

Register of Old Buildings
Macon County Historical Coordinating Council

Address: #1 Montgomery Place

Legal description:

Com at NW cor of Lot 9
th S 337' th E 225'
th N to S line of Dr abutting
sd lot on N th N Wly alg S line sd drive to
pob of Lot 9.

Date of original construction: 1920 estimate, assessor's office
c 1924 - see city directory and recorder's
office information
May 1, 1922 - date on revised blueprint, and
date given/July 18, 1941 news
item.

Name of original owner: R. R. Montgomery.

History:

1. A partial chain of title follows:

1924-1930	R. R. Montgomery
1931-1933	Mrs. Evelyn B. Montgomery (wid. R. R.)
1934-1939	Mrs. Wilhelmina Smith
1940-1941	A. Rollin Staley
1942-1973	Wm. L. Shellabarger (Maud)
1974-	Thomas O. Stephens

2. Data from available city directories:

Montgomery Place - first listed in 1924 city directory	
1925 city directory missing	
1924-1930	R. R. Montgomery
1931-1933	Mrs. E. B. Montgomery
1934	Missing
1935-1939	Mrs. Wilhelmina Smith
1940-1941	A. Rollin Staley (Lucille)
1942-1945	Wm. L. Shellabarger (Maud D.)
1946-1973	Maud D. Shellabarger
1974-	Thos. O. Stephens

3. Data from Macon County assessor's office

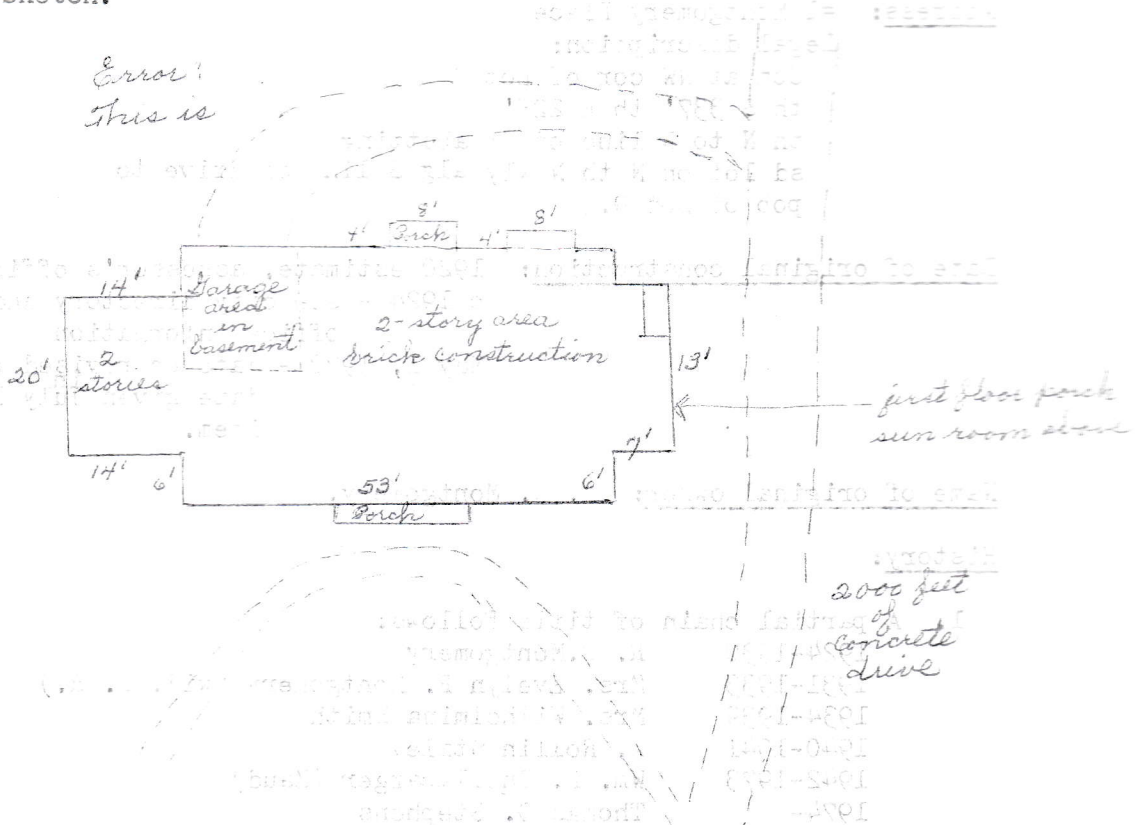
Family dwelling	2 stories, 8 rooms
Brick foundation	Yellow brick exterior - painted white
Central air conditioning	Gable roof - med pitch
Tile roof	2 porches
3 bathrooms	2-1 single fixture
2 fireplaces (natural)	1 stoop
1 gas fireplace	hardwood floors

(See sketch on opposite page)

Present owner: Thomas O. Stephens

History Cont'd.:

3. Sketch:



4. Architectural information as written by Bradley Cantrell in early 1973:

The Shellabarger home at 1 Montgomery Place is of the Georgian Style. The most apparent feature of the home is its symmetry with no one part dominating. The centrally featured portico is supported by Corinthian columns crowned with a pediment. Classic details ornament the structure as in its eaves treated as a cornice, plasters used in the veranda and entrance, keystone headed windows, and second-story balcony.

5. See following attachments:

- a. Copy of page 368, Mabel S. Richmond's Centennial History of Decatur and Macon County, regarding R. R. Montgomery's invention of the fly swatter.
Also page 266 - Montgomery Place.
- b. Copy of page 283, same book, R. R. Montgomery's service on library board.
- c. March 8, 1930 obit, R. R. Montgomery.
- d. July 18, 1941, local news item regarding sale of property to A. Rollin Staley.
- e. Obit, William L. Shellabarger, Jr., April 14, 1974, Sunday Herald and Review.

History #1 Montgomery Place Cont'd.:

5. Attachments Cont'd.:

f. Data on Shellabarger family:

- Partial family chart as drawn by C. Meyer.
- Obit, W. L. Shellabarger, Sr., February 4, 1920.
- Sesquicentennial column, Sunday H. and R., March 17, 1968 - W. L. Shellabarger and his automobiles.
- Copy from pages 683-685 from Judge Nelson's 1910 Decatur and Macon County History - biography, David S. Shellabarger, founder of the Decatur Shellabarger family.
- September 5, 1888 - Decatur Daily Republican, wedding of Irene Thatcher to W. L. Shellabarger, Sr.

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Decatur industry ever since. He built a corn sheller, one which would work. It is now used wherever corn is grown. The plant has always been located at Morgan and William streets. A. R. Montgomery entered the employ of the Union Iron works about 1875 as bookkeeper. By 1884 he had risen to the position of secretary-treasurer and general manager, a position he occupied until his death in 1908.

Conrad Ammann began making brick in 1864. So did H. M. Whitmer. William T. Traver that same year began manufacturing tile.

Several marble works were established in 1865. W. H. Grindol began business that year, as did also Peniwell, Brown & Co. In 1867 John Strohm began the same line of business.

Elwood & Co. started making doors, sash, blinds, etc., in 1865. The same year Fred Pahmeyer started a cigar factory. Andrew Kepler began making cigars in 1867.

The Decatur Bottling works was established in 1866 with Fred Kuny as proprietor. D. W. Brenneman started in the liquor business in 1866. That same year H. E. Foster established a lumber business.

In 1867 the linseed oil mill was established at the foot of East Main street by William and Benjamin Sawyer. Later it was run by Hatfield, Taylor & Co. The mill developed rapidly and in a few years was consuming 50,000 bushels of flax seed, doing \$75,000 worth of business annually. This business was finally closed about 1900 due to changes in the industry.

R. R. Montgomery established a real estate, insurance and loan business in 1867, and continued in the same office until his death in 1930. For many years the firm was Montgomery & Shull (F. R. Shull), and later Montgomery & Sons, as it is known today. For years that firm was busy platting and selling real estate additions. In later years Mr. Montgomery developed Montgomery Place, one of Decatur's most beautiful residence districts. Mr. Montgomery served as member of the city council, was a member of the library board, and otherwise was active publicly.

In 1868 Young and Norman established a steam laundry and barber shop. Afterwards it became Norman's laundry.

Taylor and Bradley began making carriages, wagons and buggies in 1869. Their factory was at Water and Cerro Gordo streets. This business came in control of the Wayne brothers, John B. and William J., in 1872, and was a well known establishment for a generation.

Some stores which were in existence for many years had their beginnings in the '60s, among them B. Stine's clothing store, started in 1866, and Dr. A. J. Stoner's drug store on South Park, opened in

*Richmond, Mabel Co., Centennial History of
Decatur and Macon County, The Decatur
Review, publisher, 1930*

CHAPTER LXVI

WHERE DECATUR LEADS

NCESSITY is the mother of invention," and the necessity of finding a solution for a problem has in more than one case put Decatur's name before the world. Many inventions have been worked out by Macon county citizens. Each of them would make a romantic story in itself, for the tale of how they came about is full of absorbing interest.

Robert Faries was obliged to work in a dark corner many years ago. It was too dark to do justice to his work, and something had to be done about it. So he rigged up a fixture by which a light could be placed over his work bench. Light fixtures of various kinds became in later years one of the chief outputs of the Faries Manufacturing company.

H. W. Hill was so disgusted with the rooting done by one of his hogs one day that he picked up a piece of wire and jabbed it through the nose of the big porker. It worked. With that wire in his nose the hog had to retire from the rooting business. Mr. Hill put the idea to work. He made the hog ring and rings which bore his name, and the manufacture of which was a leading industry in Decatur for years and built him a fortune.

When John Beall, millwright, back in the '60s was installing corn shellers—shellers which wouldn't work properly when they were installed—he was sort of disgusted too. He had his own ideas as to how those corn shellers should be made. He made one according to his idea. It worked and has been working ever since. It is the corn sheller which has brought business from all over the world to the Union Iron works.

A pesky fly was continually bothering R. R. Montgomery one day when he was trying to take a nap. The rascally "critter" laughed in glee, no doubt, when Mr. Montgomery tried to lay it low with a folded newspaper. A fan, a magazine, were tried, but the fly always made his getaway. Next Mr. Montgomery tried a piece of wire screen. Then it was his turn to laugh at his tormentor. The screen caught the fly, and Mr. Montgomery realized why—it had not made the gust of air which warned the fly of its approach.

Mr. Montgomery patented the fly swatter in 1900, and manufactured it for a number of years. He called it the King fly swatter,

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naming it after his father-in-law, Dr. Joseph King, one of Macon county's first physicians. Eventually Mr. Montgomery sold the business to the U. S. Manufacturing company, which today ships fly swatters all over the world.

Many other interesting stories might be told, if space permitted. Inventions of Decatur men may be found everywhere. Soda fountains, invented by Caleb Smith, went all over the country. W. H. Bramble, C. C. Burroughs, H. Mueller, G. D. Haworth, and other Decatur inventors, as told elsewhere in this volume, have brought out widely known products. A. W. Cash valves are found everywhere.

Decatur has a record of being first in many manufacturing lines. The Decatur Coffin company, which was the first industry of that kind west of Indiana, was the first to make burial clothes which set a standard for the world. Others, taking up the new fashion, said, "As good as Decatur's".

Bixby, Pitner and Company began the manufacture of burial shoes here.

