

Director Voelcker was succeeded by J. H. Kizer and served until 1902, giving way to Sidney Covington. In 1903 H. C. Shaub was elected president and continued in the office until after the dedication of the new building when, in 1907, he was succeeded by J. Edgar Willis, who retained the office until early in 1910.

It was during the incumbency of Mr. Shaub that the site upon which the Y. M. C. A. building stands, was purchased, to which place the association moved and occupied the W. R. Abbott house at the southeast corner of Church street and Prairie avenue as a temporary home. By December, 1904, \$47,000 had been promised the association in subscriptions, the amount the firm of contractors computed would erect the style of building desired, and to the firm of Swisher & Brooks was given the contract for the new home. That month temporary rooms on the third floor of 141 East Main street were secured and used while the permanent building was being prepared for the association's habitation. These rooms were given up in August, 1905, when General Secretary Patterson moved his office into one corner of the unfinished gymnasium, and this was the beginning of the occupancy of the association in its own home. After that the building was put into use as fast as the contractors finished a part. The gymnasium was occupied in October of that year and was under the direction of J. H. Kizer, physical instructor. August 1, 1906, W. E. Edmonds succeeded J. H. Kizer, who began to put the entire building into use, and October 15, 1906, the Y. M. C. A. building was formally opened to the public.

This building cost in round numbers, \$70,000. Including furniture and gymnasium equipment, the total sum invested was \$75,000, and when the year 1907 was ushered in not a cent of debt was outstanding. Today the property is probably worth not less than \$100,000. The association now has about 900 members. There are four employed officials, a janitor and a manager of the lunch room.

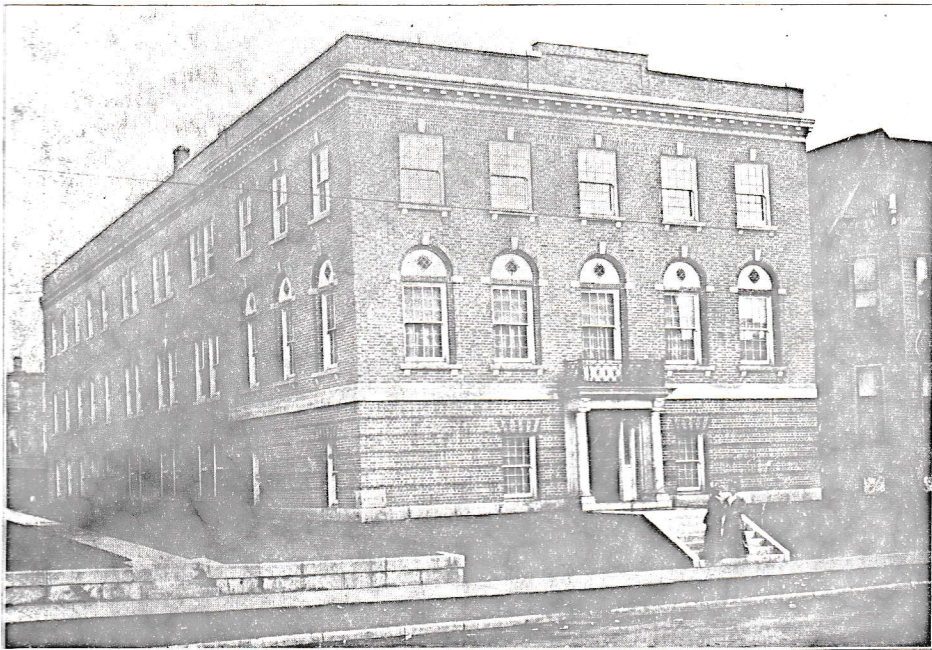
Sunday afternoon, March 17, 1907, a tablet was unveiled in memory of three persons who had made most generous bequests to the association. These three benefactors were David F. Hamsher, who gave \$20,000; Lamira Wilkinson, \$3,000; and Reuben Betzer, \$25,000, most of the latter as a library fund. Besides the names of these on the tablet are the names of fifteen others placed there by contributors of \$1,000 or more, those contributing desiring to honor their friends by having the names of them placed on the tablet. At the unveiling of this tablet, Judge W. E. Nelson made the principal address.

On the following Monday evening the formal dedicatory exercises were held and program rendered.

#### THE YOUNG WOMAN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

In 1905 six prominent cities of Illinois had in their midst regularly organized Young Woman's Christian Associations, namely: Chicago, Peoria, Elgin, Rockford, Aurora and Quincy. In November of that year these associations held their annual state convention in Decatur and were entertained by an association that had been formed by the young ladies of James Millikin University. At that time a movement was inaugurated to form an association in Decatur.

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YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION BUILDING

and plans were perfected to further that end. Miss Harriet Broad, general secretary, was given complete power by a local committee to act in the matter of introducing the work in Decatur, and while here attending the state convention, began initial movements to interest the women of the city in the enterprise. Before the convention had closed its proceedings, sympathy in the movement had quickened to such an extent that Miss Broad was requested to return to Decatur the following week, and present plans for the completion of the association here, to the women's societies of the city. To this request she responded and the next subject was a called meeting of the interested women of the city, which took place November 22, 1905, at the Woman's Club building, when it was decided by a unanimous vote to organize a Young Woman's Christian Association in Decatur.

To make this possible it was necessary to secure at least 400 members and to raise about \$2,000 to meet the expenses of the proposed association the first year. An organization committee was appointed, which included representatives of the Decatur churches, and Miss Carrie Powers was appointed to take charge of the correspondence in the matter of securing a general secretary, and Miss Pahmeyer was appointed a committee of one to select suitable headquarters. Mrs. George R. Bacon was appointed to prepare pledge cards and pamphlets of information on the project for distribution. In December, following, Miss Broad returned to Decatur and took charge of the work of securing members. To further her endeavors, a membership committee was appointed and by the middle of January, 1906, 400 names, the required number, and the necessary funds had been pledged to insure an organization. Headquarters had been secured in the Bullard building, on North Main street, and at a public meeting at that place on the evening of January 22, 1906, the organization of the Young Woman's Christian Association of Decatur was perfected and completed. A constitution was adopted, twenty-four directors elected, the members registered their names and paid their dues. A few days later the board of directors met and elected officers. Mrs. C. J. McConnell was chosen president. Miss Kate C. Smith, of Kansas City, was secured as temporary general secretary, and Miss Mollie Grubel, at that time director of physical culture in the Decatur schools, was chosen as physical director of the association. Bible classes were organized, a gymnasium installed, also a lunch room, and sewing and cooking departments were formed. A lunch room was opened early in February and from the beginning was very successful, being able to pay for itself from the start. Miss Myrtle Mills was the first permanent general secretary, taking charge of her work in April, coming to Decatur from Bay City, Michigan, where she had been engaged as general secretary of a similar association there.

A unique demonstration, or contest, known as the "War of Roses," was inaugurated in November, 1906, for the purpose of increasing the membership. The "red roses" secured 308 names and the "white roses," 258. This increased the membership from 600 to 1,183 by the end of that month, and by January 29, 1907, the membership had increased to 1,200, making the Decatur Y. W. C. A. the largest in the state outside of Chicago. It could be seen from this that the association would prosper from the very start and from its large membership it soon became apparent to those directly connected with the institution and in-

terested in its well-being and comfort that a home of its own was an absolute necessity and a thing greatly to be desired and consummated. By the first of the year 1908, through the efforts of members of the association and those interested in its laudable purposes, \$17,000 had been secured through subscriptions and otherwise, for a new building and efforts from that time on were made to raise a sum sufficient to give the Young Woman's Christian Association a building commensurate with the dignity and worth of the great work it had undertaken to do, and it was but a short time thereafter, in July, that a building site was purchased in block 400 on North Main street between the new post-office building and Dr. Walston's residence, 47 by 152 feet, for \$7,500. This purchasing committee consisted of Mesdames T. T. Roberts, Ira Barnes, George R. Bacon, Dr. Ellen Grimes, T. B. Jack, and Messrs. O. Z. Green, S. S. Jack and Frank Howard.

Tuesday evening, April 27, 1909, before an audience of hundreds of intensely interested spectators, the corner stone of the Y. W. C. A. building was laid, Mrs. T. T. Roberts, president of the association, presiding, and a splendid program rendered. The principal address of the occasion was by Rev. O. W. Lawrence, of the Central Church of Christ and newly elected president of the Decatur Ministerial Association. In his address Mr. Lawrence said in part: "In this city are 2,000 employed girls, many of them without homes. This building will furnish them with rooms in which to rest, places for reading, copy corners, and places for peace and wise counsel, night school for those who have had limited opportunities for study, places for recreation, such as gymnasium, swimming pool, classes for Bible study in which the meager outlines of Bible study which are got in the Sunday school, can be continued. No one church could accomplish the work the association does. In this one common institution there are many advantages. The association can go out into factories and such places and bring girls into the kingdom of Christ. If by means of this temple, temples of character are builded, this stone shall not have been laid and this building not have been erected in vain."

After the expression of these beautiful sentiments by Mr. Lawrence, Mrs. George R. Bacon, chairman of the building committee, took her place beside the stone and read the contents of the box, which was placed under the stone. Therein were deposited the following: Copy of the sacred Scriptures, given by Mrs. T. T. Roberts; copy of the constitution of the national board of the Y. W. C. A. of America and adopted by the Decatur association; a copy of the charter incorporation; copy of the charter of the national board of Y. W. C. A. with the signature of Miss Grace Dodge; list of the board of directors; names of the building campaign committee; names of the building and site committee; list of paid membership of the association for the year 1908-09; miscellaneous budget of literature representing the work of the three and a half years of the association's history; the constitution of the Young Woman's Bible Club; a copy of the Association Monthly—the national organ; the official letterhead of the campaign and association work; clippings from the daily papers, giving the history of the building campaign; sub-committees of the young women's and young men's teams, etc. The president, Mrs. T. T. Roberts smoothed the mortar under the stone, and after it had been properly placed she declared it plumb. The

benediction was offered by Rev. R. W. Gammon, and Mrs. Walter D. Glenn led the singing.

Friday evening, December 1st, the new building was thrown open to the public and the many who viewed it were profuse in their expressions of delight and satisfaction with its general appearance and every detail. On the 7th of January, 1909, the board of directors of the association was authorized to sign the contract for the building of the structure to the firm of Cope & McDonald, the amount being \$31,428.65, and on the 26th of that month ground for the building was broken. November 28, about ten months after the first shovelful of dirt was removed, the association moved into its new home, and on the last day of the year 1909, the keys of the building were formally presented to those in authority. The building, furniture and other appurtenances have brought the cost to the association of its new home, including lot, up to fully \$50,000.

The Decatur home of the Y. W. C. A. is one of the most complete and plainly beautiful buildings in the state of Illinois devoted to association purposes. The entrance to it is attractive, although extremely plain. There is a graded entrance with steps down to the rooms of the basement floor and steps up to the main room and the second floor rooms. There is a vestibule enclosed in heavy panels of plate glass, leaded. The floor is tiled in Mosaic design of quiet colors. The main reception room is probably the handsomest in the building. The library is in Tudor design. Opening off the general office enclosure is the general secretary's private room. There is a rest room, the assembly room, gymnasium, swimming pool, lockers and shower baths, and on the top floor are the new quarters of the Woman's Club, an association that has long been in existence in Decatur, and one of its most important social, literary and philanthropic institutions.

The present president is Mrs. T. T. Roberts, who in 1909 succeeded Mrs. Eugenie R. Bacon; Mrs. Mary E. Fisher, vice president; Mrs. Susannah F. Owens, recording secretary; Miss Cornelia Underwood, treasurer; Miss Carrie Powers, corresponding secretary; and Miss Myrtle B. Mills, general secretary.

#### ANNA B. MILLIKIN HOME.

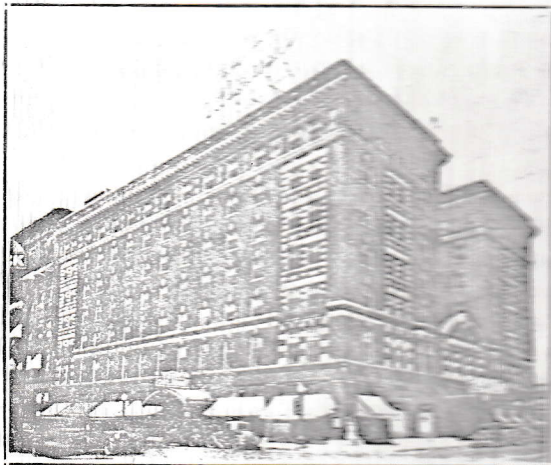
The Anna B. Millikin Home for old ladies and children is located just across the street each of the James Millikin University, in a beautiful grove of forest trees. This is an outgrowth of the original home in the east part of the city, given to the city by Mr. and Mrs. Millikin. In time the building became too small and so crowded that Mr. Millikin gave them three acres of land, where the new building now stands, and agreed to give \$10,000 if the directors of the home succeeded in securing \$10,000 more. The directors raised the money and the result is a fine modern structure of red brick, trimmed with white stone.

The basement contains the kitchen, pantry, play room, boiler room, fuel room, laundry and drying rooms. On the first floor are the dining hall, assembly room, library, matron's room and a number of bed rooms. On the second floor is a large girls' dormitory and sixteen bed rooms. On the third floor are the boys' dormitory and bed rooms. There are large open fire places on both floors, spacious stairways and hallways, and the entire building is well venti-

A number of buildings of a public nature have been added. The Young Men's Christian Association building, 151 West Prairie, representing an investment of \$75,000, was formally opened to the public Oct. 15, 1906. The Young Women's Christian Association was organized Jan. 22, 1906, and in January 1910, moved into its new building, 436 North Main street, erected at a cost of \$50,000. New homes for the Boys' Opportunity home and the Salvation Army have been erected in the last five years. The Knights of Pythias homes, the Masonic temple, and various lodge and club buildings have been constructed in the period under review.

In 1924 J. J. Moran erected the first funeral home, at the corner of Water and Eldorado streets. Two others have been erected since, the L. A. Monson funeral home, 239 West Prairie, and the Dawson & Wikoff establishment at West Wood and College streets.

