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WILL SEAL UP RECORDS

Local Board has Received Orders to Complete Records and Seal Them on December 10th.

The Decatur county local board has received orders to seal up its records on December 10th, and wait further orders. And it will mark the close of a year and a half of strenuous work by the members of the board, as few people realize the tremendous amount of work they have performed. The Decatur county board is composed of J. S. Parrish, Walter Osborn, Dr. B. L. Eiker and for the past few months Everett Boatman has been clerk. There were 1245 men registered in June, 1917, 136 in June 1918, and 1824 in September, 1918, a total of 3,205. During this time 344 men have been inducted into the service, and over 1200 men have been examined by the board as to physical condition. The local board has probably been cussed and discussed more than any organization ever created in Decatur county. But now that the war is over, due credit should be given the members for the splendid work they have done. It was a hard thing to always do just the right thing, but the Decatur county board made one of the best records in the state. They did their work carefully, and fairly, doing their duty as they saw it regardless of who it affected. They have lost a lot of sleep, as a great deal of work had to be done at night in order to keep up the records, and they are entitled to a good rest now.

Will Reduce Gasoline Cost Three-Fifths.

The announcement comes from Washington that a substitute for gasoline which has been produced by the research and development division of the war department, which can be manufactured and sold at two-fifths the present cost of gasoline, will be on the market by the first of January. According to the present plan the formula will be released to manufacturers probably under some agreement with the war department as to the margin of profit that will be allowed. The product, which has kerosene for a base, is odorless, colorless, and non-corrosive, and tests have proved it to develope a thermal efficiency greater than the best of gasoline. It will be welcomed by auto users who have been paying an exhorbitant price for rotten gasoline.

Flu Situation Better. Schools Will Probably Open Next Monday.

The flu situation in Leon is greatly improved, only ten cases being reported this week, and most of these were in the country outside of Leon. Monday Prof. Gass, assisted by the teachers took a census of the school children in Leon as far as possible, securing reports on 488 pupils. Of this number 338 has had the flu, and 150 have escaped. There were on Monday 34 pupils sick with it, 27 in the grades and 7 in the High School. A meeting of the city council was held Monday night, and another will be held on Thursday evening, and unless there is a big change the ban will be lifted and the schools will open next Monday morning. Since the epidemic started nine weeks ago about 800 cases have been reported to Mayor Gardner.

Harry Lemley Severely Wounded.

Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Lemley, of this city, received a government message Friday announcing the fact that their only son, Harry, was severely wounded in action on November 4th, just a week before the armistice was signed. Harry last wrote to his parents in October, at which time he stated he was in No Man's land, but not to worry about him, as he was glad he was there doing his duty. No particulars are given in the message received, but a cablegram has been sent through the Red Cross to try and locate him, as no private cables are transmitted. Harry was a member of the band, and during action the band men are used as stretcher bearers. His many friends here are hoping the word will soon be received that he is recovering.

Cash Garton Wounded.

A message was recently received by Cash Garton of east of Weldon announcing that his son, Cash E. Garton, jr., was wounded in France, October 11th. The wounded soldier is 26 years old and is a member of the 117th infantry. He is well and favorably known in the vicinity of Weldon. Mr. Garton has three sons in the service—L. Dewey, 22, in the Quartermaster Sergeant's department at Camp Cody and Watson L., in training in Des Moines College. The Gartons are well known in Garden Grove and vicinity having lived in this neighborhood for several years.

Rufus E. Lillie Not Killed.

It was recently reported that Rufus E. Lillie had been killed in France, but word was received from him by his mother this week, dated at base hospital No. 38, in France, on Nov. 9th, saying he was wounded in the hand, but for her not to worry, as the doctor said he was in fine condition, the letter being written by one of his pals as he could not use his hand. His address is corporal Rufus E. Lillie, U. S. base hospital No. 38, A. P. O. 767, American Expeditionary Forces, France.

Some Pumpkin.