Decatur occupies a place as a leader in the making of women's garments. First in the field was the Home Manufacturing company. Then came the Osgood & Heiner company, now Osgood & Sons; the Decatur Garment company, and more recently, the Gragg Garment company.

Wire mats, made in Decatur, have traveled to all corners of the globe, being used on the vessels of the United States navy. They are made by the U. S. Manufacturing company.

At home and abroad can be found products of the Staley, Mueller, Walrus and Williams Sealing company factories. Many other things manufactured in Decatur are widely circulated over the country, and one can scarcely travel anywhere without coming upon some reminder of the home town.

*Richmond, Mabel G., Centennial History of
Decatur and Macon County, published
by the Decatur Review, 1930*

to submit their request in writing. Mayor Stadler, within five days after returning home, received a letter from Mr. Carnegie's secretary saying that Mr. Carnegie would give \$60,000. The letter follows:

"Andrew Carnegie, New York,
 "5 West 51st street. 6th February, 1901.

"Mayor G. A. Stadler,
 "Decatur, Ill.

"Dear Sir—Mr. Carnegie desires me to say that if the city of Decatur will provide a suitable site and agree to spend not less than \$6,000 per year upon the maintenance of the library he will give \$60,000 for the building.

"Respectfully yours,

"JAMES BUTRAM,
 "Private Secretary."

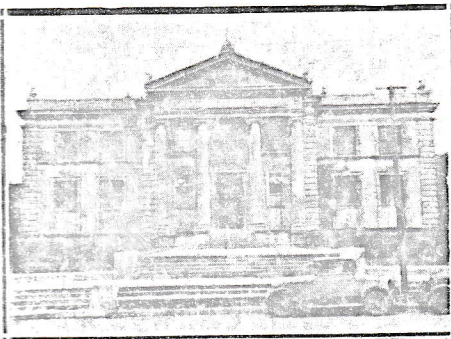
The lot at the southwest corner of Main and Eldorado streets was selected as a site for the building. It was bought from the heirs of Mrs. A. A. Powers for \$15,000. While it was felt that this was a suitable location for a library, citizens did not lose sight of the significant fact that this corner was for many years the home of Mrs. Powers, who had been president for six years of the Ladies' Library association.

The lot was bought in May, 1901. Mauran, Russell and Garden, architects of St. Louis, were engaged to draw plans for the building, and contract was let on Jan. 30, 1902, for the construction work, to V. Jobst and Sons of Peoria. July 1, 1903, saw the library established in its new home.

At the time the building project was first started the library board consisted of W. J. Quinlan, E. P. Vail, O. B. Gorin, W. J. Wayne, R.

R. Montgomery, H. C. Schaub, Mrs. I. N. Barnes, Mrs. B. O. McReynolds, Miss Nettie Lindsay.

Mr. Quinlan, who had been one of the most active promoters of a library in Decatur since its inception, served on the library board for twenty-one years, from 1884 to 1905. From 1897 to 1905 he was president of the board.



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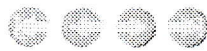
ROBERT R. MONTGOMERY, OF DECATUR, ILLINOIS.

FLY-KILLER.

SPECIFICATION forming part of Letters Patent No. 840,790, dated January 9, 1900.

Application filed October 13, 1899. Serial No. 733,489. (No model.)

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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, ROBERT R. MONTGOMERY, of the city of Decatur, county of Macon, and State of Illinois, have invented a certain new and useful Fly-Killer, of which the following is a specification.

This invention relates to fly-killers made of wire-netting. Its object is to provide a cheap device of unusual elasticity and durability, which is exemplified in the structure hereinafter described, and defined in the appended claims.

In constructing an insect-killer in accordance with my invention a rectangular piece of wire-netting is used, such pieces being preferably oblong, and the handle end of the killer is formed by folding over the corners of one of the ends onto the body of the netting across each other on oblique lines extending from near the center of the narrow end well up along the broader sides. The folds are right-angled triangles with the bend on the hypotenuses, and the sides of the triangles formed by the end of the netting are much shorter than the sides of the triangles formed from the sides of the netting. A handle is attached to the folded part of the netting in line with the longitudinal axis thereof, and it terminates at or near the internal angle formed by the inner edges of the folds. The folds extend beyond the handle, gradually decreasing in width as they extend, and such extensions elastically reinforce the flap of netting near the handle.

In the drawings forming part of this specification, Figure 1 represents a flap of netting folded to form a connection for the handle and provide elastic reinforcement for the flap. Fig. 2 represents a complete killer with the handle attached in a preferred manner. Fig. 3 is an edge view of the killer, illustrating in dotted lines the whip-like swing of the flap resulting from the elastic reinforcement of the triangular extensions of the folds.

The flap of wire-netting is shown at 1, the folded corners at 2, and the handle at 4. The flap is preferably bound on three sides to include both the warp and the weft, or the long wires and the short wires, while the third side, which forms the operative end of the flap, is bound in a manner to leave the warp or long wires projecting to form a fringe or brush, as 3. The fringe is useful in providing a softer end to the flap, whereby injury to ar-

ticles subjected to sharp blows of the killer is reduced to a minimum; but it is not indispensable.

The handle is preferably slotted in one of its ends to straddle the folded part of the flap; but it may be left intact and secured to the flap between the folds and the body or outside both. In either case tacks, as 5, or their equivalent may be used to connect the handle with the flap, and in all cases the three thicknesses of netting produced by the folds supply a firm hold for the handle.

The device is used to strike flies or other insects, and its utility is increased by its elasticity, while its strength and durability are augmented by doubling the thickness where elasticity is required and trebling it at the handle end.

What I claim is—

1. A wire-netting flap for insect-killers having its corners at one end folded over each other and over the body of the flap, substantially as described.

2. A wire-netting flap for insect-killers having its corners at one end folded over each other to form an internal angle at the intersection of the inner edges of the folds, and a handle connected with the body of the flap and with the folds and terminating at the apex of the internal angle formed by the folds, substantially as described.

3. An insect-killer comprising a wire-netting flap having a handle connected to the center of one of its ends and oblique reinforcements for the netting extending from the handle sidewise and beyond the end of the same.

4. An insect-killer comprising a wire-netting flap having a handle connected to the center of one of its ends, and oblique reinforcements of wire-netting from the handle sidewise and beyond the end of the same.

5. An insect-killer comprising a wire-netting flap fringed at its operative end and folded over obliquely at the corners of its handle end, and a handle connected with the folded end, substantially as described.

In testimony whereof I sign my name in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

ROBERT R. MONTGOMERY.

Witnesses:
F. S. POWERS,
T. A. POWERS.

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Robert Montgomery

Biography

No. 640,790.

Patented Jan. 9, 1900.

R. R. MONTGOMERY.
FLY KILLER.

(Application filed Oct. 13, 1899.)

(No Model.)

Fig. 1.

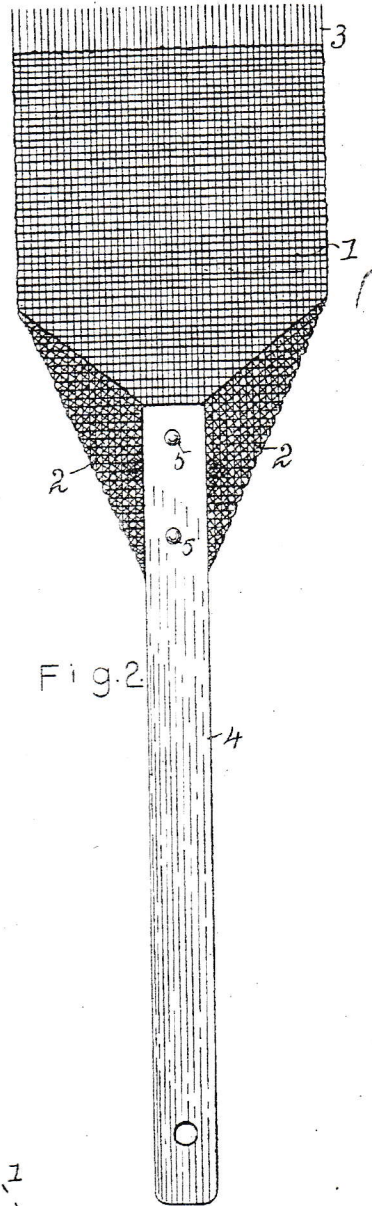
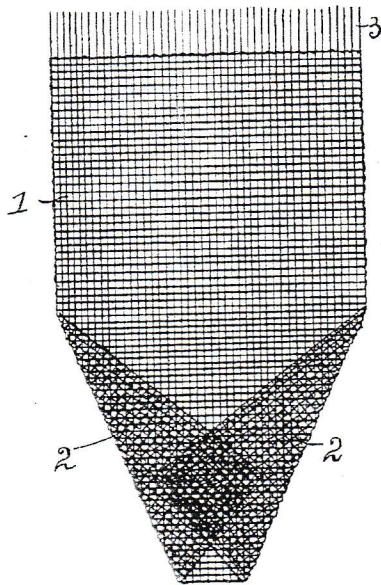
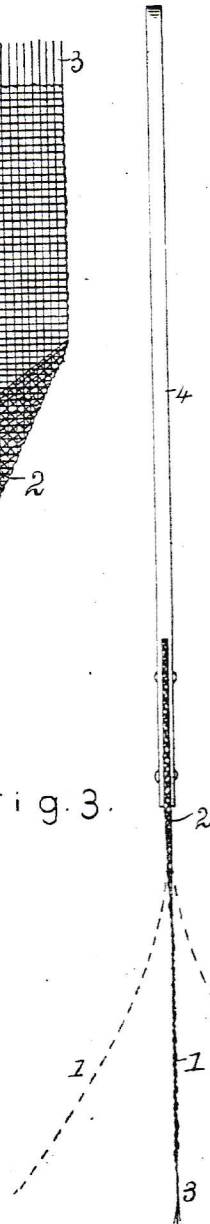


Fig. 2.

Fig. 3.



Attest,
Nora Graham
Eva Graham.

R. R. MONTGOMERY
by L. P. Graham
his attorney

R. MONTGOMERY PROMINENT HERE FOR YEARS, DIES

Life Long Resident of Decatur Passes Away After Apoplectic Stroke
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ACTIVE IN AFFAIRS

R. R. Montgomery, aged 86, life long resident of Decatur, died at 5:40 o'clock Friday evening in his home in Montgomery Place following a serious illness lasting more than a week.

About a week ago he suffered an apoplectic stroke from which he never rallied. He had been in a semi-conscious condition for the last three days and several times life was despaired of.

Robert R. Montgomery was born in Decatur in 1843 and except during the years that he served in the Union army in the sixties, all of his life had been passed in this city.

For many years he was in the real estate and insurance business, associated with F. R. Shull under the name of Montgomery & Shull. The records disclose that individual by R. R. Montgomery subdivided and platted several additions to the city of Decatur and that during the years of the life of Montgomery & Shull as a firm, they platted several additions. When they retired from business they had a record of considerable years of business life in their field as that time unequalled in the annals of Decatur. When that firm was dissolved the sons of Mr. Montgomery under the firm name of R. R. Montgomery & Sons, continued the business.

The acquaintance of many years of Robert R. Montgomery was made by a mutual language of his

Apoplexy Fatal



Photo by VANDeventer.
R. R. MONTGOMERY

seeming splendid physical condition up to the time a week ago when he was stricken with apoplexy. Only a few days before that stroke when the motor of his car was cold and did not respond to the impulses of the starter, he tried to crank the car and in that effort sustained a broken arm when the crank got away from him. Up to the time of the accident he drove his own car although he was 86 years old.

