

Register of Old Buildings  
Macon County Historical Coordinating Council

Address: 220-236 E. Cerro Gordo St.  
"The Old Shellabarger Mill", Norfolk & Western Railroad frontage  
and Cerro Gordo St., frontage, Water St. to the Franklin Street  
railroad overpass.

Legal description:  
Read & Co.'s Addition  
Blk. 3 and Exc E 60' thereof.

\*Date of original construction and history of the structure:

1. The structure next to the railroad on the north, and next to the Franklin St. overpass on the east, a building of common brick and Bedford limestone, plastered over..... 1860
2. The structure immediately west of #1 above and behind the S. & R. office that has a Cerro Gordo front, also of common brick plastered over..... 1855  
Both structures, with internal construction of wood - yellow pine or oak - with no steel. Pillars, all of oak, some 2 ft. square. The basement in this 1855 structure, still has the concrete vats where syrup was kept. Foundations of both structures, described as made of rubble stone and common brick. The walls run 12 inches to 3 or 4 feet in thickness.
3. West of #2 above fronting on the railroad track and next to the Water Street Offices..... 1879
4. The structure at 602-606 N. Water - (presently leased to a carpet company). 1870
5. The structure at 610-614 N. Water - immediately north of the 1888 carpet company - presently vacant - the building at Water and the railroad tracks, presently used by S. & R. Liquor for office purposes..... red brick exterior. 1894
6. Mr. Roucher reported that all structures are presently in use, to capacity, by the S. & R. Liquor Company, except for the Water St. frontage indicated above in #'s 4 and 5, which is under lease to others.
7. Mr. Roucher expressed regret that an old well that served to fill the watering trough used by horses hauling loads of grain to mill, has never been located. It is presumed that even though it was a very deep well, it has been completely filled in.

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Present owner: S. & R. Liquor Company.

\*Date of original construction and history of the structure cont'd.:

\*Source of the above data - Mr. Sam Roucher of the S. & R. Liquor Co., present owner, Mr. Roucher when asked for data (July 17, 1974) referred to several small volumes that had been prepared a few years before by the American Appraisal Company. These volumes included detailed, descriptive information on all of the above structures, these having been researched and prepared for the S. & R. Liquor Co. for insurance purposes.

History (Cont'd.) with emphasis on the Shellabarger ownership.

1. The following are dates and records of a few events involving the property and the Shellabargers, given in lieu of a very complicated and lengthy chain of title:
  - 1856 - David S. Shellabarger arrived in Decatur on the first Wabash train from Tolono.
  - 1858 - Bought Condell's interest in the Hinkle and Condell Mill on Broadway, it becoming Hinkle, Shellabarger and Co.
  - 1863 - Bought into the Great Western Mill (originally built by John H. Kaufman on North Water).
  - 1888 - Became the sole owner of the Shellabarger Mill.
  - 1902 - The Shellabarger Mill joined with the Pratt Cereal Mill, Sufferin, Hunt and Co., and other milling firms outside Decatur to form the American Hominy Co. with D. S. Shellabarger, secretary and member of the Board.
  - 1912 - The D. S. Shellabargers (nee Anna Krone) celebrated their golden wedding anniversary.
  - 1913 - D. S. Shellabarger died in Red Bluffs, California.
  - 1924 - Bankruptcy petition filed against American Hominy Co. (See clippings pertaining to cause).
  - 1937 - Grace Shellabarger Allen et al sold the Mill property to P. & D. Produce Co.
  - 1941 - P. & D. Produce Co. sold to H. Paul Tick and Sam Roucher.
  - 1947 - Sam Roucher sold to S. & R. Liquor Co., the present owner.
2. See Xerox copies of clippings and articles for changes within the Milling Industry, including -
  - the "churching" of Stickel, an early miller, for selling corn grits to a brewery.
  - prohibition's effect on Decatur Mills.
3. A xerox copy of David S. Shellabarger's life and achievements.

220-236 E. Cerro Gordo

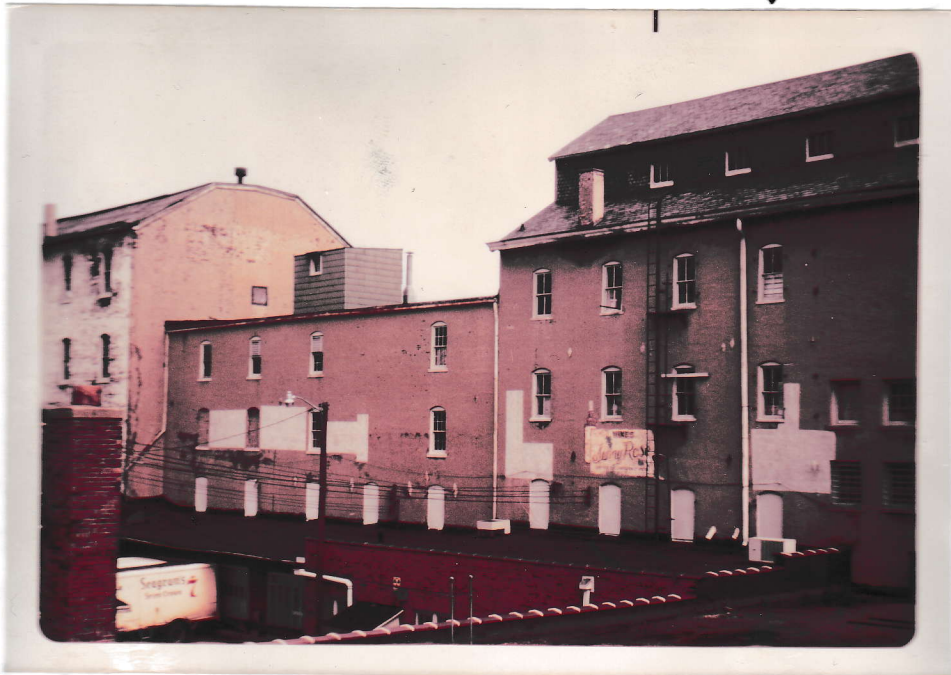
1879



1855



1860





# Prohibition Caused Demise Of American Hominy Company

By Ron Frazier  
Of the Herald and Review

Prohibition, that period of American history when it was a federal crime to produce or partake of alcoholic beverages, was the apparent cause for the bankruptcy of the American Hominy Co. which had operated in Decatur for 22 years.

The firm was created on April 12, 1902 by the grouping of a number of milling properties, including two in Decatur.

The firm sold products under several brand names.

They were

—Hudnut brand, for both wheat and corn goods

—Wheat flour brands, Daily bread; Wright's excellent and Wright's choice; Matchless; Pride of Decatur; Valor; Lady Lite (self-rising flour)

—Corn products brands, Cerealine; Hexagon brand; Snowflake; Pelican; Quick malt; Golden Glory; Goldfinch; Golden Eagle; Homco; Pansitose; Cream of Maize;

Amhoco; Over the Top

—Feeds, Homcoline; Valor; Oxo; Hextite; Boxer; Maizeline; Ajax; Axa; Sioux; Tomboy; Attaboy

—Miscellaneous, Leech (paste); Ajax (core and facing binding); Homco (core oil).

The mills in Decatur were the Shellabarger Mill & Elevator Co. plant at North Water Street and the Wabash Railroad, and the Pratt Cereal Mills which adjoined property owned by the A. E. Staley Mfg. Co.

The cereal mill buildings and grain tanks were later absorbed into the Staley plant complex.

W. L. Shellabarger and R. E. Pratt, both of Decatur, served on the American Hominy Co. board of directors. Shellabarger was secretary of the firm.

