts, died yesterday in her home at 631 West William street. She had been in ill health for the last month.

Mrs. Roberts was a former teacher, organizer of the Anna B. Millikin home and of the Decatur Y. W. C. A., and outstanding member of the First Presbyterian church. She celebrated her 91st birthday anniversary at a family dinner June 6, 1943.

Funeral services will be held at 3:30 p. m. tomorrow in the family residence, with burial in Greenwood cemetery. Friends may call at Dawson & Wilkoff's funeral home between 3 and 5 p. m. today.

Was Oldest Member

Mrs. Roberts was an active member of the Decatur Art class, and brief memorial services will be held for her at the meeting of the class this week. Mrs. Dan Mackel, president, said last night. For the last two winters, meetings of the class have been held in the home of Mrs. Roberts. She was the oldest member of the class.

Born Anna Hurst Jack, June 6, 1852, in Westmoreland county, Pa., she was a daughter of Col. Joseph Jack and Hannah Jane Herron and a granddaughter of Capt. John Jack of the American Revolutionary army.

The family came to Decatur in 1869 and took up residence at the corner of West Prairie avenue and College street. This house was the home of Mrs. Roberts' sister, Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, until her death in December, 1934.

Mrs. Roberts taught in the fourth ward school and later was principal of the Marietta street school, serving a total of 10 years.

She was married June 22, 1866, in Decatur to Thomas T. Roberts, industrialist and philanthropist. Both Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were active in church and civic affairs.

As a close friend of the late Mrs. James Millikin, Mrs. Roberts was a member of the first board of the Anna B. Millikin home and was president of the board when the present building was erected.

She was one of a group of young women who organized the Decatur Y. W. C. A. chapter and was a member of its first board of directors in 1907. She continued to serve on the board until 1933 and was its president in 1909. She has been a member of the honorary list of the Y. W. C. A. board the last few years.

Active in Millikin Affairs
Since Mr. Roberts was in a group chosen by Mr. Millikin to plan and build Millikin university, which he founded, and on whose board of directors he served, both he and Mrs. Roberts were in close touch with both the social and academic life of the university for many years.

Mrs. Roberts was a charter member of the Daughters of the American Revolution chapter here, formed in 1886.

The principal interest of both Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, however, centered in the First Presbyterian church. Mrs. Roberts was an active member of the church since the time of her arrival here and took part in all branches of its work.

Cousin of Mrs. Taft

Although Mrs. Roberts has been unable to read for the last several years, she had kept informed on world affairs and her mind was keen.

A first cousin of Mrs. William Howard Taft, wife of the former President and Chief Justice of the United States, Mrs. Roberts leaves three daughters, Mrs. Rolla C. McMillen and Mrs. Robert P. Vail, both of Decatur, and Mrs. Arthur S. Dunmont of Pasadena, Texas; a son, Thomas Ten Brook Roberts, of Grosse Pointe, Mich., nine grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

tablished in June '76; is a one story brick structure, in size 60x120, and gives employment to twenty-five men. Mr. Loeb is a man of twenty-five years' experience in his business, and has established his business on a safe foundation.

He makes a speciality of castings for agricultural implements, and light grey-iron castings.

Decatur Coffin Factory.—This industry was established in 1872. It is situated on east Morgan and North streets, and the buildings are three in number, viz: one brick, four stories in height, 36x80; another, four stories and a basement, 32x68; and another, two story, 32x70. T. T. Roberts and O. Z. Green, the proprietors, are the only men in this section of the state who carry on the occupation of making coffins. The capital invested is sixty thousand dollars; thirty hands find employment, and about eleven thousand coffins are now made yearly. The walnut lumber used in their business mostly is brought from Indiana; the poplar from Tennessee, and the pine from Michigan. The market for the coffins is mainly western, and many are sold in Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska.

D. P. Hamsher Works.—Mr. Hamsher has located his shops on Wood street between Main and Water, and manufactures lumber and spring wagons. The building is a fine new brick, seventy by forty feet, and two stories in height. The "Hamsher" wagon is widely used throughout this and adjoining counties. He does general repairing, and turns out of his shops one hundred and fifty wagons per year.

Mills and Harry's Door and Sash Factory.—Office, yard and mill on Edwards street. The factory was established in 1860 by Elwood and Co.

Mills and Harry assumed control June first, 1879. They give employment to twenty-five men; and the capital invested is fifteen thousand dollars. The main building is a two-story frame, 46x90 feet, the engine room is of brick, 20x30, and in addition, there are lumber ware-houses and offices. They manufacture doors, sash, blinds, mouldings, brackets, etc.

Lyn, Gibson & Co.—This firm is engaged in the manufacture of sash, doors, blinds, etc., and makes a speciality of stair work. It is composed of G. S. Lyn, W. H. Gipson and John Armstrong, and its place of business is on the corner of Broadway and Cerro-Gordo streets.

The building is of frame, 42x42, two stories in height, and there is also an engine house. Their establishment dates from the spring of 1878. The class of work turned out is very excellent, as their factory is supplied with the best machinery. They give employment to twelve men.

Kramer and McClelland's Carriage Manufactory.—This establishment dates from 1854, when S. B. McClelland started in business. In 1861 M. A. Kramer was taken into partnership, and in 1866, Mr. McClelland sold his interest to Joseph E. McClelland. Mr. Kramer purchased his interest in October, 1877, and continued the business alone until January, 1879, at which time Mr. J. E. McClelland again became an equal partner. They manufacture carriages, buggies, phaetons, lumber and spring wagons. All of their work is hand-made of the best style, quality and finish. Their factory is on the corner of Main and Franklin streets. The building is of brick, 42x90, two stories in height. They give employment to from twelve to twenty hands. Their work has a high reputation, and they fill orders from all parts of the country.

