

Register of Old Buildings
Madison County Historical Coordinating Council

Sketch .8

Address: 470 Powers Lane (also listed as 458 and 468).
Legal description: Forrest Hill Addition, Lot 8, Blk. 1.
Date of original construction: 1895 Est., Assessor's Office.
c 1899 (city directory data)

Name of original owner: J. Fred and Emma J. Given
Manager, Powers Grand Opera House
Agr., Orlando Powers Estate
(Note: Mrs. Orlando Powers was Charlotte Given. Relatives?)
(Note: Mr. Given came to Decatur in 1895.
Source: Centennial History.
See copy of page 236.)

History:

1. Data from available city directories:

1895- Working on Powers Avenue but 447, 459, 595.
1896- Not available.
1897- On microfilm - Powers Avenue 437, 477, 459, 595.
1899- J. Fred and Emma M. Given * (listed as 458 Powers Avenue)
1900- Not available.
1901- J. Fred and Emma M. Given* (listed as 468-no 470 given).
1902- Not available.
1903-1907- J. Fred and Emma M. Given* (listed as 470).
1908-1916- Geo. W. and Irene L. Mueller.
1917-1929- Irene L. Mueller, wid, Geo. W.
1930-1968- C. A. Gille and Jeannette L. Gille.
Linn & Scruggs officer (Director, vice president, and secretary over 66 years).
1969-1970- Mrs. Jeannette Gille, wid., C. A.
1971- Russell L. Gilbert (Darlene) engr., Caterpillar.
(Complete through 1975 City Directory, but there is a For Sale sign on the house)

2. Data from Decatur Township assessor's office:

Bldg. Class C - family dwelling.
1 story, 6 rooms.
Wood frame, brick foundation, wood exterior walls.
Mansard roof, med. pitch, asphalt.
2 porches (open), full basement.
Hardwood floors, softwood trim.
Warm air furnace.
1 bathroom, 1 natural fireplace.

(Sketch on next page)

Present owner: Russell L. Gilbert.

History Cont'd.:

2. Sketch:



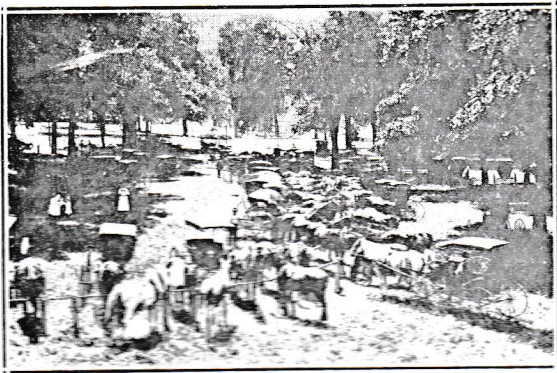
3. Attachments:

- a. May 12, 1905 Decatur Review - J. F. Given feature.
- b. July 1, 1963 Decatur Herald - Obit, C. A. Gille.
- c. May 4, 1916 Decatur Review, A Mrs. C. A. Gille dramatic production - "Master Skylark".
- d. 1899 city directory - print-out of page including "Powers Avenue."

Present owner: Russell D. Gille.

the I. P. and L., and thirty-eight acres along Stevens creek were added in 1928, being bought from the Taggart heirs, at \$250 an acre.

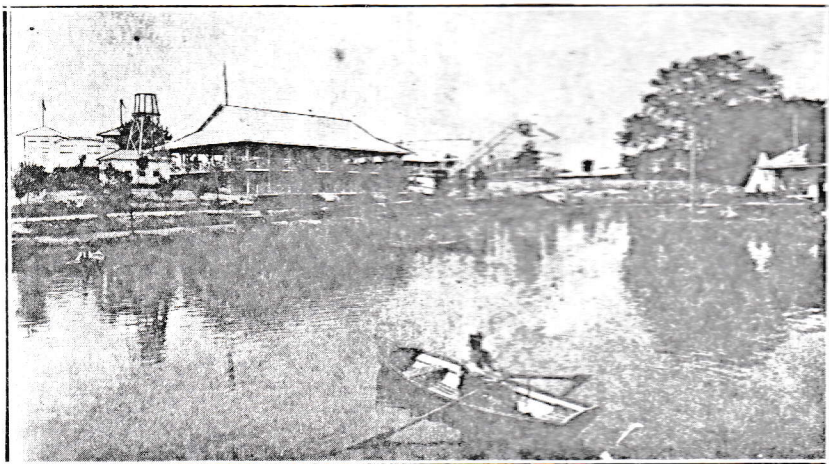
These various additions brought the acreage of Fairview park up to a total of 121.25.