The company had properties including: Bates Mill, Indianapolis, Ind.; the Cerealine Manufacturing Co., Indianapolis, Ind.; the Cerealine Manufacturing Co., Indianapolis; Pratt Cereal Mill and the Shellabarger mills in Decatur; the Hudnut mills and the Jenks Mill, Terre Haute, Ind.; Hudnut Mills in St. Joseph, Mo. and Mount Vernon; the Miami Maize Co., Toledo, O.; the Morton Mills of Hamburg, Iowa; and the Wright Mill of Danville.

The company was organized with a capital of \$3,750,000 as a New Jersey corporation.

In 1905 W. H. Suffern and Robert I. Hunt disposed of their mill located at North Union Street and the Wabash Railroad at a price said to be \$400,000.

The American Hominy Co. had a rather tempestuous career. First the Pratt mill was sold to the Staley Co. and shortly thereafter, the Shellabarger mill with its long railroad frontage and its street frontage on East Cerro Gordo and North Water streets was put up for sale. The owners were seeking an estimated \$75,000 for the property.

The American Hominy Co.

was placed in bankruptcy in connection with the company's attempt to reorganize. President G. A. Chapman said the reorganization was necessitated by loss of business "due to Prohibition."

"Approximately 60 per cent of our output formerly was sold to brewers," Chapman said. "Thus far the company has been unable to replace the orders of the brewers."

Chapman said that he had been asked to take the presidency in 1922 and to try to pull the company from its difficulties but that efforts to get a new foundation under the business had led only to the conclusion that "some sort of reorganization" was necessary.

The bankruptcy petition filed in a Chicago federal court against the American Hominy Co., was filed by the Old Ben Coal Co., the Link Belt Co. and Edward B. McGuinn of 111 W. Monroe St., all minor creditors.

The company's liabilities were estimated at more than \$6,000,000 and its assets at \$5,000,000.

At auction there were only two bids for the Decatur plants. The high bid was \$125,000 cash with at least one other person willing to pay twice that if a first mortgage would be accepted.

Cash on the line was demanded, however, and no other cash bids were entered. The sum was considered extremely low in view of the appraised value of \$817,000. On the company books it was valued at \$1,000,000.

The bid was refused by the court and on Oct. 3, 1924 the properties were finally sold to the Evans Milling Co. of Indianapolis, Ind., for \$216,000. Other properties already had been purchased and the sale of Decatur plants drew the final curtain on the American Hominy Co.

Illinois, Sunday, June 8, 1969



The firm had facilities throughout the Midwest including this in Decatur.



# The Story Of Decatur

By E. T. Coleman

## CHAPTER 124.

### GREAT MILLING CENTER.

#### Decatur's Mills Have Seen Many Changes, But Have Contributed Much, Perhaps Most to City's Growth and Prosperity.

Decatur has been a milling center from almost the beginning of its history. Mills were first established to supply the most pressing need of the community but from the time that old Joseph Stickle's ox mill in East Prairie street overstocked Decatur corn meal market, Decatur mills have produced more than enough to supply local demands. In the course of the years the character of the milling industry has completely changed, not once but a number of times, yet Decatur has managed to keep at the front as a grain grinding city.

It would be interesting to follow the evolution of the milling business in Decatur from that 7th Day of December, 1829,

when the commissioner's court of Macon county first met and granted to William King a writ of ad quod damnum in the master of building a water saw and grist mill on the Sangamon river. In the years which followed a series of such mills was built along the Sangamon river—Joseph Spangler's at the Spangler ford, Robert Maffit's at the Maffit ford and a number of others. It is noticed that the first mills of Decatur were corn mills and that the present mills of Decatur are corn mills.

#### MILLING THE BIG BUSINESS.

Yet in the principal area of milling in Decatur, the long period covered by the Franklin Priest mill at Franklin and Priest streets, the Hinkle and Condon mill at East Main and the Illinois Central, and the Shellabarger mill at North Water and the Wabash railroad, the largest and most successful of all of them, wheat was the principal grain ground. Decatur flour became famous for its quality and was shipped all over the union.

#### LONG LIVE KING CORN.

Then came a time when not a bushel of wheat was ground in Decatur, but there were from 30,000 to 60,000 bushels of corn ground here every day. It is understood that no wheat is ground here now, but while the amount of corn ground has diminished somewhat it is still well up to the high water mark.

#### CORN PONE WAS ONLY BREAD.

Corn was the first grain ground because the process of grinding corn is simple. The grinding of wheat is much more intricate and requires an elaborate equipment of grinding and bolting machinery, spouting and conveyors. The making of flour is an art, one might very well say a fine art. The early settlers of Macon county ate corn bread almost exclusively because there was no other kind for them to eat. But when mills soon came and Ma-

brought his own grain to the mill and had it ground and this was "grist." If the grain was good the meal or flour was likely to be good. The miller took his pay in toll dipped from the hopper in a box measure after the grain had been dumped into the hopper.

Farmers came to the Spangler mill and the Priest mill from distances of twenty miles or more, came and camped till their grist was ground if it took two or three days. We are told that from fifty to a hundred wagons and teams were sometimes parked about these mills.

#### COMPLETE CHANGE OF BASE.

The first notable change was the migration of the mills from the bank of the river to the railroads, soon after the railroads came in 1856, water power ceased to be used after a few years, therefore it was no longer necessary to build mills on the rivers. The rails were needed to bring in the grain and to take out mill products.

#### REVOLUTION IN MACHINERY.

Next the roller process in the late 70's took the place of the French barr millstones, resulting in a more uniformly good product and the quantity of production was greatly increased. The roller process was followed by cleaning and scouring processes, and degerminating machinery and other improved processes.

Farmers ceased to haul grist to the mills. They hauled in wagon loads of wheat and either sold it outright or received credit for flour which the later took away as they needed. This heyday of the wheat milling

business lasted perhaps for twenty years.

#### ILLINOIS GOES INTO ECLIPSE.

Then came a time when Illinois was almost completely eclipsed as a wheat producing state. By 1870 or 1885 it was no longer profitable to grow wheat here and corn became king of farm products. The Red river valley, Western Kansas and other sections became the great wheat producing areas. The neighborhood of the wheat fields was the logical place for the location of the flour mills and great mills sprang up in Minneapolis, Kansas City and other places on a scale never dreamed of in Decatur and other Illinois cities. The Shellabarger's early saw the handwriting on the wall and established mills in Salina, Topeka and Wichita and built elevators throughout the Kansas wheat belt.

#### ONCE JOE STRICKER LIVED TOO SOON.

The almost-universal was by the ~~Illinois~~ ~~grain~~ ~~business~~ ~~in~~ ~~Decatur~~, since Joseph Stickle was ~~replaced~~ ~~by~~ ~~his~~ ~~congregation~~ ~~for~~ ~~selling~~ ~~a~~ ~~surplus~~ ~~corn~~ ~~meal~~ ~~to~~ ~~a~~ ~~distillery~~; ~~they~~ ~~have~~ ~~been~~ ~~known~~ ~~at~~ ~~hundreds~~ ~~of~~ ~~corn~~ ~~grinding~~ ~~business~~ ~~men~~ ~~and~~ ~~fortunes~~ ~~were~~ ~~made~~ ~~in~~ ~~corn~~ ~~milling~~. The Shellabarger mill was transformed into a corn grinding plant. The Pratt mill was built in the east part of the city early in the 1900s, the Saffers & Hunt mill at Union street and the Wabash railroad and later the Cereal mill at Vandyke and Corro Gards.