A big addition to the facilities of Decatur was the Decatur and Macon county hospital, the main building of which was opened Jan. 1, 1916. It had been erected at a cost of \$246,493.00. The Millikin wing, financed by trustees of the James Millikin estate, was opened in 1908. The tuberculosis sanatorium, operated financially by special taxation, but managed in connection with the hospital, was opened in July, 1925. Other buildings added have been the preventorium and nurses' home. The latter, erected at a cost of \$18,529, was financed by private subscriptions, the largest of which was given by W. C. Johns, and the home was named in his honor the "W. C. Johns home for nurses". At



ORLANDO HOTEL

the present writing (1930) a city hospital is being erected on the grounds.

An interesting tablet placed in the hospital gives honor to the twenty-one women of the Hospital Aid Society who worked for years to raise a fund to build a hospital for Decatur. On the tablet their names are inscribed. The earnings of these women

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

BODY OF JOHN SWISHER HERE

Goes to Sullivan in Charge of Lament Swisher for Burial

The body of John Swisher passed through Decatur Saturday on its way to Sullivan for burial.

The body was accompanied by L. M. Swisher, brother of the deceased, a member of the funeral home, who was in charge of the arrangements.

The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock Sunday morning at the residence of Mrs. Swisher.

The identity of the man was established by letters which were found in the pockets.

ELECT J. M. BLYTHE CHAIRMAN

Supreme Executive Council of Loyal Americans Organize.

The supreme executive council of the Loyal Americans of the Republic organized for the year at their regular monthly meeting at Springfield Friday, by the election of Dr. J. M. Blythe of Decatur as chairman.

Standing committees were appointed. Dr. Blythe is on the committee on finance.

FINANCES ARE FLOURISHING

Friday night the supreme auditing committee completed its work of auditing the books and accounts of the supreme secretary and supreme treasurer of the Loyal Americans of the Republic, and found the financial affairs of the order to be in a most flourishing condition, with every claim paid that has been allowed by the supreme executive council, including those passed on at their meeting this week, warrants for the claims allowed at this month's meeting having been drawn and mailed out Friday.

SEEDS AND STORIES ARE STARTED.

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CHANGE IN Y. W. C. A. OPENING

Social Feature Eliminated Because of the Revival.

By request of the ministers in charge of the revival meetings the social feature of the Young Women's Christian association, rooms No. 100, will be discontinued. They will be used as a reading room and library during the meetings at the club.

CONFERENCE HELD

The Deacons held on the reception was held Friday evening at a conference with members Mrs. Robert Board and the pastor.

The meeting which was to have been held on the 17th of January was postponed because of the illness of the pastor.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH. Services at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m.

FIRST BAPTIST. Services at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m.

ENGLISH LUTHERAN. Services at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m.

JASPER STREET UNITED METHODIST. Services at 10 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9 a. m.

RECEIVER FOR CHAIR COMPANY

P. M. Lax Arrives and Takes Possession of Property.

P. M. Lax of Springfield, who has been appointed receiver for the Decatur Chair company, arrived in the city Friday evening and at once took possession of the property.

He appointed Mr. Day as the watchman and Billy Thompson as night watchman, and a young boy will be in charge of the office.

The Decatur Chair company will be adjudged a bankrupt Monday and the assets of the company will be sold.

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PARLOR AND RECEPTION ROOM  
In Y. W. C. A. Suite on Second Floor of Bullard Block.

# In Y. W. C. A. ROOMS

## Magazines, Luncheon, Sewing and Gymnasium Classes

When the furnishing is complete, the rooms will be most attractive. Some of the five rooms in the second floor are thrown together, being separated only by pillars. There are furnished by polished oak and the furniture will be weathered oak. For these three rooms, reception room, library and class room, we have weathered oak chairs will be purchased, two large rockers, two small ones, two big arm chairs and four ordinary chairs.

**HELP BUY FURNITURE.**  
The furniture will all be placed in the rooms by Monday night, each article being tagged with the price so that visitors will see just what each will cost and may if they wish donate a certain amount of money to pay for one or more articles. Only the furniture actually needed will be placed there, and not paid for by donations will not be purchased by the association. It is to be hoped that visitors will take from a cooking utensil for the



MISS ADA LINDSAY.

center. Should she come she will also supply the place of the general secretary as far as possible until that person is selected.

In the basement are three dressing rooms for the use of the gymnasium and a large toilet room. These rooms will need the same kind of furnishing as the rooms on the second floor. The board of the association is the general secretary and the secretary of the association.

Vote to affiliate with the committee, making this a part of the national society. Enrollment of classes and of dues.

Promptly at 7:30 the session dismissed so that all who attend the revival services.

**MAY ELECT WEDNESDAY**  
The board of managers will meet Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock at the association rooms to elect officers, and members of the committees, religious, education, news and social.

The religious committee in charge of the Bible study society, devotional meetings, these be held at any time, at the discretion of the committee. The educational committee in charge of the physical training classes, gymnastics and hand and all classes along these lines.

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**REST ROOM**

The rest room is on the west side of the first floor. It is a small room with a sink, a mirror, and a window. It will be used for the purpose of a rest room for the young women.

**CLASS ROOM**

The class room is on the west side of the first floor. It is a large room with a sink, a mirror, and a window. It will be used for the purpose of a class room for the young women. The room is well supplied with desks and will be used as a class room and if needed, as a sewing room. The hall-ways being that a large number of young women are planning to take sewing lessons. Two good sewing machines are desired for the use of sewing classes.

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**FIRST FLOOR**

At the front of the building on the first floor is the entrance. The room is fitted with a settee, a chair, and a window. The window will be placed in the room. A gift of 50 books is being given to the room. The books are of various kinds and are of great value.

**SIXTH AND SEVENTH FLOOR**

The sixth and seventh floors are on the west side of the building. They are used for the purpose of a dormitory for the young women. The rooms are well furnished and are of great value.



Mrs. ADA LINDVALL, Secretary of the Y. W. C. A.

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Report of the membership committee, Mrs. Ada Lindvall, Vote to organize a permanent association, Adoption of the constitution, Report of the nominating committee, Election of the board of managers.

secured. If the board of managers is formed the association will be organized and some one will be elected to conduct them for the present. JUNIOR GIRLS In addition to the senior girls there will be one for girls here.

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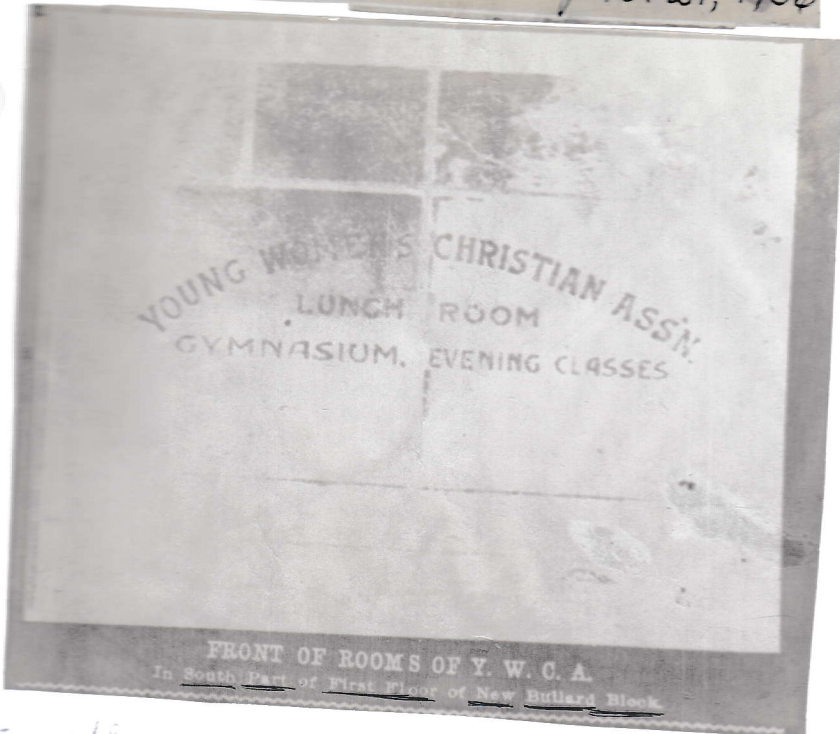
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and 15 years of age. The Juniors will pay membership fees of 50 cents each and the seniors \$1 each. Those wishing to take the gymnasium work will pay \$4 extra. It is expected that \$2 of the \$4 will be paid now and the other \$2 later if preferred by the members.

**394 MEMBERS.**

Through the efforts of Miss Harriet Broad, a Y. W. C. A. secretary from Chicago, and the organization and membership committee of Decatur women, a membership of 394 has been secured since December 1. The total number desired, 400, has been reached by promise but only 394 pledge cards had been reported signed at the meeting of the membership committee Friday evening. The other six will be secured without doubt by Monday night.

The object of the association as given in the constitution are the spiritual, intellectual, social and physical development of young women.

**TUESDAY RECEPTION.**

A reception will be given for women Tuesday afternoon in the association rooms, beginning at 3 o'clock. Miss Helen Barnes, a national factory secretary, will deliver an address on association work, which it is desired that all women interested in the Y. W. C. A. shall hear. Following the address refreshments will be served in the rooms on the second floor. F. W. Haughey will serve the coffee.

MISS KATE SMITH  
TO TAKE CHARGE

WE ARE IN General Secretary of Y. W. C. A.

Jan 21, 1906

HELP OF FRIENDS

List of Articles Wanted and Their Price.

The following is a list of articles wanted for the Y. W. C. A. building at Decatur, Ga. We are glad to receive any articles that will help us in our work. The list is as follows:

1. Sewing machines  
2. Stoves  
3. Wash tubs  
4. Bedsteads  
5. Mattresses  
6. Blankets  
7. Towels  
8. Linens  
9. Broom  
10. Mops  
11. Brushes  
12. Cans  
13. Buckets  
14. Pails  
15. Trays  
16. Dishes  
17. Glasses  
18. Cups  
19. Saucers  
20. Plates  
21. Spoons  
22. Forks  
23. Knives  
24. Tea sets  
25. Coffee sets  
26. Sugar bowls  
27. Creamers  
28. Butter knives  
29. Bread knives  
30. Table knives  
31. Pocket knives  
32. Pen knives  
33. Pens  
34. Pencils  
35. Paper  
36. Ink  
37. Rubbers  
38. Erasers  
39. Combs  
40. Brushes  
41. Soap  
42. Toilet articles  
43. Perfumery  
44. Cosmetics  
45. Hair oil  
46. Hair cream  
47. Hair pomade  
48. Hair powder  
49. Hair brush  
50. Hair comb

The night of the 27th. C.A. organizing meeting

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# ALL TELEGRAPH LINES ARE DOWN

Mon. Evg. Jan. 22, 1906 The People

## Wiremen Say It Is the Worst Sleet Storm They Ever Saw.

Monday was the busy day of Superintendent G. C. Klemm of the Wabash telegraph department. He was much busier than his telegraph operators. The Wabash telegraph wires were so bad that up till noon Monday no one at headquarters had been able to find out how bad they were. It was only known to a certainty that there was not a wire east, north or west and but a single wire to St. Louis. In the XIV office at Decatur where a score of telegraph sounders are usually chattering noisily day and night there was a silence that was absolutely painful. When "time" broke in on the St. Louis wire at three minutes before noon operators started as if it had been a voice from the tomb. An operator hastened to close the switch which connects the time wire with the other wires entering the office and then time became discouraged and ceased to speak.

### SPECIAL TRAINS.

The superintendent dispatched special trains with repair gangs north, east, south and west. Another train was started from Litchfield toward Decatur. Everybody that could be hired who knew anything about line work was put to work and the qualifications of an applicant for a job were not too rigidly inquired into.

The manager of the office busied himself at the switchboard trying to get some sort of connection with any old office. He remarked that the wires that are left seem to be from an inch to a yard long. A dispatcher was sent to Forrest to handle trains from there but the Forrest office having no wireless apparatus was unable to report results.

### POLES DOWN.

The Springfield division seems to be in the worst condition. The wires are in no worse condition than on the north and east lines for the service is absolutely paralyzed on all of them, but on the Springfield line many poles are broken down and repairs will be long and tedious. Repair men say that wires were breaking as fast as they could be put up. The gang would pull up some wires and go on to find where they were working on the next stretch that the first had gone down again. Forty-six poles were reported broken down between Springfield and Curran, a distance of nine miles. Forty-six poles could be quickly replaced but this is only an index of the damage on the rest of the line.

### SLOW WORK.

A repair gang was sent east and shortly before noon when it was sup-

posed that they should be in the night instead of Sunday it was found that they were only half a mile out of Decatur. Absolutely nothing is known of the condition of the lines on the Chicago division. Communication with the Chicago division is by way of Decatur and all of the wires are down between Decatur and Decatur. It is believed, however, that the damage will not be nearly so hard to repair on the Chicago division as it is on the east and west lines.

### LOOKING FOR WIRES

Chief Clerk J. P. Church of the office of the superintendent of telegraph went to Decatur Monday morning on a still hunt for a wire. Trainmaster C. E. Brown and Assistant Master Mechanic Shively are also out on the line lending their assistance in establishing telegraphic communication.

Of course no attempt is being made at this time to make permanent repairs. Any makeshift is being used in order to get a wire through. A wire may be attached to the broken stump of a pole, to a fence post or to anything else that will keep it off the ground. Wire insulators, cross arms and other materials for repairs are sent out from the Decatur store house, where an abundance of stock is kept on hand for such emergencies. This is Western Union material and the work is done by the Wabash with their own men or with such men as can be borrowed from the Western Union or elsewhere.

### TRAINS ON TIME

Singular as it may appear, trains were running almost on time. The opportunity for trainmen to make a few facetious remarks was too good to be missed.

"The dispatchers could not get at us to stick us, so we came right along." It was the trainman's opportunity to square accounts with the dispatcher.

At the Illinois Central telegraph office wires were working both north and south, but they worked in a way to drive any operator to dissipation. The local office had no connection with Champaign and none with Chicago. Miles of poles between Decatur and Chicago are on the ground.

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new ones, and poles that support a number of wires went to the ground unless they are new and strong.

Manager J. J. Fierek of the Postal telegraph office got word Monday that Postal telegraph men had been started out north and south from Decatur to help get a hole through to Chicago.