Was Alderman

During the period when the aldermanic form of municipal administration prevailed in Decatur, R. R. Montgomery served a number of years as second ward alderman. During such service he was regarded as one of the ablest men in the council. The chairmanship then most desired was the finance committee. For not a few seasons, among aldermen, it was regarded as a distinction attending to be chairman of the finance committee, for upon the work done by the committee largely depended the success of the aldermen. The mayor had the committee appointed from a financial standpoint. The mayor had the chairman of the finance committee not infrequently was regarded as the chief alderman, and often his confidential advisor. R. R. Montgomery probably served as many years as chairman of the council finance committee in proportion to the years that he was an alderman, as any man ever in the city council of Decatur.

His part in civic affairs was not limited to his service as an alderman. He served many years as a member of the library board and as a member of the board of education. Mr. Montgomery was rather averse to personal publicity. He was ever pleased to give his time and thought to public work and preferred the library board and board of education to the city council because in those boards, during the period in which he served, there was less publicity than in the city council.

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In business life he had been known as a man of action, one who must be employed. His acquaintances of long standing often wondered how it was possible that one so long accustomed to business activity could withdraw from its excitements and inspirations and be contented in a life of idle ease.

Supervises Interests

He did not retire to idleness. When seemingly he quit business life he did not surrender the large interests he had acquired. All remained in his control, he supervised, leaving details to his son.

Hours which the unwilling he lived he passed in interest, were given to supervising the work of his son, who was consistently improving the grounds about his dwelling, several acres of ground owned by forest trees.

his inheritance to which he added adjacent tracts many years ago the 40 acres being known as Montgomery's stock farm. As the city expanded to the west and touched the farm, the place more commonly was known as "Montgomery's Woods." When platted and sold for building sites it became known as Montgomery Place.

Retained Wooded Tract

For his own building site he retained a wooded tract of several acres. Long before the public anticipated the subdivision of the 40-acre tract, he had considered it from several angles. It had long been one of the places he delighted to visit and enjoy the quiet of the woods.

He never could bring himself to the decision of simply cutting the place into 40-foot building lots, nor could he make up his mind to subdivide in any way that portion which he retained for his home site, because, he said, it would mar the beauty of the tract.

Grows Flowers

When he ceased to be active in every day business affairs he gave much study to the improvement of the grounds about his home where during the growing season he constantly demonstrated in growing flowers. He studied birds and in the grounds there were many bird houses designed to attract such birds as nest in houses rather than in the boughs of the trees.

The coming of visitors to the beautiful grounds was a keen delight to him. All who came to admire and not mar the beauty of the place were welcome even though strangers to him.

The wooded tract about his home was a playground for many children. Many times he joined in their sports. During the winter of 1928-29 when some children were skating on the lagoons at the east end of his grounds, he put on his skates and joined in the games of the young ones on the ice.

Shooting His Favorite

When a boy, shooting was his favorite winter sport. When he was 40 years of age he demonstrated that not only could he skate skilfully, but that he could handle many of the early inventions which interested him when a boy.

Coasting on the hills in Montgomery's woods was a rare sport for some of the children in the west end of Decatur. Last winter Mr. Montgomery said that in recent years he had enjoyed few if any things more than watching the children coasting on the hills about his home.

Leaves Four Children

One of his acquaintances commented upon the active interest of children. An intimate acquaintance replied, "He is not old; he is merely mature."

He leaves his wife, who was Miss Evelyn Bixby, and four children: Dufay and R. Jay Montgomery of Decatur; Mrs. Cora M. Black of Cleveland, O.; Mrs. Lois M. Perry of Marshfield, Ore., all children by a former marriage.

Decatur Public Library
Decatur, Illinois
March 8, 1930

Politically Mr. Hockaday is a republican. He cast his first presidential vote for General Grant in 1872 and has since given stalwart support to the party, for he believes that its principles are most conducive to good government. His fellow-townsmen recognizing his worth and ability elected and reelected him to the office of supervisor until he had served for six consecutive years on the county board, acting as chairman for one year. He also served on various committees during his term of office and was made chairman of a number of them. He had previously served as justice of the peace and a number of important cases were tried before him. That his decisions were strictly fair and impartial is indicated in the fact that he never had a decision repealed. He has served as delegate to various county and state conventions, and his opinions have long carried weight in the local councils of his party. Mr. Hockaday is well known as a prominent Mason, holding membership in the local lodge, in Decatur Chapter, R. A. M., Decatur Commandery, K. T., and the consistory and the Shrine at Peoria. He became a charter member of Oreana Lodge, K. P., in which he served through the chairs, becoming a chancellor. He has also represented the local organization in the Grand Lodge of the state. In fraternal relations, in political circles, in business life and in social connections James Ross Hockaday is known as a man of high and honorable purpose, true and loyal to every trust reposed in him.

DAVID S. SHELLABARGER.

David S. Shellabarger, president of the National Bank of Decatur, needs no introduction to the readers of this volume. His life history is interwoven with the annals of the city and while he is widely known as an enterprising and successful business man, his interests have by no means been self-centered, but have reached out to those activities which have touched the general interests of society. In his life public spirit has ever constituted an even balance to business enterprise. He has honorably won prosperity and at the same time has made generous division of his means with his fellowmen.

A native of Pennsylvania, Mr. Shellabarger was born on a farm in Cumberland county, July 11, 1837. His parents, David and Catharine (Byerly) Shellabarger, were also natives of the Keystone state and the family was of Swiss descent, while the latter was of German lineage. The family was founded in America by the great-great-grandfather of our subject, who lived near the beautiful city of Lucerne in Switzerland. There is a mountain in that vicinity which was named for the Shellabarger family. The great-grandfather of David S. Shellabarger in the maternal line came from Germany and settled in Lancaster county, Pennsylvania. Both families were sturdy farming people. Isaac Shellabarger, the grandfather, was a miller of Pennsylvania and David Shellabarger's father followed the same occupation. An uncle of the name of Isaac Shellabarger came to Macon county in the early '50s. He, too, was a miller by trade but here engaged in the lumber business and afterward in connection with his brother, David Shellabarger, purchased the mill on the Wabash Railway tracks now owned by the American Hominy Company. He had several farms in

*Nelson, Hon. William C., Editor, City of Decatur
and Macon County, The Bureau Publishing Company,
Chicago, 1910 Vol. II*

Macon county, two of which he entered from the government in 1837. These are still owned by his grandchildren, having remained continuously in the possession of the family. He died in Decatur after a long residence in Macon county, during which period he contributed in substantial measure to the growth and upbuilding of this part of the state.

David Shellabarger, the father of our subject, also arrived in Macon county at an early day and was engaged in the dry goods business in Decatur for a number of years. He also owned a farm in the northeastern part of the county and was a progressive business man who utilized the various opportunities that came to him. His death occurred in Decatur, while his wife passed away in Salina, Kansas. They were the parents of eight children, of whom four are yet living: David S.; Mrs. G. F. Hargus, of Los Angeles, California; Mrs. Kate Black, of Springfield, Illinois; and Mrs. E. A. Hinkle, of Salina, Kansas.

In the country schools of his native county David S. Shellabarger of this review pursued his studies but his opportunities in that direction were very limited. His labor was needed on the farm and education in those days was a secondary consideration. He soon became familiar with the best methods of tilling the soil and learned to appraise unfaltering diligence at its true worth. In 1856 he came west by way of Chicago over the Illinois Central Railroad to Decatur, which at that time had no other railway line, the Illinois Central having been completed the year before. He was then a young man of nineteen years, courageous, ambitious and determined. He accepted a position in his uncle's lumber yard as a day laborer, working at a dollar and a quarter per day. He continued for some time in that position and later with J. H. Kaufman & Company, lumber dealers, and on the death of John H. Shellabarger, who was a partner of Mr. Kaufman, he succeeded to his interest in the business, with which he was connected for two years. At the end of that time he disposed of his interest and in 1859 he bought an interest in the mill owned by Hinkle & Condell. After a time he sold out in that connection and purchased a mill on the Wabash tracks in company with his uncle, Isaac Shellabarger. This was afterward known as the Shellabarger Mills and David S. Shellabarger was active in the operation and management of the business until 1903, when he sold to the American Hominy Company. In 1878 he was associated with his brother, J. L. Shellabarger, and J. P. Griswold in the mills which were known as the Shawnee Mills, named for the Shawnee tribe of Indians at Topeka, Kansas, and further extended his business operations in the Sunflower state by building a mill at Wichita, Kansas, in 1874, in company with William Bowers. Ten years later he sold his interest in the Shawnee Mills at Topeka and in 1886 disposed of his interest in the Wichita Mills, at which time he purchased a mill at Salina, Kansas, in company with his son, Fred D. Shellabarger. The mill had a capacity of two hundred barrels which has since been increased to twelve hundred barrels and there are thirty-three elevators operated in connection with the business. David Shellabarger is the president of the Shellabarger Elevator Company, having thirteen elevators at different points, while four lumber yards are conducted in connection with these. A man of resourceful business ability, his plans are carefully formed and promptly executed. He is seldom if ever at fault in his judgment concerning the value of a business transaction or opportunity and his initiative spirit

has carried him into important commercial relations. He is now president of a coal company and has become widely known in financial circles, being the first vice president of the National Bank of Decatur after it was reorganized, while in July, 1902, he was elected to the presidency and has since been its chief executive officer.

In the public life of the community Mr. Shellabarger has been prominent for many years. His fellow townsmen would accord him almost any gift within their power and yet his aspirations have not been in the line of office holding. He has, however, served for two terms as alderman of the first ward, and was mayor of the city for one term, filling that office when the first water works was built. He was in the council when the movement was instituted and was occupying the chair of municipal executive on the completion of that public utility. In public affairs as in private life it has been his habit to carry forward to successful completion whatever he has undertaken and his loyalty to the general good has been again and again demonstrated in many tangible ways, particularly in his cooperation with a generous support of projects instituted for the benefit of the city.

On the 7th of January, 1862, Mr. Shellabarger was married to Miss Anna E. Krone of Decatur, and unto them have been born seven children: William L.; Lucien C.; Fred D.; Adele S., the wife of E. B. Hillman of Quincy, Illinois; Marie S., the wife of Smith Crowder of Oakland, California; Grace S., the wife of J. M. Allen of Decatur; and Corinne S., the wife of Thomas H. Ramsey of Red Bluff, California.