A mammoth pumpkin, which weighed 80 pounds when pulled, is on display at G. B. Price's clothing store. The pumpkin was raised by Lester Koenitzer on his mother's farm near Van Wert, and it will be sold at the Koenitzer public sale on Wednesday Dec. 11th, and the money received for it will be donated to the Red Cross.

Ira Foster Wounded.

Mrs. Ira Foster, of near Grand River, has received word that her husband, who sailed for France on May 4th, had been wounded in his right arm, but was doing well, and expected to start for home soon.

WRITTEN IN DEAD EARNEST.

Some Smile-Compelling Answers in Questioneers.

Relatives of soldiers who apply for allotments of the War Risk Bureau in New York and other cities must fill out a form which contains twenty-three questions. It is then forwarded to Washington to be entered at the pay department. The following are specimens of the quaint answers written by the applicants which have been selected by an official at the New York branch of the War Risk Bureau:

"I ain't got no book lurnin and I am writing for inflamation."

"She is staying at a disapated house."

"Just a line to let you know I am a widow and four children."

"Previous to his departure we were married by a Justice of the Peace."

"He was inducted into the surface."

"I have a four months baby and he is my only support."

"I was discharged from the army for a goittre, which I was sent home on."

"I did not know my husband had a middle name, and if he had I don't believe it was 'None.'"

"I am left with a child seven months old and she is my only support."

"You ask for my allotment number. I have four boys and two girls."

"Please return my marriage certificate, baby hasn't eaten in three days."

"Both sides of our parents are old and poor."

"You have changed my little boy to a little girl; will it make any difference?"

"Dear Mr. Wilson I have already written to Mr. Headquarters, and now if I don t get any reply from you I am going to write to Uncle Sam himself."

"I received my insurance polish and have since moved my postoffice."

The following is an extract from a boy's letter to his mother, which she sent to the War Risk Bureau to establish her identity: "I am sitting in the Y. M. C. A. writing with the piano playing in my uniform."

Decatur County Boys Accompany President Wilson to France.

Three Decatur county boys, Okal Brown and Forest Grimes, of Leon, and Miles Allen, of Decatur, are lucky sailor lads, as they are members of the crew of the battleship Pennsylvania, the escort of the George Washington, on which President Wilson and his party sailed from New York yesterday. Admiral Mayo is on board the Pennsylvania, and when the presidential party reaches a point 1500 miles from France, it will be met by the American battle fleet of ten battleships and twenty-eight destroyers, being joined nearer land by the English and French fleets.

R. R. Little, of Decatur, received a letter Tuesday from his brother, Irving E. Little, formerly of Leon, who is in the medical department, saying he would sail on the George Washington with President Wilson, and will be gone on the trip for three months. In describing the George Washington he says it is 722 feet long, has fourteen decks, and is a veritable floating palace. It was a former German owned vessell. When it is remembered that a block in Leon is 216 feet long, some idea of the length of the vessel can be obtained, as it is three and a half blocks in length.

Kept Palms From Freezing.

Last week the proprietors of the Idle Hour theatre in Leon shipped two big artificial palms by express to their Willard theatre at Creston, and according to the Creston Advertiser-Gazette, the express agent at that place worked hard to keep them from freezing. It says:

Two large palm trees arrived at the local express office yesterday, consigned to a Creston party. The agent, Mr. Glass, who is a very careful man labored hard and faithfully to get them to a place in his office where they would not freeze, palms being a native of a hot country, and after moving the same to his office and stopping to wipe the perspiration from his brow he was informed that he needn't be so careful in this respect as the palms were artificial—and Glass fainted.

Public Sale of School Property at Van Wert, Saturday, Dec. 7th.

We will sell to the highest bidder at Van Wert, Iowa, on Saturday, Dec. 7, 1918, at 2 o'clock, the block of ground and the old school building and outhouses used for school purposes. The ground and buildings will be sold separately. The school building is 24½x38 and 30x42½, 20 feet high. It contained a splendid lot of good white pine lumber, much better material than you can buy now, and the lumber will be valuable for building dwellings or barns. Inspect these buildings before day of sale. You can make money buying them.