Tile Manufactory and Brick-yard.—Mr. H. M. Whitmer has a brick-yard and tile factory on Webster street, in south-east part of city limits. He began the manufacture of brick, in 1864, in this

county, and in 1866 located where he now is. manufacture of drain-tile in 1878, and the value of year is \$5000. The number of brick made per 2,000,000; and 30 hands are employed.

Traver's Tile Manufactory.—William T. Traver outside of the city limits on the south-east. He began making tile in Decatur, in 1864. In 1873 he moved to his present location. He began on a small scale with a hand, and was the first man to make tile in the county. He now employs eight men, and makes per year about \$10,000 of tile, of various sizes, from three to eight inches in diameter. The capital invested is \$8,000.

Ammann's Brick-yard.—Conrad Ammann began in 1864. He was six years on the west side of town, just outside of the city limits on the south-east. He now employs eight hands, and manufactures 12,000,000 brick per year.

Keinath and Anesene's Brick-yard.—John Keinath and Anesene, in the spring of 1880, began the manufacture of brick in their yard in the western part of the city. They employ eight hands, and will burn 1,000,000 brick this year. The brick is made at home and shipped to neighboring towns.

Wm. Traver's Tile Works are located on Section 2, east of the city; were established in 1873, and have a capacity of 2,000,000 of tile per annum, and give employment to eight men.

H. Mueller & Co.—This firm began business in 1858. The senior member of the firm had carried on, however, a general repairing shop since 1858. Mr. F. A. Mueller associated himself with Mr. Mueller in 1874. Their business has steadily increased; sixteen men are employed; and the business footed up \$25,000. They manufacture water pumps, toy pistols, and also gunsmithing and general repairing. Their building is on East Main street.

Decatur Bottling Works.—Fred. Kuny proprietor, bottler of soda and mineral waters and bottler of exports etc. This factory is situated on the north-east corner of Main and Jackson streets. It was established in 1866, and is a thriving business. The building now in use is a brick building, 40 by 40, and was erected in 1871. It is furnished with modern machinery, and gives employment to five men. He began on a small scale, but his diligent attention to his business has been well rewarded.

Decatur Woolen Mills.—This old manufacturing establishment was established in 1859 by Wm. H. Boyd, L. C. Haskell and Myers. The principal goods made are flannels, yarns and jeans.

"In 1868 the mills were destroyed by fire, but were rebuilt. The value of manufactured products reached \$100,000 per year, and the value of mills and machinery is probably \$50,000. The mills were shut up last February, and are still closed.

Pork-packing House.—There is only one pork-packing establishment in Decatur, that of William Ullrich, south of the Illinois Central railroad. No packing has been done in Decatur since Mr. Ullrich began packing in 1857; as many as 500 hogs are slaughtered per year, and in the packing season employment is afforded to thirty men.

Jasper J. Peddecord, William Martin and Henry J. Martin were the first packers in the county, and Peter McQueen

* Smith's History.

History of Macon County, Illinois, Brink, McDonough & Co., Philadelphia (and Edwardsville, Ill.), 1880.

Did Your
Plumbing
Give
Trouble
Last
Winter?

If it did, don't risk a repetition of the condition during the coming winter. Have it inspected now, and KNOW its true condition. It costs but little to have us go over it thoroughly, and but little more to have it put into condition for uninterrupted service this winter. A phone call will bring us to your home.

Plumbing and Heating
South Park and State

F. W. RIEDEL
Main 635

L. W. COOK BUYS
ROBERTS HOME

Has 200 Feet Frontage On
William Street.

T. K. E. BUYS SITE

Expects to Build in Park
Place, Near Main.

The total of real estate transfers and mortgages recorded the last week follows:

LAST WEEK	
Transfers	\$ 20,560
Mortgages	27 137,494
City transfers	49 20,961
Farm transfers	1 20,960
Village transfers	2

BY PERIOD	
Transfers 25 weeks	\$120,940
Mortgages 25 weeks	1,012,774
City transfers 25 weeks	2,239,784
Farm transfers 25 weeks	21,974
Village transfers 25 weeks	1,124
Transfers 26 weeks	1,124,940
Mortgages 26 weeks	1,012,774
City transfers 26 weeks	2,239,784
Farm transfers 26 weeks	21,974
Village transfers 26 weeks	1,124

ST. PETERS
Mrs. Emma H. Roberts sold her residence at 212 West Walnut street to L. W. Cook, agreement to be given Oct. 1. The Cooks will move from their home, 245 West Main street, at that time. Mrs. Roberts' plans are not definite. The consideration was not made known.

The Roberts residence is a very attractive one in a highly desirable location. It was built by the late T. T. Roberts about eighteen years ago on a lot that has a frontage of 200 feet and a depth of 170 feet. It is a frame structure in a well-planned setting of shrubbery. There are twelve rooms, three bath rooms, spacious halls, both upstairs and downstairs, fireplaces and a large living room. There are five bed-rooms and sleeping porch on the second floor and two bed rooms and bath on the third floor.

There is a large three-car garage in the rear with servant quarters above. The sale was handled through Harry E. Cannon.

SELLS 60 ACRES.
Mrs. Emma Simmons of Cerro Gordo sold an unimproved sixty acre farm, excellent land, three and one-half miles southwest of Cerro Gordo in Macon county, to E. E. Rice of Latham. Mr. Rice buys for investment at \$150 an acre. Dalla D. Campbell handled the sale.

