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### ADAMS COUNTY

#### BANKERS MEET:

A splendid county bankers association was perfected at a meeting held in Decatur, Adams county, March 20. Dinner was served at 6:30, after which addresses were delivered by Chas. H. Worden, Fort Wayne, W. H. O'Brien, Lawrenceburg, and others. Representatives of every bank in Adams county were present, and left no doubt of the part they will take in the support of the Third Liberty Loan Drive. One of the most patriotic speeches of the evening was that of E. W. Busche, President Monroe State Bank, who said, "I was born in Germany, have brothers fighting in the German army, but I believe they would not think I was doing right if I did not stand by America, the country of my adoption. I believe a country that is good enough to live in is good enough to fight for. I AM FOR AMERICA"—The Hoosier Banker.

Hon. Abram Simmons, of Bluffton, who has ably represented the district, Adams, Blackford and Wells counties, announces today, in a telegram to this office, that he will not be a candidate for reelection. We believe the office should come to Adams county this year and that if a candidate is announced here that he will not have opposition from the other counties. The names of several have been suggested but so far we are not authorized to announce any names. The honor is a worthy one and the candidate if selected will have the opportunity to serve his people during one of the most important sessions ever held in the state.

The Liberty Day celebration in this city will be a glorious event, we honestly believe the biggest day ever known here. There will be speaking, bands, singing by choruses and the crowd, a wonderful parade, perhaps some soldiers, enough program to make you feel that we are at war. Don't miss it. Bring the children. If you don't you will miss a day that will be talked about in the years to come. This is not an ordinary occasion but a war event. It's your duty to help make it as big as possible.

This is the final week for preparation for the Third Liberty Loan drive which starts next Saturday. It will open with a big celebration in this city. Boost as you have never boosted before. The watch meetings Friday evening, the speaking over the county, the Paul Revere rides, the big meeting here Saturday should arouse our people, to a point of patriotism never be-

## A Delayed Shipment

of Michaels-Stern snappy young mens clothes has arrived and placed on sale here at

\$22.50 to \$30.00

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fore known. Help put it over.

Buy Liberty Bonds. That's the slogan this week. Remember it—talk it—sing it. We must support the war, we must pay the debt and if we don't do it one way we must another. Which do you prefer, a Liberty Bond or a tax receipt? The answer ought to be easy.

Well it didn't rain Easter and so we ought to have seven beautiful Sundays according to all the reliable weather prophets of the ages past.

Delta Theta Tau—Margaret Smith, Evangelical Men Entertain Ladies of Church—in Basement.

Reformed Missionary—Mrs. Louis Gehrig.  
Liberty Loan Workers—Mrs. C. C. Schafer.

Zion Lutheran Aid—Schoolhouse.

Christian Pastoral Helpers—Mrs. W. Paul Marsh.

Tonight at 7:00 the men of the Evangelical church will entertain the ladies of the church at a social and business session. A good time is promised the women of the church.

Miss Naomi Mayer went to Berne to be the guest of Miss Edna Wintereger over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hoffman and children, her brother, Will Peel, went to Berne to spend Easter with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Peel.

Misses Anna Minch and Winifred Darst left on the 1:05 train Saturday for Portland to spend Easter at their homes.

Miss Lillian Kauffman spent Easter in Berne with her mother.

Miss Bessie Ketchum was an Easter guest at the home of her mother at Geneva.

The captains, lieutenants and workers interested in the woman's liberty loan drive are invited to the meeting at the home of Mrs. C. C. Shaffer, 327 North Second street, on Tuesday April 2, at 2:30 o'clock. A very interesting program of music and addresses has been arranged with the purpose of giving out information and instruction. All the women included in the list published Thursday with the addition of Mrs. John Tyndall, are urged to be present—Mrs. Fred F. Thorntburg, chairman.

The W. M. S. of Zion Reformed church will meet Tuesday at 2:30 with Mrs. Louis Gehrig, 115 South Eighth street. The program: Devotionals, Review on Outlook of Missions, Mrs. J. Spuhler; Leaflet, "Way Out in Idaho"; Mrs. W. Kirsch; Letters on Missionary Correspondence, Mrs. J. Berg, Mrs. Worthman, and Mrs. Beel; Letter from Miss Esther Sellemyer, Mrs. B. Elzey; Business. All ladies are invited and members are urged to attend the meeting. Annual election of officers will take place as also election of delegates to the Classical meeting to be held at Huntington in May.

Miss Frances Bartlett of Muncie, Ind., was the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. Paul Marsh over Easter Sunday.

The Ladies' Aid or Pastoral Helpers of the Christian church will meet at the home of Mrs. W. Paul Marsh, 1404 West Monroe street, Friday afternoon at 2:30. It is hoped that a large attendance will be there.

The choir of the Christian church will meet Wednesday evening.

The Easter entertainment held at the Pleasant Mills M. E. church was of great interest, and proved to be a great interest. Every seat in the church was filled, and standing room was at a premium.