SCENE IN FAIRVIEW
In the days when signs read "Hitch Here" instead
of "Park Here".

The Dreamland amusement park was established in 1905 by the Decatur Amusement company, and Fred Given was named manager. A score of citizens subscribed the \$40,000 invested. Ten acres were bought from E. S. Baker. A theater, dance pavilion, roller coaster, etc., were built

For seven years the park was operated, but it was not a success financially. In 1919 the city bought the land and added it to Fairview.



DREAMLAND PARK SCENE

*From Richmond, Mabel E., Centennial History
of Decatur and Macon County, The Decatur Review
1930.*

Frank W. Haines, who had started his career as bill poster for Macon hall, became manager of Smith's Opera house in 1873, and continued in that position until it was discontinued when the new Powers Opera house was opened. Then he became manager for the Powers.



F. W. HAINES

Hiram Brown was the first manager of Smith's Opera house. He was succeeded by Dan W. Breneman and next came J. Q. A. Odor. Mr. Haines followed Mr. Odor. When it became known that Orlando Powers was willing to build a new theater in Decatur, but had taken no steps to do so because he did not want to go into competition with the Smith Opera house, Mr. Smith sent word to Mr. Powers that he would discontinue the old opera house if Mr. Powers would build a new one.

Mr. Powers then went ahead with his plans. After Smith's Opera house was discontinued as a theater, it was turned into business houses.

The Powers Opera house had its opening July 9, 1889. Richard J. Oglesby made a dedicatory address. That theater was as beautiful and modern as any to be found at the time.² It occupied the present site of the Hotel Orlando. The theater had a seating capacity of 1,500. It was used for all big public gatherings, as well as legitimate plays. In 1895 Fred Given became manager, and he was succeeded by Thomas Ronan.

The Powers Opera house was burned twice. After the first fire in 1895, the house was rebuilt. The second fire occurred in 1914, and this time the theater was replaced by a hotel, named Orlando, in honor of the head of the Powers family, which included two sons, Charles G. and Howard W. Powers, and a daughter, Mrs. Anabel Tilley.

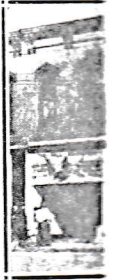
OTHER THEATERS

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POWERS GRAND OPERA HOUSE

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 OF ANY PAPER IN THE CITY.

POLK—SOUTH

Between Main and Franklin South from Marion.

- s. w. cor. Franklin
George G. and Elizabeth J. Garrison*
- e. s. 1 s. of Franklin
James and Emma Doty
- e. s. 2 s. of Franklin
James and Clara Henson*
- e. s. 3 s. of Franklin
Wm. and Ida Henson*
- e. s. 4 s. of Franklin
Allen E. and Matilda Timmons
- e. s. 1 s. of Garrison
Samuel L. and Gertrude Garrison*
- e. s. 2 s. of Garrison
John W. and Lucy A. Brewer
- w. s. 1 s. of Garrison
Henry and Mary E. Williams*
- w. s. 2 s. of Garrison
Scott W. and Mary A. Souders*
- w. s. 3 s. of Garrison
Wm. A. Q. and Anna Martin*
- Alonzo and Etta Norman