Terms made known day of sale.

Board of Directors,
Long Creek Independent School District No. 2.
Guy Smith and L. V. Tullis, Auctioneers.

Miss Olive Gwinn Goes to France.

Miss Olive Gwinn, of this city, who is a senior student at the State University at Iowa City, volunteered last August for a year's work in Salvation Army canteens, left Iowa City Sunday night for New York City, where she will take a few days instruction and then sails for France. Miss Gwinn is the first woman student from Iowa to go overseas. Just a few days before Miss Gwinn received the sad news that her brother, James Gwinn, of Rosyth, Alberta, who was with a Canadian regiment in France, was killed in action a few days before the armistice was signed. Miss Gwinn's many Leon friends trust she will have a pleasant and safe trip.

New Court Cases.

Stephen Varga vs. H. A. Smith. Suit is on a note for $197.27, and an attachment is asked against the property of defendant. F. Varga attorney for plaintiff.

12 BOYS AND 5 GIRLS

Only Seventeen Births Reported to Clerk Officer During November. Boys Outnumber the Girls.

Martin Maurice Anglimbaugh, boy, Nov. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Forest Brown Anglimbaugh, Van Wert.

Rosalie Brammer, girl, Oct. 11, to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Brammer, Grand River township.

Leo Isaac Bird, boy, Nov. 5, to Mr. and Mrs. Leo Edward Bird, Burrell township.

——boy, Nov. 18, to Mr. and Mrs. Hulbert O. Butcher, Burrell township.

Clarence Rolla Duncan, boy, Sept. 28, to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sherman Duncan, Hamilton township.

Raymond Everett Fry, boy, Nov. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Fry, Long Creek township.

Milford Graham, boy, Oct. 6, to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. F. Graham, Hamilton township.

Elbert Morris Keaton, boy, Nov. 10, to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest George Keaton, Morgan township.

Elsie Ira Luse, girl, Nov. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Ira Luse, Garden Grove township.

Henry Max Moore, boy, Sept. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Yancy Orval Moore, Morgan township.

Hiram C. Manchester, boy, Sept. 17, to Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Manchester, Eden township.

Garland Estella Myer, girl, Nov. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Myer, Center township.

Frances Marie Midgorden, girl, Nov. 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Orville Heman Midgorden, Fayette township.

Donald Guy Shields, boy, Oct. 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Roland F. Shields, Grand River township.

George Wesley Still, boy, Nov. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Leonard L. Still, Eden township.

Alice A. Sparger, girl, Nov. 25, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Sparger, Burrell township.

——Spicer, boy, Nov. 3, to Mr. and Mrs. Jesse J. Spicer, Decatur township.

Farmers Dragged Snow Off Roads.

It has been found by practical demonstration that the road drag can be used effectively when there is snow on the roads, as well as in good weather. Down southeast of Leon James Hazlet and Willie Walton got out their drags, and north of Leon Leo Hoffman and Charles Moore did the same thing, dragging the snow to the side of the road, and the result is that where they worked the roads are in fine condition, and did not get muddy and cut up. If you have wondered what made these good roads you know now, and it is to be hoped the practice of dragging the roads after a fall of snow will be adopted all over Decatur county.

Capt. "Chuck" Wilson Died in France.

J. C. Wilson, the well known Bethany, Mo., attorney, received the sad news of the death of his youngest son, Capt. Carlisle "Chuck" Wilson, on November 7th, from wounds received in action on September 27th, when a machine gun bullet passed through his body. Mr. Wilson's other two sons are both officers who have been making a record over there, and his many friends in this vicinity extend their heartfelt sympathy to him and his wife in their sore bereavement. Capt. Wilson was 27 years, 3 months and 9 days old. He was an all round athlete, and was captain of the Columbia, Mo., foot ball team.

Watch Your Reporter Label.

