WSOY-AM and WSOY-FM
Decatur, Ill
In The Land of Lincoln

Decatur, home of WSOY, is an industrial city in the rich, prairie farm country of the State's heartland. It was first platted in 1829. In 1830, young Abe Lincoln came to Decatur. His first Illinois home was a cabin on the Sangamon River about 8 miles west of the present city. Later, as a circuit-riding lawyer, he visited Decatur's old log court house frequently. It is still preserved. Also in Decatur he was first mentioned for the Presidency. Decatur's population is about 90,000. The soybean industry, born here in 1922, is a very important part of the economy. But Decatur industry is diversified, ranging from motor grader and tire manufacturers to makers of kites, castings, pumps, glass, phonographs and pharmaceuticals. WSOY was originally licensed in 1925 as WJBL to serve Decatur and surrounding counties. The call letters were changed in 1939. It became part of the Columbia Broadcasting System in 1943, pioneered FM radio with WSOY-FF 'n 1946, and moved to its present lo