Springfield, Bloomington, Danville, Quincy and Jacksonville were completely tied up and all asking Decatur to help them out.

At noon the delay to Chicago and all points north and east was getting worse. There was three hours delay to Kansas City and the west.

### GETTING UP WIRES

The Wabash had a wire as far north as Chicago on Monday afternoon and started to reach Forrest at 10 o'clock. A wire was also sent to Springfield and Decatur. No communication was getting east or west out of Decatur at the moment, but it was expected to get a couple of miles further. Trains were waiting south to pretty fair shape with the eye wire available.

The Wabash people are afraid to think what they will find when they are through to Chicago. As far as they are concerned it is still sleet and snowing wires.

The C. H. & B. has a wire as far west as Indianapolis and through to Springfield. Trainmen on this line say they did not strike any sleet coming this way Monday morning until they reached Tazewell.

### NORTH OF MANSFIELD

About the middle of the afternoon it was found that the wires between Mansfield and Chicago are in pretty fair shape and that the worst breakdown was between Decatur and Decatur. There were on poles down north of Mansfield.

A great mass of wires crossing the Wabash and Pennsylvania tracks at crossed third and fifth DWV Root street in Chicago became crossed and the whole thing came down on the tracks. There were telegraph, telephone, electric light and other wires all mixed together and no one dared touch them until the people who knew the wires could be got to the spot to separate them. On this account no trains left Dearborn station between 12 o'clock Sunday night and 3 Monday morning.

Train No. 21 from the north arrived Monday afternoon an hour late.

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*Special Review*

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At the close of the meeting the members of the board of directors were dismissed.

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#### ISS FROM M'KINLEY.

A check for \$50 was received from Congressman W. B. McKinley Tuesday morning by Mrs. George R. Bacon to go toward the furnishings of the Y. W. C. A. rooms. More is needed.

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**REGISTRATION.**

At the close of the session the registration of members took place. Those who registered Monday night are charter members. The names of others who come in now will have to be passed on by the board of directors. A total of \$370 was paid in Monday night. Of this one membership of \$10 was paid, and several sustaining memberships of \$5. The total amount received in membership pledges received is \$400.

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Most of the aldermen have abandoned whatever thought they once had of obtaining water from deep wells. Advertisements in the geological department of the university of Illinois are to the effect that wells in or near Decatur would probably be unsuccessful.

**WORK CAR DOWN EMBANKMENT.**

**"Four Spot" Takes a Tumble and Lands on Its Back.**

The "Four Spot," one of the Decatur summer cars which is being used on the Interurban line at Clinton as a work car left the track in Clinton Saturday night, rolled down an embankment and rested on its back at the bottom. Four men on the car unloaded without serious consequences to themselves. A wrecking squad was sent out from Decatur Saturday night and, on Monday morning with the aid of ropes, pulleys, jacks and an interurban car to pull, pulling the car was righted and set back on the rails. The car is being used by a boarding and traveling party of young men and women.

Repair men at the car house in Decatur were right busy working on the cars that were wrecked by the storm. One of the leases was the car house. The car was out of the shop for some time. The car was used by a boarding and traveling party of young men and women.

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Advertisement for a doctor, including a portrait of a man and text: "Appointed Colonel", "Charles C. F. No. 36, United States Army", "DR.", "Atlanta, Ga., People of..."





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# BAD, BAD, IS OLD

## BILL SHAKESPEARE

Jan. 29, 1906

### Dr. Culpepper Spends a Few Minutes On Him.

### SOME OF HIM IS VILE.

### Uses Bad Language. Better Books to Read.



Culpepper



Shakespeare.

Shakespeare came under the ban of Dr. J. B. Culpepper's displeasure in his talk at the night meeting Sunday. The speaker had considerable to say against theater, and in this connection declared that Shakespeare is bad.

The show and circus pictures were disallowed and Dr. Culpepper said he could not see why a young lady wants to see vulgar scenes shown in the ordinary theater. "It is because of the vulgarity that I am against the theater." Blood-curdling novels were mentioned and James and his like were mentioned. Anthony Comstock was complimented in his work of reform.

#### SURPRISED AT PARENTS

"I am surprised that parents are not more careful in regard to what their boys read. The average boy goes the way to hell at twelve years of age. Incidents were given of young boys who have been induced to run away from homes and steal and murder through what they have read. I would rather my boy or girl should be with a bad boy or girl than to be with a bad paper in a bad book."

#### IT IS VILE.

Dr. Culpepper said he has read Shakespeare and he is prepared to say that it is a bad book. "I challenge you to find a viler book written in more beautiful language than 'Rome and Adonis.' Falstaff was shown as the first class fallen horse. In some of these, fallen horses you won't hear rough language but in the back-yards of the low colored horse in the south you won't hear worse language than Beatrice used to that young man. You say 'read Shakespeare to learn human nature.' What Shakespeare know about human nature? I want to know something about human nature. There is some good in Shakespeare. The Devil has shown I could preach a sermon about the Devil's virtues. There are many things about the Devil. He is a useful person thing."

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... his eyes. Hell is anguish...  
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... so that they may escape...  
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... who heard a union sol...  
... for water. The confeder...  
... I will give that Yankee w...  
... takes my head off! When he...  
... the wounded soldier with w...  
... said that it was his brother...  
... had crossed the line.

**REMEMBER IN HELL.**

... enough, people who have...  
... want other people...  
... hell. If you suffer, you do...  
... others to suffer. I am talk...  
... a country in which you are...  
... to hell they want they...  
... remember. "In hell he lif...  
... eyes."

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... pictured in a legend that was...  
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... there. Hell is in you and...  
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**MANY BELIEVE IN IT.**

... Culpepper, during the...  
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**LARGE APPLAUSE.**

... commenced...  
... Dr. Culpepper...  
... followed by a con...  
... who marched into...  
... and great applause...  
... Dr. of Jackson...  
... platform...  
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# DOMESTIC SCIENCE HER SPECIALTY

Jan, 28, 1906

Miss Kate Smith Made  
Lunch Room Popular.

*The Decatur Review*

IN CHARGE OF Y. W. C. A.

Several Classes Have Meet-  
ings This Week.

Miss Kate C. Smith, who will act as  
general secretary of the Young Women's  
Christian association for several



—Photo by Van Deventer.

**MISS MELLIE SEYMOUR,**  
Y. W. C. A. Treasurer.

Miss Seymour has been active in the  
work of organizing the Y. W. C. A.  
ever since the movement was first  
started last November. She has had  
charge of the association funds from  
the beginning.

She has been in the association  
work six years. Her special work is  
in domestic science, she having made  
that a special study and graduated in  
domestic science at the Boston cooking



—Photo by Van Deventer.

**MISS KATE C. SMITH,**  
Temporary Secretary, Young Women's  
Christian Association.

## FIRST WORK.

Her first Y. W. C. A. work was in  
Scranton, Pa., where she taught do-  
mestic science classes two years. She  
was then four years general secretary  
of the Y. W. C. A. at Kansas City, Mo.  
The lunch room being the most im-  
portant feature of that association, she  
had to devote almost her entire time  
to that part of the work. When she  
went there less than 200 women took  
lunch each day and when she left last  
spring the patronage was almost 500.

## HAS BEEN ABROAD.

Miss Smith spent the months of  
April to October traveling abroad in  
company with her sister, who is also  
an association worker, having been in  
it fourteen years. Since their return  
Miss Smith has not taken up active  
work and does not expect to do so un-  
til a few months later.

Nothing definite has been done to-  
ward opening the lunch room in De-  
catur, but it is expected to have ar-  
rangements completed within two  
weeks at most.

## RELIGIOUS WORK.

The religious committee will hold its  
first meeting Tuesday afternoon at the  
association rooms to plan for the re-  
ligious work.

All the young women who expect to

take gymnasium work will meet Thurs-  
day evening and they will then be  
divided into classes. Some changes  
have been made in the schedule for  
the classes. There will be three even-  
ing classes for young women. Two will  
meet twice a week and the other will  
meet once a week.

## OTHER CLASSES.

The other classes which will meet  
this week are a matron's class at 10  
o'clock Friday morning, a class for  
high school girls Friday afternoon, and  
a children's class Saturday afternoon.  
All the classes will meet the next week  
beginning with a high school girls'  
class Monday afternoon. There have  
so far been 125 registrations for gym-  
nasium work, but it is known that  
more intend to enter the class.

# FIRST GOSPEL MEETING SUNDAY

Fifty More Members in the  
Y. W. C. A.

*Jan. 31, 1906*

TOTAL NOW OVER 500.

Meeting Thursday to Lay  
Out Gym Work.

The first evangelistic meeting  
was held at the Y. W. C. A. on  
Sunday, Jan. 21, 1906. The  
meeting was held in the  
large hall of the building.  
The attendance was very  
large.

Next week a similar meeting will be  
held for men and lay leaders  
of churches in the city. These  
meetings were decided on at a meeting of the  
executive committee held Monday evening  
last. Mrs. Helen Taylor was elected  
secretary of the committee.

## NEW NAMES

The board of directors met Wednesday  
morning and voted to accept  
the following as new members:

*[Faded list of names]*

## GYM WORK

All members of the Y. W. C. A. will  
begin their gym work on  
Thursday evening next. They  
must register for their work and  
pay dues. Miss Reed will be  
in charge of the gymnasium and  
invite all who wish to join.

The committee is planning to  
have a social gathering every  
week. Meetings will be held  
every week. The gymnasium  
will be open from 9 o'clock  
in the morning to 10 o'clock  
at night, with the exception of  
Sundays and holidays.

The hours of the Y. W. C. A.  
rooms upstairs will be  
open from 10 o'clock  
afternoon.

# Only Three Years Old

## Will Have \$50,000 Building

**P**lan for the building was completed and work towards the new building of the Y. W. C. A. has well under way.

Statement of the project was one of the big achievements for the year 1909 in Decatur. The association is only one year and one year old and has already done a great deal for a new building and building work started.

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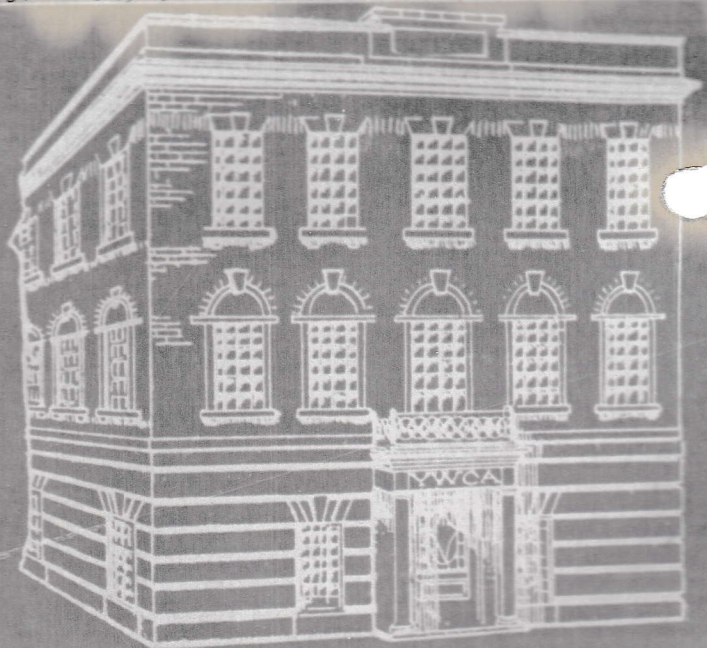
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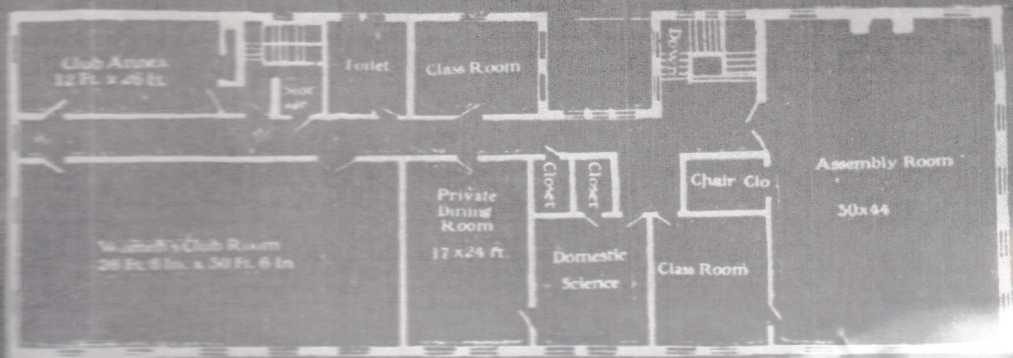
The second floor will contain a domestic science room with all conveniences, an assembly room, Women's club room with annex and several small rooms which may be used for class rooms or rest rooms. The assembly room will occupy the front part of this floor while the Women's club room will be in the back.

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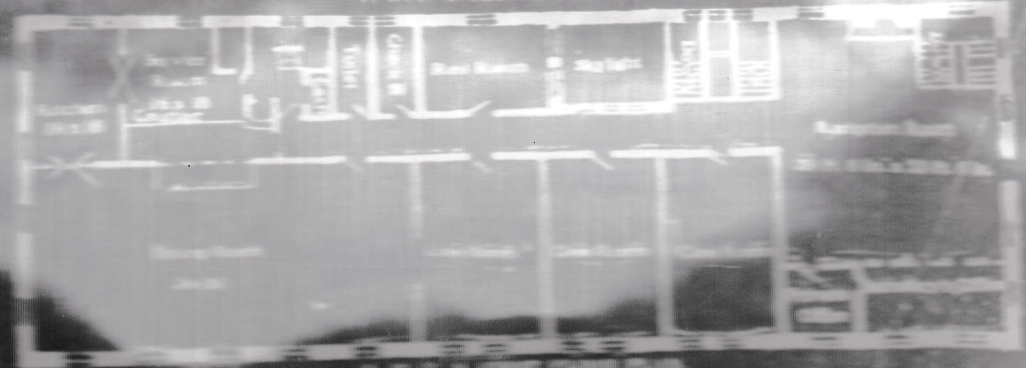
January Van Norden—When several French dramatists of the highest reputation consent specially to prepare one-act plays, and French players of equal prominence are willing to act them before the cameras of the motion-picture makers, it is worth while to consider the significant advance of this form of dramatic production. The fact, too, that an American cinematography company has advertised for "ideas" for the motion-picture—that is to say, synopses upon which the little plays may be constructed—gives an added interest. Though an effort like that countenance by the French playwrights has yet been made in this country, the fact that several well-known magazines are already trying their abilities in this direction is important.