We want to urge The Reporter readers to watch the label on their paper showing the date to which your subscription is paid. The date is corrected each week up to Wednesday of that week, and if you have made a payment and the date on your label has not been changed phone or write us right now. It is not necessary for us to mail you a receipt, as there is a printed receipt right on the label each week. And another thing, a large number of subscriptions expire on Jan. 1st. Better take time by the forelock and renew during December and then you will be sure not to miss getting the paper just when you want to see it.

Deck Moves to Iowa.

Mr. A. Deck, who had a sale recently, has moved to Leon, Iowa. He was married a short time ago to Mrs. A. E. Ellis. They are old acquaintances, and years ago Mr. Deck and the deceased husband of his present wife, were partners in the stock business at Leon, Iowa.

The bride has considerable property near Leon and the couple will reside there.—Jet, Okla., Visitor.

Earl Peters Was Elected District Judge.

Many old Decatur county friends of Earl Peters, who was born and raised at Pleasanton, but who has been a practicing attorney at Clarinda for a number of years, will be pleased to learn that he was one of the four district court judges elected in the fifteenth judicial district at the recent election, by a handsome majority.

Death of Dean Garrett.

Mrs. Anna Benefiel received a message Tuesday announcing the death of her youngest brother, Dean Garrett, at Olney Springs, Colorado, his death being from pneumonia, following the flu. His remains will arrive in Leon Thursday, but no arrangements for the funeral had been made at the time The Reporter went to press.

Holland Must Give Up Ex-Kaiser.

Yesterday's dispatches state the Allies have agreed upon a demand that the Ex-Kaiser must be surrendered by the Netherlands government and if the demand is refused force will be used. The opinion is held that Holland wil be glad to give him up and wash their hands.

Mrs. Harry Raymond arrived yesterday morning for a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Farquhar, the Osawa schools being again closed on account of the flu.

Dorothy Pearl Young.

Dorothy Pearl Young, daughter of David and Atha Young, was born near Elkton, South Dakota, March 12, 1917, died at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Henry Overholtzer, near Grand River, Iowa, on Dec. 1, 1918, being 1 year, 8 months and 19 days old at the time of her death.

Little Dorothy's mamma died just a few weeks ago. Dorothy was then taken to the home of her aunt where she soon wended her way into the hearts of all the family, and was as near to them as though she was their very own. Little Dorothy was stricken with influenza which soon developed into pneumonia. All was done for her that kind and loving hands could do. She was a general favorite among her aunt's family and was noticed by all who chanced to meet her because of her sweet disposition. She is one of the little flowers that has budded on earth to bloom in heaven. She is survived by her father, one sister Orpha, three brothers, John, Harry and Donald, one grandfather, one grandmothers, two aunts and one uncle, besides a number of cousins who so sadly miss her, one brother having preceded her in death.

Funeral services were held from the home Monday, Dec. 2, at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. C. Vanderpool. Interment in the Young cemetery.

Card of Thanks—We desire to express our sincere thanks to the friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the sickness, death and burial of our dear baby.

David Young and Family,
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Overholtzer and Family.

Clarence Lowell Briner.

Clarence Lowell Briner, the oldest son of Sam and Edna Briner, was born near Mt. Moriah, Mo., May 16, 1903, and died at his home near Grand River, Iowa, Nov. 26, 1918, aged 15 years, 6 months and 10 days.

Lowell was a good boy and loved by those who knew him. He was a life long sufferer, but always bore it with great patience. He leaves to mourn his departure, father, mother, two sisters, Geneva and Katie, two brothers, Burrell and Lloyd, two grandmothers and one grandfather, besides many other relatives and friends. One week before his death he took influenza which quickly developed into pneumonia. His death is indeed a sad one for father, mother, brothers or sisters cannot go with him to his last resting place for they are all sick with influenza.

Funeral services were held at the home Wednesday, Nov. 27, at 2 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. C. Vanderpool. Interment in Young cemetery.

Card of Thanks—We desire to express our sincere thanks to those who so kindly assisted us during the sickness, death and burial of our beloved son and brother.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Briner, and Family.