POOLE AVENUE—NORTH

- North from 900 West Pugh.
- w. s. 2 n. of Pugh
Eli W. and Mattie Leib

POWERS AVENUE—SOUTH

- From 445 West Decatur to City Limits
- 437 George and Jennie Wright*
- 447 Albert L. and Mary L. H. Mayfield*
- 448 Robert E. and Grace J. Montague*
- 458 J. Fred and Emma M. Given* ←
- 459 Benjamin F. and Susan M. Bobo*
- 467 Guy J. and Gertrude C. Parke
- 487 Rev. John D. and Susan S. Roth*
- 595 Mrs. Caroline M. Powers*

PRAIRIE AVENUE—EAST

- From 200 North Main East to Seventh.
- 100 I. N. Irwin & Co**
- 102 J. S. Campbell Co**
Frank L. Horn**

Prairie Avenue.

- 103 Wm. M. Moore**
- 104 Prescott Music E
- 108 Charles E. Merga
- 112 American Express
F. D. Caldwell**
- 114 Central Union Te
American Teleph
Co**
Thomas and Mar
- 116 H. W. Waggoner
- 120 J. Edward Saxton
- 122 Benjamin Z. Tay.
- 124-128 Evan S. Young
- 127 Pegram & Co**
Shelley Bros. & C
Frank H. and De
Miss Mina Brintli
- 130 J. R. Moseley**
- 134 Decatur Gun Co**
- 135 Pacific Express C
United States Ex
- 137 Cash Penny Laur
- 138 The Stewart Dry
- 141 Universalist Chur
- 142 D. Young**
- 143 Louis MacKenzie*
- 146 E. J. Harpstrite**
- 147-149 Ray Clark**
- 148 W. W. Glessner**
- 151 Max Greenberg**
Jesse Fisher**
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- 152 Ullrich Block
rms. 1-2 Redmon .
Bunn & Park**
Dr. Wm. Barnes**
rm. 10 John Ullric
- 153 Moore & Bro**
- 155 H. M. White**
- 157 C. L. Jones**
- 158 A. MacKenzie**
Joshua J. Jacobs*
- 159 M. H. Liston**
- 335 J. R. Gott**
- 336 Kegan & Lee**

*Probably
 later numbered
 465, then
 4701
 (No 458
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 hereafter)*

*Note:
 Richmond's
 historical
 history
 gives 1895
 as the date the
 Given's came
 to Decatur.*

May 12, 1905

PLENTY IN ILLINOIS.

Stuyvesant Fish seems to be of the opinion that just now there is very little of discrimination in freight rates. He knows there is some and he asks that the laws be enforced and that what there is left of that bad practice be stopped.

It will be admitted that the road at the head of which is Mr. Fish is not an offender in this matter. According to common report it has a clear and enviable record. We do not know that one man can get one rate and another a lower one on the Illinois Central. It is said for that road that all have to come up to the schedule tariffs as published.

But there are roads in Illinois that do not live up to that rule of fair dealing, even though you have to go away from Decatur to find them. Take it from Burlington in the southern part of the state. It is notorious among all shippers that many of the big manufacturing enterprises along that line enjoy special privileges in the way of rates.

There is another point. Some of the lines that work on the movement of freight have lower freight rates in this section than they have elsewhere. It is a general understanding that they do this because of a promise made to the shippers in that section. The fact is that the rates are lower in that section than elsewhere. This is a fact that will not be put on the record.

This thing is going on in Illinois right now, and all the shippers are in a state of the most things. There is a big effort to get it all a halt. There is much more discussion in order than Mr. Fish admitted in his talk. The president is right about the matter, something will have to be done. And as Secretary Task says, if the men now in power do not do that something others will be put in their places who will do.

A HANDSOME RETURN.

President Roosevelt was handsomely entertained by the Iroquois club in Chicago. He said he had a "bully time," and he is a judge in a thing of that kind. The president felt that he should return something to his hosts for the entertainment they gave him. He did this by promising them that he would not be a candidate again for the presidency.

He will have a handsome return to the Iroquois club. The more they want to entertain him, the more they will do. He is a candidate for the presidency.