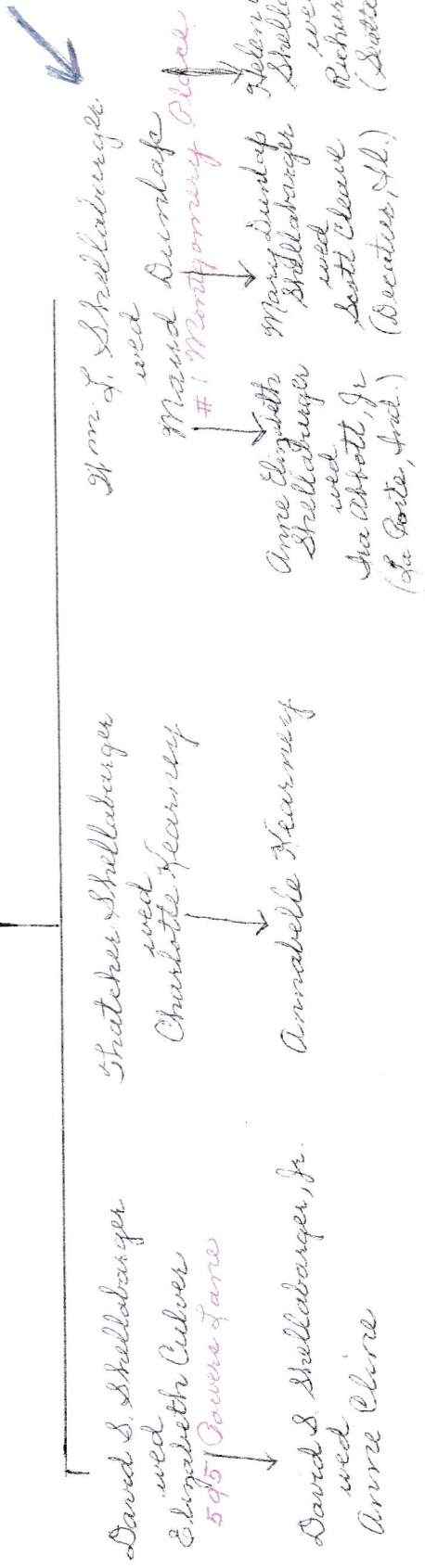
Mr. Shellabarger has been a member of the Masonic fraternity since 1858 and has attained the Knights Templar degree in the order. For fifty-two years he has been a member of the Grace Methodist Episcopal church, being converted and joining the church when it stood on the exact site of the National Bank of Decatur, of which Mr. Shellabarger is the president. For eighteen years he has been superintendent of the Sunday school, for many years has been on the official board and has also served as one of the church trustees. He takes a very active interest in religious work and in fact in every movement that tends to uplift humanity and to advance intellectual and moral progress. The name of Shellabarger is indeed inseparably interwoven with the history of Decatur and has ever stood here as a synonym for honorable activity as well as for successful accomplishment.

T. QUICKEL.

T. Quickel, a retired agriculturist residing on section 18, Long Creek township, is the owner of more than a section of land, all of which he leases. The rest which he now enjoys is the fitting reward of a life of untiring industry, indefatigable energy and well directed effort. His birth occurred in York county, Pennsylvania, on the 25th of February, 1835, his parents being Michael and Katherine (Krone) Quickel. About the year 1660 three brothers of the name emigrated from Germany to America, landing at Baltimore, Maryland. One settled in York county, Pennsylvania, and the other went to North Carolina

J. Neta Moffitt — Charles S. Thatcher — ^{wed,} Mary Hall
 Oct. 6, 1898
 1700 N. Elmton

Anne Thatchee — ^{wed,} William S. Shellabarger, Sr.
 Sept. 5, 1888



Rollin Staley Sells Home to Shellabarger

The large Montgomery Place residence of A. Rollin Staley was sold yesterday to W. L. Shellabarger.

Mr. Staley, an official of the A. E. Staley, Mfg. Co., in addition to securing a large lot in Southmoreland Place in a trade with Mr. Shellabarger, also bought for a home a new Cape Cod colonial residence at 23 Edgewood court.

Mr. Shellabarger, head of the soybean division of the Spencer Kellogg & Sons Co., bought the Montgomery Place property for a home and will move there soon with his family.

The two grain company executives completed the deals on the Montgomery Place and Southmoreland Place properties yesterday. The Southmoreland Place lot obtained by Mr. Staley is the last lake-front building site in that addition, and has a frontage of nearly 200 feet along the shore line.

Built in 1922

The trade between the two prominent Decatur men was negotiated by P. H. Sproat, local real estate promoter. The purchase by Mr. Staley of the new house in Edgewood court was handled by H. E. Cannon & Co.

The No. 1 Montgomery Place property includes a large landscaped yard. It is 225 feet across the front and 337 feet deep.

The large three-story home was built in 1922 by the late F. R. Montgomery and was the first to be constructed in the addition. It was sold by the Montgomery estate to the late Dr. F. E. Smith and then by the Smith estate to Mr. Staley in

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Cooper, Grocer at Forsyth, Dies

Charles W. Cooper, 51, a Forsyth grocer for more than 20 years, and postmaster there for 15 years, died in his home at 12:15 a. m. today.

Mr. Cooper, who had been ill for some time but active in both his occupations, closing his grocery store last night, was born in Macon county July 25, 1890. He resided in Forsyth and vicinity all his life, except for five years in Iowa after 1910, and three years in Decatur after leaving Iowa. He was in the grocery business in Iowa and Decatur.

Justice Harry's 'Profit' During Explained by

It's not Justice of J. Carl "Ope" Harry his June court costs most of the amount he had in fines and left cents for the city, acc City Attorney James F.

The reason for the Mr. Henson explained he found in the large of continuances of Justice's cases. The court were asked by the city Attorney Henson was the hospital for several and is just now beginning back his strength.

July 18, 1941

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Mr. Staley plans to move into the new Edgewood court residence near the end of this month, when Mrs. Staley is expected to return from Arizona, where she has been spending several weeks because of ill health. Mr. Staley said he was uncertain about plans for the Southmoreland place property, but said that he may possibly build a new home on it at a later time.

On one side of a large center hall of the newly purchased Shollenbarger home in Montgomery place is a long living room with a fireplace at one end. A sun room just off the living room also has a fireplace. A dining hall faces the front of the house off the living room, while another dining room is arranged for serving luncheons. Other rooms on the first floor include a butler's pantry, large kitchen, breakfast room and bath.

A winding stairway off the front hall leads to the second floor, where there are six rooms and three baths.

Mr. Staley's new Edgewood court home is a seven-room Cape Cod colonial. It has an entrance hall, long living room, dining room, kitchen and bath on the first floor. Two large and two average size bedrooms are located on the second floor, along with a bath and shower room. The entire home is finished in pastel shades of pink, peach, blue and green. It is heated with a forced warm air gas heating plant and is completely insulated. The property is 60 by 114 feet.

Red Cross Water Safety School to Be Held Here

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Mr. Cooper married Margaret Hobbs of Decatur, Sept. 11, 1913. He was a member of the Forsyth Methodist church, Modern Woodmen and the I. O. O. F.

He leaves his wife, a son, Frank Wain of Forsyth, a sister, Mrs. Ada Hobbs of Decatur, and a grandson.

Funeral services will be held in the Dwyam & Wikoff chapel at 3131 Perry Sunday. Burial will be at Bolling Springs cemetery.

A&P Stores Here

Adopt 5-Day Week

New Schedule Becomes Effective Next Week

Three Decatur, Atlantic and Pacific food stores are adopting the five-day work week for the majority of their employees. Charles A. Anderson, district manager of the chain, said today. The new schedule will become effective as soon as it can be worked out in the stores, various divisions over a period of the next four or five weeks, he said.

This five-day week is in accord with the company's national policy which was instituted in several major stores yesterday, and will reduce from the approximate 35 hours a week that many employees work now.

The new policy is the result of a study conducted in A and P stores in a few eastern cities two months ago and found to work successfully.

Arthur G. Hodges, Chicago president of the Middle Western division, expects the shorter week to be in effect throughout this area before Labor day. Employees' pay is not affected by this policy, but

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15 Police in Final

Arrival of Automobile Major Impact

By David D. Miller
Of the Herald and Review

Probably nothing has ever had greater impact on the history of Decatur and Macon County than the advent of the automobile.

Even farsighted pioneers of the auto industry like Decatur's Hieronymus Mueller probably would be surprised at the extent that it has become an automotive age.

Mueller brought the first auto to Decatur in the spring of 1895. Even after he successfully made innovations for the car making its operation more practical, many in the area were skeptical about the future of automobiles.

The growth of automobile use in the area was a slow but steady process.

In 1903, a newspaper survey rounded up a list of 19 owners in Decatur. The number increased to 45 in 1904, and a count in 1905 showed that there were 69 cars in the county, seven of which belonged to non-Decatur persons.

Growth Over Years

That figure has continued to grow, reaching 3,000 in 1918 and an estimated 60,000 in 1967.

One man, Frank Schlaudeman was credited with having two automobiles in 1903, or probably having one of the first two-car families in the county.

According to newspaper accounts, Schlaudeman bought a car with gasoline engine first, but since it was too hard for his wife to manage, purchased her an electric vehicle.

A list of early car owners in Decatur includes Robert Faries, Frank Faries, Ed Fowler, L. C. Shellabarger, Rev. F. W. Burham, E. McNabb and J. W. Bowman. They all owned gasoline machines.

George Henderson and Paul Hickisch each owned steam machines in 1903, according to the article.

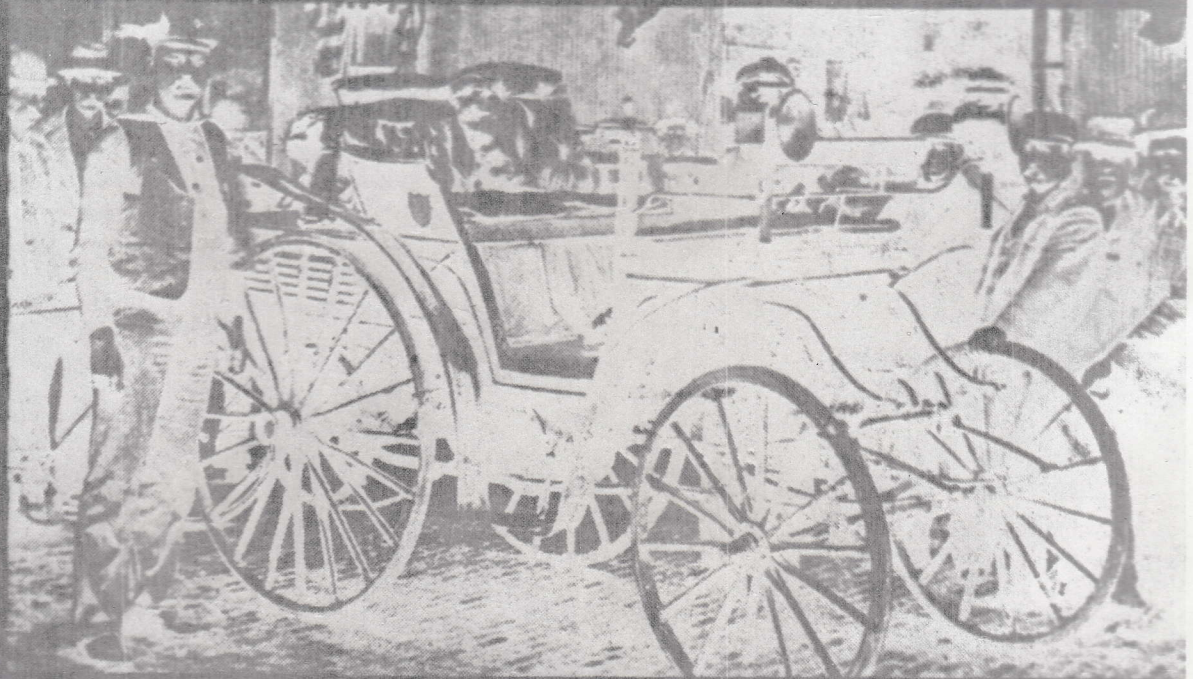
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This was the first auto brought to Decatur, the 1895 vehicle the property of Hieronymus Mueller.