#### EXIT BREWERS GRITS.

The Decatur corn mills made other things besides brewers grits. They made ~~and~~ ~~supplied~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~quality~~ ~~of~~ ~~beer~~, ~~grits~~ ~~for~~ ~~the~~ ~~best~~ ~~beer~~ ~~manufacturers~~, ~~feed~~ ~~and~~ ~~other~~ ~~things~~. ~~The~~ ~~brewers~~ ~~grits~~ ~~were~~ ~~the~~ ~~backbone~~ ~~of~~ ~~the~~ ~~corn~~ ~~milling~~ ~~industry~~, ~~and~~ ~~we~~ ~~know~~ ~~what~~ ~~happened~~ ~~to~~ ~~her~~. Another severe blow was dealt to the corn milling industry by the war. Some grain men say that it was the severest blow of all. The demand for corn flour ceased, corn mills to spring up everywhere as if by magic. Many of them were huge establishments built on a war time scale. Peace found the country tremendously oversupplied with corn mills. One fine milling plant in Decatur has been closed down and others mentioned in the list above have for one reason or another ceased operation.

The great Staley starch manufacturing plant is now the principal user of corn in Decatur. An account of this and the Pratt corn oil mill which preceded it may make another chapter.

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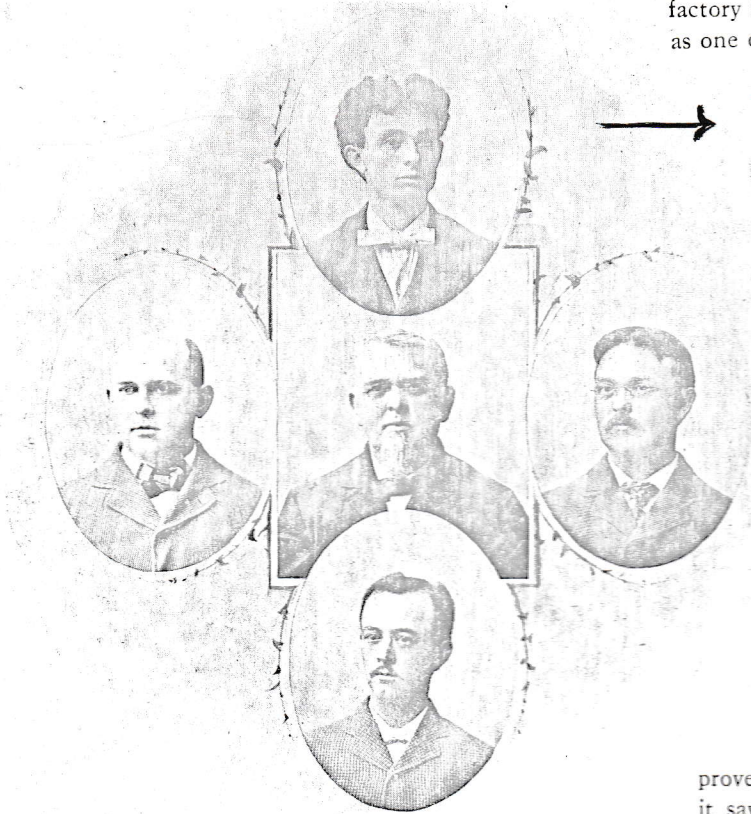


storage rooms with a complete ice making plant, sausage rooms, etc. The entire plant is supplied with all the latest known machinery and appliances for the packing and slaughtering business.

The firm has been in business for thirty years. The new packing house, however, was built about three years ago. The members of the firm are J. G., William and Oscar J. Danzeisen.

by the company. Seven persons are employed. The products are sold direct to the consumer through local agents. The company was established about three and a half years ago at 725 North Water street, but in the month of October, 1898, the company was compelled by reason of their rapidly increasing business to seek larger quarters and better shipping facilities. Since that time the business has shown a constant and satisfactory increase, which denotes the firm as one of push and enterprise.

→ **Shellabarger Mill and Elevator Co.**



Harry C. Starr

Charles A. Starr  
W. H. Starr  
Edward M. Starr

Joseph S. Starr

No concern in the city has done more to carry the name of Decatur into every part of the country than the Shellabarger Mill and Elevator Company. The firm stands high in the commercial world. The product is a standard of excellence with dealers and consumers. Among millers and the makers of milling machinery the plant is recognized as one of the most up-to-date in the country. Modern methods and the very latest machinery characterizes it.

It has a national reputation for the quick adoption of improvements that are of value. And it says much for the judgment and discretion of the management that the mistake of putting in machinery that has afterward proven useless has never been made.

**Decatur Extract Co** The Decatur Extract Company manufactures flavoring extracts, baking powder and perfume and toilet articles. The company is incorporated. The establishment is located at 243 to 247 South Water street. The building is 70x40 feet in size and is two stories high, and the entire building is used

D. S. Shellabarger, the present head of the concern, became identified with the milling business in Decatur in 1858 as a member of the firm of Hinkle, Shellabarger & Co., which bought the plant that is now owned by the Decatur Milling Co. The mill had a

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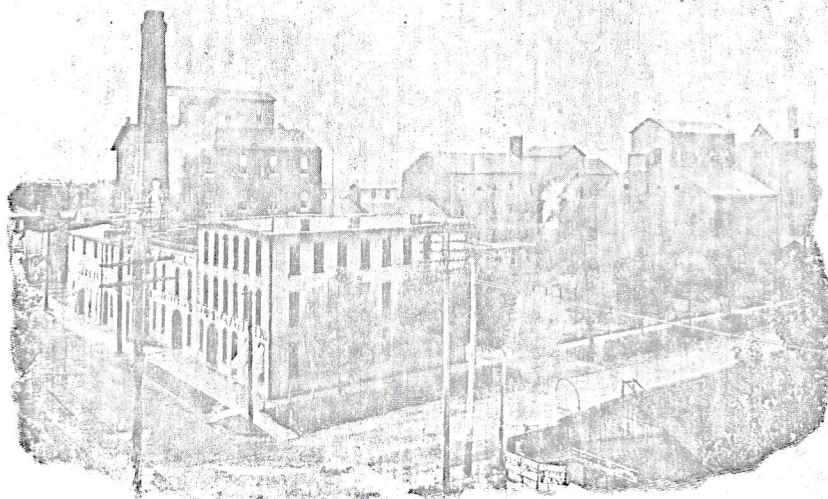
capacity of 75 barrels of flour a day. In 1862 D. S. Shellabarger sold his interest in the business and with Isaac Shellabarger, Benjamin Dillehunt and William Bowers, bought the mill that his company now operates. The firm was known as D. S. Shellabarger & Co. Soon after D. S. Shellabarger and William Bowers bought out Isaac Shellabarger and Benjamin Dillehunt. In 1888 D. S. Shellabarger became the sole owner. At that time the concern was incorporated for \$150,000 under the present title and the three sons, Will L., F. D. and L. C. Shellabarger, were given an interest in the business.

When Mr. Shellabarger took charge of the plant it was an old fashioned stone mill with two pairs of burrs for wheat and one for corn, and an output of 125 barrels a day. Additions were made to the machinery from time to time till 1879, when more room was demanded by the business. It was at this time that the new mill, now known as mill B, was erected. This gave an output of 400 barrels a day.

In 1880 mill B was equipped with roller machinery. This was the first roller mill in the country to be put on winter wheat except a small plant in Michigan. The output by this change was increased to 500 barrels a day, and the excellence of the product of the new roller mill gave the concern a wide prestige and created a big demand. The old mill, now known as mill A, was then equipped with roller machinery in the place of the old burrs and the capacity of the plant was increased to 900 barrels a day. Being the first mill of any importance in the country to

put in the rolls which revolutionized the milling business, the mill at once became a center of attraction to millers all over the country, many of whom came to witness its operation. It was not unusual for ten or twenty millers to be here in a single day to examine this mill.