Decaturians As We See Them



J. F. GIVEN.

He's been handling the opera house for so long that he can do that without thinking about it. Now he's taking up a new amusement enterprise.

GOVERNOR BUSY SIGNING BILLS

He Must Average Four an Hour to Get Them All Out of Way.

Springfield, Ill., May 12.—With only six days left in which to complete the task of signing 235 bills, Governor Deneen Thursday commenced the work of attaching the final signatures to the drafts. Of the total number of bills, 118 are house, the senate bills numbering one less. One hundred and ninety-two bills have been engrossed under the supervision of Representative Ogelsby, and are now ready to go to the governor. Governor Deneen has twelve bills in his possession, and thirty-one bills were turned over to him yesterday in addition to this number. Working eight hours a day, this number will render it necessary for him to read, consider and sign four bills each hour. A number of hearings in regard to bills have been asked for, and sev-

on the last day of the legislature, resigned as president pro tem. of the senate in view of his approaching appointment as United States marshal for the Southern district of Illinois. Senator Berry was elected his successor and presided at the last session of the senate held. Senator Berry will, therefore, be acting governor in case both Governor Deneen and Lieutenant Governor Sherman should be absent from the state.

SHURTLEFF IS BLAMED

By Anti-Saloon League for Failure of Its Bill. Springfield, Ill., May 12.—The Anti-Saloon league of Illinois has issued a circular in which it blames Speaker Shurtleff of the Illinois legislature for failure to pass a local option bill. It charges that the speaker refused to allow the bill to be brought up after he had promised to do so, fearing that the senate would concur in the action of the house and the measure would be enacted into law.

The league, according to its statement, secured information early in the session that there would be no legislation for them this year. The record of the session just closed is reviewed, and it is charged that the house failed to consider local option measures after it was informed that the people demanded it.

\$1,000 DAMAGE AT NEW LEADER PLANT

Storm Blew Down Walls Unfinished Building.

OIL WORKS WRECKED

Many Small Casualties About the City.

The storm that visited Decatur at 5 o'clock Thursday evening assumed the proportions of a cyclone when it reached the northeast part of the city and as a result the new building of the Leader Manufacturing company and that of the United States Oil and Tracting Machinery company are ruined. These two factories are in the edge of the Chamber of Commerce block.

The damage to the Leader company new building will not prove as great as was at first estimated. This building was not completed. The walls were up and the girders had been set, but there was only a small portion of the roof on. There had been a number of delays in getting materials on hand and the building was not strong enough to withstand such a blow. The walls were blown down with a crash. The damage to the United States Oil and Tracting Machinery company was of less extent. The walls were up and the girders had been set, but there was only a small portion of the roof on. There had been a number of delays in getting materials on hand and the building was not strong enough to withstand such a blow. The walls were blown down with a crash. The damage to the United States Oil and Tracting Machinery company was of less extent. The walls were up and the girders had been set, but there was only a small portion of the roof on. There had been a number of delays in getting materials on hand and the building was not strong enough to withstand such a blow. The walls were blown down with a crash.

SHOCK IT TO PIERCE. The plant of the United States Tracting Machinery company was blown down and was not as large as other buildings, though it was of great size. People living in the vicinity of the building up and liberally shake it to pieces, and then lay it flat on the ground. This building was being erected by contract. The completed building was to be turned over to the company by a certain date. It lacked only three or four days of being completed. While the loss would fall on the contractor, L. F. Ostrander, a member of the company said that personally he would be in favor of the company standing a portion of the loss.

ABOUT ALL OF IT. These two buildings constituted the only really serious damage done here by the storm, though the big building on North Water street was damaged and a number of trees were blown down. The usual number of small branches were to be seen on the streets this morning.

THEY CAN'T GET THE

BIG INCREASE
IN ATTENDANCE

At Sunday Schools of City
Planned by Committee.

A committee has been organized to have a 25 per cent increase in the same Sunday this year. The committee is to be brought before the city schools this coming summer. It is expected that all the Sunday schools in the city will join in the scheme.

