

# ONE KILLED, FOUR HURT IN CRASH

## Major Ed. Jackson Assumes Office As Governor Today

### INAUGURAL CEREMONIES ARE BRIEF

Becomes The Thirty-First Governor Of Indiana At Noon Today

OTHERS INAUGURATED  
Nearly 5,000 People Witness Ceremonies In Corridor Of Capitol

Editor's note: Governor Jackson's message to the legislature will be delivered Tuesday morning.

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Indianapolis, Jan. 12.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—With brief inaugural ceremonies in the corridor of the state capitol building, Major Ed. Jackson at noon today took office as the thirty-first governor of Indiana. At the same time F. Harold Van Orman, of Evansville, was inaugurated lieutenant governor and Mrs. Emma Eaton White, Indianapolis, the first woman to hold a state office in Indiana, assumed the duties of reporter of the supreme and appellate courts.

Nearly 5,000 persons, including members of the legislature, state officials, and political leaders, witnessed the ceremonies.

The two houses convened shortly before noon and in a joint session canvassed returns on the election returns for governor in accordance with the provisions of the state constitution. Adjournment was then taken for the inauguration.

After invocation by Bishop H. P. Fout, of the United Brethren church, Emmet F. Branch, retiring chief executive, delivered his farewell address.

Branch spoke briefly on the conduct of state affairs during his eight months as governor and asked full cooperation of the legislature and the state departments with the new executive.

Julius C. Travis, chief justice of the state supreme court, administered the oath.

### OPEN CAMPAIGN FOR RADIO FUND

Drive For Fund To Provide Blind With Sets Opens This Evening

The subscription campaign for the fund to provide radio receiving sets for the blind residents of this city, will be opened this evening at the annual banquet and meeting of the Decatur Industrial Association, Charles Colter, leader in the movement, stated today. Small envelopes will be placed at each plate this evening and those present will be asked to contribute any amount they desire to aid in the cause. The envelopes will be printed so that the contributor may enclose money in them, and write his name on the outside, or if he desires, he may fill in the blanks on the envelope, which are the same as a check.

It is hoped that the contributions received this evening will be a fine start on the campaign. Those sponsoring the movement feel certain that little difficulty will be experienced in raising a fund large enough to purchase sets for the city's blind. So far as known, there are only five blind residents in the city. After tonight a canvass will be made by several local citizens, giving everyone a chance to contribute to the fund.

### Banking Classes To Hold Second Meeting Jan. 14

The second meeting of the classes of the Decatur Chapter of the American Institute of Banking, will be held in the Catholic school building Wednesday evening. The first meeting of the classes was held last Wednesday evening. There are sixteen members of the organization. Anyone wishing to enroll in the course may do so yet at the meeting of the classes Wednesday night. The class in English will meet at 6:30 o'clock and the banking class will meet at 7:30. Sister Vera, principal of the Catholic high school, teaches the English class and Charles A. Dugan, president of the First National Bank, teaches the course in banking.

### KELLOGG GETS HUGHES' POST

President Coolidge Takes Over Active Control Of Foreign Policy

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Washington, Jan. 12.—With the announced resignation of Secretary of States Hughes, President Coolidge prepared today to take over active control of American foreign policy and drive toward further international disarmament and world peace. Hughes' resignation, which was announced March 4, after brilliant achievements in the office, is regretted by the president, it gives Mr. Coolidge an opportunity to direct foreign affairs which he believes should be the chief concern of the next administration, now that domestic issues are in hand.

In Frank Kellogg, now ambassador to London, he has chosen as his new aide of the state department a man who will execute Coolidge's policies and dispel possible senate opposition. The other member of the triumvirate whom the president has picked with himself and Kellogg to conduct foreign affairs is William E. Borah, chairman of the important senate foreign relations committee.

It is vitally necessary to Mr. Coolidge as a party leader that the new secretary of state be able to work with Borah. Since last summer when the president wanted Borah as his campaign running mate, the senator had been slated as the progressive spokesman in the consolidated and stronger Coolidge republican party.

With Hughes at the state department pulling in one direction and Borah pulling in the opposite direction for Russian recognition and a hands off policy in the Caribbean, Mr. Coolidge was faced with an apparently insoluble party problem. The solution came in the unsought resignation of Hughes.