A time came when the management foresaw that corn products were destined to cut a big figure in the milling business and it was decided to convert mill A into a corn mill. This change was made in 1890, the mill being entirely rebuilt. All the machinery was taken out and replaced by machinery



Shellabarger Mill and Elevator Company

made expressly for treating corn. The new mill had a capacity of 3,500 bushels of corn a day and turned out all kinds of corn goods, including grits, hominy and meal. This reduced the flour capacity of the mill to 500 barrels a day. This same season mill B was remodeled from top to bottom. Whenever a new piece of machinery that had merit above the machinery then in use could be found, the old was thrown out and the new put in. In the same mill a corn plant was erected with a capacity of 3,500 bushels a



day. This makes the total capacity of the plant now 7,000 bushels of corn and 3,000 bushels of wheat a day and a total output of flour when the wheat mill runs full is about 500 barrels a day.

The entire output of the flouring mill is disposed of in Central Illinois. The company boasts that its largest customers are among its nearest neighbors. At times there has been a heavy demand for the flour for export and a good deal of it has been sold in the south. The corn mill product is marketed in Chicago, St. Louis, Milwaukee, St. Paul, New York, Philadelphia and by export.

D. S. Shellabarger is the president of the concern and W. L. Shellabarger is secretary and treasurer.

### Union Iron Works

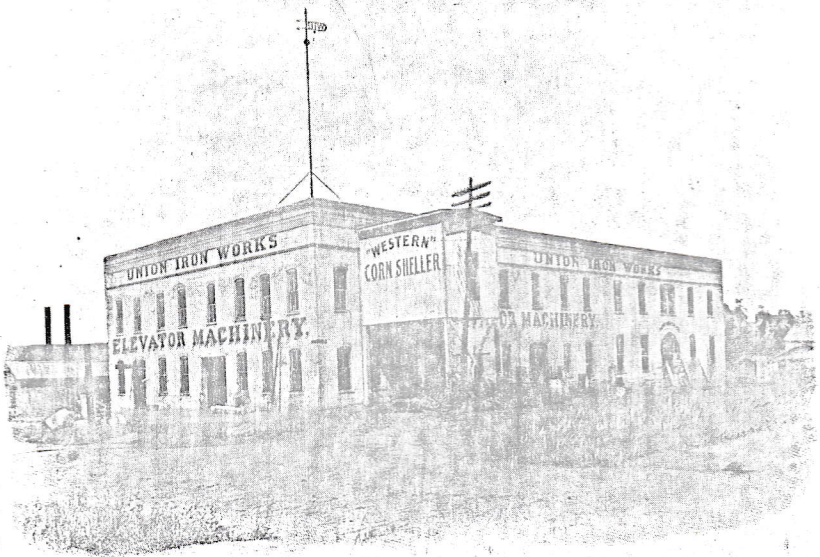
There are a number of reasons why the plant is known as the Union Iron

Works is a valuable institution to the city of Decatur. Here sixty or more men find employment the year round, and the money that pays them and that buys the materials which they manufacture into the commercial products of the works comes from outside of the city. Almost every dollar is brought from outside. The products of this institution go all over the United States, Canada and Mexico.

The institution was founded in 1864 by James Millikin and C. C. Burroughs. It was mostly devoted to the building of engines up to 1880. These engines took first premiums at the state fairs of Illinois for many years. Engines and mill machinery were the exclusive products of this establishment up to 1875.

The Union Iron Works was incorporated

in 1882. It might be mentioned incidentally that A. R. Montgomery entered the service of the company in May, 1875, as bookkeeper. When the company was incorporated he became a stockholder and now, with the exception of some stock held by Mrs. Montgomery, he and James Millikin are the exclusive proprietors. The active manage-



ment of the concern fell to the lot of Mr. Montgomery, and its great success is due very largely to his energy, push and excellent business ability.

The trade naturally grew from milling machinery and engines to furnishing machinery for elevators. Then a corn sheller was perfected and it has proved a magnificent success. They have since furnished the bulk of the corn shelling machinery of the United States. More of this firm's corn shellers are now in use in warehouses than all other makes combined. Years ago they abandoned the building of engines, and since 1875 they have devoted their plant almost exclusively to the manufacture of elevator machinery and corn shellers.

Within the last ten years they have made as great a reputation on their portable sheller



# The Story Of Decatur

By E. B. Hitchcock

## CHAPTER 50.

### HOW THE SHELLABARGERS CAME.

Isaac and John Came as Young Men in 1836, and David, of Another Generation, Arrived in 1856.

Two young men by the name of Shellabarger came to Illinois on horseback in 1836. They were cousins and their names were Isaac and John. They were around twenty years of age. They had been born in Pennsylvania and they left their folks there and set out toward the west because they had heard of the success that was possible to youth and enterprise in the new state of Illinois. Their good star guided them to the

county of Macon, and they entered 160 acres of land, mostly timber.

#### DAVID IS BORN.

David Shellabarger was a brother of Isaac and John Shellabarger. He was also a miller, like his father, whose name was originally Von Schellenburg. He was a Swiss. To this David Shellabarger, miller, and his wife, was born a son, July 11, 1837, and he was named David. Young David Shellabarger worked around his father's mill until he was nineteen years old. Then he decided to follow his uncle Isaac to Illinois. He arrived in Decatur the evening of May 28, 1856, on the first Wabash train from Tolono. When he came to town he worked in a lumber yard and was satisfied with the \$1.25 which he received a day. But it wasn't long before his thrift made it possible for him to buy an interest in the business, which he disposed of in 1859.

#### BUYS INTO MILL.

There was a little mill operated by the firm of Henkle & Condell. Young David Shellabarger knew something about the milling business, must have had some knowledge of it born with him. He invested his winnings from the lumber business in this mill and the name was changed to Henkle, Shellabarger & Co. That was the beginning of a very active period in the life of one of Decatur's most prominent citizens.

For four years he stayed in this town, and then he sold out, buying an interest in the mill which has been known for so many years as the Shellabarger mill, at the corner of North Water street and the street tracks, built by John H.

#### WELL KNOWN MILLER.

For many years D. S. Shellabarger was head of one of the most extensive milling concerns in the mid-west. When he began milling in Decatur mill stones were used. Steel came much later. But when D. S. Shellabarger went out of the business his plant was equipped with the latest devices and the improved machinery.

He was alderman for two years and mayor of the city for one year;

He was a prominent member of the Grace Methodist church and a liberal contributor to religious causes;

He was the first citizen to meet the offer of the late James Millikin to build a university here by an announcing that he would be one of twenty to give \$5,000 toward the fund of \$100,000 required.

He was a member of Macon Lodge No. 3, A. F. & A. M. for fifty-four years.

#### OLD TIMERS.

On the evening of May 28, 1906, D. S. Shellabarger celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of his coming to Decatur with a gathering of "The

#### D. S. SHELLABARGER.

*This fact is indicative of the man. He kept pace with his times. He learned his lesson each day. He profited by his experiences. He always seemed to be just a pace ahead of some other business men, at any rate, he was always ready to progress. He lead, rather than followed. As a leader in Decatur business life his name ranks high.*

#### CAPITAL WAS \$65.

David S. Shellabarger started for Decatur with \$65 in his pocket, and he didn't have many dollars of that left when he got here. He had given his personal note to his provident father back in Pennsylvania, because

a Pennsylvania Dutchman didn't loan money even to his own son without making him realize fully the responsibility entailed. David Shellabarger's father was known as one of the "Pennsylvania Dutch," even though his people had come from Switzerland originally.