David McDowell.

David McDowell, son of Thomas and Susan McDowell, was born in Decatur county, Iowa, March 1, 1890, and died in the Ft. Riley hospital at Camp Funston, Kansas, Nov. 27, 1918, being 28 years, 8 months and 26 days of age.

He responded to the call to the colors on June 24, 1918. He reported at Camp Funston, Kansas, where he was assigned to the 20th Infantry Company A. He confessed Christ as his Savior in a revival meeting held at the Denham school house about 11 years ago and is a member of Camden Baptist church. He was married to Myrtle Monroe on January 4, 1913, at Mitchell, S. D. Two children were born to this union, Martha Deloris, age 4 years, and Ellis Cameron age 3 years. Beside his wife and children he leaves to mourn his departure, his mother, a step-father, one sister, Mrs. Eva Arnold, of Tingley, Iowa,; five brothers, Henry E., of Burt, Iowa; Charlie and Alva, of Grand River, Iowa; Aaron and Mervin, of Loomis, South Dakota. His father, four brothers and four sisters preceded him in death.

Short funeral services were held at the home of his mother, Mrs. B. J. Ladd, in Grand River, Sunday, Dec 1st, at 10 o'clock, conducted by Rev. E. C. Vanderpool. Interment in Westerville cemetery.

Mrs. John W. Massey.

Rosa Belle, the eldest daughter of William and Barbara Ann Rayn, was born near Woodland, Iowa, January 18, 1864, departed this life at Trinidad, Colorado, on November 21, 1918, being 54 years, 10 months and three days of age.

She was married to John W. Massey, December 8, 1885, and to this union was born six children, John William, Rosa Joyce, Margaret Ann, Homer Leslie, Erle Rayn and Elizabeth, all who survive and were present except Homer Leslie who is with the U. S. army in France. She is also survived by her mother, Mrs. B. A. Rayn, two sisters, Mrs. Miller Chandler of Butte, Montana, and Grace Rayn, of Woodland, one brother Clyde Rayn, of Ft. Madison, Iowa, and two grandchildren, Maxine and Enid Massey of Cainesville, Mo. At the age of eleven years she was converted, baptized and united with the Adventist Christian church of Woodland, Iowa, and lived a true christian life until her death, always ready to lend a helping hand and assist others. She was a member of the W. C. T. U. and an earnest worker in Red Cross and other welfare work.

The funeral was held at the Union church at Woodland, Nov. 25th, at 1 o'clock, conducted by Elder S. H. Coleman of Villisca, Iowa. Burial at the Lentz cemetery.

To the City Superintendents and High School Principals of Iowa. Notice of Postponement.

The conference on school supervision scheduled to meet at the State University, Iowa City, on December 5-6-7, is indefinitely postponed. The local board of health having established a quarantine on account of influenza. This quarantine closes all schools and theatres and prohibits all public gatherings.

Kate L. Hall,
County Superintendent.

TWENTYFIVE YEARS AGO

Items Taken from the Files of The Reporter Published a Quarter of a Century Ago.

Invitations have been issued for the wedding of Mr. Geo. W. Custer, of Davis City, and Miss Cora C. Biggs, at the residence of Rev. and Mrs. Wm. Biggs in this city on Tuesday evening, Dec. 12th.

The following marriage licenses have been issued the past week:

Irvin S. Mitchell 63 to Mrs. Leona Gore 48.

Lambert S. Truesdell to Amie R. Hoffhines.

Mrs. Daniel Hurley died at her home in Woodland Sunday and was buried in the Woodland cemetery Monday afternoon.

For the second time in three weeks the dark angel of death invaded the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Allen Monday morning and folded its wings around the spirit of their youngest child, little Henry, aged five years, five months and seven days. He had been ailing for several weeks with rheumatism and other complications.

News has been received by Leon friends of the marriage of Mr. Finley Frazee, formerly of Leon, to Miss Esther Evitts at Del Norte, Colorado, on Nov. 22nd. Mr. Frazee is one of the leading businessmen of Creede, Colorado, where they will make their home.