A Mile Equalled a Million

Early Roads Constituted Major Problem

"Only a mile and one-half from town, yet it might as well be a million on a muddy day."

This was the lament of an early day Macon County resident, who like many others in the county was hopelessly stranded on days when the roads were too muddy to travel.

Muddy roads were a problem before the advent of automobiles, but when the use of automobiles became prevalent, the need for all-weather roads became more imperative.

There had been some agitation in Springfield as early as 1893 for at least one or two state financed hard roads to facilitate horse and buggy travel.

One of the first improvements proposed for Macon County roads was the spraying of a type of road oil on various main thoroughfares in the county.

Protective Coating

This was not actually a paving, but the oil did provide a type of protective coating on the dirt roads, as water would tend to run off rather than sink in.

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Included in the cost was \$2,200 price of the car; \$800 for seven sets of tires, and \$540 for five-year upkeep.

Shellabarger estimated that he got 4,000 miles out of a set of tires, although most persons in the area could expect 6,000 miles a set.

He did a large share of his driving on rural roads, which, because of their condition, shortened the life of a set of tires, he said.

Mileage Cost

He also figured that it cost him about 10 cents per mile to operate the car, close to what it is reported to cost today.

The automobile also provided a sporting event that is popular today — racing.

The races became an integral part of summer sports in Decatur in the early 1900's.

In 1909, a Memorial Day racing card featured six events, a one-mile, five-mile, 10-mile, and 50-mile race for automobiles.

The prizes for the race winners were "offered in the shape of silver cups," according to an article in the Decatur Review.

Trips Made Headlines

Long car trips rated headlines in the early part of the 20th Century.

Headlines of July 9, 1909 read "Takes two days for trip from Chicago." The story involved a 3,160 mile trip taken around the United States by Arthur J. Gallagher and George W. Ehrhardt. The trip home from Chicago was made in two days.

Later, in 1915, I. A. Sims and an employe claimed to have traveled from Decatur to Chicago in a Ford in less than eight hours.

Along the way, they used 11 gallons of gas and half a gallon of lubricating oil.

No one doubted the veracity of Sims' report, but other Ford car owners, said that they would like to ride with Sims sometime, according to a 1915 article.

A more impressive record was made a year later by R. B. Shaw, who drove from Detroit to Decatur, 452 miles, in a single day.

18 Hours From Detroit

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By 1928 the county had 110 miles of state paved highways, about half on Routes 2 and 10.

Macon County later established a road program, and the first county black-top was constructed in 1931.

Stop Signs Installed

The increasing number of hard roads and automobiles caused the state to come up

made the trip in a total of 18 hours.

This was considered quite a feat, especially since Shaw was driving a new car on what was one of the hottest days of the year.

Numerous other accounts of unusual motor car excursions made during the early years of automobile history are on record.

The automotive age introduced a new type of business to Decatur.

The city's first auto agency was established in 1903. A year later, the first motor garage was set up.

Before this time, blacksmiths were given most of the auto repair business.



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MAN JOINS MEDICARE AT 100 YEARS OF AGE

Kansas City (AP)

Henry Werby joined the medicare program Friday at the age of 100.

Werby, who emigrated from Russia in 1888, has been retired since 1936, and lives with his bachelor son, Kolef, 69, a medicare recipient.

The elder Werby has an excellent health record. His only trip to a hospital was four years ago for minor surgery. He'll be 101 March 28.

Previously, warning signs calling for the exercising of caution at intersections had been the only safety markers used.

The city of Decatur and Decatur Township were in the hard road and street business as early as 1834.

One of the first streets to be improved was the Grand Avenue entrance to the city.

Different types of hard surfacing were used for city streets including concrete brick and asphalt.

There apparently were disadvantages to all three, because in 1911, the city adopted a new type of street paving material, creosoted wood blocks.

This was considered quite an innovation, and was thought to be the ultimate in weather proof streets. It was by far the most expensive paving method available.

The blocks later proved to have disadvantages. The streets, with abrupt changes in the temperature, would buckle.

On warm days, the creosote would ooze from the blocks and after walking across the street, a Decatur man could be tracked all across some of the towns most expensive carpets.

The blocks were gradually removed until 1933, when the last of the block streets were given away as fuel. Since then concrete and asphalt have been the primary surfacing materials.

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Decatur's future isn't as bright as some cities. It is the only city of more than 50,000 population that won't part of the federal interstate highway system upon its completion.

However, Springfield - Champaign - Springfield expressway which would pass near Decatur would provide a super-highway link to the interstate system.

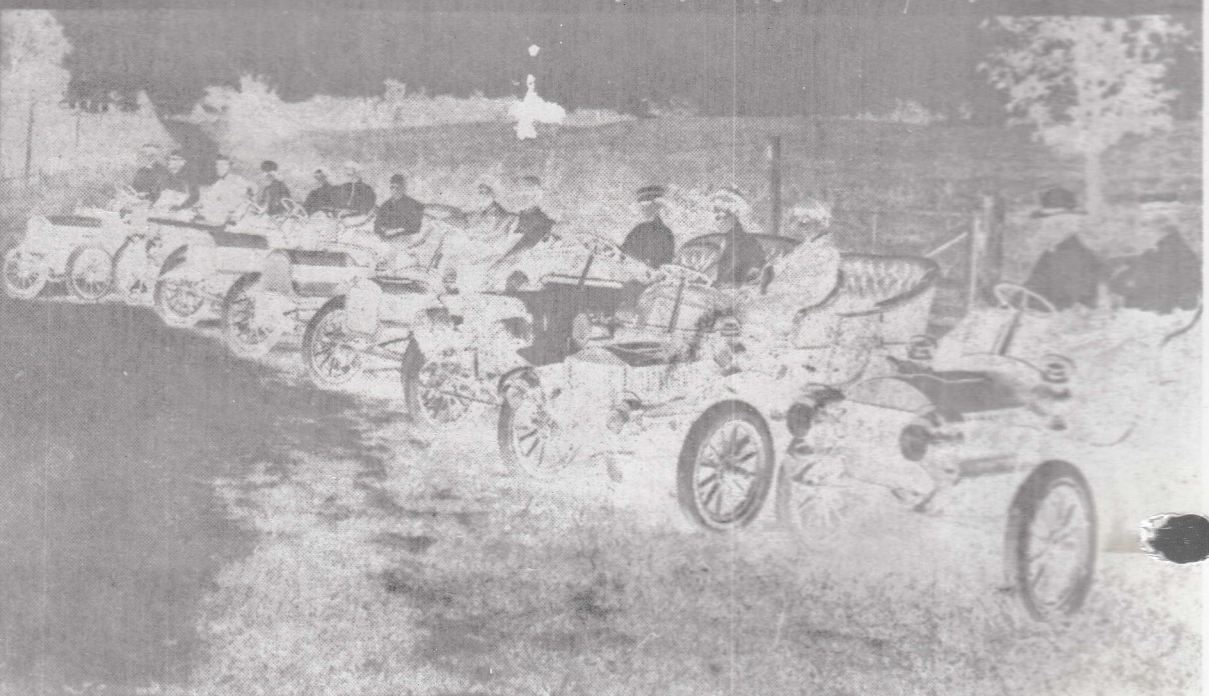
—David D. M.

County Started Transportation Taxes in 1829

Auto and truck taxes in 1968 will note with (and perhaps change) taxes on modes of transportation are as old as Macon County itself.

The first county court, 1829 established a tax levied against personal property residents, including "pleasure carriages, horses, mules and asses," among other things.

The total collected from the levy was \$109.32 1/2.



Autos line up in preparation for a hill climbing contest, one of many popular racing events in early days.

Wednesday morning... R. E. Cotter came... in his private car... met Mr. Williams... morning spent in... 'Louis' was attached...

Notes... Covert and Housh... successfully passed... examination on the... made his first trip... the south end Wed... his seniority... No. 1222 blew out a... Morrisonville Wed... and had to be... to the shops.

Railroad Wage

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Funerals

TRUEBLOOD.

Mrs. Thomas True... 9 o'clock Tuesday... family residence... street. Many... attended the ser... conducted by Rev... pastor of the First... furnished by Mrs... Miss Ruth Collett... were Cody Crot... William Clark, T... Snyder and R. R... body was taken to... ment.

R. SCOTT.

Elihu B. Scott will... 9 o'clock Thursday... family residence in Mt... Walter L. Burg... 2 o'clock Friday aft... Burial will

CHURCHMAN

Services of Mrs. Nancy... conducted Wednes... the home, 1259 West... John R. Golden. The... George Vernon, A... Whitfield, Herman... Chestwell, and Ros... The singers were... Frank and Mrs. Roy... was in Fairlawn... Mrs. Conaty and Mrs... charge of the flowers.

GABRIEL.

Gay Gabriel will be... Thursday afternoon... his parents, Mr. and... near Elm Street... in the Bethel

THE BOOKER.

Mrs. Jennie Booker... 1:30 o'clock Thurst... Mother's chapel.

THE BRADSHAW.

Mrs. Elizabeth... held at 12:30... serving at the Meth... Harriestown. The in...

LASKOWSKI.

Mrs. Louise Las... held at 2:30 o'clock... at the residence.

everything seemed to indicate... He would make a speedy recovery... He was impatient to get back to... place of business... About 9 o'clock while sitting pro... ed up in bed talking with Mrs. She... labarger, he suddenly collapsed with... out any warning and all efforts to... revive him were in vain. His heart... refused to function and he died in a... few minutes.

WIDELY KNOWN.

W. L. Shellabarger was one of the... best known business men in Central... Illinois. Born and reared in Decatur... this city had been the scene of his... business activities upon which he... entered immediately after leaving... school and which continued uninterr... ruptedly throughout his life. Ener... getic and aggressive, he was also... progressive and was constantly in... touch with every detail of his busi... ness. For over thirty years he was... constantly busy. His time was never... wasted. There were years when he... was doing the work of two men, looking... after the details of two different... kinds of business, each wholly... unlike the other. That was when... his father, the late D. S. Shellabar... ger, owned what later became the... North Water street plant of the... American Hominy company and who... at the same time had control of the... street railway system. He was sec... retary and treasurer of both those... enterprises, each with a mass of de... tail work to look after, and he did... it all and seemed to enjoy the work.

When D. S. Shellabarger disposed... of his milling business, W. L. Shella... barger remained on as secretary and... manager of the plant for the Amer... ican Hominy company.

While the Shellabargers were oper... ating the street railway the mot... ive power was changed from mules... to electricity, and the Decatur line... was the first in this part of the state... to be fully equipped with electricity.

MANAGED ELEVATORS.

Later Mr. Shellabarger retired from... the American Hominy company and... established a line of elevators, and in... this he was successful as he knew... the grain business thoroughly. After... the death of his father in 1913 he... took charge of the Fire Proof gar... age that had been established by... his brother, Lucien C. Shellabarger... He had studied the automobile busi... ness and knew that there was a big... patronage awaiting the man who had... the facilities to take care of the busi... ness. He soon had about all the... business he could handle, and later... built another large garage on the... opposite side of South Main street to... be used as a storage garage. He... built up a fine business and gave it... his constant personal attention.

HIGH SCHOOL MARON.