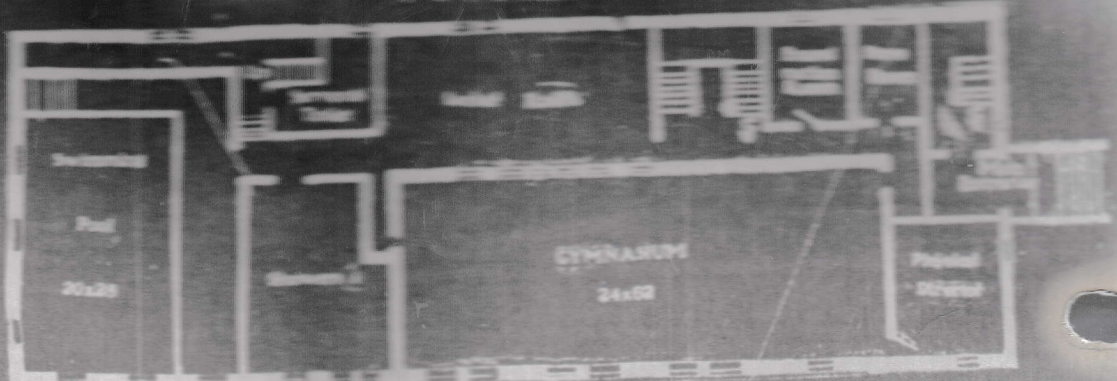
FRONT OF NEW Y. W. C. A. BUILDING. It will be erected on the lot adjoining the government building site on North Main street.



Y. W. C. A. SECOND FLOOR PLAN.



Y. W. C. A. FIRST FLOOR PLAN.



Y. W. C. A. BASEMENT PLAN.

The plan for the building was completed and work towards the new building of the Y. W. C. A. has well under way.

Statement of the project was one of the big achievements for the year 1909 in Decatur. The association is only one year and one year old and has already done a great deal for a new building and building work started.

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The new building is to be erected on the lot adjoining the government building site on North Main street.

The building will be three stories high, including the basement, and will be built of brick with a concrete foundation. The dimensions of the building are 48 by 22 feet. The building is to be erected on the lot adjoining the government building site on North Main street.

A flight of steps will lead from the ground level to the entrance of the building. The entrance will be on the north side of the building. The building is to be erected on the lot adjoining the government building site on North Main street.

The main floor will be finished in oak. The basement will be finished in concrete. The building is to be erected on the lot adjoining the government building site on North Main street.

They will be public and private rest rooms on this floor and a corridor running the whole length of the building.

At the right of the corridor is the stairway to the basement and second floor. This will be the only entrance to the basement. Rest rooms, cloak rooms and various rooms for different purposes, and a light court with skylight for the basement will also be at the right of E. corridor.

#### ON FIRST FLOOR.

The kitchen will be at the back. On the left side of the corridor will be several class rooms and the dining room. The first class room will be connected with the dining room by double doors. This room can be used as a private dining room or it may be used to enlarge the dining room in case of necessity. The entire main floor will be finished in oak.

#### GYMNASIUM.

The basement will contain the gymnasium, swimming pool, locker rooms and shower baths. The swimming pool

Deatur Post Office  
Southeast corner, Main  
and Eldorado

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Deatur Public School  
Southeast corner, Main  
and Eldorado



Photo, Deatur Herald and Review, Dec 31, 1902

3+ Years Later  
(Jan., 1906 - Nov., 1909)

A New Building ↓

Herald

↓ Wed., Nov. 17, 1909

## "FAMOUS WOMAN" ADDED TO ROSTER

Y. W. C. A. Now Needs Only  
\$1900 to Complete \$50,000  
Fund.

### GIFTS FOR FURNISHINGS

Several Rooms Provided for but  
Furniture Is Needed  
for Others.

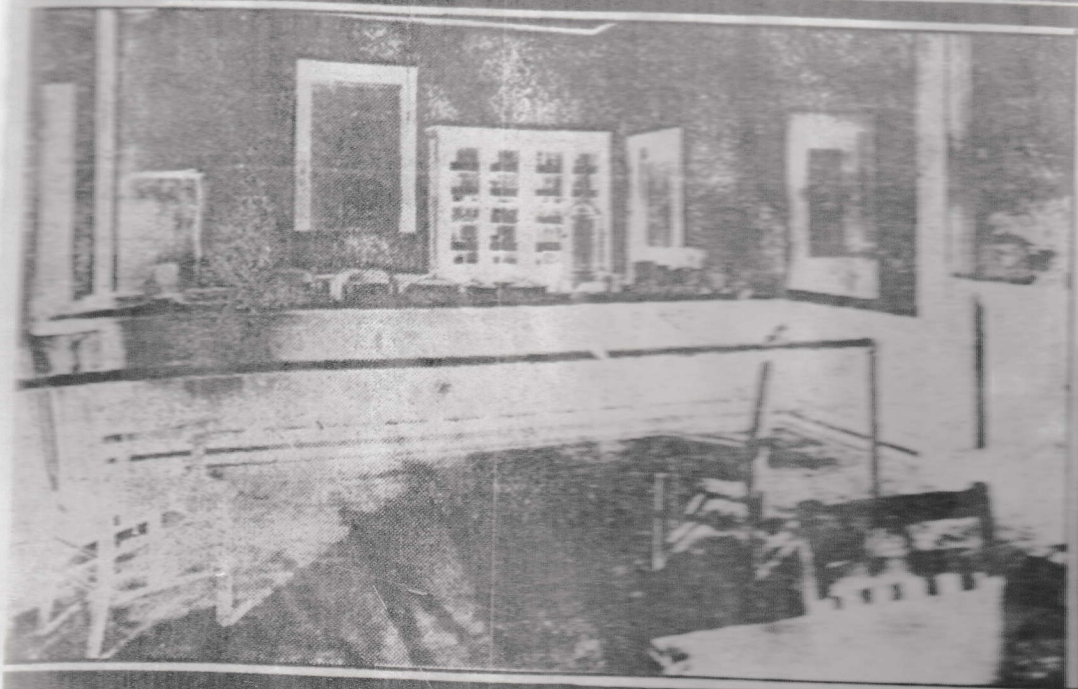
Reports at the called meeting of the Y. W. C. A. board of directors yesterday morning showed that the \$2500 which it was announced last week would be needed to complete the \$50,000 fund for the new building, has been reduced this week to \$1900. Gifts were announced as follows:

One more "famous woman" has been added to the list which means another \$100 for the fund. A check for \$50 was given the association for the building fund. One woman in the city has pledged \$200 for furnishing the dining room. A member of the board promised \$100 for furnishing the tea room. The board members will add \$50 more, by personal subscriptions, to the \$100 already given for furnishing the Bible study room and in buying a typewriter for the secretary's office.

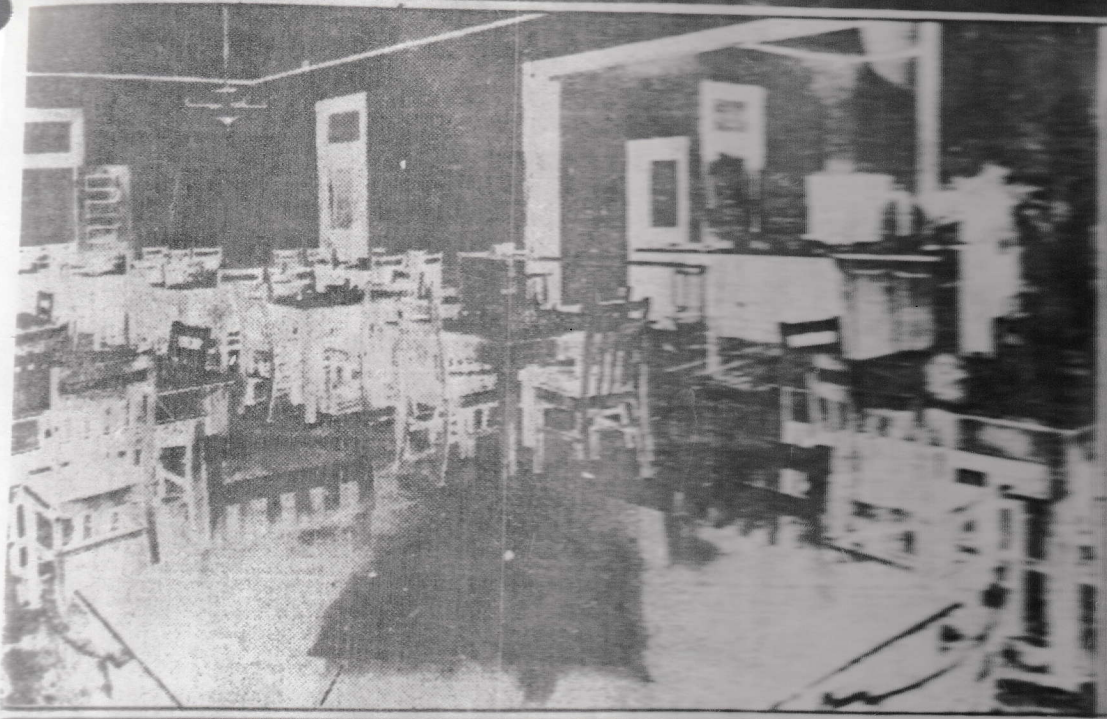
Other rooms to be furnished for which the association would be grateful for donations, are the reception hall, the assembly room, the rest room, and number of class rooms. All donations for furnishings will be counted in the building fund, which it is necessary to raise to \$50,000 to receive some of the conditional subscriptions.

The second of the services in the world's week of prayer, was held at the association room last evening by the Loyalty club. Fourteen members had supper together at the rooms after which a program was given on association news throughout the world. Mrs. O. W. Lawrence, who will teach the Bible class for the Loyalty club this winter, attended the meeting last evening. No service will be held this evening but the ministers of the various churches have been asked to devote five minutes to the association work at the prayer meetings. The members and friends of the various churches have been asked to bring with a program on the world's association work Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. J. C. Fisher, 612 West Macon street.

### Views of Cafeteria in New Y. W. C. A. Building



View of Serving Room and Steam Table Through the Opening From the Main Dining Room.



View of Main Dining Room, Showing the Doorways Leading to the Serving Room on the Left and the Steam Room on the Right.

Review Dec 1, 1909

# Y. W. C. A. CAFETERIA WILL OPEN TODAY

First Public Meal in New Building Will Be Served at Noon.

## MAGNIFICENT APPEARANCE

Every Detail Perfectly Planned for Beauty, Neatness and Convenience.

One of the most important events of the Young Women's Christian association since its organization will be the opening of the cafeteria in the new building today when the first public meal will be served at noon. This department will be the first portion of the new building to be put into use the other rooms not being completed. Work on the cafeteria was completed before the rest of the building because the crowded rooms in the old quarters did not afford accommodations for the increasing Christmas patronage in the lunch room and the use of the new room was imperative.

With the making of the gas connections in the range and steam table late last evening, everything was put in readiness for the opening today. Mr. A. T. Summers, chairman of the lunch room committee, Mrs. T. T. Roberts, president of the board, Miss Myrtle Mills, general secretary, and a number of the board members, have been working untiringly since Monday morning to have the furnishings in place for the opening today.

The new cafeteria presents a magnificent appearance and in all its appointments, in dining room, serving room and kitchen every detail is perfectly planned for beauty, neatness and convenience.

### Dining Room Charming.

The dining room is especially charming in appearance. It is a large room, 55 by 24 feet in size and is lighted with five large windows on the north side and two on the east. Light also is received from the south through the window in the serving room. With the open lot on the east and the postoffice grounds on the north, which includes a space of 50 feet between the buildings besides the open lot at the rear, the view is pleasant and no buildings interfere with the

and air. The walls are of hard finished. The wood flooring of the room is Anthony oak.

In exact accord to the word in the furniture of oak oak in plain style. Fourteen square tables and 20 chairs have been provided. Two of the small tables have been placed in a corner reserved for the use of parties of four who come to the room. The bread window with three tables placed within will serve to the rear side of the room. Parties are expected to arrive at the window but will be ready for the dining room.

Opening from the dining room the tea room which will be the center of persons who prefer to get a small additional charge for service than can be obtained with the ordinary plan of self-service. This room is now ready for use and will be opened to the public two tables in the dining room will be reserved for who wish service. A meal will wait on the patron at these tables.

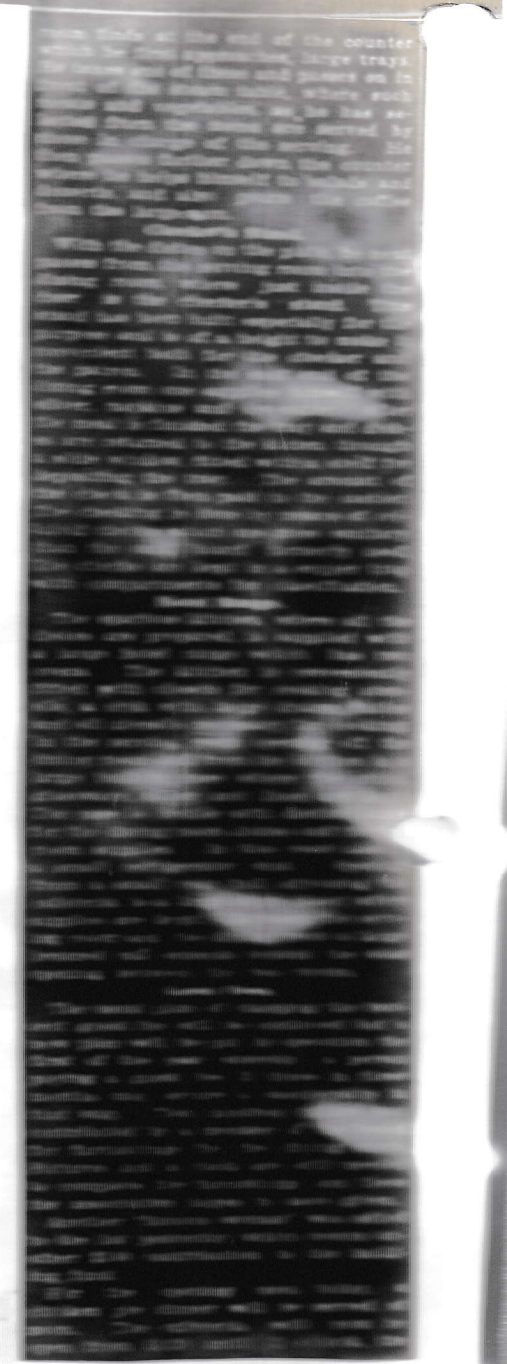
The furniture for the tea room has arrived and is of especially good quality in the fact that the tables being used consist of square like those of the dining room. Five tables will be placed in this room and twenty persons can be served. It is expected that the tea room will become a popular place for private dinners besides being an accommodation to those who wish service.