T. K. E. BUYS SITE.
The T. K. E. fraternity of Millikin University, has purchased a new site for a proposed fraternity house, just north of Main street on the west

side of Park Place. One lot 45 by 150 and an adjoining lot, 50 by 205, were secured from Dr. G. W. Weyl at a valuation of about \$7,500 and the fraternity put in as part pay, one full lot that it owned on the east side of this drive but which was not large enough for their proposed house. W. F. Pickle handled the sale.

J. L. Burttschi sold to Arthur Lunday, a five room, thoroughly modern and new house on a full lot at 1209 East Walnut, the purchaser buying for a home at \$5,000. Mr. Burttschi expects to build sixty houses in this addition.

He also sold one of these new and modern houses, this one of six rooms on a full lot to Glen Clark, who buys for a home at \$5,000.

J. L. Burttschi also sold a six room modern house on a lot 40 by 75 feet at 154 North Seventh street to Percy J. Grant, who buys for a home at \$4,350.

E. F. Drablich sold to Marion Devine, a five room, modern and new house with hardwood floors, short lot, at the southeast corner of Maple and Division streets, the purchaser buying for a home at \$4,500. E. Drablich, Jr., handled the deal.

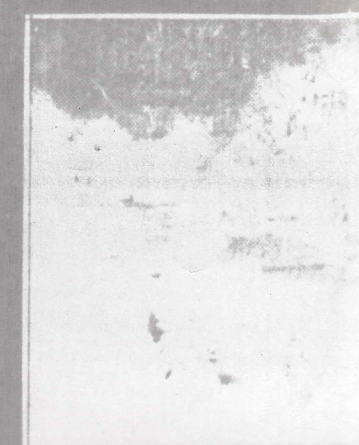
ON WEST MAIN.
Charles C. Drablich sold to Dan L. Flenkler, a five room, modern and new house, hardwood floors, full lot, in the 1200 block West Main, the purchaser buying for a home at \$4,500. The sale was handled through C. N. Gorham and Son and E. R. Bork.

W. R. Davis sold a five room modern house and full lot at 1615 East Main street to Harry H. Hunt, who buys the place for a home at \$4,500. Dallas Campbell handled the sale.

Russell Meely bought a five room modern and new house on a full lot at 1342 East Walnut from J. L. Burttschi, getting the place for a home at \$4,300.

Burttschi also sold a modern five room house on a full lot at 2273 East Main street to Rupert H. Ashby, who buys for a home at \$4,500.

TRADE RESIDENCES.
Velma E. Keller traded to Carrie L. Garrett, a five room modern house and full lot at 1822 North Maple, the purchaser getting it for investment at a trade value of \$4,000. Mrs. Keller took in as part pay at \$3,700, a five room, not modern house and five full lots in Fairview suburb, just



The grounds of Barclay S. Brooks home, in Montgomery Place is another beautiful example of making a garden with natural resources. Here the little stream has been dammed to make a little pool that is the highlight of the grounds as all water is. The trees that surround this pool are particularly beautiful but there is a willow which is shown in

north of Fairview cemetery. J. L. Burttschi sold to John D. Reed, a five room modern house and full lot at 1202 North Clinton, the purchaser buying for a home at \$3,000.

Burttschi also sold to William Anderson, a five room modern house and full lot at 2265 North Lowber, the purchaser buying for a home at \$3,000.

Myrtle Stephens sold to Samuel A. Robertson, a five room, not modern house and full lot at 1625 West Forest, the purchaser getting it for a home at \$2,250. He expects to build an auto repair shop on the rear of the lot at a cost of \$1,000. J. L. Burttschi handled the deal.

Gladys Wise sold to Tedwell T. Warren, a four room, part modern bungalow on a full lot with garage at 1625 North Walnut, the purchaser buying for a home at \$2,150. C. N. Gorham and Son handled the sale.

E. F. Drablich sold to Laurence Kramer, a four room, part modern house and full lot at 212 South Fairview, the purchaser buying for a home at \$2,400. E. Drablich, Jr., handled the sale.

IN RACELAND.
Capp and Kerich sold a five lot

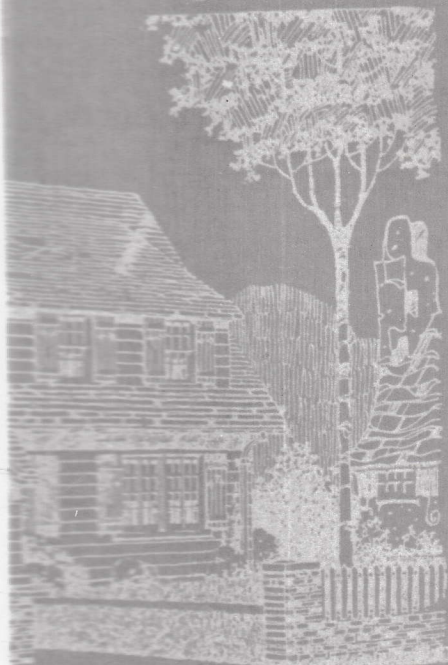
ATTENTION!
Now is the time to have your
**Furnace
Cleaned and
Repaired**
Call Main 1658
**DECATUR
SHEET METAL
WORKS**
871 N. Water St.

GEO. B. CHEYNE
Plumbing and Heating Engineer
421 EAST MAIN STREET
PHONE MAIN 1948

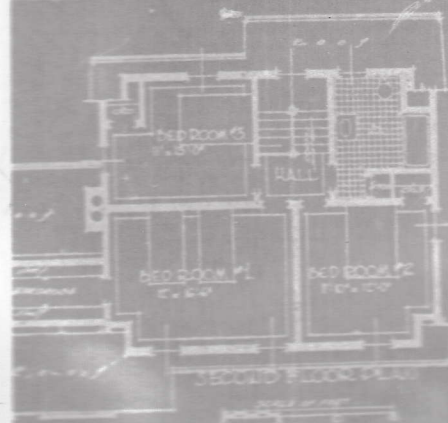
**CLIMAX
OIL BURNERS**
Are Economical, Efficient

idly Approaches Three Million D

f Cottage



C. C. RATER & BRO. Architects, New York



One of Decatur's most beautiful homes, that of Mrs. Anna H. Roberts, 119 West William street, was sold this week, having been bought by L. W. Cook, proprietor of the St. Nicholas hotel. The consideration received by Mrs. Roberts was not revealed but it is understood to be about \$35,000. H. C. Cannon was the agent in the transfer.