David Shellabarger paid that note not long after he came to Decatur.

#### WHAT HE DID.

Then, these were the impressions made by David S. Shellabarger who borrowed a capital of \$65 to start his business career in Decatur:

He was in the lumber business within a year;

He was part owner of a dry goods store before another year was up;

He became the leading miller in Central Illinois and one of the best known in the line throughout the middle west;

He owned city property, farm lands, elevator and milling interests in Illinois and in Kansas before he had reached the zenith of his powers;

He was prominent in the street car business in Decatur during a period of twenty years;

He was president of the First National Bank of Decatur for seven years;

He was in the farm implement manufacturing business, in coal mining, interested in a barging factory, an incorporator of Decatur's first gas company;

He was president of the board of education of the city of Decatur for

Boys of Fifty Years Ago." All of the guests had come to town about the time that D. S. Shellabarger made his entry, and they had been "boys" together before the Civil War. It is interesting therefore to give the list of guests as follows: B. B. Tuttle, C. P. Thatcher, B. K. Hamsher, J. R. Race, Will L. Smith, C. M. Imboden, Dr. W. J. Cheseweth, Nathan L. Krone, R. R. Montgomery, W. H. Starr, B. O. McReynolds, William E. Nelson, Frank L. Hays and J. Furman Roach.

That was a notable gathering as Decatur owes much to each one of the men present that night.

#### HIS MARRIAGE.

D. S. Shellabarger and Anna Krone were married Jan. 7, 1862, their marriage ceremony being performed by Rev. Jesse Moore, father of the late Admiral C. B. T. Moore. Mrs. Shellabarger was the daughter of David Krone and was born in the old Revere house, where Lincoln stopped frequently and she remembers him well and his gentleness and kindness to her when she was a little girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Shellabarger celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Decatur in 1912. Mr. Shellabarger died at Red Bluff, Cal. Jan. 2, 1912, leaving his widow, who resides with Mr. and Mrs. James M. Allen at 510 West Decatur street, and these children: Mrs. E. B. Hillman of Quincy; Mrs. T. Henry Ramsey of Red Bluff, Cal.; Mrs. Smith

DAVID S. SHELLABARGER



AND ANNA KRONE



1879



1855



1860





## Worldwide Fame

# Grain Industry Left Most Lasting Mark

Probably no single industry has left such a permanent mark on Decatur as has the grain processing industry.

It's given Decatur some of its largest factories and a worldwide claim as "the soybean capital."

Early grain processing was largely limited to water-driven grist mills, which produced flour mainly for the consumption of the farmers who grew the wheat.

The early mills were popular because of the increasing need for refined flour and because flour was an important part of the early settler's diet.

Some of the early mills in Macon County were the King Mill on Stevens Creek, Allen's Mill on the Sangamon River, and the David Mill on Big Creek.

Another early mill was an ox mill owned by J. J. Peddecord, Ninian Peddecord and E. O. Smith in 1839.

Unfortunately, the mills glutted the market with corn meal, and Peddecord was forced to seek other means of maintaining profits. He turned to grinding corn for the local distillery, and in so doing incurred the wrath of the church.

### Shellabarger Mills

One of the first milling companies was operated by the Shellabarger family. The family had been millers for several generations, and tradition has it that they were millers before coming from Switzerland to the U.S. Their first operation was established in 1776 near Carlyle, Pa., and the family moved to Decatur in 1847.

In that year, D. S.

Shellabarger established a mill on Broadway. Later the family established and operated large corn and wheat mills at Water and Cerro Gordo streets.

In 1903, the mills were sold to American Hominy Co., which scrapped the wheat operation and milled only corn.

Another old firm was Decatur Milling which was formed in 1888, operating a plant formerly known as the Hatfield Mill, which dated back to the 1860s and was originally engaged in linseed oil manufacture.

Records indicate that the firm went out of business in 1905, and that in 1924 another Decatur Milling Co. was established.

In 1902, three Decatur mills joined several other corn mills to form the American Hominy Co. They were the Pratt cereal mill, the Shellabarger corn mill and Suffern, Hunt & Co.

The company was a trust operation and it went out of existence in 1924.

—JOHN S. DAY





From St. Louis in his private car... Missouri and met Mr. William... After a morning spent... meeting, the "Illinois" was attacked... No. 4 going east.

**Railroad Notes.**

Firemen Hoag, Covert and Hoag have taken and successfully passed the engineer's examination on the Wabash. Hoag made his first trip as engineer on the south end Wednesday to establish his seniority. Wabash engine No. 7522 blew out a cylinder head at Morrisville Wednesday morning and had to be brought in light to the shop.

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**FUNERALS.**

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**News From The Sick**

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

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

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cross and daughter Mildred, 1245 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, Grace, who are sick with the "flu" are improving slowly.

**MANY DEATHS OF PNEUMONIA**

Fourteen Bodies in One Establishment 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 undertaking establishment awaiting burial. This is the most since October, 1918, when one day there were twenty-four bodies at one undertaking establishment, most of the deaths being caused by influenza. The death occurring now are caused largely from pneumonia.

**Births**

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Winters, 1 East North street Tuesday, Feb. 3.

MRS. JENNIE COCHRAN. Mrs. Jennie Cochran, wife of Charles Cochran, 1814 20th street, died at 1 o'clock this morning at St. Mary's hospital. She was forty-eight years of age. Her death was caused by pneumonia, after an illness of two weeks.

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The body was removed to the funeral undertaking establishment prepared for burial, and the will be held there at 2:15 o'clock this afternoon. The body was taken to Blue Mound for interment.

**MRS. MABEL DILLS.**

The funeral of Mrs. Mabel Dills was held at 3 o'clock this morning at St. Patrick's church. The services were conducted by Rev. Father J. Murphy, friends of the family attending.

The music was furnished by Ed Hayes.

The flowers were in charge of Miss Grace Dunn, Marie Fern Salisbury, Alma Mills, Winholtz and Grace Winholtz. The pallbearers were Harry Main Mills, Herbert Honnlich, Andy Paul Powers and Ray. The interment was in Calvary cemetery.

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The funeral of Miss Elizabeth Cullen will be held at 10 o'clock Thursday morning at St. Joseph's Catholic church. The interment will be in Calvary cemetery.

**C. C. ALBRIGHT DIES AT AGE**

Succumbs Following Attack on

Christian Carl Albright died at 1 o'clock Wednesday morning in his family residence, 1514 East street. He would have been 72 years old in June. His death was caused by uremic poisoning, a complication of influenza.

Mr. Albright was born in East Germany, June 2, 1842, and came to America with his wife when he was seventeen years of age. Mrs. Elizabeth Gloff married him Jan. 14, 1873, and she and her children survive him. Mr. Albright, David C. Albright, Daisy Pemberton, Sarah of Decatur, John Albright, Mrs. Susie Gaddis a Kewanee, and Clinton court. He also leaves a brother in O and a sister in Pennsylvania.

Nineteen years ago the father stricken with typhoid fever children died and Mr. Albright left with kidney trouble that bothered him ever since. A week ago he was stricken with urea and uraemic poisoning of and caused his death.

Mr. Albright had worked minor most of his active life. In the past few years had played by the Wabash. He was a member of the Church of the Holy Trinity and was well known. He lived in Macon county since he came to Decatur in 1873. No monuments have been made for him.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

Austin G. Sayles, Vandalia, Ill., and Miss Emma Wallace, Decatur, Ill., were married at the residence of the bride's parents, 1223 East Leafland avenue, at 10 o'clock this morning.