Dr. J. C. Fisher is chairman of the committee in charge of the campaign.

REMODEL CHURCH
IN ASSUMPTION

Assumption, May 1.—Workmen began Monday remodeling the Christian church. The work is completed it will be grand. A new church, A. N. Vulture has the plan for which calls for \$5,000 worth of repairs. This does not include the heating, water, sewer, wiring or plumbing which would have the item of expense another \$5,000.

The church is to be completed by Sept. 1. In the meantime services will be held at the Stephen-Mitchell hall, which has been donated.

The members of the Kensington club enjoyed a 6 o'clock dinner at the home of Dr. and Mrs. O. L. Crow Monday evening. Ninety of the twenty-two members were present.

Miss Louise Abel entertained the members of the junior class of the township high school with a class party at her home in honor of Miss Gladys Harpold, Monday evening. The time was spent in games and music. A dainty luncheon was served. Those who were present were: Gladys Harpold, Margaret Fry, Gladys Harpold, Gladys Harpold, Margaret Fry, Louise Abel, Kirby Lewis, Ervin Miller, Robert Allison, Merrill Keira, Lee Johnson, and Walter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Salerno and family spent the weekend at Taylorville.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Taylor and daughter Mrs. J. A. Michael were a Decatur visitor.

Miss Shipher is entertaining her mother, Mrs. Bessie Robertson from Covington. Mrs. J. C. Adams and daughter, Miss Cecelia, were in Decatur Tuesday.

Miss J. A. Tarzian spent Tuesday in Decatur.

HORSE BADLY INJURED
The property of a farmer living west of Decatur, a three-year-old horse named "Old Slew" was killed Tuesday afternoon. The horse was hit by a car. The horse was killed and the driver of the automobile was injured. The driver of the automobile was injured.

CLUB BREAKFAST
The members of the Domestic Science class had their usual May breakfast at the home of Mrs. Luella Lacharite Wednesday. The occasion of the roads prevented many from coming but they got there by means of their own delivery wagons and are using the trip quite as much as if modern methods of conveyance had been used. The meeting was attended. The tables were set and a three course dinner was served. Fancy work and rook furnished the amusement of the afternoon. Sherbet and punch were served late in the afternoon.

As It is Done.
"Wagers—Wed. I made \$2,000 this week, enough to pay all my debts." The man of the bar asks you going to...

INTERESTING STORY.

Constructed by Mrs. Gille out of Fairy Revel in Masque.
Mrs. Gille has made an interesting story out of the fairy revel which is presented in the masque. The masque is called "Shakespeare's garden." A curtain lifts to pantomime. The scene is at night and the different fairies appear until the dawn breaks up their revels. The story in brief is as follows:
"I look upon the face a few rose petals on the ground. As soon as you hold them in your hand, you can see the face of the little fairy. We see this lovely thing on one side is a heading cast down with fair well spoken, dancing. As they dance they whirl and swirl and are dancing something like the dancing of the faeries. The something is...

CHERRY TREE BUTTER.
The city after well spent some time in the garden. The garden is the scene of the play. The play is the story of the cherry tree. The play is the story of the cherry tree. The play is the story of the cherry tree. The play is the story of the cherry tree.

The butter lady runs about the garden and is pursued by two evil spirits and the cat, because they are very anxious to eat that butter which is especially delicious. Then the three bell fairies are heard in the distance. Of course, when the faeries appear all the evil spirits must flee and they finally run away as the tinker bells clang in, driving them out of the garden. As they disappear the little moonbeam fairies come in and throw a faint light over the garden. When they disappear the fire flies come in. They dance about two immense toadstoos. Why do they dance about the toadstoos? Because they are fairy chairs and they want to see that these fairy chairs are in perfect condition for the king and queen of fairy land. Then they dance out, and four attendants come in blowing upon immense white lilies and making wonderful music. Following them we see the king and queen of fairyland and their attendants. They seat themselves upon the fairy chairs just as an immense dragon fly comes in and dances for their amusement. He is the prince of all flies.