ROBERTS HOME IN W. WILLIAM BRINGS \$35,000

L. W. Cook Buys Beautiful Property for His Residence

OTHER REALTY DEALS

The house, which was built about 18 years ago by the late T. T. Roberts, is of 12 rooms, situated on a tract of five lots with a 200-foot frontage on William street, with a depth of 170 feet. The ground alone is well worth \$18,000.

Grounds Landscaped

On the first floor is a large living room, a music room, a spacious hall, dining room, kitchen and butler's pantry. On the second floor are five bedrooms, two bath-rooms and a sleeping porch. The third floor is devoted to servants' quarters, with a separate bath. Despite its 18 years, the house is in splendid condition throughout.

The grounds are beautifully landscaped with various trees and shrubs, a swimming pool, and a tennis court. The house has two large porches, one of which will be converted into a garden. The property is situated on a large lot with a frontage of 200 feet on William street and a depth of 170 feet.

of \$4,600. E. Drobsch Jr. was the agent.

Gladys Wise sold to Tedwell T. Warren a four room partly modern bungalow on a full lot in 1635 Walnut Grove avenue, at a consideration of \$2150. Mr. Warren buys for a home and will have immediate possession. C. N. Gorham & Son were the agents.

Charles C. Haddock sold to Don L. Flenniken, a new five room thorough modern bungalow on a full lot in the 1199 block of East Moore street, at a consideration of \$4,500. The house has hardwood floors. Mr. Flenniken buys for a home and will have immediate possession. C. N. Gorham & Son and The Burns Realty Co. were joint agents in the deal.

J. B. Burtchick sold for himself to John B. Burtchick a modern five room house on a full lot in 1927 North Clinton street, at a consideration of \$10,000. Burtchick also sold to William Angel a five room all-modern house on a large lot in 2005 North Lowell street at a consideration of \$12,000. Mr. Angel, who is shopping clerk for the Merchants Furniture Co. is buying for a home.

Boys in East Walnut Mr. Burtchick also sold for himself to Arthur Lunday a thoroughly modern five room house on a full lot in 1125 East Walnut street, at a consideration of \$5,000. This is the first house to be sold in Mr. Burtchick's new subdivision, a part of the Powers Ninth addition, in which all houses are to be tracted by Mr. Burtchick. Mr. Lunday buys for a home, and will have possession immediately.

Two other houses were sold by Mr. Burtchick for himself, one to Percy J. Grant, a six room thoroughly modern home just being built on a lot 6x12 feet in 144 North Seventh street, at a consideration of \$4,300, the other to Glen Clark, a six room modern bungalow on a full lot in 1332 East Walnut street, at a consideration of \$3,800.

Mrs. Dolores E. Keller sold to Mrs. Carrie J. Garrett a five room modern cottage in 1923 North Marie street at a consideration of \$2,700, a five room bungalow with a tract of the lot in 1923 North Marie street at a consideration of \$2,700, a five room bungalow with a tract of the lot in 1923 North Marie street at a consideration of \$2,700.

ation of \$500. He intends to build a six-room modern house on the lot.

West Decatur Lot sold Jona Borden sold to Frank J. Johnson a five-room modern house on a full lot in the 1300 block of West 12th street, Mr. Weber buying for investment at a consideration of \$4,000. B. F. Cloud was the agent. G. C. Keyel sold to Glenn J. Johnson a five-room new and modern bungalow, located on a full lot in Dunham street. Mr. Turner was the agent. C. M. Cannon was the agent.

Henry Silveus sold to B. F. Cloud a full lot in the 300 block of Marietta street, where Mr. Cloud built a modern five-room bungalow. Mr. Cloud also bought from Johnson a full lot in the 1200 block of North Huron street, where he already is building a five-room modern bungalow.

Meridith estate sold to C. M. Cannon a full lot in the 400 block of North Summit avenue, where a new house already is being built. F. Cloud was the agent.

Boys in North Church Charles Graybill sold to Harold Allen of Orange his home in 1211 Church street. The house is modern, with seven rooms, a garage. Mr. Allen buys for investment and is to have immediate possession.

Well

OUR Wallpapers are the acme of modernity.

And of course you get a guide of paper at the

Investigate

You will find that our prices are the lowest and the best of materials.

Spence PAINTS—WALL

357 N. Main St.

Y. W. CFETERIA TO RE OPEN WEDNESDAY

HOTT-RAY-HILL HARDWARE CO. DEVCO PAINTS

WHEN TAFT WAS WAR SECRETARY

Chief Resume of Incidents Connected With President's Visit to Decatur.

HERE OCTOBER 30, 1906

Gay Scovill Would Like to Know Whereabouts of Chair Loaned at That Time.

When President Taft was Secretary of War he made an address in Decatur on the subject of the Panama Canal at the Christian Tabernacle, on October 30, 1906. On this day W. H. Starr was chairman of a special committee which went to meet Mr. Taft's train at Clinton, who had charge of the arrangements for taking care of the president's train after it arrived and before it was taken to the Christian Tabernacle. Starr was the only one of the committee who was present at the address. Starr was the only one of the committee who was present at the address. Starr was the only one of the committee who was present at the address.