Few men at busy in business aff... airs as Mr. Shellabarger had time... for work in fraternal offices or sec... ret societies, especially for the... study and application necessary to... get on the higher chairs in any of... the big orders, yet W. L. Shellabar... ger was a thirty-second degree Mas... son, Decatur lodge No. 21, E. P. O... High, the Modern Woodmen, and the... Country club.

He was for many years a member... of Grace Methodist church and al... ways one of the most active in all... branches of church and Sunday... school work.

He was a member of Stephen Decatur... lodge No. 715, A. F. and A. M., Decatur... chapter No. 11, Royal Arch Masons, Decatur Council No. 16, R... and S. M. was Eastern Commander... of Beaumanoir lodge No. 9, Knights... Templar, and a member of the... Springfield consistory, Scottish... Rite Masons, the Mystic Shrine,

WORKER

of intensely patriotic nature... was one of the most... workers in the city, act... ing on various committees during the... war he was working in the interests... of the boys who were leaving for... the training camps, and all during the... war he was working in the interests... of the soldiers. The war took all... three of his sons, two of whom were... associated with him in business. Wil... liam L. Shellabarger, Jr., volunteered... for the ambulance service and was in... France before the United States en... tered the war. David Shellabarger en... tered the navy and Thatcher entered... the army. All three returned safely.

William Lincoln Shellabarger was... born in Decatur Jan. 11, 1866, and was... a son of David S. and Anne E. (Krone)... Shellabarger. He and Miss Irene... Thatcher, daughter of Charles P. and... J. Nets Thatcher, were married Sept... 5, 1888. He is survived by his wife... and three sons, David S. Shellabarger... William Thatcher Shellabarger and... William L. Shellabarger, Jr. He is... survived by his mother, Mrs. Anna... E. Shellabarger, 459 West Decatur... street, and four sisters and a... brother, Mrs. Adele Hillman of... Quincy, Mrs. Marie Crowder of Oak... land, Cal., Mrs. Corinne Ramsey of... Red Bluff, Cal., Mrs. Grace S. Allen... of Decatur and Lucien C. Shellabarger... of Decatur, all of whom were here at... the time of his death, the sisters hav... ing arrived some time ago to visit... their mother and brothers and sister.

The funeral will be held at 10:30... o'clock Thursday morning at the fam... ily residence. The body will be placed... in the Shellabarger mausoleum in... Greenwood. The services at the... cemetery will be private.

News From The Sick

Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Schlick, Jr., and... their two children are all sick at... their home, 443 South Webster... street.

Mrs. Williams, 1725 North Water... street, is ill with pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cruse and daughter... Mildred, 1248 North Warren... street, who have been ill with the... "flu" are improving.

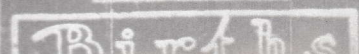
O. O. Crane, formerly of Decatur... and now residing in Kansas City, Missouri, had an attack of appendicitis... Tuesday and was removed to a... hospital there. He is connected with... the International Correspondence... Schools in Kansas City. Mrs. Crane... has not heard how he is, but probably... will hear tomorrow.

Mrs. A. L. Burnett and son Elva... and little daughter, Gene, who are... sick with the "flu" are improving... slowly.

MANY DEATHS OF PNEUMONIA

Fourteen bodies in one establish... ment at present.

There have been many deaths in... Decatur and vicinity in the past two... or three days. Wednesday morning... there were fourteen bodies at one un... dertaking establishment awaiting... burial. This is the most since in... October, 1918, when one day there... were twenty-four bodies at one un... dertaking establishment, most of the... deaths being caused by influenza. The... deaths occurring now are caused... largely from pneumonia.



MRS. JENNIE COCHRAN.

Mrs. Jennie Cochran, widow of... Charles Cochran, 1046 South Water... street, died at 1 o'clock Wednesday... morning at St. Mary's hospital. She... was forty-eight years old. Her... death was caused by stomach trou... ble, after an illness of two weeks.

Mrs. Cochran was born in Madon... county June 18, 1871, and had lived... here all her life. Her husband, Charles... Cochran, died about six years... ago. She is survived by three chil... dren, Jesse T. Ping, Sarah E. Hobbs... and Meda E. Cochran, all of Decatur... There are two grand-children, Wil... liam Keith Ping and Elsie Elizabeth... Hobbs.

The body was removed to the Mo... ran undertaking establishment and... prepared for burial, and the funeral... will be held there at 1:15 o'clock... Friday afternoon. The body will be... taken to Blue Mound for interment.

MRS. MABEL DILLS.

The funeral of Mrs. Mabel Dills... was held at 9 o'clock Wednesday... morning at St. Patrick's Catholic... church. The services were conducted... by Rev. Father J. Murphy. Many... friends of the family attended.

The music was furnished by Mrs... Ed Hayes.

The flowers were in charge of... Misses Grace Dunn, Marie McKee, Fern... Salsbury, Alma Mills, Bertha... Winholts and Grace Winholts.

The pallbearers were Harry Falk, Merlin... Mills, Herbert Honniker, Guy... Bundy, Paul Powers and Ray Dill... The interment was in Calvary ce... metery.

MISS ELIZABETH CULLEN.

The funeral of Miss Elizabeth... Cullen will be held at 9 o'clock... Thursday morning at St. Patrick's... Catholic church. The interment will... be in Calvary cemetery.

C. C. ALBRIGHT DIES AT AGE 71

Succumbs Following Attack of Influenza.

Christian Carl Albright died at 10:15... o'clock Wednesday morning at the... family residence, 1814 East Main... street. He would have been seventy... one years old in June. His death was... caused by uraemic poisoning, following... an attack of influenza.

Mr. Albright was born in Neckl... burg, Germany, June 1, 1848. He... came to America with his parents... when he was seventeen years old. He... and Miss Elizabeth Grant were mar... ried Jan. 24, 1873, and she and the... following children survive him: Harry... G. Albright, David C. Albright, Henry... Albright, Daisy Pemberton and Anna... Estah of Decatur, John Albright of... St. Auburn, Susie Gaddis and Mary... Scamman of Clinton county, Ohio. He... also leaves a brother in Orville, O.,... and a sister in Pennsylvania.

Nineteen years ago the family was... stricken with typhoid fever. Two... children died and Mr. Albright was... left with kidney trouble that had... bothered him ever since. About a... week ago he was stricken with influ... enza and uraemic poisoning develop... ed and caused his death.

Mr. Albright had worked as a coal... miner most of his active life, but... during the past few years had been... employed by the Wabash. He was a... member of the Church of the Breth... ren and was well known. He had... lived in Macon county since 1882, and... in Decatur since 1895. No arrang... ements have been made for the fun... eral.

Best peck of uncl... to county—Thomas... first; G. W. Lehn, D. Camp, Casner, th... CLASS C—... Minneapolis Thres... Special for best red... Hill, Decatur, th... second.

CLASS C—... Best peck wheat, Roy... B. Hill, Deca... Lehn, Illini, second; Hickory Point, th... Illini, third.

HOUSEHOLD SCIE... Class E, Lot 1, Bes... First prize—Mrs. J... Harriestown.

Second prize—Mrs... Decatur. Third prize—Mrs... catur.

Fourth prize—Mrs... Decatur. Class E, Lot, Best Le... ed by Girl 18

First prize—only... Viola Myers, Decatur... Class E, Lot 3, Be... First prize—Mrs. Y... Warrensburg.

Second prize—Mr... Warrensburg. Third prize—Mrs... Argenta.

Class F, Lot 5, Bead... First prize—Mrs... Warrensburg.

Second prize—K... Harriestown. Third prize—Mrs... con.

Fourth prize—Mrs... Harriestown.

Class F, Lot 5, Be... by Girl... First prize—

Second prize—Alto... catur. Third prize—Jesse... catur.

Class H, Lot 1, Bes... Soap... First prize—Mrs... with.

Second prize—Mrs... Harriestown. Third prize—Mabe...

Class D... Best pound of bu... Mrs. Betty Wheeler, Mrs. L. E. Cassidy, Mrs. L. Howard Pe... Mrs. Howard Pever...

Class F... Best sugar food... catur and Macon... Mrs. Charles Aver, Adelaide Marshall, Martha Meester, Mrs. Howard Pever...

Class F... Best dev's food... girl under 18 in De... county—first prize, Illini; second, Mau... trick, Illini; third, Casner; fourth, Decatur.

MRS. HARRISON

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nome.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Monday in Beery-Hohlt Funeral Home, Vandalia, where

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Larry Carra, Mrs. Rose Hardy, both of Detroit, Mich.; son, Geno of Detroit, Mich.

Sun. St. L., April 17, 1977

W. L. Shellabarger, Retired Decatur Businessman, Dies

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Place
William L. Shellabarger Jr., 80, of 1735 S. Country Club Rd., a retired Decatur businessman, died 6:15 a.m. Saturday in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

In 1960, he was elected as a director of Downtown Decatur Development, Inc., which was formed to help the city in purchasing parking sites. He also was a director of Decatur Industrial Finance Corp. which was to promote industry in the city.

Funeral services will be 11:30 a.m. Monday at Dawson & Winkoff Funeral Home. Private entombment will be in Fairlawn Mausoleum.

Mr. Shellabarger served nine consecutive terms on the Decatur and Macon County Hospital board from which he retired in 1960. He also served on the hospital's Graduate Directors Council.

Mr. Shellabarger was born in Decatur, a son of William L. and Irene R. Thatcher Shellabarger.

Mr. Shellabarger also was a director of the Decatur Club, Country Club of Decatur and Miller's Mutual Insurance Association of Alton. He was treasurer of the National Soybean Processing Association and a member of St. John's Episcopal Church and Phi Gamma Delta fraternity.

He graduated from the University of Illinois in 1916. Mr. Shellabarger was the first Decatur man to go to France with the American Ambulance Corps during World War I. He served in the corps in 1917 and 1918 and in the Army until 1920.

His business career began in Decatur in 1913 as a partner in the W. L. Shellabarger Co. automobile dealership.

He married Maud Dunlap June 13, 1925, in Decatur. She died March 1, 1972.

From 1924 to 1928, he was secretary of Shellabarger Mills in Salina, Kan., a wheat flour manufacturing concern.

Surviving are daughters, Mrs. Ira (Anne Elizabeth) Abbott of LaPorte, Ind.; Mrs. Scott William (Mary Dunlap) Cleave of Decatur; Mrs. Richard A. (Helen Adair) Clark of Seattle, Wash.; and 12 grandchildren.

Mr. Shellabarger then returned to Decatur and served as president of Shellabarger Grain Processing Co. 1929 to 1937 when the family interests were sold to Spencer Kellogg Co. He served that firm as its Decatur plant manager until 1941.

Two brothers preceded in death.

In 1941 and 1942, he was assistant to the president of the Commodity Credit Corp. in Washington, D. C.

Memorials: Decatur Memorial Hospital.

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Decatur Temperatures

Saturday, April 13

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p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Berea Cemetery, Niantic.

Mr. Brannock was born in Mount Auburn, a son of John and Sarah Powell Brannock.

He was a retired farmer who lived in the Niantic area most of his lifetime. Mr. Brannock also worked for Niantic Township several years.

He married Beulah Knisley in Decatur in 1911. She died in 1935.

Surviving are a son, Russell of Niantic; daughters; Mrs. Enoch (Ida) Trusner of Niantic; Mrs. Elmie (Dorothy) Ball of Decatur; sister, Mrs. Mary Carr of Mount Zion; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

A daughter, two brothers and three sisters preceded him in death.