Kellogg is expected to meet Borah halfway. As a senator he voted for Borah's proposal to authorize President Harding to call an arms conference. On the other hand he voted to ratify the treaty of Versailles, Borah opposed. On Russia and Caribbean policy his position is not clearly defined in the records.

Kellogg's practical experiences as a diplomat in London and his natural conservative tendencies will balance the more "liberal" policies of Borah, leaving to the president the ultimate decisions which have hitherto been almost solely in Hughes' hands.

The president is taking over control at a time of natural transition in American foreign affairs when many of Hughes' policies have culminated and a fresh situation is developing. Some of the problems follow:

Hughes made his contribution in the Washington arms conference.

### Seven Negroes Are Burned

Caldwell, N. J., Jan. 12.—Seven negroes, two women and five children, were burned to death today when fire destroyed their home.

### FRY TRIAL IS MOVING SLOWLY IN COURT HERE

Indications Are That Case Will Reach Jury Sometime Tomorrow

MANY WITNESSES

Fry Not Yet Called To Stand To Testify In His Own Behalf

The trial of Elwood Fry, Union township youth, on a charge of grand larceny and robbery, in connection with the holdup and robbery of Homer P. Crum, Honduras storekeeper, on July 26, 1924, moved slowly in circuit court here today as a stream of witnesses for the defense moved to and from the witness stand. Indications were that the introduction of evidence would not be completed today, at least not before late this afternoon, and the case will not go the jury before tomorrow sometime.

Fry had not taken the witness stand in his own defense at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon. Several residents of Union township were called upon to testify as to the reputation of young Fry in his home community as to honesty, peace and quietude. All testified that his reputation as to those qualities was good, prior to the time of the holdup at Honduras.

The defense does not deny that Fry was with Cleo McClester when the holdup was staged, but the defense is being based on the plea that Fry was forced to be an accomplice.

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### CORONER WILL BE NAMED SOON

Commissioners Will Appoint Successor To The Late Dr. Mattax

In all probability a special meeting of the board of county commissioners will be held sometime this month, at which time the appointment of a county coroner to succeed the late Dr. L. L. Mattax, of Geneva, whose death occurred Thursday night, will be made.

The first man to make his candidacy for the appointment is S. E. Black, local undertaker and republican candidate in the last election for the place. Mr. Black filed notice of his candidacy with County Auditor Martin Jaberg this morning and requested that it be presented to the commissioners when they meet to name a successor to Dr. Mattax.

Dr. Mattax began his third term as county coroner on January 1, 1925, serving only 8 days of his new term. It was stated that sentiment existed for the appointment of a man from the south part of the county. As far as could be learned no one was favored for the appointment, although the name of Dr. Mattax' son, Harold Mattax, publisher of the Geneva Herald, has been mentioned by his friends.

The county commissioners will more than likely be called into special session sometime this month to make the appointment. In the meantime the office of county coroner can be filled by a Justice of the Peace in the different townships, assisted by two physicians.

Funeral services for Dr. Mattax, were held Sunday afternoon at the Methodist church, at Geneva. The services were largely attended by Decatur and Adams county people and members of the Adams County Medical society.

### Gene Stratton - Porter Leaves Estate To Daughter

Los Angeles, Jan. 12.—The entire estate of Gene Stratton Porter, novelist and naturalist, who was killed here early last month in a traffic accident, was left to a daughter, Jeanette Porter Mohan, of this city according to a will filed for probate today.

### MEMBER OF NEW FIRM OF BARBERS

Forrest Elzey Joins Firm Which Will Open New Shop February 1

Forrest Elzey, well known barber of this city, today became a member of the firm which will open the new barber shop, shining parlor and bath house on Second Street in the Joseph and Lang building, now occupied by the Keller Jewelry Store. Mr. Elzey started to work this morning in the Cowan and Fuhrman barber shop on Madison street. The other members of the new firm, announcement of which was made last week, are Glen Cowan and Ira Fuhrman.

The new barber shop will open about February 1. Three barbers will take care of the trade and an up-to-date shoe shining parlor and a shower bath house will be installed. Ben Welker started to work at the Charles shoe barber shop this morning, taking the place made vacant by Mr. Elzey.