Miss Helen Aurentz of Fort Wayne, is a guest of Miss Agnes Kohne, coming to spend Easter here.

Miss Luella Bultemier, of Fort Wayne, was a guest of Miss Marie Boese Saturday evening, and of the Lawrence Linnemeier family at Preble over Easter.

Mrs. John Everett and daughter, Mrs. Cal Peterson, are spending a few days with the D. S. Gates family at their home near Wren, O.

Wednesday evening the local court of Ben Hurs will celebrate the eighteenth anniversary of its organization. The state manager, P. O. Bowers, will be here and a fine program, the same to be announced later, will be present.

ed. Every member of the Ben Hurs and their friends are cordially invited to come.

Mrs. John Myers and daughter, Mrs. Will O'Brien spent Sunday at the Lee Meyers and Matthias Miller homes.

Misses Mayme Harting and Genevieve Bremerkamp returned this morning from Celina, O., where they were guests of Miss Nettie Gast.

Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Kilbourne and Miss Garnet Kilbourne, of Fort Wayne were guests of the U. Deininger family over Easter.

William Page, manager of the local Morris store was at Bluffton today where he attended the meeting of the managers of the nineteen Morris stores. A banquet was given today for the managers.

"America's Easter Guest" or "The Cross Beside the Flag" was a very impressive patriotic Easter service given at the Christian church last evening. The lights were hooded in red, white and blue, taking on the form of the beacon lights to be burned during patriotic week; and the church was decorated with the national colors in other ways, and with Easter flowers. The Easter program told the story of the ultimate triumph of Christianity in the present war. The program may be repeated soon.

The men of the Evangelical church will entertain the ladies this evening at seven o'clock. The ladies fear an April first joke, but have been assured that such is not the case. However, the men are keeping the nature of the entertainment a secret.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lamlin and daughter, Ireta, spent Easter with the Ed and Jesse Voirol families at Woodburn. Miss Ireta was accompanied home by her cousin, Inez Voirol, who will be her guest this week.

The Delta Theta Tau sorority will meet this evening with Miss Margaret Smith.

Mrs. B. W. Sholty was a guest of the Henry Koenemann family at Hoagland Easter.

The Zion Lutheran Ladies' Aid society will meet all day in the schoolhouse Thursday. Mrs. Chris Eberle will serve the dinner.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. S. Mills, of the Evangelical church, received a pleasing, but touching Easter greeting Sunday from their son, Edgar, at Camp Meigs, Washington, D. C. He sent by parcels a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas, with an Easter greeting therewith.

## GOURT

Licensed to marry: Clarent M. DeBolt, born March 19, 1900, son of Chauncey DeBolt, and Leota May Fereran, born October 17, 1900; Albert Stuckey, assistant cashier, Geneva, born October 21, 1894, and Flossie Meshberger, born November 12, 1896, daughter of John Meshberger, of French township.

Real estate transfers: Margaret J. Hahn to William A. and Martha Duer, lot 62, Monroe, \$1,000; Java V. Banta to William Wittwer, 100 acres of Hartford township, \$18,500.

Robert Nevil and Ethel Gleason were married this morning at eleven o'clock in the county clerk's office by Justice E. Burt Lenhart. The groom resides at Geneva and was born November 12, 1894, being a son of John Nevil. The bride was born October 14, 1900, and is a daughter of Dennis Gleason of Geneva.

In the Brewster partition case, report of commissioner was filed.

## DEATH TAKES TOLL

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to her reward, when Mrs. Margaret Jane Hilpert, wife of Frederick Hilpert, of Bobo, died Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, from tubercular trouble.

Born in Guernsey county, O., a daughter of Joseph Merrill, July 6, 1856, she had reached at the time of death, the age of sixty-one years, eight months and twenty-four days of age.

Practically all of her life was spent in the community where her death occurred. She leaves husband and two sons, Milton, of this city; and William, at home.

Funeral services will be Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at the United Brethren church at Rivar, interment being in the Decatur cemetery.

War Veteran Called.

Aaron Zerkel, well known Decatur civil war veteran, died last Thursday at LaGrange, at the home of Isaac Raver where he lived for several years.

The following obituary was sent to this office today by the Isaac Raver family:

## LONG BOY.

Bill Herschell's famous song which is being used everywhere for the Liberty Loan drive. It has the pep. Cut it out and save it so you can sing with the rest of Adams county.

We was just a long, lean country gink  
From 'way out west, where the hoptoads wink;  
He was six feet two in his stockin' feet,  
An' kept gittin' thinner th' more he'd eat.  
But he was as brave as he was thin,  
When the war broke out he got right in;  
Unhitched his plow, put th' mule away,  
Then th' old folks heard him say:

CHORUS.  
Goodby, Ma! Goodby, Pa!  
Goodby, mule, with yer old hee-haw!  
I may not know what th' war's about,  
But you bet, by gosh, I'll soon find out.  
An' O' my sweetheart, don't you fear,  
I'll bring you a King fer a souvenir;  
I'll git you a Turk an' a Kaiser, too,  
An' that's about all one feller could do.