New silver and glass.

New silver and glass have been purchased for the tea room, also new dishes for both tea room and dining room.

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WOMAN'S CLUB ROOM IN THE Y. W. C. A. BUILDING



Whether it was the influence of the handsome new club rooms, the animated business discussions, the interesting reports from the Federation delegates, the entertaining musical program with which the afternoon closed, or the combined effect of all, certain it is that the December meeting of the Woman's club held yesterday afternoon proved the most delightful general meeting held in some time. For the first time since the beginning of the club year the women met in their own quarters, having just moved their furnishings during the week into the rooms in the new Y. W. C. A. building for which a year's lease has been signed.

In full and the club members had the benefit of the most impressive of the lectures through the summaries of the representatives. The various social functions given for the entertainment of the delegates also were described. Following the reports of the regular delegates, Mrs. E. A. Curtis, who attended as chairman of the state library committee, reported the closing session of the meeting, which was held on Friday, after the delegates had returned home. At the close of her report, Mrs. George H. Bacon, who attended as chairman of the leg-

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In her summary of the year's work, Mrs. Bacon reported the growth of the club during the past year. She stated that the club had held 112 meetings, which was an increase of 15 per cent over the previous year. She also mentioned that the club had raised \$1,200 for the Y. W. C. A. building fund, which was a record for the club.

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# TENTATIVE PLANS FOR DEDICATION

Formal Opening of New Y. W. C.  
A. Building Likely to Be  
Held on Jan. 2.

## A SERIES OF RECEPTIONS

Arrangement Is to Devote Entire  
First Week of New Year to  
Social Affairs.

Tentative plans have been made by the Young Women's Christian association for dedication week in the new building, which it is expected will take place the first of the year. The present plan is to observe the opening with a public reception on New Year's day, and to have the dedication day the following Sunday, which will be Jan. 2. Other affairs will follow during the week. Since the first week of the year is observed as the week of prayer services in the churches, it is deemed appropriate that the Sunday preceding be given by the association to the dedication of the new building.

Among the social affairs planned for opening week are an afternoon reception for mothers; a tea for the "famous women," the wish being to increase the number of these contributors to 100; a reception to the city teachers; a reception for the faculty of the James M. Hixkin university; a reception for young people's societies in the churches; a reception for pastors and their wives, and an evening treat for the business women of the city. All affairs held in the evening will open at 8:30, so as not to conflict with the week of prayer services in the churches, in which the association desires to cooperate.

### Spoon Rush Opens Dec. 9.

Thursday, Dec. 9 has been set as the date for the opening of the "spoon rush," planned by the membership committee. In which any young woman securing five new members or that number of renewals of memberships expiring before Sept. 1 will be given an association souvenir spoon of solid silver. The contest is not restricted to members of the committee, but it is announced that any young woman in the city may work for the spoons, many having decided to try to secure a set of six. The rush will close with "spoon rush day," which will be held shortly after the dedication. A limited number of the spoons will be placed on sale during dedication week for those who wish them as souvenirs.

The association is much gratified over the success of the opening week in the new cafeteria, 400 meals having been served since Wednesday, when it was first thrown open to the public. Only noon dinners are served, except on Saturdays, when breakfast and supper are prepared.

The number served yesterday was 149, of which 56 were served at noon and 93 in the evening.

### Public Appreciates It.

That the public appreciates the comfort that the new dining room offers, is shown from the fact that a woman who called at the cafeteria for dinner yesterday, after paying the amount of her check, which was not small, having ordered a bounteous meal, handed the cashier a dollar, which she said she wishes to give to the association in appreciation of having a comfortable place in which to eat. Mrs. Wood, the regular cook at the association, who has been away from her work during the week on account of illness, is expected back Monday. More shelf room has been ordered for the serving counter, more being required for holding the food.

All of the new appliances have worked to perfection, and not a hitch has been experienced in the opening of the new quarters. The work of settling in the other parts of the new building will be pushed as rapidly as the work will allow. No rugs will be laid until the workmen are through in the basement, on account of the dust. The current was established in the electric lights yesterday and the cafeteria appeared exceptionally handsome last evening, seen for the first time under the lights. The fixtures in dull brass in plain mission style are particularly pleasing in appearance.

### Tint Walls Next Week.

The walls of the assembly room will be tinted next week. The shower room will be completed with a week, since the slate is all set, and the fixer room will be completed within a week. The carpenters are expected to arrive on the tenth of the month. The entire gymnasium departments will be completed as soon as possible, that the classes may begin work.

Volunteers are asked to assist in the work of settling in the new building, and also in the cafeteria, where volunteer cashiers are in charge. The building committee will meet Monday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock.

Only those parts of the building that have been completed, and that are in use are open to inspection by the public, and visitors will not be admitted to the unfinished parts.

Sun, Dec. 26, 1909

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# GIANT CROWD TO ATTEND RECEPTION

## Y. W. C. A. Is Still Making Preparations For New Years Event.

Preparations are in progress for the public reception to be given at the new Y. W. C. A. building on New Year's day. The reception will be an event in the life of the association as it is the first year that it has been able to receive the public in a building of its own. Heretofore it has joined in the New Year receptions at the Y. M. C. A.

### MADE PLANS.

At the time of the reception last year nearly enough money to pay for the new building had been subscribed and it was announced then that the association expected this year to be able to have the Y. W. C. A. join with it in a reception in a new building to be erected for the Y. W. C. A. That this has been accomplished and that the plans of the association can be carried out in that respect is a source of great gratification to members of the association.

### TO HAVE CROWDS.

The joint receptions are usually well attended and this will probably be more so than usual on account of the fact that it is to be held in the new building which has never yet been visited by a good many people.

Everyone in the city will be given an opportunity to inspect the new building during dedication week. Members of the association will be on hand to show visitors around.

# MISS BLUNT AT Y. W. C. A. SUNDAY

## "Store" Party for Linn & Scruggs Girls a Success. Dec. 27, 1910.

Miss Olive M. Blunt, a returned missionary from Japan, will be the speaker at the gospel meeting at the Y. W. C. A. next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Miss Blunt was at one time a Y. W. C. A. secretary in Oklahoma and knows how to entertain women and girls and is expected her address will be of much interest.

Miss Blunt's subject will be "A Little Japanese Woman As I Know Her." One of the Y. W. C. A. girls will be dressed in Japanese costume. Mrs. E. W. H. Hoss and Miss Hope Schilling will assist. The Sunday school class taught by Mrs. Elmer Ravel will be present.

### STORE PARTY.

The Christmas store party at the Y. W. C. A. building was held at the store of Linn & Scruggs on Sunday afternoon. The store was full of the girls. The afternoon was very successful. The store consisted of such articles as Laura McNeil, Miss ... Daisy Williams and ... Rose Fry. Afternoon ... turned from in the ... celebrated time with the ... parade was led by ...

A feature of the decorations was Christmas trees. There was a piano and a box of candy for every girl. Cream cakes were served.

About sixteen of the girls of the ... attended the party.

### PAID OFF.

The Y. W. C. A. paid will be ... more hours this week than ... extensive classes are ... there is more than ... Miss Louise ... was to return this ... five ...

The hours for the paid to be ... week are from 7 to 11 in the ... to 2 in the afternoon and ...



# Y. W. C. A. BUILDING ONE OF THE MOST COMPLETE IN ILLINOIS

*The Decatur Review - Fri., Dec. 31, 1909*

## Many Features to Attractive New Quarters; Worth of Money in Every Item.

ONE of the most important buildings completed during the past twelve months is the new Young Women's Christian association home, south of the postoffice on North Main street.

The new home of the association will cost an outlay of about \$50,000. This figure includes the lot, which is an excellent site, by the way—the building, furniture, equipment, etc. But when it was finally opened up to the public, as was done following the dedication, Decatur people were justly proud because it is one of the best association buildings in the state.

### GOT MONEY'S WORTH.

It is not that so much money has been expended but that in every purchase such wisdom and foresight, and so much appreciation of value has been shown. As E. J. Russell, of the firm Martin, Russell and Garden, the architects, expressed it, "You people have gotten \$1.15 for every dollar expended." The architects are more than pleased with the results. The building is even better than they had hoped.

### MUCH TO BE DONE.

There is still much left to be desired. The general secretary, Miss Myrtle Mills, and the physical director, Miss Edna Cromer, will tell the inquirer of many things still wanting. But it takes a pretty intimate knowledge of conditions to see where these improvements could be made.

The entrance to the Y. W. C. A. is attractive, although extremely plain. There is a graded entrance with steps down to the rooms on the basement floor, and steps up to the main room and the second floor rooms. There is a vestibule enclosed in heavy panels of plate glass, leaded. The floor is tiled in a pretty mosaic design of quiet colors.

### HANDSOME ROOM.

The main reception room of the building is probably the handsomest in the building. Stickley furniture has been bought for use here.

There is a handsome library table in an old Tudor design. There is a handsome couch of fumed oak with Stickley leather coverings toned to match the woodwork. There are also two small desks, and two rush chairs. Miss Mills' desk is behind the counter in the northwest corner of the room. It is perhaps the handsomest article of furniture in the building. It is a flat top desk, but extremely pleasing in lines and tones.

### GOOD EFFECTS.

The color of the walls was chosen by Mrs. George Stanton and is good. It is a soft mauve shade with cream ceiling. At the windows hang plain cream-colored scrim curtains. The fixtures are of dull brass. Heavy rafters extend across the ceiling. There are four Wilton rugs of oriental design on the floor, which is of oak waxed.

Some pictures are much desired for the walls. Already one has been given by Mrs. M. W. Shultz, but there is fine space for more. Miss Way, supervisor of drawing in the schools, remarked that a better background for fine pictures is seldom found in a public building. There is a big fireplace of cream bricks, over which a decorative panel or big picture could be hung with good effect.

There is also a section of book cases of fumed oak, and this can be added to as donations are received.

### MISS MILLS' OFFICE.

Opening off the general office enclosure is Miss Mills' private room. Here there is a small desk, a straight chair, an easy chair, a rug, and built-in cases. There are silk curtains at the glass in the door. This room is for conference and study. The typewriter and safe, both new are in the general office.

The big table is to be finally covered with magazines and books. Miss Nellie Seymour is chairman of the library committee and has had good success thus far in getting gifts for the association.

### RESTFUL ROOM.

The rest room, fitted up by the St.

terhood of Our Lord, because it is complete and most beautiful. The cost was only about \$5, but every penny was made to count.

There is a great window, with a green Scotch rug on the floor, a ruva settee, a small green table, a rocker and a straight chair, and a screen. Simple art-curtains are at the window.

This room is rather apart from the rest of the building, west of the dining room and away from the main part, so that the sick and tired may be comfortable.

### WHAT ARE THEY?

Down the hall to the rest room and cafeteria. The main dining room, which has been fitted up by the Charles G. Taylor at a cost of \$100. The grey and white tile, left undisturbed and the effect is most pleasing. Paneling adorning the wall on here.

The furniture includes the tables in fumed oak and built-in china, from that in the kitchen proper, has been provided and there is also special effort. The furniture brand being used. The chairs, English pattern in blue and grey, and red on white. The room is engaged for guests' parties.

### ACCOMMODATIONS.

Miss Jennie Rogers, who directed the furnishing of the cafeteria. Here there are fourteen tables and 120 chairs. The chairs, we purchased for the association, and the effect which the association has proved to be.

The serving table is in the kitchen department. With the hot water running under the big water, the hot faucet, food receptacles are placed. It is possible to keep all that has been checked fire and warm.

The board of directors has quite a bit of money to make the room off the main building, but pleasant. There is a table and a chair, and several chairs.

Sat., Jan. 1, 1910

# DEDICATION PROVES EVENT FOR Y.W.C.A.

*The Decatur Review*

## Hundreds Call to Inspect Handsome Building.

### CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

#### Tells of Process of Selection and Construction.

Many were the expressions of pleasure at the beauty and convenience of the new Y. W. C. A. building heard Friday night when for the first time the general public was given opportunity to inspect the structure which had been erected through their generosity. The formal opening of the building was a notable event and hundreds of people took advantage of the opportunity and visited the building during the evening. Those who saw it for the first time were delighted.

#### OUTSIDERS SHOW INTEREST

Not only did Decatur people give congratulations but those from other cities also showed their interest in the new Decatur building. One of the features of the program was the ad-



MISS HARRIET BROAD,  
state organizer of Y. W. C. A. work

Miss Harriet Broad, state secretary, who gave messages of greetings from various associations in the state and

pledged Jan. 1. Mrs. Broad being made chairman and Mrs. Jack secretary. Upon Miss Miller's return from her vacation, about the first of September, she was made secretary of the committee.

#### RECEIVING THE BIDS.

Bids were advertised for in the public press and these were opened July 25 and the merits of the 12 bids offered carefully considered. The vote of the committee was by roll call and unanimous on July 27 and confirmed by the board by the same method of voting, unanimously, one being undecided but not voting.

Your committee appointed to receive bids for sites for the Y. W. C. A. building have the honor to report in response to advertisements thereof:

Received bids to the number of 12 as follows in price: One at \$12,000; one at \$20,000; two at \$25,000; one at \$11,000; one at \$10,000; one at \$2,000; one at \$5,000; one at \$7,500; one at \$5,000; one at \$5,750.