### Two Arrested On Charges Of Intoxication Sunday

Dan Death and Nade Haley were arrested Sunday and locked in the county jail over night on charges of public intoxication. Haley was arrested at the home of Dan Haley at 8 o'clock Sunday morning. Death was arrested at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Both were arraigned in court before John W. Merriman, justice of the peace this morning. Haley's case was continued, and Death entered a plea of not guilty. Death's case will be heard in Squire Merriman's court at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning.

### DATES ARE SET FOR CONVENTIONS

Officers Of County Sunday School Association Hold Meeting

The officers of the Adams County Sunday School Association met at Berne Sunday and arranged dates for the various township conventions to be held in the county. Other business pertaining to the Sunday School work of the county was discussed. The dates set for the township Sunday School conventions were as follows:

- Feb. 6—Monroe township.
- Feb. 15—Union and Root townships.
- April 19—French township.
- April 26—St. Marys township.
- May 3—Washington township.
- May 10—Preble and Kirkland townships.
- May 17—Hartford township.
- May 24—Wabash township.
- May 31—Blue Creek township.

### Weather

Snow tonight and colder in south-west portion. Tuesday generally fair, preceded by snow in north portion; colder in west and south portions.

### UNITED STATES GETS PAYMENTS IN DAWES PLAN

Awarded 52,000,000 Gold Marks Yearly Under Agreement Reached

BEGIN IN 1926

American Claim Expected To Be Paid In Full In Seventeen Years

(By A. L. Bradford)

(United Press Staff Correspondent)  
Paris, Jan. 12.—The United States has been accorded 52,000,000 gold marks yearly out of the Dawes payments, beginning in 1926, according to an agreement reached today. British circles announced semi-officially.

Official announcement is expected at tomorrow's plenary session of the finance conference.

Priority rights to cash payments for the costs of our Rhine army were conceded by the powers and it is estimated it will take seventeen years of payments at this rate to exhaust the American claim.

Regarding her claim for war damages out of the payments to be made by Germany under the Dawes plan, the United States will receive two and one fourth per cent of the annual payments during the entire period of operation of the plan. This percentage is limited, however, to 45,000,000 gold marks annually.

If the British announcement is officially confirmed, it means that the allies, in the secret conferences that have been the rule of procedure for

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### TO HAVE TAX BLANKS JAN. 19

Deputy Internal Revenue Collector To Have Supply In This City

J. O. Banks, deputy collector from the Fort Wayne Internal Revenue office, was in the city today and stated that several of the new blanks for taxpayer's use in making out their annual returns for last year would be ready for distribution next Monday, January 19. Mr. Banks will have the forms at the Decatur Industrial Association rooms and those who need the blanks may secure them from him next Monday.

Among the blank forms which he will have on hand are:

- Forms 1040-A—Individual return of salaries and interest under \$5,000.
- 1040—Individual business including farming, also income from other sources over \$5,000.
- 1096—Annual information return of salaries paid.
- 1099—Information return of salaries paid (to accompany 1096).
- 1120—Corporation income tax return.
- 1122—Information return of subsidiary or affiliated Corp.
- 1126—Certificate of inventory.

Those who filed a return last year will receive the blanks from Indianapolis by mail. Only a limited number of blanks, for those who started in last year or who will make their first report this year are available, it was stated.

### Hickey Bill Approved By Senate Committee

HICKEY BILL  
Washington, Jan. 12.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The senate today agreed to the conference report on the Hickey bill creating an additional federal judicial district in Indiana.

### Sorority And Elks Lodge Purchase Health Bonds

The Elks lodge has purchased a ten-dollar Health Bond and the Psi Iota Xi sorority has purchased a five-dollar bond. W. Guy Brown county chairman of the annual Christmas Seal sale, stated today. Although the sale of Christmas Seals ended on December 25, the sale of the Health bonds has been kept open in order to permit lodges and others organizations to take a vote on the purchase of the bonds. Several of the lodges, sororities and clubs of the city have purchased Health Bonds. The money derived from the sale of Christmas Seals and Health Bonds is used in fighting tuberculosis.

### GOV. DAVIS IS ARRESTED TODAY

Governor Of Kansas Charged With Soliciting And Accepting A Bribe

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE)

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 12.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—For the first time in the history of the state, a governor of Kansas was placed under arrest here today.