MANN

Artenner Mann Sr. 54, of 230 W. Spring St. died 12:50 p.m. Wednesday in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Services will be 1 p.m. Saturday in the First Church of God in Christ. Friends may call at the J. J. Moran & Sons Funeral Home 4 to 9 p.m. Friday and 11 a.m. to service time at the church Saturday. Burial will be 10 a.m. Monday in Camp Butler National Cemetery near Springfield.

SHELLABARGER

David S. Shellabarger Sr., 81, of 595 Powers Lane a one-time prominent grain dealer, died at 7:10 p.m. Thursday in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Private family services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in Fairlawn Mausoleum. No visitation. Dawson & Wikoff Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Mr. Shellabarger was born in Decatur, a son of William L. and Irene Thatcher Shellabarger.

He was a retired grain dealer and at one time was a car dealer.

He married Elizabeth Culver March 11, 1915 in Decatur.

He leaves his wife; a son, David S. Shellabarger of Decatur; a brother, W. L. Shellabarger of Decatur and five grandchildren.

One brother preceded him in death.

WHEELER

Mrs. George R. (Bettie) Wheeler, 96, of Mount Zion, died 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the Woodland Nursing Center, Mount Zion.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in the Dawson & Wikoff Funeral Home, Mount Zion, where friends may call at the time of the service. Burial will be in Fairlawn Mausoleum.

Mrs. Wheeler was born in Macon County, a daughter of Lewis and Ann Wallace Myers.

She was married to George R. Wheeler on Feb. 23, 1898. He died in June, 1900.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Marshall Funeral Home, Newton, where friends may call 5 to 9 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Chapel Cemetery, Falmouth.

Mr. Brothers was born in Mississippi, a son of Durst and Elizabeth Humphries Brothers. He was a member of the Church of Christ, Jasper Post 20 American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7537 in Newton.

He was married to Sue Andrews.

Surviving are his wife; son, Terry of Little Creek, Va.; daughters, Vicky Brothers and Lori Brothers, both of Newton; sisters, Golda Cope of Fordyce, Ark.; Frances Tisdale of Overt, Miss.; Verna Mae Scrimsher of Cashing, Ariz.

Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

DUZAN

Cleo C. Duzan, 70, of Isabel died at 8:20 p.m. Wednesday in Charleston Community Hospital.

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Taber Funeral Home, Oakland, where friends may call 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Green Moss Cemetery, near Clarksville.

Mr. Duzan was born in Clarksville, a son of Hurley and Sarah Sims Duzan. He was a member of Harmony United Methodist Church. He married Geneva Palmer, June 3, 1924, in Terre Haute, Ind.

Surviving are his wife; son, Robert of Oak Forest; daughters, Mrs. Jean Ferris of Wolcottville, Ind.; Mrs. Virginia Willoughby of LaGrange, Ind.; brothers, Forrest, Virgil, both of Marshall; Carroll of Kansas; 12 grandchildren; a son and daughter preceded in death.

ELLISON

Glenn A. Ellison, 60, of rural Moweaua died 10:15 a.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Hospital, Decatur.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in Sherwood Funeral Home, Assumption, where friends may call after 5 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery, Assumption.

Mr. Ellison was born in Moweaua, a son of Thomas and Annie Rowley Ellison. He was a member of the United Methodist Church.

He married Bernice LaMar in Chestnut on Dec. 31, 1926.

He leaves wife; sister, Mrs. John (Melena) Fair of Arcola. Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

GRANT

Joseph Grant, 88, of Charleston died 1 a.m. Thursday in his home.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday in St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, Charleston. Friends may call after 4 p.m. Friday at Caudill-

Funeral services will be 1:30 p.m. Saturday in Marshall Funeral Home, Newton, where friends may call 5 to 9 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Chapel Cemetery, Falmouth.

JETT

Inga H. Jett, 67, of Chestnut died at 9:05 p.m. Thursday in Abraham Lincoln Memorial Hospital in Lincoln.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Assembly of God in Clinton. Burial will be in Pleasant Valley Cemetery, Kenney. Friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Saturday at Puller-Boos Chapel, Clinton.

She was born in Logan County, a daughter of Elijah T. and Laura Green Jett.

She was a member of the Assembly of God of Clinton.

She leaves a sister, Mrs. Floyd (Neva) Miller of Chestnut. One brother preceded her in death.

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Lost and Found

COCK-A-POO, black female, lost 1 week ago vicinity of Camp Warren or Spruce Woods Area, Mt. Zion, 424-3472.

GERMAN SHEPHERD male black and light brown wearing black collar, color chain and may be dropping chain, lost area Highcock Addn., Mt. Zion, 424-2672.

LOST: Golden Retriever, approx. 1 yr., answers to Josh, needs immediate reward. Ph. 425-5361, After 4.

LOST: Mother Pekinese dog, light brown with dark on face, with 1 Peke-a-Poo pup, white with brown on face, answer to Place and Bandit, Reward, 2634 N. Morgan, 875-0547.

LOST: 27" light weight 10 speed, white bicycle, Reward, vicinity of 2606 Bk. East William, Ph. 423-3185.

LOST: German Shepherd, 7 yr. old male, name Duke, last seen on Wyckoff St. May be dropping 9 chain, loaded around neck, silver black and tan, reward. Contact 425-6094, 963-2276 or 422-9816.

FOUND DOBERMAN, black male, with chain, in Bayshore Area, Ph. 422-8860 before 5 p.m.

Personals

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Feb. 4, 1920

W. L. SHELLABARGER DIES OF PNEUMONIA

End Came Suddenly as He Talked With Wife.

ILL ONLY TEN DAYS Was Thought to Be Recover- ing Nicely.

Will L. Shellabarger died at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night at the family residence, 467 West Main street of pneumonia after an illness of ten



W. L. SHELLABARGER.

days. He was fifty-four years old Jan. 11. Death was wholly unexpected and the news came as a severe shock to all who knew him. His family had no idea that death was near. His friends had known that he suffered from pneumonia, but the reports from his bedside had been favorable and he was thought to be on the road to recovery.

END COMES SUDDENLY.

About 6 o'clock Tuesday evening when his physician left the house Mr. Shellabarger was in good spirits and everything seemed to indicate that he would make a speedy recovery. He was impatient to get back to his place of business.

About 9 o'clock while sitting propped up in bed talking with Mrs. Shellabarger, he suddenly collapsed without any warning and all efforts to revive him were in vain. His heart refused to function and he died in a few minutes.

WIDELY KNOWN.

W. L. Shellabarger was one of the best known business men in Central Illinois. Born and reared in Decatur, this city had been the scene of his business activities upon which he entered immediately after leaving school and which continued uninterrupted throughout his life. Energetic and aggressive, he was also progressive and was constantly in touch with every detail of his busi-

MILLS PROPOSED FIFTEEN MEMBERS SUPREME COURT

One of Four Proposals Advanced by Local Man at Constitutional Convention.

Attorney A. H. Mills, constitutional convention delegate, Tuesday introduced a proposal at the convention which provides a supreme court of fifteen members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate. The man would hold office for life. This was only one of the four proposals introduced by Mr. Mills.

FOUR PROPOSALS.

Mills—Providing that all lands, money and other property donated to schools and colleges, and proceeds

thereof, shall be exempted from taxation.

Mills—Repealing section two of article six of the present constitution.

Mills—Providing that the property of the state, county, municipal corporation, agricultural and horticultural societies, schools, cemeteries and religious institutions shall be exempted from taxation.

Mills—Providing for a supreme court of fifteen members appointed by the governor and confirmed by the senate, and to hold office for life.

an active interest in politics, and as long as he stayed in that game he was a force to be reckoned with. Though not a candidate himself, he put all his influence behind the man or men he wanted to win. He gained his first experience in managing his father's campaign for congress. In 1909 he and a few others organized a movement to defeat the late Charles Shilling for mayor. Their candidate, Charles E. Needham, was defeated in the primaries, but during the campaign many Republicans became estranged and the result was the election of Charles M. Borchers as mayor.

Decatur had been voted dry in 1908. In 1910 Mr. Shellabarger was chosen by the drys to lead a campaign to prevent a return of the saloons. In this they failed, but when the question came up the next time the drys won.

BOOSTED ROOSEVELT

Always an admirer of Theodore Roosevelt, Mr. Shellabarger broke away from the party here when Colonel Roosevelt became a candidate against Taft in 1912, brought Colonel Roosevelt here, and himself presided at the big meeting held in the Powers theater. Although supporting Roosevelt, he also supported W. B. McKinley, the party nominee for congress in this district and manager of Taft's campaign. At the convention in Champaign Mr. Shellabarger was chosen a delegate to the Republican national convention, but he did not vote for Taft. He worked for Roosevelt to the last. That was the last time he took any part in politics. Mr. Shellabarger presided at the Roosevelt memorial services here a year ago in January.

EARNEST WAR WORKER

Of an intensely patriotic nature, Mr. Shellabarger was one of the most earnest war workers in the city, acting on various committees during the draft and doing everything possible for the boys who were leaving for the training camps, and all during the war he was working in the interests of the soldiers. The war took all three of his sons, two of whom were associated with him in business, William L. Shellabarger, Jr., volunteered for the ambulance service and was in France before the United States entered the war. David Shellabarger entered the navy and Thatcher entered the army. All three returned safely.

William Lincoln Shellabarger was born in Decatur Jan. 11, 1866, and was a son of David S. and Anne E. (Krone)

WALTER L. BURG DIES OF PNEUMONIA

Had Been Ill for One Week With Influenza.

Walter L. Burg, chief clerk at the Suffern-Hunt mill, died at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning at the family residence, 1371 North Warren street. He would have been twenty-seven years old Feb. 10. He was taken ill a week ago with influenza. Pneumonia developed and caused his death.

Mr. Burg was born in Decatur and had lived here all his life. He was a member of Macon lodge No. 8, A. F. and A. M. and of Easterly camp, 1626, Modern Woodmen of America. He was well known and had a host of friends in the city. He was a son of John O. and Emma Burg. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Edna Burg, and two young children, Jack and Charles Burg. He also leaves his parents, a brother, Frank Burg, and two sisters, Misses Mary and Edna Burg, all of Decatur.

The body was removed to the Moran undertaking establishment for burial. No arrangements have yet been made for the funeral.

FRANK ROBERT

Frank Robert, aged fifty-seven, died at his home, 543 East Gault street, about 2 o'clock Tuesday morning.

He was born May 15, 1862, in Germany. He is survived by his wife and the following children: Sister Armella of Chippewa Falls, Wis.; Mrs. W. A. Oliver and Mrs. L. M. Mauer of Appleton, Wis.; Joseph H. and Francis J. Robert of Decatur. He also leaves one grandchild.

The funeral will be held at 9 o'clock Friday morning at St. James church, and burial will be in Calvary cemetery.

MRS. JENNIE COCHRAN.

Mrs. Jennie Cochran, widow of Charles Cochran, 1946 South Way street, died at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning at St. Mary's hospital. She was forty-eight years old. Her death was caused by stomach trouble, after an illness of two weeks.