#### REASONS FOR SITE PURCHASE

The committee unanimously recommended the purchase of the lot immediately south of the new government building for the following reasons:

"It is centrally located, is a thoroughfare, a car line, and is within half a block of the

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MISS MYRTLE MILLER,  
Secretary of the Y. W. C. A.

and interurban commuting with the city and neighboring town. The surrounding area is the government building and library, which are not subject to change. These features are of interest to the citizens and citizens.

*[Faded newspaper text, likely a continuation of the article or a separate page.]*



Mrs. George Bacon.

Chairman of the Y. W. C. A. building committee, who turned over the keys.

**ADVANTAGES OF SITE.**

"The 30 feet of ground on the north, belonging to the government for light and air give the advantages of a corner lot, without the expense of its care of that or street paving. It insures, at the same time, greater privacy to the association rooms, as it removes the windows a distance from the street.

"The government building and its grounds and the public library with its beautiful lawn give a fine outlook."

"The possibility of heating from the city plant was also considered in the selection of this lot. This would be a big item to the association. As an investment, the property will increase in value."

**PRICE REASONABLE.**

"The price is the most reasonable of any property offered, and as we have not yet reached the \$50,000 mark, having still \$2,953.45 to raise, the committee feels that we must be as economical as possible in the purchase of a lot."

"The location of this lot is such to make the cafeteria a success. As we all know, is another big item to the association."

"These and many other advantages might be mentioned. The selection and made th

**ADVANTAGES OF SITE.**

"Use lot 67 1/2 by 120 ft. southeast corner William and Church streets. The price is \$12,500. This lot is about two feet wider than the above mentioned and would cost us \$2,500 for the extra four feet. Another lot 68 by 60 on the northeast corner of William and Church. This lot the committee felt was not large enough. The price is \$4,500. The lot next to it was also offered, 48 by 60, with together, the price would be \$12,500."

- Respectfully suggested:
- MRS. GEORGE B. BACON
  - MRS. I. N. BENDER
  - MRS. T. T. BARNETT
  - MISS GUNNE GREEN
  - MR. O. Z. GREENE
  - MR. HOWARD
  - MR. S. S. JACK

**ARCHITECTS SELECTED**

A called meeting of the board was held Aug. 18 to decide on architects and Maliran, Russell & Corbin, who had planned the public library and Y. W. C. A., with Mr. R. S. Bandy as independent supervisor, were unanimously chosen by the board. Aug. 18, 1908, was paid for \$1,500 and the \$200 was donated to the Y. W. C. A. making two more famous women architects.

A set of suggestive plans was drawn by the chairman of the committee in order to take something definite into account, and to submit to the architects. After three visits to them, one by Mr. Russell and Mr. Klein of the firm and one to Elgin to inspect the Y. W. C. A. there, and to St. Louis by the chairman, Mrs. Roberts, Miss Mills and Miss Seymour also visited the Y. W. C. A. buildings. The final plans came Nov. 17 and were formally accepted by the committee Nov. 18, and by the board on Nov. 14.

**CONTRACT \$21,425.**

These plans were submitted to five architects and their bids were opened on Dec. 24 (one year and five days ago) the bid of Cape & McDonald was accepted, \$21,425. Afterwards the bid was increased for changes in materials to \$22,425. Jan. 7, 1908, the board authorized the signing of the contract and on the 9th this was done and on Jan. 28 the ground was broken. The excavation moved into the building Nov. 28 about ten months after the first showing of dirt was removed, and on the last day of the year, Dec. 31, 1908, the keys are formally passed.

**OVER FIFTY MEETINGS.**

Such are the wild rumors. To accomplish this the committee has been called together over 50 times, besides the joint meetings with the board, the chairman writes up notes to the architects and called the building almost daily on all items of the committee. The chairman has most generously kept the members of the program and' arrangements of the building.

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of Seattle as architect  
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Cape and McDonald  
Bid - \$21,380, later  
modified to \$21,425.65  
Two more famous women architects*

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Decorative Review

Motor

Pretty Features on Autos of Various Clubs.

Pageant

Oct. 1, 1915

Decorative first Y. W. C. A. motor Pageant Friday night was even more of a success than had been anticipated. The different lines of association activities were presented in a way that attracted a great deal of attention from the huge crowds of people that lined the streets to see it. Some most unique and clever ideas were carried out to the final decorations.

Altogether about 100 cars were in line and they carried probably 500 association women. Occupants of the cars were not lacking in enthusiasm, and the ringing of bells, giving of yells and so on, added a great deal to the spirit of the occasion. The cars presented a handsome appearance.

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Some pretty features were seen on the Extension club cars, which numbered altogether about seventeen. The girls on the Sun's club car wore sunflower caps and carried yellow pennants. The G. H. club had its car decorated in purple and the girls carried purple parasols and wore purple hats. The Three-H club had bluebirds, representing happiness, and the Good-Will club girls carried balls and wore ball-shaped caps.

All the amateur girls were in costume and they made a good showing in the parade. One of their trucks showed an Indian scene. Eight campfire groups were represented. The girls sang their campfire songs while the parade was in progress. One of their cars represented first aid work and on this car the girls were busy bandaging each other.

The parade went over the downtown streets as scheduled and was seen by large crowds of people.

**WAS BIG CROWD**

At the association building, where open house was held, there was an immense crowd. The building was packed with people. Entertainment was served during the evening. An interesting exhibition was held in the gymnasium for the entertainment of the ladies.

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## "THINK IT OVER," SAYS FRANK SUFFERN

### Asks Council to Give Him 60 Days to Remove Bricks.

Frank L. Suffern, on whom Commissioner Becker served notice to remove the pile of bricks from East North street within twenty-four hours, called on members of the council Saturday morning and asked that he be given sixty days in which to comply with the order. He said that if work on the new building was not under way by that time he would remove the bricks clear away. In the same time he would move the bricks back on the parking so that some of them would be on the sidewalk. Then he asked the council to think it over till Monday morning, saying he would call again at that time, when the council would be in session.

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## MRS. S. A. HESS NAMED PRESIDENT

Officers for the coming year were elected by the Ladies' Aid society of the Grace Methodist church Friday afternoon. They are as follows:

- President—Mrs. S. A. Hess.
- Vice President—Mrs. C. A. Reghoid.
- Vice President—Mrs. J. S. McClelland.
- Secretary—Mrs. W. R. Hopkins.
- Treasurer—Mrs. John Hahn.

The meeting Friday was largely attended. Reports showed a total of \$32.50 from the northern division, \$29 from the southern division, \$40 from the western division, and \$19 from the eastern division, had been taken in in dues the last year. The sum of \$524 was paid on the parsonage debt.

The next meeting of the society will be held Nov. 5.

## KING'S DAUGHTERS HOLD SESSION

Thirty women attended the meeting of the King's Daughters of the First Baptist church Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. E. Saxton on Powers lane. The scripture lesson was on the life of Paul. The subject for the afternoon was the Kiowa Indians.

Mrs. E. H. Chesbro gave a sketch of the life of Belle Crawford, who was a missionary among these Indians for twelve years. A solo, "The Little Hero," was given by Mr. Allen, and a sketch of the life of Lucien Altman, a converted Kiowan, was given by Mrs. Mary Freeman. Miss Emily Montgomery gave a solo, "Children for Jesus," and Mrs. E. B. Jensen read of a Kiowa communion service.

Mrs. Mattie Cade and Mrs. A. H. Coge were elected delegates to the Springfield association meeting, next Wednesday at Auburn.

After the meeting the hostess served refreshments.

There were eighteen students at the tea, which was conducted by the King's Daughters Friday evening. The proceeds for the year Monday.

## BEGGS PARDON FOR CARELESS WORDS

### Reports on Complaint in A. M. E. Conference.

Resolutions requesting the delegates to the general conference to use all the means in their power to secure the return of Bishop B. P. Lee to this district, were passed Saturday morning at the session of the Illinois conference of the African Methodist church, which is in progress at St. Peter's church in this city.

#### COMPLAINTS.

After the opening exercises the bishop asked for the report on complaints. S. A. Hardison acknowledged having spoken carelessly to Rev. J. Bundy and asked his pardon. The conference accepted his statement and Bishop Lee in a kindly way reprimanded Mr. Hardison.

C. A. Jackson, C. W. Smith and Franklin B. Strattan were called before the conference and given instruction by the bishop. The bishop discouraged the singing of old fashioned songs when the language is ungrammatical. The usual disciplinary questions were asked by the bishop and answered by the candidates, who were then elected to deacon's orders. The bishop then extended the right hand of fellowship to these candidates.

#### ORGANIZED 45 CHURCHES.

Rev. Jason Bundy asked to be superannuated because of the failure of his eyes. During his ministry since 1870 he has organized forty-five churches and built eleven parsonages. For over three years he was financial agent for Wilberforce university. A collection of \$8.04 was taken for Mr. Bundy.

Reports of the various church papers were made, and motions ordering the payment of different conference funds were passed.

Rev. G. W. Brewer of Lincoln and Rev. I. S. Stone of East St. Louis were the remaining alternates elected for the delegates of the general conference at the afternoon session. Friday Rev. H. W. Jameson was elected the new alternate at the morning session.

#### COMMEND CHICAGO BISHOP.

Resolutions commending Walter William Hale Thompson of Chicago for his interest in the colored race and pointing men of that race to positions of honor and responsibility were passed by the conference. The resolutions congratulating the late Bishop Lee for his large part in the history of the church in this country were also passed.

## WENT OVER ROAD THE FIRST

### A. M. Kenney Sees of Oiling.

### WILL PUT UP A Blue Mound Road Way Spring.

THIS IS YOUR ROAD TAKE CARE OF IT; DON'T DRIVE IN RUTS

A sign similar to the above put up on the Decatur-Mowea road by the Decatur Association Commerce good roads committee has not fully decided on the and would be glad to have you for an improvement on the road here.

The idea is to call the attention of motorists to the fact that it is good to have the road often do much work for themselves.

#### OVER THE ROAD

A. M. Kenney, business manager of the Decatur Association Commerce good roads committee, returned from his business trip to Mowea on the first of the month. He was for a trip over the road.

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# 400 WOMEN AT JUBILEE BANQUET

## One of Biggest Y. W. C. A. Events of Year Tuesday.

### WILL BURN THE NOTE

### Of Indebtedness on the Association Building.

The jubilee event of this work at the Y. W. C. A. will be the annual meeting and jubilee banquet, which will be held Tuesday evening in the auditorium of the Y. W. C. A. and will be attended by 400 women. This is the largest gathering of the kind ever held in Decatur, and the proceeds from the banquet will be used to pay off the indebtedness of the association building.

The banquet will be held at 7:30 o'clock and will be followed by a social hour. The program will include a play, a musical number, and a reading of the report of the association for the past year. The report shows a steady increase in the membership of the association, and a large amount of work has been done in the various departments.

The indebtedness of the association building is the result of the purchase of the building in 1911. At that time the association had no funds, and the building was purchased on credit. The indebtedness is now about \$10,000, and it is the purpose of the jubilee banquet to raise the money to pay it off.

The Y. W. C. A. is a work of love, and it is the duty of every woman to support it. The jubilee banquet is a chance for every woman to do this, and it is a chance to see the work of the association up close and personal.

of the ministers of the city in regard to the decennial of the association. A feature of the evening will be the burning of the note of indebtedness of the building. Music will be furnished by the association chorus.

The gallery will be open to any people who wish to hear the program and do not attend the banquet.

Miss Holmquist will be in Decatur all day Tuesday. She will speak at chapel exercises at the university in the morning and at noon will be guest at lunch with the cabinet of the Millikin Y. W. C. A. In the tea room of the association building. During her stay in the city she will be entertained by Mrs. Elizabeth N. Wells, president of the board of directors.

Miss Holmquist was a college mate of Mrs. Carl M. Jack at Vassar. She comes to Decatur from Champaign.

### ALL OVER COUNTRY.

Activities all over the country are being held in honor of the jubilee anniversary of the organization of the association. In some places they are being attended by the heads of women. In New York it is said they were present. Mrs. Margaret Heister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Heister of this city, was among those present at the New York banquet.

The next annual convention of the association will be held next September in The Vassar campus, when the report of the work of the year will be read and the speaker will be the speaker.

### WASHING FAVORABLE

The Y. W. C. A. work in this department in such a way as to correlate the varied types of service. For each problem she has to find the right person to do the right thing at the right time in the right way. Individuals and groups are led by the inspiration of Miss Holmquist's personality, her ideals and aims in giving to all girls the very best

"The College Girl of 1916"—Elizabeth Briscoe.

"The Country School Teacher"—Elsie Brawner.

"The Girl from India"—Eileen Fair. Miss Angela Tooker will have charge of the music and the social service committee of the Millikin association will serve the refreshments.

### MISS HOLMQUIST'S WORK.

Miss Holmquist is the executive secretary of the Department of Method of the national board of the Young Women's Christian association, with headquarters in the national headquarters building of that organization in New York City. The building is located at the corner of Fifty-second street and Lexington avenue.

The department of method experiments with and demonstrates work of many phases for girls, not only in New York but all over the country. With all the adaptation necessary through city, country and student communities, the work of the association is carried on by, through and for girls at home and at work, country girls, immigrant girls, young girls, girls in industry, colored girls, India girls, professional women, and students in preparatory schools, colleges and universities. Women who are specialists on various phases of activities for all these girls work in this department. One gives her attention to developing the best kind of physical work, another to educational work, another to housing and economic problems, and so on.

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in work, in play, in education, in advantages, and in spirit.

## NEWS NOTES FROM THE UNIVERSITY

One of the most interesting features of the year opening a new chapter in the history of the university, according to the report of the board of trustees, is the fact that a few days ago at the

Professor Robert F. L. in morning exercised a plan of and gaining from still life, is for actual practice and town, outside of the main coast, who wish to take the

Dr. J. C. Hester, Professor of the Department of Chemistry and Henderson, members of the faculty attending the meeting of the Academy of Science which is in Urbana today.

Dr. John House, head of the

WASHINGTON FAVORABLE SCIENCE  
2nd Dear North Empire

# Welcome To Farmer Institute

## Our Many Store Conveniences Are For You To Use

THOUSANDS of guests are expected in Decatur this week for the State and Wayne County Farmer Institute. Its many modern conveniences, will play an important part in the entertainment of these guests. Children who are welcome to the privilege of our restaurant and dining room, our library, and our store your common meeting ground.