CIRCUIT COURT 'SETS RECORD

Special Grand Jury Called and Case Tried In Under Four Hours.

CAMPAIGN TO OPEN

Those Interested In Commission Form Given Chance to Hear Explanation.

CLINTON, Jan. 4.—An extraordinary record was set in the circuit court proceedings of DeWitt county Saturday morning when in less than four hours a special grand jury was drawn, witnesses called, indictment returned, the case tried and the verdict returned and the members of the grand jury paid for their work. Judge H. H. Cochrane presided at the court which was commenced at 10 o'clock. He was informed that Bert Lewis was out on the night jail on a warrant charging him with breaking into the saloon of James Craven and taking away the key. He was arrested by the sheriff and held in jail. He was brought to court on his term of imprisonment and the judge was ready to receive the grand jury.

Secretary of War Taft and M Starting for the



From Left to Right—Secretary Taft, W. H. Starr

Will He Be Absent March 14?

See enlarged copy of this, in sheets to follow

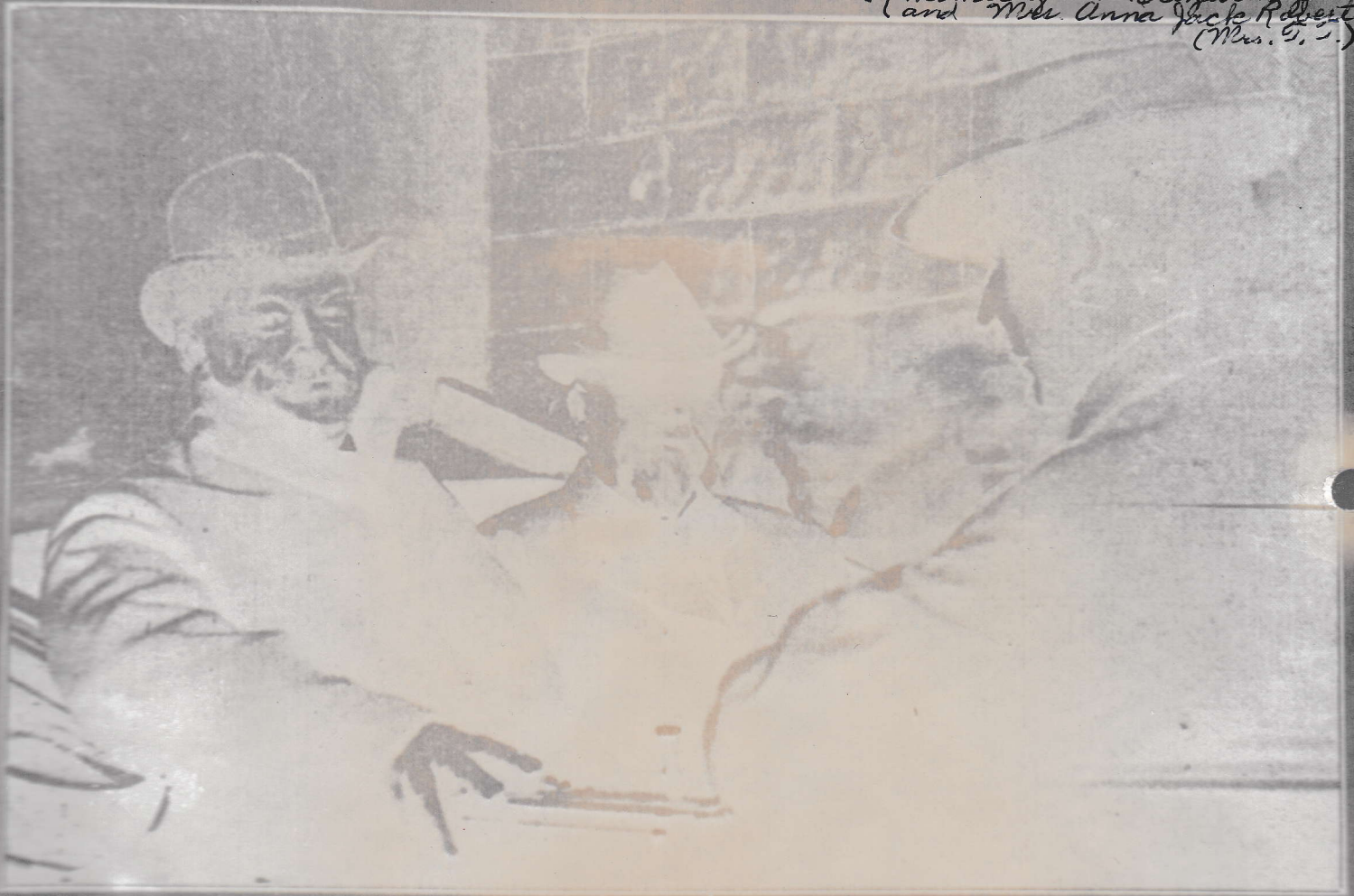


DECATUR HERALD.

DECATUR, ILLINOIS. SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 1911.—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES.

Secretary of War Taft and Mr. Starr Just Before
Starting for the Home of Mrs. Jack, Oct. 30, 1906

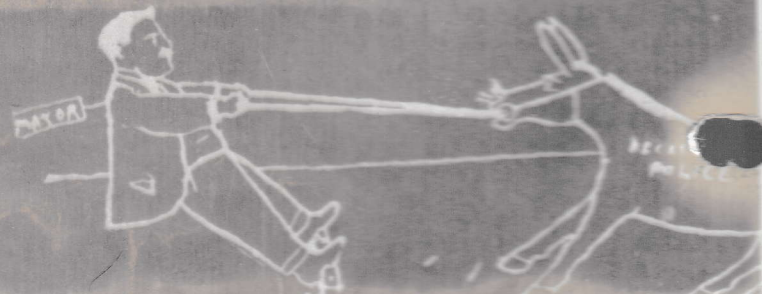
↓ (Mother of Mrs. Elizabeth Jack, Nell
(and Mrs. Anna Jack Roberts)
(Mrs. G. J.))