STARS FLIT IN.
"As he disappears the star fairies flit in and they make the garden brighter. As they disappear the queen dances alone, and then two little black eyed Susans dance for the king and queen. Then we see a little wild rose dancing in, and this is the most wonderful part of the garden, because this is to brew a drink, for their majesties, of beautiful thoughts." Other little wild roses come in, each dropping a petal in the little rose cup.

LITTLE RAGGED ROBIN.
"Then comes a little ragged robin."

...Miss Neva Cole spent the first of the week in Sullivan.
...Mrs. Gille returned to his home in North...
...Miss Bishop of Sullivan, spent a...
...E. Pauley of St. Louis, spent Sunday...
...Mr. Schuyler and Boston McGuire of Decatur, attended the funeral of their uncle, Richard McGuire, here Sunday.

VANDALIA.
Rev. and Mrs. G. Syfert are visiting their son in Coltersville.
Mrs. Lewis Beck returned from Pana Tuesday.
Mrs. D. B. Dixon went to Hillsboro Tuesday to visit relatives several weeks.
Mrs. William Sonnemson is visiting relatives in Kansas and Oklahoma.
Mrs. Lucy Dewey of Mt. Vernon, is here visiting her mother, Mrs. A. Barfknecht.
Mrs. J. H. Muir of near Smithboro, was the guest of relatives here Wednesday.
Mrs. Nancy Conrad received word that her son George, at White Water, Mo., fell and broke both wrists. No particulars were given.

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The Stewart Dry

227-235 N. WATER ST.

Friday and Saturday And

Special Sale of Col

Values Up To \$6, C



We have fifty more of the trimmed hat bargains, all better than those which are in our millinery department. Styles that have been the most popular in the city for many years. They are today by the most fashionable and best effects for street and semi-dress wear. Trimmed with ribbons, flowers, foliage, etc. A choice of all these exquisitely styled trimmings, \$2.50.

A Special Millin
—All one hundred alluring creations—the most enchanting modes of the season. Light colors—large shapes—big sailors—trimmings in great profusion, with ribbons and fruits much in evidence, a fine opportunity to own a lovely new hat for summer at the very low price, of 50c.

Suit Sale Extra

Sensational Prices On T

—To reduce stocks and at the same time bring our week's sale to the point where they would have been if we had been favored with good weather—that's the purpose of this sale. Every suit a matchless value at its original price—every suit a matchless bargain now. Exactly 65 suits to select from, Friday and Saturday.

Up To \$16.75 Suits \$10

—In this lot are suits of Navy Blue silk poplins, Copen and light Navy Serges and jaunty Black and White Check sport suits. All just as stylish and clever as you could ask for. Suits actually retailed up to \$16.75, choice while they last, at...

I Suggest



"MASTER SKYLARK" PRETTY SPECTACLE

400 Children in Final Rehearsal

A full dress rehearsal was held Wednesday evening at the high school auditorium by the cast members of the play "The Master Skylark," which will be presented in connection with "The Story of the Boy Who Cried Wolf" at the high school auditorium on Friday night.

The troupe will be one of the largest ever seen in the city, and the performance will be well before the curtain by 7 o'clock.

DEPARTURES

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The boy holds a cup because one cup could not possibly hold all the beautiful thoughts that had been gathered in the garden throughout the day. The other ragged robins come in and drop their thoughts. Then the humbees come in and drop honey in the cups and the purple come in and drop dreams. By this time the cups are full and the fairies step back and present the flower ring to the king and queen. The butterflies come in from Cleveland, and the songbirds come and give a wild song.

Then the dawn begins to appear in the sky. We hear the Pipes of Pan, the shepherds in and out the dawn breaks and the fairy revel is broken up."

BETHANY.

Lee Foster of Decatur, Ga., was here the last of the week.

The site for the new high school building was viewed on Saturday and the location proposed in the south part of town, carried by the city.

The Local Board of Decatur, was the guest of Jay Smith and family over Sunday.