Sleyman's Oriental Rugs Here But a Few Days More.

The Wm Gushard Dry Goods Co.

# CHARMING NEW FASHIONS

## ANNUAL MEETING OF Y. W. C. A. TUESDAY

Program and Reports to Be  
Given.

ELECT DIRECTORS.

New Constitution to Be  
Read.

Preparations for the annual meeting of the Y. W. C. A., which is to be held in the association building, Decatur, Feb. 23, indicate that it will be an interesting affair as well as a helpful one. All persons who are members of the association and the friends of the organization are invited to the annual meeting. There is room for at least 200 persons at the tables and it is thought that the number will be just.

### CONF. PROGRAM.

The banquet will be served at 5:30 and an interesting program has been arranged. Special music, both instrumental and vocal, will be a part of the evening and the annual report will be read by the general secretary, Miss Mathilde Hawkins. The report on the voting of the day will be made, this having been done during Tuesday. The polls will be open in the general offices from 9 o'clock Tuesday morning until 7 o'clock Tuesday evening and all members are invited to cast their votes.

### ELECT 8 MEMBERS.

Eight members of the board are to be elected at this time. Those nominated are Mrs. Ina Barnes, Mrs. J. R. Pogue, Miss Gussie Gorin, Mrs. H. C. Schaub, Mrs. Frank Wallace, Miss Alice N. Roberts, Mrs. E. I. Pegram and Mrs. Will Wood. All of these have been nominated to succeed themselves, except Mrs. Pegram and Mrs. Wood, who will be new members.

### NEW CONSTITUTION.

Another matter to come up at this time will be the reading of the new constitution. It will be formally presented in this way to the membership but no vote will be taken as this cannot be done until after the constitution has been presented at two meetings.

### USE NEW KITCHEN.

The banquet will be served from the new banquet kitchen, and following this program the building, which has been re-decorated, will be open for inspection, a special committee being on hand to see that every one who wishes to do so is shown about the building and the changes explained to them.

Girls of the various clubs will serve the banquet. Reservations should be in by Monday noon. Plates will be fifty cents.



# Y. W. C. A. Play Pleases Crowd

*Dramatic Review*

## Parts Well Taken By Young People.

A large audience attended the presentation of the operetta "Up in the Air" by members of the Y. W. C. A. club Tuesday night in the high school auditorium.

### CHARACTERS.

Miss Georgia Thompson, as the daughter of a big business man, had the leading part, which she played very well, as did Harry Kellams, the beautiful young man who was in love with her. Exceptionally good work was done by Miss Mildred Caxon, who portrayed the part of the nervous timid wife of George Burbank, the big business man whose part was well taken by Ted Peoples. Miss Martha Louise Ross as Shirley Kingston, a friend of the leading lady, did some good singing, as did Glenn Richardson. Other parts were taken by Miss Aline Smith, Miss Cynthia Steffler, Rufus Williams and Miss Joyce Carter.

### COLORED YOUTH HIT.

James Parsons, a young colored man, as "Sammy Johnson," was the hit of the evening and he was the only one who was not a student of the Y. W. C. A.

### CHORUS.

A large chorus of girls in appropriate costumes furnished the most of the singing. The best two numbers given by the chorus were the "Swing Chorus" and the "All Night Long" song. Half of the girls were wearing white and were dressed to represent men.

Music for the evening, the score of which was read in a special section, was furnished by the Y. W. C. A. band, and William Parker, organist.

Miss A. B. [Name] was the opera coach, while Miss [Name] was coaching the choruses and dance. Costumes for the girls were loaned by Mrs. [Name] and Mrs. [Name]. V. [Name] had charge of the stage scenery.

### WELL DONE.

Home made candy was on sale during the evening. Proceeds from the candy sale as well as the proceeds to go for delegates to attend the next conference.

# Camp Kiwanis Dropped by Y.W.

The Y.W.C.A. board of directors has voted to discontinue the operation of Camp Kiwanis, 16-acre girls' camp on the southeast side of Lake Decatur, after 29 years service.

Mrs. Gertrude Gernagh, president of the board, will last night take back the keys to the camp buildings and destruction of the lake toward the board decision, announced after a meeting last night.

She said there are no immediate plans for the camp. The Y.W.C.A. owns the property.

The Decatur Kiwanis club has furnished labor, materials and money to maintenance of the camp during its 29 years of operation.

E. J. ANDREWS, Kiwanis president, said "It is beyond the club's resources to make a major capital investment at the camp."

He explained that the Kiwanis club had offered to maintain the camp again this year, much the same as in previous years, and at the same time investigate the possibilities for building an adequate camp.

The camp has been the club's major project for many years. The club in recent years has provided about \$500 for maintenance and repairs annually. At the same time, the club has provided about \$500 each year to send underprivileged girls to the camp.

"Many members of the Kiwanis club are sorry to see the camp closed," Mr. Andrews said, "but we feel that the camp is chiefly a Y.W.C.A. problem."

He added that "many members have given much in labor, materials and time, far in excess of cash expenditures."

He pointed out that the camp problems, in addition to lake deterioration and a large-scale modernization program, include water supply and the fact that the area surrounding the camp grounds has been built up extensively in recent years.

THE Y.W.C.A. board voted 16 to 10 against a recommendation by the camp committee that the camp be continued another season to allow time for a survey of camp needs. This recommendation came after a discussion of the camp problem with the Kiwanis club.

"The decision was a difficult one to make in view of the 29 years that Camp Kiwanis has been an extension of the hopes of friends that helped in its support, and of the many campers who have had pleasant camping experiences there," Mrs. Gernagh said.

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The camp was the first permanent camp established on the lake and regular Y.W.C.A. camping periods from June to August have been held for the last 29 years, with 500 to 600 girls using the facilities each summer.

Camp facilities include eight cabins, two big tents, a lodge, with dining room and recreation room, hobby house, tennis and badminton courts, playground area, outdoor fireplace and boats and canoes.

## 'Y' Will Get Estate Share

The Decatur Y.M.C.A. is given a contingent bequest for a share of a \$16,000 estate under the will of the late Mrs. Henrietta McNulta, 250 North College street, who died Feb. 9, at 78.

The will, which was admitted to probate today in county court, places the entire estate in trust, with the Millikin Trust Co. as trustee.

The will provides that \$100 a month will be paid to a sister, Mrs. Florence Scott Downing of Venice, Calif., for life. Subject to this provision, the entire estate is left to the Y.M.C.A.

It is provided that Mrs. Downing shall receive the income from the trust estate with money taken from the principal to make up the \$100 a month, if necessary.

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## Most of Camp Kiwanis Furnishings To Be Sold, Y.W.C.A. Board Decides

The Y.W.C.A. board yesterday voted to sell most of the furnishings and equipment at Camp Kiwanis to the highest bidder.

Operation of the camp, on the southeast shore of Lake Decatur, was discontinued by the board in February. Two reasons were given for the move—lack of funds and the deterioration of the lake.

No decision was made yesterday on the question of what will be done with the 16-acre camp site. Mrs. Gertrude Gernagh, board chairman, reported.

"We still hope that some group will want to put another camp on the site," she said.

The camp equipment for sale includes canoes, double-decker beds, mattress covers, benches and stools from the dining hall, a stove and some pots and pans.

Mrs. Gernagh said a complete list of the articles to be sold will be available soon. Then prospective buyers will be able to go to the camp, look over the articles and make bids.

Camp Kiwanis was the first permanent camp established on Lake Decatur. Camping seasons have been held there each season since 1923.

*Sun Herald R.*

*Jan. 28, 1968*

# Open House Will Be This Afternoon

...to conduct tours and answer questions about the new facility.

During the open house there will be continuous activity and demonstrations in the pool.

Refreshments will be served and interested women may register for classes which will begin Feb. 5.

Mrs. C.E. Nelson, Y board president, says, "We are most grateful for the work of Donor who made

this possible through their efforts and contributions."

Contributions to the YWCA building fund came from individuals, industry and business. The many small contributions amounted to about 50 per cent of the total cost.

Land acquisition and demolition totaled \$159,000. The new structure and furnishings cost \$448,016.

Some organizations made specific donations. Junior

Welfare gave the ceramic tile for the pool. The Lions Club provided all the locker room facilities and the Kiwanis Club donated the one meter diving board.

The pool is 75 feet long and 42 feet wide, with water depth running from 3.5 feet to 12 feet. There is a one meter diving board and a three meter one. Underwater lights will enhance water ballet programs. Bleachers to the west

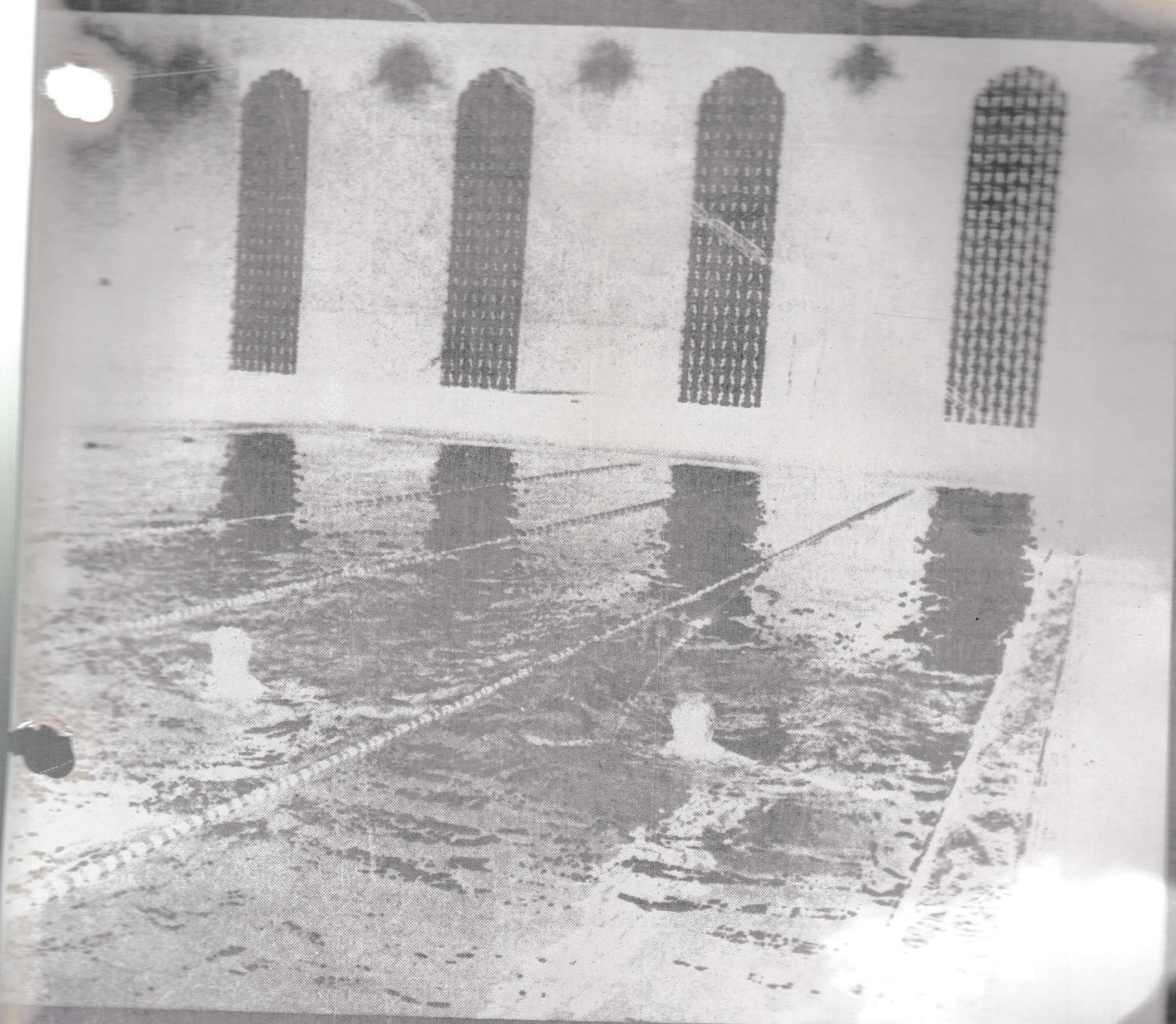
of the pool seat 260. The entire building is air conditioned.

Only half of the project completed. Another building will occupy the vacant space fronting on North Main Street. Until funds are available, the lot will be landscaped.

Miss Marion Trow, executive secretary, says \$500,000 will be needed to complete expansion of the YWCA.



Visiting in the new locker room are, from left, Mrs. David Behler, Mrs. William T. Downing and Mrs. Ray Siler.



Mrs. Robert Myers, left, Mrs. James Bralley and Mrs. Dean Wilson try out the new pool at the YWCA

# Open House Will Be This Afternoon

By Barbara Cross  
Herald and Review  
Women's Editor  
After almost three years and about \$24,000, but the swimming pool at the YWCA is complete. The house will be the first of its kind in the city.

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Some women are making

Wallace gave the women the idea for the pool. The Lane Club provided all the water main facilities and the YWCA Club donated the new water-diving board.  
The pool is 22 feet long and 12 feet wide, with water depth ranging from 2 1/2 feet to 12 feet. There is a new water-diving board and a new water-diving board and a new water-diving board.

of the pool cost 200 percent. The entire building is air conditioned.  
Only half of the project is completed. Another building will occupy the vacant space located on South Main Street. Plans are available. The cost will be \$200,000.  
Miss Marie Trevi, executive secretary, says \$200,000 will be needed to complete the project.

Decatur Public Library  
Decatur, Illinois

# Mrs. Eugenie M. Bacon, Prominent Civic and Social Worker of Decatur, Dead

UPI/36

Mrs. Eugenie M. Bacon, 80, widow of George R. Bacon, died at 8:30 a. m. Sunday in her home, 166 Oakdale boulevard, where she had been bedfast for several months. She had been in failing health for 10 months from the effects of hardening of the arteries, throat trouble and complications incident to her advanced age.