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# ESTIMATES 100 "FLU" CASES

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# WABASH ENGINES DRAW RED TAGS

## Government Inspectors in Decatur.

The Wabash had a number of important visitors in Decatur Wednesday morning but the two that caused the most excitement of all were two government engine inspectors. These two arrived Tuesday afternoon and started in on their work. They gave every Wabash engine that started out from the roundhouse, about as close an examination as the engine ever had.

### SEND THEM BACK.

The result was most of them were drawing red tags and back they went to the roundhouse to be fixed up. By noon Wednesday, the situation had become rather acute and engines were not to be had. The bench committee at the roundhouse and yard office were making guesses as to how long it would be before an engine could be had to move another train.

### CALL IN MEN.

Quite a number of roundhouse mechanics have been off for sickness and other reasons. The telephone was rapidly brought into play or messengers sent out to get all of these men to come back to work immediately if possible and in order to get the work done that was ordered by the inspectors and to get some engines out. A number of those laying off were able to come back to work right away and did so. One switch engine started out to work in the yards and the inspectors noticed it did not have the required electric headlight so it went right back into the roundhouse.

### Williams Here.

W. H. Williams, who succeeded Mr. Kearney as president of the Wabash, dropped into Decatur in his private car, "Illinois" attached to the rear of No. 17 Wednesday morning. General Manager S. J. Cotter came up from St. Louis in his private car "Missouri" and met Mr. Williams here. After a morning spent in meeting, the "Illinois" was attached to No. 4 going east.

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# MILLS PROPOSED FIFTEEN MEMBERS SUPREME COURT

## One of Four Proposals Advanced by Local 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. Summarized, the four proposals are:

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## Had Been Ill for One Week with Influenza.

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The body was removed to the funeral home for preparation. No arrangements for burial. No arrangements for funeral. Burial will be made for the funeral.

### FRANK REBERT

Frank Rebert, aged 54, died at his home, 543 East Main street, about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning.

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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 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 Powers theatre. Although supporting Roosevelt, he also supported W. B. McKinley and the manager of Taft's campaign. At the convention in Champaign Mr. Shellabarger was chosen a delegate in 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.

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abarger and brother of William and  
David Shellabarger, died of failure of  
the heart at 1:30 o'clock Thursday  
morning.

He leaves his wife and one child,  
a daughter, Barbara, aged seven  
months.

### ILL SEVERAL MONTHS

Mr. Shellabarger had been in poor  
health for some months and several  
times recently he was in imminent  
danger from the weakness of the  
heart, which finally caused his death.

He was thirty-one years of age and  
as he had always lived in Decatur,  
where the family has long been one of  
the oldest of those prominent in De-  
catur, he was a popular and well  
liked young man.

### IN AUTO BUSINESS

Since before the world war he has  
been associated with his brothers and  
with his father, before the latter died,

in the automobile business in Decatur  
in the firm of W. L. Shellabarger &  
Sons and later as a member of W. L.  
Shellabarger's Sons.

Thatcher served in France during  
the war as did his brother William.  
He served in the ordnance department  
and when he and his brother return-  
ed they brought with them an inter-  
esting collection of war relics which  
they have since given to the Art In-  
stitute of Decatur.

### WAS ARTIST

Thatcher was of an artistic turn of  
mind and hand and his work in special  
decorations for different events,  
both public and private, were notable  
for their unusual and artistic effects.

He was exceedingly well liked,  
quiet but sincere and had a very large  
circle of friends.

The funeral will be held Saturday  
afternoon and will be private. The  
family asks that no flowers be sent.

The funeral will be at the home  
with burial in Greenwood cemetery.

# MUCH INTEREST IN ART CLASSES

## Twenty-three Enrolled At Art Institute.

Reports on the great interest  
which is being taken in the classes  
at the Art Institute composed of the  
business discussed at the regular  
monthly meeting of the Art In-  
stitute board Wednesday afternoon  
at the institute building.

The membership of the classes  
here has reached twenty-three, and  
thirty are enrolled in the classes  
at Springfield and there is now a  
waiting list for art lectures on Thurs-  
days.

### TWO MODELS USED

Mrs. Leah Voss and Mrs. Irene  
Warren have been appointed as models  
for the two classes in life work  
started drawing. Other classes are  
doing still life painting and oil painting.

The latest class which was  
led by Mrs. Dan Shortridge, last  
year will be completed under George  
Hask, the Art Institute instructor,  
beginning November. The course  
will be made up of the history of Art  
and will be shown by stereopticon  
slides. The course will present  
Kathleen Barry's decorative picture  
in sculpture.

### REMODELING BARN

The remodeling of the brick barn  
on a lot on 21st and 22d streets will then

give his instruction there. The two  
rooms which have been made on the  
ground floor of the barn will be  
heated by stoves and it is believed  
will be very comfortable for the  
work.

The studio, as it will now be called,  
may be dedicated with a Bohemian  
party on Halloween.

## MISS MARY HERRON TALKS ON JAPAN

### Good Crowd At First Presbyterian Church Lecture.

Dressed in Japanese costume, Miss  
Mary Herron, of Peoria, gave a most  
delightful and entertaining lecture  
in the First Presbyterian church  
Wednesday evening. A good crowd  
was out to hear the talk which was  
in the main, upon Japan and Korea.

Illustrating her talk by pictures  
she had taken in these countries her-  
self, she told much of the customs  
of the people and the influence of  
imaginary teachings upon their  
lives. The pictures she showed were  
colored before she returned to the  
United States, and she showed many  
taken in that section of Japan re-  
cently devastated. In one instance an  
entire village the picture appearing  
on the screen has been reduced to  
ashes and wreckage.

As the talk was given for the Mis-  
sionary society of the church it had  
much to do with the work of the  
mission schools, and showed in an  
interesting way how the government  
schools have improved under this in-  
fluence.

Miss Herron, who is a native of  
former President Taft, is a guest in  
the home of Mrs. Anna H. Roberts,  
219 West William street.

state to the state convention at the  
Wednesday afternoon meeting. The  
convention is to be held in Freeport,  
Oct. 23 to 26. Mrs. C. B. Erwin is al-  
ternate.

The afternoon program was an in-  
teresting one. Rev. Chesteen Smith  
spoke on law enforcement and Mrs.  
Julia Hugh spoke in behalf of the  
Humane society.

An all day quilting party and pot  
luck luncheon will be given in the  
home of Mrs. W. C. Stoy, 735 South  
Maffitt street, on Oct. 9.

# WAYNE WILLIAMS WRITES ON BRYAN

## Former Decatur Boy Pub- lishes Book.

Wayne C. Williams, a former well  
known Decatur boy, a graduate of  
the high school, class of 1897, now a  
lawyer in Denver, Colo., has pub-  
lished a book—"A Study in Political  
Vindication—William Jennings  
Bryan."

The book, as Mr. Williams says in  
his preface, is not a history of Mr.  
Bryan but a review of the reforms  
that the commoner proposed during  
the early days of his political career,  
which have since been adopted as  
part of the policy of the nation.

Mr. Williams made his mark in  
Decatur by putting the High School  
Observer, the high school publica-  
tion, on the highest plane and it  
had ever reached. He was a brilliant  
debater and settled in Denver for  
his law practice after graduating  
from the law school of the Uni-  
versity of Denver in 1906.

## 200 PERSONS DINE AT WESTMINSTER

### Group Two Serves Fellowship Supper.

Two hundred persons attended the  
fellowship supper held in Westmin-  
ster church Wednesday evening. The  
women of group two served refresh-  
ments.