Mrs. Cochran was born in Macon county June 18, 1871, and had lived here all her life. Her husband, Charles Cochran, died about six years ago. She is survived by three children: Jesse T. Ping, Sarah E. Hobbs and Meda E. Cochran, all of Decatur. There are two grand-children, William Keith Ping and Elsie Elizabeth Hobbs.

The body was removed to the Moran undertaking establishment and prepared for burial, and the funeral

FARM PRODUCT JUDGING

Only Few Expected Wednesday

ATTENDANCE

Loran Watkins
Peck of W

THURSDAY

The program for Institute and House departments for Thursday:

10:30 a. m.—Rural Champaign—"Live Stock"
W. E. Riebel—"Swine"
HOUSEHOLD 8
10 a. m.—Frances S. vocal solo.
Mrs. Irene Myers, soprano
State Fair 5
Business meeting of officers.
Mrs. J. C. Heasley, dress.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

1:30 p. m.—Bert H. H. violon solo.
Mrs. J. C. Heasley, "Folks."
Prof. J. C. Blair—"Folks."

Work of judging the at the Macon County institute, which was to Tuesday noon, was delayed by failure of the river until Wednesday. Wednesday noon, none had been judged and the other classes had. The winners in the class completed:

AULTMAN TAYLOR

One prize for each of wheat, best peck of cotton clover seed, open class.

Wheat—Loran Watkins, Peck.

Cats—Joe Dietrich, Clover seed—O. D. Decatur.

CLASS C—L

Best peck of unclipped to county—Thomas H. first; G. W. Lehn, III D. Camp, Osnear, third.

CLASS C—L

Minneapolis Threshing special for best peck Hill, Decatur, first; G. second.

CLASS C—L

Best peck wheat, open Roy E. Hill, Decatur; Lehn, III, second; Hickory Point, third; Hill, third.

HOUSEHOLD SCIENCES

Class E. Lot 1. Best First prize—Mrs. J. second prize—Mrs. J. Decatur.

Third prize—Mrs. J.

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Pneumonia Be- Urged.

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Inspectors in Decatur.

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ORANGE BLOSSOMS.

The Shellabarger-Thatcher Marriage Witnessed by Over 100 Guests.

Decorations—Music—Guests—Gifts.

Two old families of Decatur were brought into closer relationship last night by the ties of marriage, when Miss Irene B. Thatcher, the accomplished elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Thatcher, became the bride of Mr. Will I. Shellabarger, eldest son of Hon. D. S. Shellabarger and an active member of the Shellabarger Mill and Elevator company. Over 100 guests, comprising the representative families of the city, were present to witness the impressive ceremony and offer congratulations. The marriage took place promptly at six o'clock in the north parlor of the bride's home, No. 408 East Eldorado street, the bridal party appearing in the following order, while the Opera House orchestra led by Prof. Bull played Mendelssohn's wedding march: Lucien Shellabarger and Sherman McClelland, ushers, Hon. and Mrs. David S. Shellabarger, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Thatcher, Neta Thatcher and Madge Hays, maids of honor, and last the handsome bridal couple. They proceeded to a point in front of the parlor mantel, above which burned three fairy lamps, and in front of which stood the officiating minister, Rev. C. W. Leffingwell, president of St. Mary's Seminary at Knoxville, Ill., from which Miss Thatcher graduated not long since. He appeared in the Episcopal robes and with dignity and impressiveness performed the ceremony of the church which made Will and Irene husband and wife. Mr. Thatcher at the proper moment stepping forward to present his daughter to the groom. The ceremony concluded, Mr. and Mrs. Shellabarger faced the guests who pressed forward to extend personal congratulations. No little merriment was created by the success of the groom in being the first to salute the bride. While the company were exchanging greetings the orchestra filled the parlors with soft strains of music, the orchestra also playing until after the wedding repast was served. The bride looked lovely in an elaborate costume of cream faille Francaise, en train, moire ribbons and illusion, full bridal veil; the ornaments being fragrant white roses. The maids of honor wore India mill, with trimmings of moire ribbons, each bearing a bouquet of flowers. The groom and ushers were attired in conventional black. Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger were richly attired in black silk. In the dining room a long table was set apart for the bridal couple. The covers were of French china. The table was a dream of the decorative art. There was a pyramid of flowers in the centre with bouquets of fresh flowers on either side, and two large cakes beautifully ornamented, the skill of a Chicago caterer who furnished all the cakes for the wedding. The guests were served upon small tables which were placed conveniently in the parlors and halls. The repast was in keeping with the simple elegance of the happy occasion and all were served promptly by colored waiters.

Died at 18. A death record from Georgia, Kansas, informs us of the death of Miss Nellie Prather Dennis, daughter of William A. and Emma Harris Dennis, which occurred at that place on September 2d, after an illness of 18 months. The early life of the deceased was spent in Decatur. Here she entered the high school at the age of 12 years and graduated at 16 in Kansas. Nellie was a bright young woman of 18 and looked forward to a life of usefulness.

"Big Winnie," the negro fat woman weighing 849 pounds, who was shown at the tabernacle in Decatur not long ago, died on Tuesday of fatty degeneration of the heart at Baltimore. Her coffin was 11 inches in length, 8 feet 8 inches in width, and 3 feet 2 inches high.

Voted to Go.

The Young Men's Republican Club voted last night to go to Moawequa Friday evening, September 7th, to attend the Republican rally. The Drum Corps and Glee Club will go along. Torches will be provided for the club.

It Was a Bousor.

Capt. W. F. Martin got home this morning from the Republican barbecue at Farmer City, which was attended by 20,000 people. The speakers were Ex-Gov. Porter, of Indiana, Hon. A. J. Lester, Gen. Pavey, J. H. Matheny and others. There were a dozen bands present and an abundance of food served by the ladies. DeMolay band, Bloomington, got the prize.

An Accident.

This morning about 8 o'clock, the team of Mr. Joseph Bartlett, a farmer living one mile northwest of the city, became frightened at the cars near the Round House and ran away, throwing Mr. Bartlett and his son, Ed Bartlett, a young man, upon the track, breaking the young man's leg, and badly bruising both men. Dr. Spalding is attending them.

Great Musical Comedy Success.

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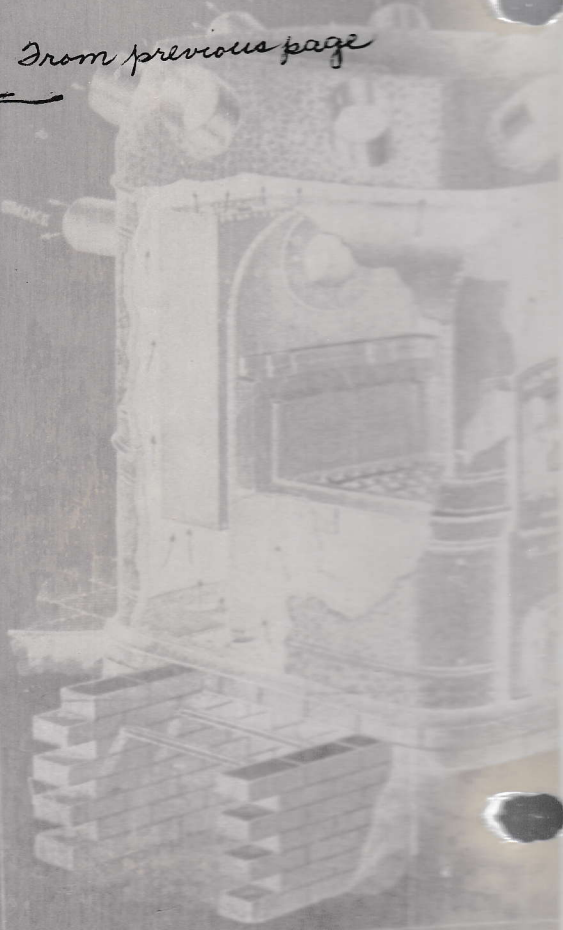
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Hon. W. H. Kretzinger, of Latham, Hon. D. P. Keller, of Mason, and Hon. Wm. Grason, of Oakley, dined together to-day at the Hotel Brunswick.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Roney left to-day for Evansville, Ind., where they will be the guests of Rev. O. M. Todd and family for a few days.

T. J. Slout of Litchfield, Ill., is spending this week with his son-in-law C. R. Sporn. The old gentleman is past 70 years of age, and voted for General Harrison in 1840 and will vote this fall for "Little Benzie," thus rounding up 48 years of voting on the right side.

Will F. Snyder came down from Chicago last evening. He will acquaint himself with the duties in the railway mail service as rapidly as possible, so that he can take charge of one of the mail cars between Chicago and St. Louis.

DeWitt Syford, the telegraph operator, who came here recently from Lincoln, Nebraska, in greatly reduced health, looks like a new man. He has been working in the country and has gained 9 pounds. He is ready to enter in an eating match with any able-bodied man, and says he will eat a square meal after his opponent is laid out.

Jacksonville Journal: Rev. T. D. Weems of Waverly, was in the city yesterday on his way home from Denver, Col., where he had been visiting his wife's sister. While there he saw much silver bullion handled and witnessed the operation of making an 80-pound silver brick. He didn't bring any home with him as there wasn't room in his trunk.

Many people are not aware of the dangers of constipation, neglect the proper remedy till the habit becomes chronic, or inflammation or stoppage results. A dose or two of Ayer's Pills in the beginning would have prevented all this.

A Timely Complaint.

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The bride looked lovely in an elegant costume of cream tulle, French lace, and ribbons and diamonds, full of white roses. Her maids of honor wore India mail, and trimmings of moire ribbons, each bearing a bouquet of flowers. The groom and bridesmaids were attired in conventional black. Mr. Thatcher and Mrs. D. S. Shellabarger were richly attired in black silk.

In the dining room a long table was set apart for the bridal couple. The covers were of French china. The table was a dream of flowers in the center with bouquets of flowers on either side, and two large vases beautifully ornamented, the gift of a Chicago caterer who furnished all the table for the wedding. The guests were served upon small tables which were placed conveniently in the parlors and halls. The repast was in keeping with the simple elegance of the happy occasion, and all were served promptly by colored waiters.

The parlors were prettily decorated with oak leaves, goldenrod and the numerous gifts presented the bride by her hosts and friends. In all parts of the residence appeared the handsome presents. At every turn they were viewed and admired by the guests. One of the gifts was the "Bride's Book," in which the guests registered their names during the evening.

Invitations were extended to 100 friends at home and abroad, and many telegrams and cards of congratulations from absent friends were received. Friends present from a distance were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hillman and Miss May Littlewood, of Peoria; Miss Gene Rotger, of Mt. Sterling; Misses Bartha, Jessie and Millie Thompson, Mrs. Harry Crag and Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Morford, of Monticello; Misses Louie McMillin and Jessie Lake and Frank McMillin, of Chicago.

At 9 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Shellabarger, the bride wearing a neat traveling suit, took their departure for the depot to board the Wabash cannon-ball train for Denver, Colo. They will pass their honeymoon at the Rocky Mountain pleasure resorts, returning to the city within three weeks to make their home for the winter at 443 North Franklin street. The Republican joins with the friends of the couple in extending hearty congratulations. The young couple have grown up from childhood together and are a well-mated pair, who begin their married life under the most auspicious circumstances. Mr. Shellabarger is a young man who has been trained for a successful business career and whose life is worthy of emulation by all young men. The bride is an amiable young lady, possessing many rare accomplishments. She will brighten her husband's home and be to him a true helpmeet.

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