Funeral services for Mrs. Bacon will be conducted at 2 p. m. Tuesday in the First Congregational church. Burial will be in Greenwood cemetery, where Mrs. Bacon's husband and son are buried. The body will remain in the residence until the funeral hour, where friends may call.

In frail health for many years, Mrs. Bacon drove her slight body to the limit of its endurance. Her ambitions led her constantly into new paths and only a year ago she was giving Browning readings to home and out of town audiences.

Her outside activities were brought to an end by a fall in her home several months ago. While no bones were broken she sustained a shock, and for the greater part of the time since she had been in bed.

Despite the fact that her interests were so wide, Mrs. Bacon long had been reconciled to death. After her fall she felt that she probably would never recover, but late in the summer, feeling a little better, she had set her mind to getting well. She told friends that there were tasks still uncompleted.

The improvement did not continue, and recently her physician noted a change for the worse.

As the weary weeks of invalidism had dragged on, her mind, retaining all its vigor and keenness, was busy with plans for helping some dearly loved friends, and her visitors found her recalling the

which she had derived the greatest satisfaction in her later years was the awarding to her of the degree of Doctor of Letters by Millikin university in the commencement of 1936. Admirers had pronounced her name and President Penney gladly recommended it to faculty and trustees. Mrs. Bacon, leaving school at an age when there were few colleges receiving women, had never had a college degree, though she had been an educator all her life. The Millikin honor was in recognition of her scholarship for she had lived in a world of thought and books.

## Mrs. Bacon Active In Many Enterprises

A few years ago at the request of the newspapers, Mrs. Bacon prepared a short biographical sketch of herself. She listed some but not all of her activities. Among them were these:

Member First Congregational church and president of its women's department for 17 years.

Charter member PEO. Early member of Decatur Woman's club, president five years.

Member of the D. A. R. Honorary member College and Music clubs.

Ten years a member of state library extension commission. On board of Illinois Federation of Women's clubs; and state premier, 1902-04.

Former president of Decatur Y. W. C. A. and chairman of its building committee.

State chairman of general federation of women's clubs four years.

Member of board of Girls' Welfare home.

Secretary of Woman's Club

since, Mrs. Roy Chelsty has taught class in Mrs. Bacon's recent illness.

First woman to receive past president's jeweled pin from national Delphian society.

### Libraries Increased

Only older residents or friends of long standing will recall some of these earlier activities, or recognize the significance of Mrs. Bacon's services.

A state notoriously backward in developing public libraries enjoyed Mrs. Bacon's services as a member of the state library commission "thanks to her efforts and those of her associates traveling libraries were increased in number and books of books went out from Springfield periodically to rural towns without public library facilities.

Few persons knew Mrs. Bacon's active interest in the Y. W. C. A. in its early days, or how she worked to secure the money for the present building south of the post-office.

### Inspects Jails

Mrs. Bacon was a member of the local visitors for the State Charities association. The principal duty of the "visitors" was to give the county jail an inspection. The grand jury also does this, but the charities visitors, as long as Mrs. Bacon was one, were accustomed to make specific reports about the dirt and lack of sanitation which characterized the jail.

Few women have been so highly honored as was Mrs. Bacon by the woman's clubs. She counted these associations as state president and as state chairman of correspondence for Illinois as among the richest in her life.

### Husband Died In 1911.

Following her husband's death in 1911, Mrs. Bacon withdrew for a time from civic activities, but she returned to them with new zest after her health showed improvement. Long before women received the ballot Mrs. Bacon was a member of the state and local suffrage associations. She explained her activity in this direction by quoting Lincoln, who said: "I go for all sharing the privileges of the government who assist in bearing the burdens by no means excluding women."

Mrs. Bacon continued: "I believe in women and little children and have given my life freely to whatever has tended to help any measure of progress for them."

Strong Republican.

In politics Mrs. Bacon was a strong Republican. Her many



MRS. EUGENIE BACON



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## Mrs. Bacon

Mrs. Eugenie Bacon was Decatur's ranking gentlewoman. In her 80 years of abundant living, she was naturally and effectively a leader in the movement which brought women from their old position as sit-by-the-fires into their new conception as active participants in the society in which they live. Wife of an army officer who took part in the last campaigns against the Indians, Mrs. Bacon found it only a natural growth of a sturdy character to lead in cultural and humanitarian interests.

That she should be devout and temperate in the true sense of the word, cultured in the sense that her interests embraced both Browning and the welfare of the unfortunate in the jail, she never questioned. There was no hypocrisy in Mrs. Bacon's philosophy of living. The self-made man is a familiar rough hewn figure, but Mrs. Bacon made a place for herself as once firm and delicate.

Mrs. Bacon, having been introduced to the mayor, decided that she liked him. A warm friendship was the result.

While she was a member of the W. C. T. U., Mrs. Bacon was not puritanical. Several years ago it was proposed to invite Maude Royden, the celebrated British preacher, to Decatur. News that Miss Royden smoked cigarettes brought a counter move whose purpose was to prevent an invitation being extended her. In this protest Mrs. Bacon refused to join.

She did not regard the use of cigars as a moral question.

## Home Life Center Of Her Interest

While Mrs. Bacon was much before the public, her instincts like those of most women, were those of a homemaker. Her home indeed, even after her bereavements continued to be her center of interest. There were no living rooms quite like that of Mrs. Bacon in her house in Oakdale boulevard. It was a veritable museum, for treasures that she loved, Mrs. Bacon liked to display; and the house was full of treasures.

In the brief prepared sketch of her life Mrs. Bacon could say "My home life has been one of great happiness."

While it is incomplete, having been prepared a number of years ago, Mrs. Bacon's biography tells the significant things in her early life. She wrote as follows:

"I was born Oct. 4, 1853 at the home of my mother's parents at Bowling Green, Ind., and was taken when an infant less than two months old to the home of my parents in Indianapolis, Ind. My father, William A. McKenzie was a Virginian of Scotch descent and was a prominent and gifted lawyer of his day. He was usually called by his neighbors by courtesy Judge McKenzie. He was a fine long Democrat and served in the latter part of Indiana.

My mother was Anna Peelle Ekin, a native of Kentucky; a

manner who attached to herself many friends who never forgot her. She died in her 38th year, leaving me her only child. My father did not marry again and my mother's sisters strove to do a mother's part by me.

"I was educated at Terre Haute, Ind. Mrs. Calvin S. Brice, then Miss Melly, was one of my teachers, and on my graduation in a class of 10 from the Terre Haute high school in 1871 two girls had both the honors—I the first or the valedictory.

"In 1874 (Mar. 31) I was married to Lieut. George Robert Bacon of the First U. S. Cavalry and a graduate of the U. S. Military academy at West Point, class of 1869. I had known Lieutenant Bacon since I was a child of 13 and we were engaged when I was but 17 and married when I was 20 and he 28.

## Went To Pacific Coast

"I went with him as a bride, first to Cavalry Barracks, St. Louis and then to the Pacific coast via the Central and Union Pacific roads—the ocean steamer to Portland, Oregon. This journey consumed about a month and the ambulance trip meant days without the sight of a white face except the escort of soldiers.

"This was our home for three years. At the end of that time, I returned to the East for medical attention and the Nez Percés camp park came on so that it was 10 months before Mr. Bacon could come East on leave of absence. This experience convinced us both that a more peaceful life was to our taste, Mr. Bacon resigned June 15, 1878.

"After living three years in Cheongdam, we came to Decatur in the summer of 1881 where Mr. Bacon built our home and business house, to conduct a wholesale paper business.

## Child Dies At 8

"In September, 1882, our only child was born, George Richard. He was a most remarkable boy, but only lived eight beautiful years, and passed away Oct. 16, 1890, with

him went the largest part of our lives, but through the development he brought us, our best work has been done for others.

"My home life has been one of great happiness. My husband provided every comfort in his home in which we have lived almost 32 years, and it is filled with his taste in books, pictures and china. He was a man thoroughly respected and beloved, prominent as a citizen, a church member, the president of the University club for two years; he is greatly missed by the whole community. He died Dec. 17, 1911 in a Chicago hospital to which we took him for an operation on his throat.

"After my husband's death, I conducted his business with his employees—til I sold it to three months—and have with legal advice administered on and settled his estate."

## Mrs. Bacon Was Bible Student

Mrs. Bacon excelled as a Bible student and teacher. In her later years after she had given up many of her other activities she enjoyed her greatest happiness in this line. She had been a wide reader of the interpretative writers, and for some years she had had a summer cottage at the Congregational parsonage (Mich.) assembly, where she had led under some of the best lecturers.

For 80 years she conducted a Sunday school class in the Congregational church, for a number of years she gave religious instruction in the V. W. C. A. Only a few years ago at the request of some women outside her own church Mrs. Bacon agreed to direct a Bible class in her home. The class eventually grew to 30 members.

Most of them were women who had had no biblical instruction "since Sunday school, and had become so immersed in household and social duties that of modern critical thought on the Scriptures they thought nothing. Most of them had

but the nearest one as to where the Bible came from.

Many subjects Mrs. Bacon's lessons dealt with such subjects as "How We Got the Bible," "Types of Biblical Literature," "Open Posing Books of the Bible," "The King James Version," "The Septuagint," "The Vulgate," "The Apocrypha." Under Mrs. Bacon's instruction the book of Job took on a new meaning.

But the Bible was not the only field of Mrs. Bacon's interest, she lectured on poetry, sculpture, etc., on Dante and the Divine Comedy, the "Iliad," "Ossian's Women" and Browning.

Browning, particularly pleased her and she had the ability to interpret what for many persons was obscure. With readings from "Pippa Passes," she delighted small and large groups. W. K. Olds, formerly of the Athenian conservatory, set to music for Mrs. Bacon one of the songs in the poem.

# 91 Years Old,

## Dies in Home

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

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

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

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

### Early School Teacher

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

She was married June 22, 1886, in Decatur to Thomas T. Roberts, industrialist and philanthropist. Both Mr. and Mrs. Roberts were active in church and civic affairs.

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

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# Mrs. Roberts Funeral Monday

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

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

### Was Oldest Member

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

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

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Obituaries

Rites Set for Mrs. Lewis

Funeral services for Mrs. Guy P. (Charles E.) Lewis are tentatively set for 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Dawson & Whitt Funeral Home, where friends may call after 5 p.m. Tuesday. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery.

Mrs. Lewis, 91, of 640 W. Main St., former president of the YWCA board of directors, died at 10:33 p.m. Thursday in St. Mary's Hospital.

She was the widow of Guy P. Lewis, a former Decatur banker who died in 1931.

Mrs. Lewis was born Feb. 29, 1877, in Macon County, a daughter of Monroe and Sarah Eaton. She moved to Decatur in 1895.

She had been treasurer of the YWCA for four years prior to her election as president in 1922.

During World War I Mrs. Lewis served on the fuel committee of Decatur.

She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

She leaves one son, Robert E. Lewis of Portland, Ore.; one sister, Mrs. Bessie Diller of Decatur, one brother, Edgar of Niantic; three grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Armstrong



Funeral services for Mrs. Jack (Mildred E.) Armstrong will be at 2 p.m. Sunday in the Blue Mound Methodist Church, with burial in Hall Cemetery, Blue Mound. Friends may call at the Ater Funeral Home, Blue Mound, after 5 p.m. today. The family suggests memorials be made to the Macon County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

Mrs. Armstrong, 67, of Blue Mound died at 10:30 p.m. Thursday in her home after an illness of several weeks.

Mrs. Armstrong operated a gift shop in Blue Mound in connection with her husband's business, Armstrong Hardware.

She attended Blue Mound Methodist Church and was a



Mrs. Guy P. Lewis

York, and was active in the Christian Church.

Miss Brock was a graduate of Drake University and attended Columbia University.

She leaves six cousins. A sister and two brothers preceded her in death.

Henrietta Metz

Funeral services for Henrietta E. Metz will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday in the M o n s o n Funeral Home, where friends may call from 5 to 9 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be in Fairlawn Cemetery.

Miss Metz, 90, of 1228 W. Wood St. died at 5:25 a.m. Friday in the Chronic Division of the Macon County Tuberculosis Sanatorium.

Miss Metz was the first patient admitted to the chronic division at the sanatorium. She had been ill for five years.

A lifetime Decatur resident, Miss Metz was a secretary for Allendale School for Boys, Lake Villa, until she retired in 1952. She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church.

She was born Nov. 29, 1875, in Decatur, a daughter of Henry and Anna Guthrie Metz.

Miss Metz leaves two brothers, Logan Metz of Elmhurst, and Robert Metz of Des Moines, Iowa. Three brothers and one sister preceded her in death.

Harold Peyton



neral Home.

Burial will be in the Cerro Gordo Cemetery. Friends may call at the funeral home after 4 p.m. today.

He died at 5 p.m. Thursday in Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

W. E. Nichols

Funeral services for William E. Nichols will be at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Dawson & Wilkoff Funeral Home, where friends may call after 3 p.m. Sunday. Burial will be in Grace-land Cemetery.

Mr. Nichols, 83, of 1918 N. Monroe St. died Thursday at Decatur and Macon County Hospital.

Frank Anderson

Services for Frank W. Anderson, 55, of 934 S. Franklin St. will be at 1 p.m. Monday in the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, with burial in Greenwood Cemetery. Friends may call until 11 a.m. Monday at J. J. Moran & Sons Funeral home, and then until service time at the church. Mr. Anderson died Wednesday.

Mrs. Gubb



Funeral arrangements for Mrs. Albert J. (Lillian Grace) Gubb, are incomplete. Mrs. Gubb, 69, of Cardiff, Wales, formerly of Decatur, died in her home Thursday following a heart attack.

Mrs. Gubb and her husband had returned to Wales in 1963, after living in Decatur for 10 years. They had planned to return to Decatur in June.

She was born in Wales on May 7, 1896. While in Decatur, she was a member of Central Christian Church. She was employed for a time at Weber Hall.

Mrs. Gubb is survived by her husband and a daughter, Mrs. Robert E. (Lillian) Ector of Decatur.

Mrs. Garjott

Funeral services for Mrs. Fay A. (Fay Ruth) Garjott

COMMON FEDERAL TAX ERRORS TOLD

Common errors most often found in filing federal tax returns are failure to include required schedules and signatures, or to compute taxes correctly.

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