

## ASK DEATH PENALTY FOR BANK BANDITS

### HERRIN QUIET FOLLOWING LAST KLAN OUTBREAK

Town Prepares To Bury Four Killed In Disturbance Saturday Night

### S. GLENN YOUNG SLAIN Three Klansmen And Deputy Sheriff Are Shot To Death

#### END OF WARFARE SEEN

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Herrin, Ill., Jan. 26.—Bitter warfare in Herrin—the red town of bloody Williamson county—ceased with the passing of S. Glenn Young, the stormy petrel of the klan ranks, in the opinion of many local townspeople.

Not only did Young go down before the bullets of hate, but one of the leaders of the opposition—Ora Thomas—also is dead.

Several hundred filed by Young's body in the morgue yesterday paying tribute to the zealous leader of the hooded organization.

With this sort of backing klan leaders say the klan fight for law enforcement, will be continued and that another strong leader will soon appear.

By Young, since his arrival here in 1922, has been the center of the shooting which have taken a total of 13 lives, and his passing, many believe, will blot out the red smear of disgrace on the town.

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Herrin, Ill., Jan. 26.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—The guns of hatred are quiet today as Herrin prepares to bury its dead.

Temporary peace to the hotbed of State troops have brought back a "Moody Williamson county," where Saturday night klan and anti-klan men spat, resulting in four men being killed and two wounded.

Klan forces suffered the most heavily for its active leader, "Two Gun" S. Glenn Young dropped before the bullets of his arch enemy, Ora Thomas, deputy sheriff under George Gallman. Two other klansmen were killed, Ed Forbes and Homer Warner. Thomas also was slain.

In a grim manner the klan has gone about preparations to bury its slain (Continued on page three)

### AMUSING STORY IN SENIOR PLAY

Much Comedy In Play To Be Staged January 28 And 29

The story of the senior class play, "Dilly," which will be given in the high school auditorium Wednesday and Thursday evenings, is highly interesting and amusing. The plot deals with a set of false teeth, belonging to a young football hero, who lost four front teeth in an important football game. He takes an ocean trip to be away from his friends while he is becoming accustomed to the false teeth, and after the ship sets sail, he finds that to his horror, that his sweetheart and her mother are passengers on the ship. To add to his discomfort, he loses his false teeth when the captain of the ship accidentally bumps into him while he is in the act of proposing to his sweetheart. The comedy increases as the hero tries to talk without his false teeth.

The cast will hold a full dress rehearsal this evening. There are thirteen principal characters in the play and feature numbers will be given by other members of the class. The play is being given under the supervision of Miss Agnes Sellemeyer and the direction of Mrs. J. R. Blair.

### County Medical Society To Meet Tuesday Evening

Members of the Adams County Medical society will meet Tuesday evening at eight o'clock at the office of Dr. H. O. Jones, president of the association, in Berne. Dr. Allen Miller, of Monroe, will have the paper on "Treatment of denuded surfaces" and an invitation is extended to doctors and physicians who are not members of the society to attend the meeting.

### COUNTY CLERK MAKES REPORT

Interesting Figures Shown In Annual Statistical Report

John E. Nelson, clerk of the Adams circuit court, has completed his annual statistical report, which he is required to forward to the legislative reference bureau. Several interesting figures are contained in the report.

Among other things, the report shows that 142 marriage licenses were issued in 1924, and that 14 divorces were granted, ten being granted to women and four to men.

The report is as follows:

**Civil Cases**

Number of cases pending on January 1, 1924, 271.

Number of cases filed in 1924, 222.

Number of cases venued to this county, 32.

Number of cases disposed of during the year, 239.

Number of cases venued to other counties, 12.

Number of cases dismissed, 95.

Number of cases, miscellaneous, 73.

Number of cases in which judgment was entered, 59.

Number of cases pending, December 31, 287.

**Criminal Cases**

Number pending January 1, 1924, 26.

Number filed during year, 35.

Number disposed of, 31.

Miscellaneous, 5.

Number dismissed, 14.

Number in which judgment was entered, 12.

Number pending December 31, 1924, 27.