Shown Left to Right—Secretary Taft, V. H. Starr, and John Keenan, en route to Congressman Mettler's.

Absent March 14?

THE POLICE SITUATION



WHEN TAFT WAS WAR SECRETARY

Feb. 5, 1911.

Brief Resume of Incidents Connected With President's Visit to Decatur.

HERE OCTOBER 30, 1906

Gay Scovill Would Like to Know Whereabouts of Chair Loaned at That Time.

When President Taft was Secretary of War he made an address in Decatur on the subject of the Panama Canal at the Christian Tabernacle, Monday, October 30, 1906. On this day W. H. Starr was chairman of the reception committee which went to Decatur to meet Mr. Taft's train. Dr. W. F. Calhoun, who had charge of the arrangements for taking care of the party, received numerous bulletins from Mr. Taft's train after it left Decatur and one of them was the cause of a change in the arrangements. It had been arranged for Mr. Taft to speak from an open platform in Central park but the weather was so cold that Doctor Calhoun thought it best to arrange for the address to be given in the Tabernacle and when the bulletin stating that Mr. Taft was desirous of a change to an inclosed building was received, the men in charge of this matter congratulated themselves for anticipating the wishes of the Secretary of War. Congressman McKinley also had charge of this trip through Illinois and presented Mr. Taft to the enormous crowds assembled.

See column 1, reverse side

CIRCUIT COURT SETS RECORD

Special Grand Jury Called and Case Tried In Under Four Hours.

CAMPAIGN TO OPEN

Those Interested In Commission Form Given Chance to Hear Explanation.

CLINTON, Jan. 4.—An extraordinary record was set in the circuit court proceedings of DeWitt county Saturday morning when in less than four hours a special grand jury was drawn, witnesses called, indictment returned, the case tried and the verdict returned and the members of the grand jury paid for their work. Judge W. G. Cochran convened court at nine o'clock and commenced the work of clearing the November term. He was informed that Bert Owens was held in the county jail on a warrant charging him with breaking into the saloon of James Craven some time ago and that the boy was ready to confess and plead guilty. He was anxious to commence on his term of punishment and the judge was ready to push the case. The sheriff was instructed to draw a special panel and the witnesses were called. An indictment was returned and the boy brought into court where he plead guilty. Judge Cochran sentenced him to the Pontiac Reformatory and Deputy Forbes left with the prisoner Saturday night. The grand jury were at work only a short time and by two o'clock were paid off.

Note: On Feb. 11, 1911, President Taft would return to Decatur.

Secret



... he plead guilty Judge Cochran sentenced him to the Pontiac Reformatory and Deputy Forbes left with the prisoner Saturday night. The grand jury were at work only a short time and by two o'clock were paid off.



Mr. Taft took advantage of his visit in Decatur to pay his respects to the late Mrs. Hannah Jack who was the aunt of Mrs. Taft. W. H. Starr accompanied President Taft on this visit to Mrs. Jack and speaks of the pleasure shown by Mr. Taft at the meeting. Mr. Taft and Mr. Starr went from the Tabernacle to Mrs. Jack's home on West Prairie street in a carriage. As the carriage drove up to the house, Mrs. Elizabeth Wells, the late S.S. Jack, and Mr. and Mrs. T.T. Roberts were on the porch.

Mr. Taft Enjoyed Conversation.
As Mr. Taft and Mr. Starr started up the walk, Mr. Taft took the arm of Mr. Starr and, referring to Mrs. Jack's smile of welcome, said, "Isn't that a beautiful sight, the expression on her face?" Before reaching the porch Mr. Taft remarked, "Just give me five minutes." At the end of the given five minutes Mr. Taft was still engaged in talking with Mrs. Jack, and Mr. Starr turned to one of the party and showing him his watch said, "The time is up, what shall I do?" It is my duty to tell him but he seems to be enjoying himself so much that I hate to disturb him." Although he called Mr. Taft's attention to the time and Mr. Taft nodded his head in understanding, it was necessary for Mr. Starr to call his attention to the matter a second time. In leaving Mr. Taft expressed his regret at the necessity of his leaving so soon. On the way to the station the carriage was driven up West Main street and around the transfer house where his attention was called to this as one of the features of the McKinley interests in Decatur and thence down Water street to Eldorado street and out East Eldorado street to the railroad station.

Mr. Starr and the reception committee met the train at Sullivan and during the formality of being presented to Mr. Taft, Mr. Starr forgot to present a letter of introduction he had from W. B. Campbell of Cleveland who is a personal friend of both Mr. Taft and Mr. Starr. This letter he handed to Mr. Taft in the carriage as they were going to visit Mrs. Jack and Mr. Taft laughed heartily over this little incident.

Mr. Starr is also personally acquainted with the present secretary to President Charles P. Norton, who visits Decatur frequently as the representative of the Northern Life Insurance Company. Mr. Starr is also a member of the Reception Committee. The Reception Committee that had the honor of presenting President Taft to Decatur was headed by Mr. Starr, chairman, W.

Will He Be A

SAME OLD BUNCH
IN
LINE



DECATUR SUNDAY HERALD AND REVIEW

Community Heating Plant Built To Escape Coal Inconvenience

In the fall of 1922, a group of Decatur neighbors joined together and formed an unusual system — a community heating plant.