Warrants charging soliciting and accepting a bribe were served upon Governor Jonathan M. Davis, and his son, Russell Davis, in connection with acceptance by the latter of \$1,250 from Fred Pollman, paroled convict, for a pardon for Pollman.

The governor and his son, an hour before the former was to relinquish his office to Ben S. Paulen, the new state executive, appeared at the courthouse to sign bonds of \$1,000 each.

Neither displayed the slightest bit of emotion as they stood by the clerk's desk waiting to sign the papers which had been prepared.

Accompanying the governor were Colonel A. H. Harvey and the latter's two sons, who will represent the governor and his son.

Several prominent democrats were also present. Governor Davis talked in low tones with several of these and ignored other bystanders who had come to the courthouse to see their governor placed under arrest.

After signing the bonds Governor Davis left the building and went back to the state house to prepare for the inaugural ceremony at noon. Russell Davis accompanied his father.

### First Official Act Of Governor Ed Jackson

Indianapolis, Jan. 12.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The first official act of Governor Ed Jackson after his inauguration at noon today was the appointment of Pliny Wolford, his life long friend as his secretary for the four years term.

Later in the day the governor was expected to sign the commission under which W. H. Kershner, of Indianapolis will succeed Harry B. Smith, as adjutant general of the Indiana National Guard.

### Decatur Dog Entered In Coon Chase Saturday

Adam Diehl, employe of the Pennsylvania railroad company in this city, entered his dog in the coon chase held at Rieffsburg, Wells county, last Saturday. Mr. Diehl's dog got away to a good start but slowed down and came in last, thereby failing to win a prize. There were thirty-eight dogs entered in the chase.

### BIRTH

A seven pound boy baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herman Lengerich at their home on Fifth street, at 2 o'clock this morning. This is the first child in the family. Mrs. Lengerich formerly was Miss Teresa Uiman.

### TRAIN STRIKES AUTOMOBILE IN DECATUR SUNDAY

Frank Baker Family And Mrs. Robert Chronister Are The Victims

ONE BOY IS KILLED

Mrs. Chronister And One Boy In Critical Condition At Hospital

One child was killed and four persons were injured when a northbound Grand Rapids & Indiana passenger train struck an automobile at the Adams street crossing in this city at 7:20 o'clock Sunday morning. THOMAS BAKER, age 9, was killed instantly.

The injured are: MRS. ROBERT CHRONISTER, 19, skull fractured and internal injuries. Condition critical.

WALTER BAKER, 8, broken right leg, severe bruise on head and possible fracture of the skull. Condition critical.

FRANK BAKER, 41, father of the two boys, slightly cut and bruised. Not serious.

MRS. BAKER, severe scalp wound and numerous cuts and bruises. Condition not regarded serious.

Mrs. Chronister, Mrs. Baker and Walter Baker are patients at the Adams County Memorial hospital, where they were taken immediately following the accident. At the hospital late this afternoon, it was stated that slight improvement was noted in the condition of Mrs. Chronister and the little boy, but their condition is very critical. Mrs. Baker is improving.

Were Enroute To Church

Mr. and Mrs. Baker and their two children, and Mrs. Chronister, who is a neighbor to the Bakers, were enroute to the St. Marys Catholic church in this city from their home three miles south and a half mile west of here and were traveling east, when the accident occurred. Mr. Baker was driving and he said after

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### MANY TO ATTEND BANQUET TONIGHT

Industrial Association To Hold Annual Meeting This Evening

More than 130 tickets have been sold among the business men of Decatur for the annual dinner of the Decatur Industrial Association to be given this evening at six-thirty o'clock at the Knights of Columbus hall. Arrangements are being made to accommodate between 125 and 150 men, it was stated.

Avon Burk, president of the association, will preside at the meeting and deliver his annual message. France Conter, secretary of the association, will make his annual report and show what the association has accomplished during the year. He will also see that the survey books, "Facts About Decatur, Indiana" are distributed among the members.

The election of the directors will take place during the evening and plans for the 1925 program will be adopted. Among the propositions to come up for discussion and action are the employing of a paid secretary for the association, the fixing of the budget to take care of this expense, if the association votes to employ such a person and other matters of interest to all. The association will also discuss the proposition of sponsoring contests for the junior farmers. The meeting promises to be one of real interest and every member is urged to attend.