Miss Bertha Gammon, who has been visiting her parents in Eden township, returned to her duties in Des Moines Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Swearingen, of Saline, Mo., were in Leon Friday on their way to Indianola to visit a few days with relatives.

Squire and Mrs. W. J. Darr returned Tuesday from a visit with relatives at Plattsburg, Mo.

Scott Robinson, of Glenwood, attended the Truesdell-Hoffhines wedding in this city yesterday.

A. B. Long is recovering from his recent severe illness.

The Truesdell-Hoffhines wedding party was treated to a little reception not down on the program yesterday. When the train pulled up to the Narrow Gauge crossing it was boarded by about a dozen of the "boys" who deposited many pairs of old shoes with their luggage, and literally covered the wedding party the car and the rest of the passengers with rice. The passengers were aware of the fact that a wedding party was aboard in short order, but they all seemed to enjoy it more than the interested parties. We have since learned that the groom did not get all of the old shoes thrown out of the window until the train had almost reached Chariton.

Farm Bureau Notes.

We can announce this week the names of the prize winners in the pig feeding and corn club contests.

Miss Zoa Newton of Davis City, won first place in the pig contest and Milton Leetun, of Lamoni, second. These two will get a free trip to the Short Course at Ames with all expenses paid.

Forest Roberts of Lamoni, won first and Miss Wilma Cartwright won second in the corn club contest. Each one was to get a free trip to the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago but owing to the prevalence of the flu over the state it was deemed advisable to postpone this trip in view of the fact that many of these boys and girls have never been away from home overnight, and calling over 100 of them together from all over the state would have been extremely hazardous at the present time with no facilities for nursing or hospital care when so far away from home.

There will be a trip of equal interest substituted for this one later and while it is a disappointment to Mr. Roberts and Miss Cartwright as well as to the Farm Bureau it can not well be helped.

These trips to Ames and Chicago were made possible to these boys and girls through the generosity of the banks of the county, each one making a generous donation for the expenses of the trip.

The boys and girls who have been members of these two clubs and especially the winners should remember this and in the years to come favor these banks with their business.

We would like to suggest and very strongly urge that the money you have derived from undertaking be it through corn or pigs that you have grown or sold, reinvest it and make your dollars grow like you did your corn and pigs.

Invest your dollars and make each one bring back two dollars. Ask your banker, he will tell you how.

In the near future the pig and corn club work will be started for next year. We would like to see many more boys and girls undertake this club work next year.

We wish to commend all the boys and girls in this club work who started and lost and especially Bernard Gwilliams of Lamoni as he was very close to second in the corn club work.

John Musselman.

John Charles Musselman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Musselman, of this city, was born near Minneapolis, Kansas, September 27, 1895. With his parents he moved to Leon, Iowa, the same year, where he grew to manhood.

On August 7, 1918, he entered the service of his country, going to Camp McArthur, Texas, for military training. His company embarked for overseas service about the middle of September.

While on board the transport John was taken ill with influenza and passed away on October 4th. He was buried at sea at sunrise the next morning with full military honors. His body was draped with the stars and strips. The captain of the ship, the colonel and other commanding officers were in attendance, while six of his fellow soldiers acted as pall bearers.

Marriage Licenses.

Vern Palmer, Van Wert 18
Olive Collins, Van Wert 19

E. Warren Akes, Decatur 20
Laura Buckingham, Decatur 19

YOU CAN SECURE PERSONAL EFFECTS.

Of Soldier Who Died in France on Battlefield or in Hospital.

Since a number of Decatur county soldier boys have died in France on the battlefield and in hospitals from disease, the following information as to how a relatives can secure the dead soldier's personal effects will be of interest to many of our readers. The following order was issued by the War Department in March, 1918:

"Under general orders published at headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, March, 1918, it is the duty of the soldier's immediate commanding officer to secure all personal effects, list and pack the same securely and turn over the package to the nearest quartermaster, who will receipt for it and forward the cash, watches, trinkets, personal papers and similar articles of value by registered mail and other personal property by freight or otherwise to the Effects Depot.