The idea was born of mutual dislikes, such as firing a furnace, disposing of ashes, and coping with all the dirty conditions in general that accompany burning coal.

So the neighbors pooled their funds and set about to enjoy the ease and convenience of steam heat piped directly into their homes.

H.S. Gebhart and F. W. Cruikshank were the two men who headed up the group of neighbors living between Millikin Place and North Street west of Pine Street.

Construction on the plant was begun that same fall by W. E. Adams, a Decatur plumber, and the steam was turned on

for the first time on January 1, 1923.

There were 10 families in the heating pool when it began.

Each family unit paid \$1,000 at the outset of the plan to pay for building the plant. After the initial fee, each family received its heat at cost, paying for the proportion of the total heat they used.

An additional 10 per cent was charged each family, which went into a sinking fund for repairs. The original cost of the plant was about \$22,000.

When the plant was in operation, the twin boilers used about a ton and a half of coal a day to maintain the steam needed by the homes. At that time, coal cost \$1.65 a ton.

The families who owned the plant during the three decades of its operation expressed great satisfaction, both from the standpoint of economy and convenience.

Costs varied according to the size of the dwelling heated, but ranged between \$100 and \$200 each year per family.

Some of the small homes the plant serviced were heated for as little as \$68 a year. The costs included the salaries for a day and a night fireman, a meter

reader, a bookkeeper and a plant engineer.

The heat was transmitted from the plant to the nearby homes by a series of mains which ran up the alley between North and William streets to the center of Pine Street, then south to the alley between Prairie Avenue and William Street west through Millikin Place to Haworth Street.

A great deal of interest was expressed in the plant during its early days, and in 1926 an effort was made to organize a group to construct a similar plant in the area between Sunset Avenue and West Main Street and McClellan Street and Dennis Avenue.

However, the plan was abandoned because the homes in that area were too far apart and would have required excessively long steam mains.

Steadily rising costs during the 1940s and 1950s forced the owners of the community heating plant to turn to individual heating units. Gas heat became more readily available, was cheaper, cleaner and more individual.

So in 1952, the system was sold, along with the site the plant occupied at the dead end of West North Street and the Railroad intersection, to K. L. Scheffler, who converted the building into a four-room house.



A community heating plant provided steam to 25 homes from 1923 to 1952.

Herald and Ex

Vol. 37—No. 15

64 Pages—15 Cents

DECATUR, ILLINOIS, SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1967

Fick, Mardirossian, Schaar Win Election

W. Schwandt Beats Buckley In Close Race

BULLETIN
W. Robert Schwandt was successful in his bid for the Decatur School Board Election Saturday, winning by 2,543 votes to 2,237 votes for Dr. Daniel J. Buckley.

By E. Carroll Arnold
Of the Herald and Review

Three persons — Mrs. Stan Schaar, John Ellis Fick and Yesayi H. Mardirossian — were apparent winners Saturday in the Decatur Board of Education election.

In the race for a one-year unexpired term on the board, W. Robert Schwandt led Dr. Daniel J. Buckley Jr. by a 2,543 to 2,237 margin in 29 of 30 precincts reporting.

Returns were still being canvassed by the board at 11 p.m. Saturday, with the large 1,200-vote Dennis School precinct not yet reporting.

Mrs. Schaar, businesswoman and assistant professor of accounting at Millikin University, led all candidates with a 3,826 total.

John Ellis Fick, too along with Mrs. Schaar won a three-year term on the new board.



Mrs. Stan Schaar



Yesayi H. Mardirossian



John Ellis Fick

Truck Shutdown Starts

From N.Y. Times and AP
Wire Services
Washington

A nationwide trucking shutdown in retaliation for scattered teamsters union strikes started going into effect Saturday night as industry spokesman said.

The industry spokesman said the effects of the shutdown were already being felt in some cities. The full impact would become clearer Monday, the spokesman said.

Trucking Employers, Inc., a coalition of 1,500 truck operators, announced that it would shut down more than 200,000 union trucks.



Youths Chant 'Love,' Clean Slum Streets

(c) 1967 New York Times
New York

Amid chants of "love," accompanied by the clash of cymbals and the throb of bongo drums, about 20 youngsters plied broom mops, dust cloths and sponges Saturday as they cleaned a few tenement blocks of Manhattan's lower east side.

For more than an hour, beginning shortly after 11 a.m., the volunteer sweep-in continued, mainly adolescents, concentrated on Third Street from the Bowery to Second Avenue. Among their targets were some telephone booths in a garbage station and peeling signs on an electric pole.

The greatest bright spot in the sweep-up came when a parade of young people drove down Third Street, just west of Second Avenue. They descended upon the vehicle as the police gaped, they laughed, they dusted, they washed the vehicle and puffed flowers under the windshield wipers. As it turned on its siren, before driving off, the youngsters chorused "love" and made way.

Fick Unanimous Pick To Head School Board

By Ron Ingram
Of the Herald

John E. Fick, re-elected Saturday with more than 10,000 votes to the Decatur Board of Education, was unanimously elected president of the board Tuesday night.

Absent from the reorganization meeting were members Larry Hamilton and T. W. Schroeder, out-going board president.

Fick was unopposed in his bid for the presidency.

Supt. Robert Oakes was reappointed board secretary, Karl Meurlot, district business manager, was appointed treasurer; and board attorney Jack Taylor was appointed parliamentarian.

Fick appointed newly elected board member William D. Weaver to act as liaison with the superintendent and staff in preparing the 1970-71 school budget and in redistricting.

Fick and Weaver were elected on a platform centered

on a pledge to stop the busing of students to achieve a racial balance in the district and to return the district in the concept of neighborhood schools. The changing of school's individual boundary lines is the first step in carrying out this pledge.