One pair of socks was his only load  
When he struck fer town by th' old dirt road.  
He went right down to th' public square  
An' fell in line with th' soldiers there.  
Th' sergeant put him in uniform,  
His gal knit mitts fer to keep him warm;  
They drilled him hard, they drilled him long,  
Then he sang his farewell song:

CHORUS.

Aaron Zerkel was born in Auglaize county, O., Oct. 21, 1844; died March 28, 1918. Age seventy-four years, five months and seven days. His wife having preceded him in death, and having no children, he made his home with Isaac Raver, who kindly cared for him for over six years. He leaves one brother, one step-daughter, and three step-grandchildren. He was a veteran of the civil war being a private in Company A, 81st regiment, Ohio infantry.

Day closes and under the sentinel stars, how many are sleeping that fall in the wars; but glance for a moment from grief to the joys of the land above where brothers and sisters and husbands and wives with the angel of peace by the gate may abide; while high in the Heavens a warrior rides, his glorious raiment is gleaming like gold; so calm and so beautiful he seemeth. God Mars look more like spirit of peace than of war.

## Botulinus Was Found In Beans

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of the illness occurring in Decatur as botulinus is confirmed by bacteriologistical examination and the evidence incriminates the canned stringed beans or possibly other home canned articles served.

Efforts to isolate B. botulinus from stomach, intestinal contents, and spleen submitted have proven negative to all methods employed to date.

Yours very truly,

ROBERT GRAHAM  
Professor of Animal Pathology.

## JUST WHAT THEY ASK FOR

After today, April 1, Postmaster J. W. Bosse has been notified to receive no more parcels for mailing to the American Expeditionary Forces in France, unless they contain only articles requested by the one to whom they are addressed. Such parcels should have inclosed the written request of the one to whom they are addressed, and over the address of the sender, should be written the following:

"This parcel contains only articles sent at the approved request of addressee, which is inclosed." This order, it is thought, is due to military necessity, as a very large amount of mail, including unnecessary articles, have been sent, and it is difficult to handle the same.

## ON NEW TORPEDO BOAT

Edwin Overlay, 27, for nine years in the navy, left this afternoon at 1:05 o'clock for Norfolk, Va., and from there will go to San Francisco, where he has been assigned for duty on the new torpedo boat, U. S. Schley. He has been lately on the Monaghan, a destroyer, and has spent eight months in France. On being sent to the states, to be transferred to the new boat, he was granted a fifteen days' furlough, and took advantage of the same to visit with his mother, Mrs. Abe Whitright, of this city. He had many interesting experiences and brought with him many souvenirs of France and other places.

## ATTACK OF APPENDICITIS

Margaret Moran, Jr., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Moran, is confined to her bed with a serious attack of acute appendicitis. Whether an operation will be necessary is unknown at this time. The attack came on Saturday evening, while she was returning from Berne in the jitney. Being a brave little girl, however, she refused to have a physician until this morning, when it was pronounced appendicitis.

## COUNCIL OF DEFENSE

The Washington township council of

defense met at the office of Trustee

Augusta Saturday and organized

## Fly Your Flag

Is there a flag flying from your home? At this time every loyal American should fly his flag, and if you haven't any, be sure to get one before the 5th of April, and comply with the orders to decorate. We have just received a shipment of large American flags, 4x6, and are selling them for \$1.95, including pole and fixtures. They sure are beauties. Come in and look them over.

## M. Fullenkamp

## THE BOY "OVER THERE"

may have a portrait of Mother—but he'd like one of "Dad," too—send one in the next letter.

Make the appointment today.

## ERWIN STUDIO

Above Callow & Rice Drug Store.  
Bring of mail us your kodak work.

## W. J. Dowling Will Sell Ft. Wayne Real Estate

Have you thought of buying property in or near Ft. Wayne, either for a home or as an investment? If so, you may find it desirable to take the matter up with a dealer in Real estate whom you have known.

MR. W. J. DOWLING, formerly of Decatur, is now employed by me as salesman and will give special attention to parties from his home town.

## W. E. DOUD

224-9 Utility Bldg.

Phones 253-627

Fort Wayne, Indiana.

## SERVICE FLAG HERE

A service flag containing a star for each of the more than three hundred selected and volunteer soldiers from this county, has arrived and will be raised at Saturday's celebration. It is ten by twenty feet and the greatest flag ever seen in this city. Be sure to be here to cheer for this flag which means so much.

## CARD OF THANKS

We sincerely wish to thank our friends, neighbors, singers and the minister for the kindness they have shown us during the death and sickness of our beloved mother and wife.

Mr. J. T. Johnson and family.

Decorate your house and store and shop for Friday and Saturday. It's the biggest day in history and the red, white and blue