"Application for the personal effects of the late—should be made to the Commanding Officer, Effects Depot, Base Section No. 1, American Expeditionary Forces. This application should be accompanied with evidence that the claimant is the legal representative entitled to receive the effects of the late soldier."

Office of County Auditor.

Leon, Iowa, December 4, 1918.

To Whom It May Concern:

The engineer appointed by the board of supervisors of Decatur county, Iowa, to make survey and report of the road known as the Woodard cut-off in section 30, township 69 N., range 26 W. of the 5th P. M. has made said report and has recommended that the following change be made in said road:

A parcel of land, located in the southeast ¼ of the southeast ¼ of section 30, township 69 N., range 26 W. of the 5th P. M. described as follows: Commencing at a point 30 feet north and 60 feet west of the southeast corner of section 30, township 69 N., range 26 W. of the 5th P. M., running thence north a distance of 90.59 feet, thence in a southwesterly direction a distance of 295.8 feet, to the north line of the road as traveled at present, thence east along the said north line of the road, a distance of 281.5 feet to place of beginning, containing 0.292 acres, be made part of the present road.

And notice is hereby given to the land owners and the owners of real estate thereon, viz., John Woodard, J. W. McGuire, Anna McGuire, F. M. Euritt, and the following persons, residents of said lands adjoining or abutting thereon, M. J. Porter and Clifford Woodard, through or abutting upon which the proposed change will extend, that said board of supervisors propose to establish said change as described, and all objections to said change and all claims for damages by reason of said change must be filed in the office of the county auditor before the expiration of ten days from the service of this notice or the same will be waived.

You will take further notice that said board will on the 23rd day of December, 1918, at one o'clock or as soon thereafter as possible proceed to determine all objections to said change, all damages caused thereby, and will, in case such objections are overruled and the damages awarded be not excessive, establish said change.

C. D. Osborn,
17-4t County Auditor.

Notice.

To Whom It May Concern:

You are hereby notified that the board of supervisors of Decatur county, Iowa, on the second day of December, 1918, approved the petition, accompanied with plats, of J. W. Moore and sixteen other freeholders of said county, wherein it was asked that the county road system commencing at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of section eight, township sixty-nine, range twenty-five and extending north and west a distance of approximately four and one-fourth miles and terminating at the north line of section one, township sixty-nine, range twenty-six, at the point where said road connects with the road running east and west and known as the Grand River-Van Wert road be changed so that the county road system between Leon and Grand River, of which above described is a part, shall be, commencing on the county road at the northeast corner of section five, township sixty-nine, range twenty-five, and extending west a distance approximately two and one-half miles to the northwest corner of the northeast quarter of section one, township sixty-nine, range twenty-six, and connecting with the present Van Wert and Grand River road and that said proposed road shall be designated as a part of the county road system in lieu of the present and the part of present county road system first described be abandoned as a part of county road system for the reasons that proposed road avoids dangerous curves, shortens the mileage of the county road system, cheaper to construct and maintain, gives a straight and direct route, accommodates the most people, and the main traveled thoroughfare between the market towns of Leon and Grand River, Iowa. You are further notified that Dec. 16, 1918, at the office of the board of supervisors in Leon, Iowa, at nine o'clock, a. m., has been fixed as the time and place for hearing on said petition at which time and place all objections to said proposed change in the county road system will be heard.

C. D. Osborn,
County Auditor.

New County Engineer.

Decatur county has a new county engineer, Mr. Otto Sjolander, if you can pronounce it you can do more than we can, the board of supervisors having elected him to fill the vacancy caused by the death of engineer Lockwood. Notwithstanding his name he appears to be a mighty fine fellow, and seems to know his business. He has served as engineer with the Iowa State Highway Commission and also with the Nebraska Highway Commission, and before coming to Leon was employed on engineering work in Pottawattamie county.