**Miscellaneous Items**

Number of letters of administration issued, 80; number of guardianships issued, 18; number of decrees of foreclosure issued, 18; number of sheriff's sales held, 13; number of unsound mind, 2.

### Sub-Zero Cold Wave Is Headed This Way

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Chicago, Jan. 26.—A sub zero cold wave is sweeping out of the northwest and will invade Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and adjacent territory by tonight, the weather bureau stated today.

Temperatures of from 20 to 40 below zero were reported from North Dakota, northern Minnesota and Manitoba.

Near blizzards were reported in the northwestern states.

### Nebraska Has Blizzard

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Omaha, Neb., Jan. 26.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A near blizzard, sweeping out of the northwest, sent thermometers in Nebraska down forty or more degrees during the night. At Norfolk the mercury reached 12 degrees below today, compared to 33 above Sunday evening. Omaha weather bureau reported two below today, a fall of 39 degrees.

### Death Claims Oldest Citizen Of Chicago

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Chicago, Jan. 26.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Chicago's oldest citizen is dead. James Kirkley, who would have been 103 years old had he lived until April 21, died at his home here yesterday.

Kirkley, who was born in England in 1822, came to Chicago in 1853. He and his wife were naturalized as soon as possible.

Kirkley was known as the oldest member of the Masonic and Odd Fellows lodges.

### CATHOLIC HIGH DEBATERS WIN

Defeat C. C. H. S. Team Of Fort Wayne Here Sunday Afternoon

The Decatur Catholic High School debaters won the decision from the C. C. H. S. team, of Fort Wayne, in a debate held at the Knights of Columbus hall in this city Sunday afternoon, the local girls having the affirmative of the question, "Resolved: That Capital Punishment Should be Abolished." The visitors were on the negative side of the question.

A large crowd attended the debate and Walter J. Krick, principal of the Decatur Public High school, and the Misses Grace Coffee and Margaret Moran, teachers in the public schools were the judges.

The local team won high points in the classifications of constructive speech and also on rebuttal. The local team was awarded 26.94 points on constructive speech, against 23.53 points for the Fort Wayne team. On rebuttal the local girls were 11.8 points as against 9.95 points for the visitors. The total averages were, Decatur Catholic high, 38.74 points, and Fort Wayne, 33.55 points.

The members of the local debating team were the Misses Helen Hoihouse, Anna Murtaugh and Bernardine Christen. The C. C. H. S. team was composed of Paul App, Bernard Broecker and Francis Corbit, the latter a former Decatur boy.

Tonight the negative team of the Catholic high school will go to Fort Wayne where they will debate the same question with the C. C. H. S. team at the Knights of Columbus hall.

### German Officials Keep Watchful Eye On Poland

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Berlin, Jan. 26.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—German official circles are keeping a watchful eye on Poland.

Advances from Warsaw to the Lok-Anzeiger, which lack official confirmation, declares Poland is preparing to mobilize and the government here is on the lookout.

### ADAMS THEATRE IS PURCHASED

Charles Spray Sells Motion Picture Theatre To Rensselaer Men

Frank G. Kresler and Van R. Grant, of Rensselaer, Indiana, have purchased the Adams motion picture theatre in this city from Charles Spray, the new owners taking possession of the theatre Sunday. Mr. Spray's health has failed him and it was necessary for him to give up his business.

Mr. Kresler, who will manage the theatre here, has been in the motion picture theatre business for several years and is the owner of a theatre in Rensselaer at present. He has a wife and four children, one of his daughters being a student in Western College at Oxford, Ohio. He expects to move his family to this city as soon as school is out in the spring.

Mr. Kresler announced today that the name of the theatre here will not be changed, but that he expects to improve on the quality of pictures shown there. He has started booking several new pictures, and plans to give Decatur people up-to-date shows. He has contracted for "America," a new feature picture, to be shown here soon. The price of admission to the regular shows will be ten and twenty-five cents while a small increase in price will be made for the feature pictures. The theatre will be operated every night and matinees will be given on Saturday and Sunday, Mr. Kresler stated.

The Adams theatre was opened on West Madison street last summer by Mr. Spray. The room, formerly occupied by a restaurant, was remodeled, redecorated and furnished with new fixtures.