A main feature of the evening was  
a solo by Martin Johnson, who is  
a professor at Middlebury college.  
Dr. A. E. Taylor presided at the  
meeting. W. Kiser White led the  
community song. Dr. J. S. Fisher  
told a short story and talks were  
made by Lowell A. Townsend, Thom-  
as Hughes, H. W. McDavid and Dr.  
Thomson.

Following the supper, there was  
a meeting of the Sunday school  
workers and plans were made for  
enrolling all the teachers in the com-  
munity training school which is to  
open October 15.

## POLICE NOTES.

Leah Capp, 775 Burdick court, was  
arrested Wednesday evening for  
speaking. He was fined \$15.00 by  
Judge Noble.

Ed Grudger, 322 East Lincoln ave-  
nue, was arrested for possessing H.  
Henry White, B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B-B

# MRS. MINNIE DIES OF W

## Shot By Charles Ten Days Ago

## MAKES STAT

### Assailant Escapes Trace Found

Mrs. Minnie White, wife  
White, 226 South Franklin  
at 6:30 o'clock Wednesday  
the Decatur and Macon C  
pital from a bullet wound  
by Charles Nelson, colored  
her through the stomach a  
last Saturday night being  
fused to accept his attend-  
after being taken to the  
condition of the wound  
appeared to improve. For  
seemed to gain strength,  
patients at the hospital had  
hope of her recovery, but  
during the first week he  
seemed to improve. She  
she seemed considerably  
on Thursday there was a  
change for the worse.

### GIVES STATE

Wednesday afternoon, it  
was seen that she had  
been to Big and State's  
F. Evans was called to  
to get her after she  
about 2 o'clock when he  
hospital. Mrs. White, who  
short of breath and could  
to start sentences.

She said that she did  
that she was going to die  
and would like to see  
long her through. He  
told her that there would  
be in the, but she  
said that she was going  
her treatment of the dis-  
easement, the doctor  
checked and could be a  
doctor.

### NO CHANGE IN ST

The statement Wednesday  
noon, however, was the  
story of the shooting of  
after witnesses on the  
credibly true. White  
had gone from stairs to  
of water at the hydrant  
and as she started back  
Nelson came along and  
entering the house ahead  
she started from the kitchen  
middle room Nelson turned  
ing a revolver. At her  
wanted to talk to her and  
he her friend. She told  
she had a husband and  
any men friends and for  
come making any gun  
her.

She started to set down  
of water and then he shot  
said she had never had  
a casual acquaintance  
and had never been in  
company by meeting him.



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The Decatur Review  
October 4, 1923

Thatcher Shellabarger  
Dies After Long Illness  
Served in France and Was in Auto Business  
for Several Years

Thatcher Shellabarger, 260 Woodlawn Avenue, son of Mrs. W. L. Shellabarger and brother of William and David Shellabarger, died of failure of the heart at 5:30 o'clock Thursday morning.

He leaves his wife and one child, a daughter, Annabelle, aged seven months.

Ill Several Months

Mr. Shellabarger had been in poor health for some months and several times recently he was in imminent danger from the weakness of the heart which finally caused his death.

He was thirty-one years of age and as he had always lived in Decatur, where the family has long been one of the oldest of those prominent in Decatur, he was a popular and well liked young man.

In Auto Business

Since before the world war he has been associated with his brothers and with his father, before the latter died, in the automobile business in Decatur in the firm of W. L. Shellabarger and Sons and later as a member of W. L. Shellabarger's Sons.

Thatcher served in France during the war as did his brother, William. He served in the ordinance department and when he and his brother returned they brought with them an interesting collection of war relics which they since have given to the Art Institute of Decatur.

Was Artist

Thatcher was of an artistic turn of mind and hand and his work in special decorations for different events both public and private, were notable for their unusual and artistic effects.

He was exceedingly well liked, quiet but sincere and had a very large circle of friends.

The funeral will be held Saturday afternoon and will be private. The family asks that no flowers be sent.

The funeral will be at the home with burial in Greenwood cemetery.



TON RODGERS UNEXPECTEDLY

While He Supervises About His Home: e for Five Years

Dogers died unexpected- afternoon at 4:30 o'clock working in the yard at 437 Wilson avenue. He was well but he was in the using work another man and occasionally lending assistance. He had curved across the yard and though he would get an when he fell and expired. He was born in Germany.

After his graduation from medical college he practiced in Moline, Iowa for 20 years. He came to Decatur five years ago. He had been in active service in the army and leaves his wife and two children, Mrs. E. M. Pirney and Miss Thelma Hall of Decatur.

was taken to the rooming house of W. W. Wilkoff. No arrangements were made concerning the

CALLED BY DEATH



C. T. SHELLABARGER

City Briefs

CHICAGO MAN COMING

A. J. Clark of Chicago will come to Decatur about the middle of the month to take a position in the office of Mr. G. Nelson, general agent for the Equitable Life Insurance company of Iowa. Mr. Clark graduated from the University of Illinois in 1922. He played football for four years, one year on the Freshman squad and three years on the varsity. He has been playing semi-pro football in Chicago most recently.

MAY LOSE EYE

A rock shot from a sling by a neighbor boy may cost Harold Gibbons, 2679 W. Wash avenue, the sight of his right eye. Young Gibbons struck the ball in the leg with a rock and in returning the fire the boy shot the rock into Gibbons' right eye, causing a serious injury. It will be several days before it can be determined if the sight will be lost.

DAY AND LEAVES

It is against the law to burn leaves on pavements and Commissioner Kayser Thursday asked that persons be warned against the practice of taking their leaves to the pavement and there setting them alight. The fire department explains why the practice is prohibited.

PUBLIC INSTALLATION

Decatur court, No. 24, Court of Honor, will hold public installation of officers at 7:30 this evening in Moose hall, Wood and Franklin streets. Mr. Schmidt, president's assistant will be the installing officer. An initiation dance will follow.

TO VIEW ROAD MACHINES

Commissioners Kayser and McNabb will go to Peoria today to inspect road machinery fitted for street work. Mr. Kayser wants to add some to the Decatur street department but desires to study it carefully before making a purchase.

W. R. C. TO SERVE

Dinner will be served at noon today in the G. A. R. hall by members of the Woman's Relief corps. There will be quilting during the day.

HEART TROUBLE PROVES FATAL TO T. SHELLABARGER

Second Son in Third Generation of Prominent Decatur Family

OVERSEAS DURING WAR

Thatcher Shellabarger, 256 Woodlawn avenue, died Thursday morning at 5:30 o'clock of organic heart trouble after a period of ill health extended over several months. While his intimate friends had been apprised of the nature of his illness they had not abandoned hope that he would rally from the attack and be restored to some measure of his former health.

Thatcher Shellabarger was the second son in the third generation of a family which for more than 60 years has been active in business and social life in Decatur. He was the son of William L. and Mary T. Shellabarger. His mother now resides in St. Paul, Minn. He was born in Decatur 21 years ago and completed his education at the University of Illinois. He played football for four years, one year on the Freshman squad and three years on the varsity. He has been playing semi-pro football in Chicago most recently.

With his brothers, David S. and William L. Shellabarger, he was associated with his father in the automobile business under the firm name of Shellabarger & Sons, and after the death of their father the business was continued until three weeks ago, when they sold their interest.

Had Artistic Temperament

Thatcher Shellabarger was of an artistic temperament and studied at Fina Arts academy, Chicago, and later studied architecture in the University of Illinois, where he was a member of Phi Gamma Delta. The best test of his popularity was the close friendships he held among the young men and women who were his schoolmates, for they knew him best and liked him most.