Also appointed as a liaison with the staff was board member Mrs. Betty Ploeger, who is to work with those involved in studying the district's curriculum. Fick said he feels Mrs. Ploeger's depth of experience in curriculum matters qualifies her for the post.

Fick, Weaver, Mrs. Ploeger and Hamilton all won election to the board with the support of United School Action (USA), a school-oriented political action group.

USA has presented several studies to the district done by its Research and Education Committee.

A recommendation, based on a study done by the USA committee in 1969, was brought to the board by Mrs. Richard Heise of 210 S. Lake Shore Dr.

Mrs. Heise said her children had been among those shifted last fall when the Community Commission on Integration's busing plan was begun. She said the children bused, "even the emotionally stable, average intelligent ones, had an adjustment of three to four months in the school shift."

These same children will now face a second shift if the busing ends, she said, and "many of these children are the very ones who can least afford to make two adjustments in two years.

"You, who were against the shift last fall, please realize you will be making it twice as hard this year," she said. "Two wrongs do not make a right."

Then using the USA report, Mrs. Heise recommended that:

— Registration of pupils be open in those schools not presently meaningfully integrated, as determined by the board, on a space available basis, with choice of schools being limited to the junior high school boundaries.

incorporated with any professional help the district sought.

Letter to Ask Governmental Opinions

A letter asking for opinions on what problems local governmental units have in the Decatur municipal area is expected to be sent for officials sometime next week.

The letter — which will ask for opinions on problems and possible solutions — will be sent to all legally constituted governmental units in Macon County.

The action was decided Tuesday during a planning session of the Decatur Urban Area Advisory Committee.

The information is being sought by the Illinois Commission on Urban Area Government, which is the Decatur committee's parent group.

It is to be used in producing recommendations on local government improvements for consideration by the General Assembly.

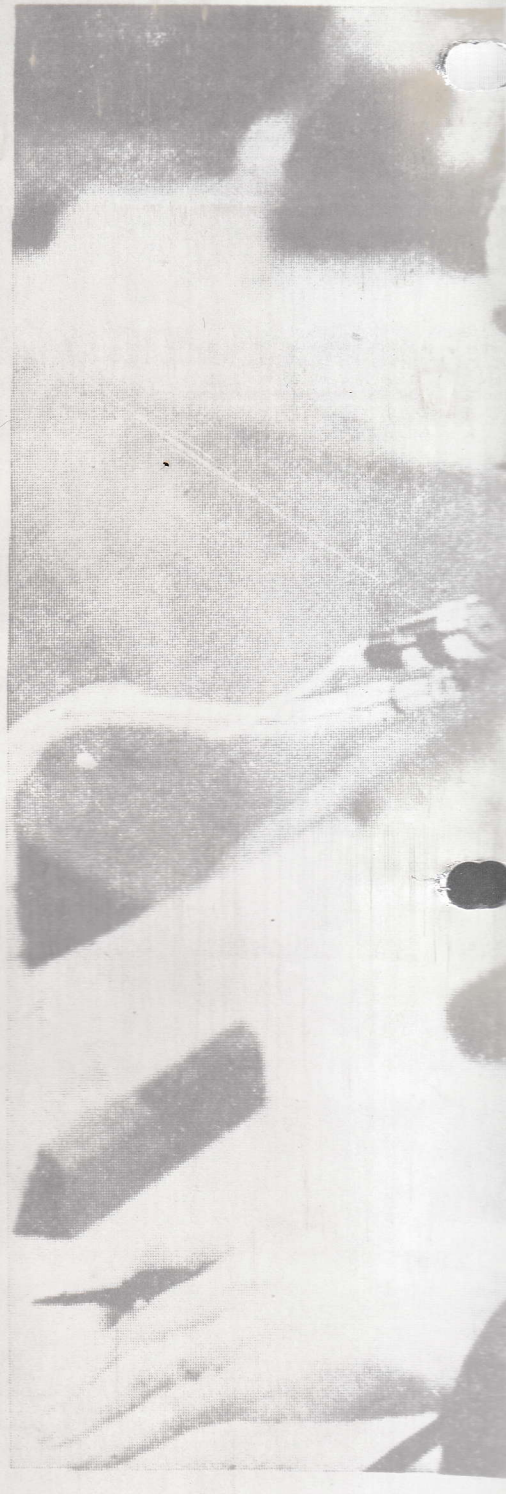
Norman Elkin, executive director of the state commission, met with the committee for the planning session Tuesday.

He said the report of the Decatur committee would be combined with that of seven other regional urban area advisory committees in order to put together a total program of suggestions involving local government.

Along with the letters, discussion with selected individuals will also be used to develop a report for the commission.

The report is due the last week in May.

Elkin suggested the report might include suggestions for both immediate and long-range legislation.



Taxi Fare Increase Hearing Set

A request for increased taxi rates in Decatur will be considered next Wednesday at a public hearing at 10:30 a.m. in the City Council chambers at 355 E. Wood St.

The hearing will be conducted by a city official. Final action will be taken by the City Council.

The requested increase is about 10 cents with another 10 cents added for each mile.

Decatur Checker Cab Co., Inc. (Yellow Cab) is asking for a change in the municipal code to allow rates to be fifty cents for the first two-fifths of a mile and 10 cents for each additional one-fifth of a mile or fraction thereof.

The present rates are fifty cents

Town Meeting

Decatur Township Approves 1970-71 Budget of

By John R. Harpster
Of the Herald

A relative handful of Decatur Township electors — most of them employees of either the county or the township —

general town fund, with \$247,037 last year, \$749,020 on the assistance fund, and \$664,750 last year.

The general town