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Future Theologian.
Life.—"Hobby, do you know you've deliberately broken the eighth commandment by stealing James's candy?"
"Well, I thought I might as well break the eighth commandment and have the candy as to break the tenth commandment by stealing James's candy" and only "never" it."



Cal-o-cide

GIVES INSTANT RELIEF.

It acts through the pores and removes the cause by restoring the tissues to normal; the results are truly remarkable. Get a 25c package from any druggist; he is authorized to refund money to anyone not fully satisfied.



W. H. GRINDOL & SONS

263 E. MAIN ST.

MONUMENTS

Have a large assortment of first class Granite Monuments on hand ready for erection before Decoration Day. Anyone needing a monument will do well to visit their work before placing their order.

The Stewart Dry Goods Co.

DECATUR'S BUSY STORE ALONG THE LOWEST PRICES

227-235 N. WATER ST. DECATUR, GA.

Friday and Saturday Another Great Special Sale of Colored Hats

Values Up To \$6, Choice, \$2.50

We have fifty more of these wonderful trimmed hat boppers, all in pink, or better than time which created such a furore in our millinery department last week. Select the best from the most popular selling numbers of Spring—that are by the way better in the most fashionable designs. Nearly every shape and trim has effects for street and wear-down wear, in a wide selection of darker shades trimmed with ribbons, flowers, felts, etc. Come Friday or Saturday and take choice of all these exquisitely styled trimmed hats, formerly sold up to \$6, now only \$2.50.



A Special Millinery Table, \$4.50

—All of one hundred alluring creations will be found on this table—the most enchanting modes of the season—the latest ideas—light colors—large shapes—big saucers and regal looking dress hats—flowers—trimmings in great profusion with ribbons, wings, leathers and frills—much an elegant and stylish dress hat.

\$4.50

Bills Little Effect

are designed to ... have little effect in Macon County ...



Ednie G. Ponder, left, discusses the needs of culturally disadvantaged children during a night at the Macon County Mental Health Clinic. Mrs. June McCain, a Washington School teacher, and Bill Tankersley, a teacher at Warren School, were among the workshop teachers who made this and other field trips in the Decatur area.

Herald and Review Photo

Gille, Retired Linn & Scruggs Official, Dies

July 4, 1963

C. A. Gille, 89, retired officer of the Linn & Scruggs Co., died at 11:30 a.m. yesterday at his residence at 470 Powers Lane.

Mr. Gille was associated with Linn & Scruggs Co. for 66 years before retiring in May 1960. He had served as a director, vice president and secretary.

Charles Frederick Albert Gille was born May 7, 1874, in Quincy, son of Prussian-born parents, Frederick Joachim August and Eva Elizabeth Bachman Gille.

He worked in two dry goods stores in Quincy before coming to Decatur in August 1892 to work as a salesman at Linn & Scruggs.

He left the firm in late 1900 to become a traveling salesman for John V. Farwell Co., Chicago.

In November 1901 he went to work for the New York office of Erskine Beveridge & Co., Ltd. Dunfermline, Scotland, returning to Linn & Scruggs on Dec. 30, 1902.

He then became assistant to the president of Linn & Scruggs and on Feb. 20, 1918, he became a stockholder in the firm.

He was named a director in 1927, elected secretary in 1934 and became vice president and secretary in 1945.

Mr. Gille was active in the St. John's Episcopal Church, serving as vestryman, parish warden, rector's warden and treasurer in successive periods from 1915 to 1950.

He was a member of the Decatur Club and a former member of the Country Club of Decatur.

He married Jeanette Lee Tyler on June 15, 1902, in St. Louis, Mo. She survives.

Funerals will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. John's Episcopal Church, with burial in Fairview cemetery.

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Final Selection May Be Made On Airport Unit

Final selection of an airport unit ...

Workshop Held 'Culturally Disadvantaged' Children to Get School Help

Workshop held to help culturally disadvantaged children ...

Temperature Tops 90 Again

Temperature topped 90 degrees again ...

ZIP Program

ZIP Program details ...



A study of 14 major cities showed that one out of 10 students ...