Thatcher Shellabarger leaves his wife, who was Miss Charlotte Kearney, and their daughter, aged seven months. Also his mother, Mrs. Irene T. Shellabarger, his brothers, David S. and William L. Shellabarger, and his grandmother, Mrs. Mary D. Shellabarger.

Funeral services Saturday afternoon will be private. The request of the family is that no flowers be sent.

SAMUEL J. REITH'S

Clara, wife of Samuel J. Reith, 425 North Franklin street, Thursday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

She was born in Greenville, Sept. 27, 1862, and had been a resident of Decatur for more than 20 years. She leaves her husband and one son, Edward Mary of Birmingham, Michigan, her sister, Mrs. Laura Markey of Los Angeles, and her brothers, Louis and Thomas W. Reith, of St. Louis.

The body will lie in state in the rooms of Dawson & Wilkoff. No arrangements for a funeral have been announced.

SANDERSON FUNERAL

Funeral services for Miss Agnes Sanderson will be conducted in St. Paul, Minn., at 10 o'clock Saturday morning.

OTTO SPAETH TO SCORE IN AERO MEET SATURDAY

Otto Spaeth of Decatur will be one of the scorers at the Pullitzer races in St. Louis Saturday. Mr. Spaeth received his appointment when he was there Tuesday. While at the air field Mr. Spaeth had an opportunity to see the 28-1.

Mr. Spaeth had just returned to Decatur from a business trip which was made in the interest of the Premier Malt Products Co. to Louisiana, Texas and Colorado.

EWING LOST IN WILDS OF NORTH

Tells University Club of Experiences on Hunting Trip

Being lost alone in the North Canadian wilderness many days before being rescued by a party of hunters and a party of trappers, Mr. Ewing told the University Club of his experiences on a hunting trip in the North Canadian wilderness.

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LOCOMOTIVE BE REBUILT WABASH

Making 2064 Passenger Cost \$

A. THOMPSON

Wabash freight to be rebuilt for passenger service during October. The locomotive shops during September 1923 will reconstruct train locomotive.

The shops mentioned that the so-called conversion to passenger work would require an extra \$20,000.

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Surviving are his wife; daughter, Mrs. Claudine Roberts of Vandalia; step-daughter, Mrs. Kathleen Dickson of Smithboro; step-sons, David Miller of Waco, Tex.; Gerald Miller of Westminster, Colo.; brother, of Vandalia; sister, of Levsque of

died in 1964.  
Memorials: Heart Fund.

**VITALI**

Mrs. Guiseppi (Orsola) Vitali, 83, of Detroit, Mich., formerly of Nokomis, died Friday morning in Detroit.

Funeral services will be 9:30

Funeral Home, Vandalia, where son, Geno of Detroit, Mich.

*Sunday Decatur Herald*

**W. L. Shellabarger, Retired Decatur Businessman, Dies**

*April 14, 1974*

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.

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

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

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.

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

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.

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

Mr. Shellabarger then became president of Shellabarger Mills, a post he held until 1950. In that year, he was an organizer, president and principal stockholder of WTVP, Decatur's first television station which later moved to WAND. He retired from

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.

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

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.

Two brothers preceded in death.

Memorials: Decatur Memorial Hospital.

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**Decatur Temperatures**

Saturday, April 13

7 a.m. 55                      7 p.m. 67  
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# Central Illinois Deaths

## BROTHERS

James Victor Brothers, 50, of Newton died at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday in his home.

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 5 American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 537 in Newton. He was married to the late Mrs. Andrews.

Surviving are his wife; son, Jerry of Little Creek, Va.; daughters, Vicky Brothers and Betty Brothers, both of Newton; sisters, Golda Cope of Fordyce, Ark.; Frances Tisdale of Ovelt, Miss.; Verna Mae Scrimster of Fashion, Ariz.

## ELLISON

Glenn A. Ellison, 60, of rural Lawrenceville 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 Lawrenceville, a son of Thomas and the late Bowley Ellison. He was a member of the United Methodist Church. He married Bernice LaMar in Decatur on Dec. 31, 1936. He leaves wife; sister, Mrs.

John (Melena) Fair of Arcola. Two brothers and one sister preceded him in death.

## PETERS

Robert Stewart Peters, 54, of Illiopolis was dead on arrival at 5 p.m. Thursday in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday at Dawson & Wikoff Funeral Home, Illiopolis, where friends may call 6 to 9 p.m. Friday. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Peters was born in New Albany, Ind., a son of Edgar and Jessie Stewart Peters. He was a retired grain dealer and a member of the Illiopolis United Methodist Church, Ansar Shrine of Springfield and Illiopolis Masonic Lodge.

He married Harriet (Jerry) Redden Nov. 14, 1942 in St. Charles, Mo.

He leaves his wife and brother, William I. of Illiopolis.

## THOMPSON

Mrs. Roy (Ellen Q.) Thompson, 59, of Clinton died at 12:45 p.m. Thursday in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Private family funeral services will be 10 a.m. Saturday in Pullen-Boos Funeral Home, Clinton. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Clinton.

Mrs. Thompson was born in Clinton, a daughter of Henry and Mary Lewis Lundh. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church, Eastern Star, John Warner Hospital Auxiliary, and the Home Economics Club, all

# D. Shellabarger, Former Grain Dealer, Dies

David S. Shellabarger Sr., 81, of 325 Powers Lane, a one-time prominent grain dealer, died at 1:10 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. J. Shellabarger of Decatur; and five grandchildren.

One brother preceded him in death.

## WINDOWS BROKEN

Two windows were broken Thursday at the Riverside Research Center, Cantrell and Illinois streets, according to a report made to police.

in Clinton. She married Roy Thompson Feb. 23, 1939, in Clinton. Memorials: John Warner Hospital, Clinton.

Surviving are her husband; daughters, Winifred Thompson of Washington, D.C.; Mrs. Mary Neece of Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Ingeborg Ostendorf of Litchfield; sister, Mrs. Ingeborg Harrison of Dallas, Tex.; six grandchildren.

# Macon County Deaths

## BRANNOCK

Charles Henry Brannock, 85, of Niantic died 1:40 a.m. Thursday in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in the Dawson & Wikoff Funeral Home in Illiopolis, where friends may call 5 to 9 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; stepdaughter, Mrs. Alma Holt of Mount Zion; sister, Mrs. Mary Carr of Niantic; 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

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

## DEFFENBAUGH

Mrs. Grace Deffenbaugh, 88, formerly of 1076 W. Packard St., died 6:25 a.m. Friday in Joliet.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at Brintlinger's Funeral Home.

## POLLEY

John "Johnny" Lucien Polley, 62, of 1413 N. Union St. died 1:30 a.m. Friday in Decatur Memorial Hospital.

Funeral arrangements are incomplete at the Dawson & Wikoff Funeral Home. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Mr. Polley was born in Griggsville, a son of Edward and Anna Shinn Polley.

He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church, an Army veteran of World War II and retired manager of Union Bus Depot. Mr. Polley resided in the Decatur area most of his lifetime.

He married Ruth Vahrenhold on June 8, 1946, in Decatur.

Surviving are his wife; son, William of Saline, Kan.; daughter, Margaret Polley, at home; brothers, Cecil of Modesto, Calif.; Harry of Norfolk, Va.; sisters, Mrs. Ray (Catherine) Dorsey of Quincy; Mrs. Sid (Florence) McCormick of Los Angeles, Calif.

One daughter, three brothers and a sister preceded him in death.

Memorials: Cornbelt Lung Association.

## 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 Anna Wallace Myers. She was married to George R.

# THE NEXT TIME