### A DREAM FROM THE LONG AGO

"A close observer, a scientist, who has traced a Decaturite to his native lair and has carefully studied his habits and characteristic, says the following in an article to be read before the many of the literary clubs:

"In the winter time the Decaturite hibernates, being awakened only by the pangs of hunger, at which time he partakes of the prune, the peanut, the dried apple, and other indigenous fruits as he may have laid by for the occasion. He then resumes his comatose condition, in which state he remains until the return of spring when he gets a hair cut, asks who is president, and prepares for another season of running wild among the flowers."—From "25 years ago" in the Bluffton News.

But one spring, dear brother, we awoke a little early and discovered Bluffton playing basketball with Poneto and since then we have been very much alive, kindest thou not?

### TO REORGANIZE NIGHT SCHOOL

Beginning And Advanced Work To Be Offered In Three Subjects

The night classes in book-keeping, typewriting and short hand, which have been conducted at the high school building two nights a week for the past few months, will be re-organized Tuesday evening and the work of the second semester started, providing there is enough signed up for the course. Beginning and advanced work will be offered in shorthand, typewriting and book-keeping. All people who wish to sign up for the work are requested to meet at the high school building at 7:30 o'clock Tuesday night. The classes are taught by high school teachers and the cost is divided equally among the students taking the work.

### Bill To Raise Mortgage Tax Exemption Passes

Indianapolis, Jan. 26.—By a vote of 55 to 8 the Senate passed the bill to raise mortgage tax exemptions for \$1,000 to \$2,000.

### Four Men Killed By Gas At Columbus, Ohio

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Columbus, O., Jan. 26.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Four men were killed today by gas which leaked into a pit sixty feet below the street level where they were laying the foundation of the new American Insurance-union building.

### SENATE HOLDS UP NOMINATION

Stone's Nomination Referred Back To Judiciary Committee

Washington, Jan. 26.—The senate today held up President Coolidge's nominations of Attorney General Harlan F. Stone to be a supreme court justice and Charles B. Warren, of Michigan, to be attorney general.

After a prolonged secret session Stone's nomination was referred back to the judiciary committee for further consideration. This move blocked action on the Warren nomination which the committee previously decided to hold up until Stone's nomination was disposed of.

### Weather

Cloudy tonight; cold wave, lowest temperature zero to ten above in north portion, five to 15 above in extreme south portion.

### TOTAL OF RADIO FUND IS \$374.95

More Money Needed To Buy Sets For Blind; Personal Canvas Ends

The total of the fund being raised to purchase radio receiving sets for the blind residents of Decatur and immediate community reached \$374.95 today. More money is needed to enable the committee to provide sets for all of the nine known blind residents of the city and community. Charles Colter and R. J. Harting, the two citizens who originated the movement here and who have been soliciting for the fund, stated today that it would be impossible for them to spend more of their time in making a personal canvas and all who have not donated to the fund and who wish to do so are asked to see Mr. Harting at the People's restaurant, Mr. Colter at the Smith & Bell lumber company office or leave their contribution at the Daily Democrat office. Several have promised to make a contribution to the fund, but so far have failed to turn it in. The amount reported each day has all been paid in in cash.

Within a few days, a committee will be appointed to investigate radio supplies and make the purchases. Local firms have volunteered to sell the sets for the blind at low prices.

The new contributors to the fund are:

Previous total	\$356.45
The Misses Carlisle	1.00
James Hurst	5.00
Dr. C. C. Rayl	5.00
Ed Whitright	1.00
Frank McConnell	.50
Decatur Lumber Co.	5.00
Ed Fulton	1.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$374.95</b>

### Epworth League Will Hold Pot-Luck Supper

The Epworth League of the Methodist church will hold a pot-luck supper at the church Tuesday evening at 5 o'clock. Each member is requested to bring one article of food.

### MARRIED FOR FIFTY YEARS

Mr. and Mrs. John P. Shoemaker Celebrate Golden Anniversary

Geneva, Jan. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. John P. Shoemaker were the guests of honor at a big dinner and celebration held at the home of their son, Cliff Shoemaker and family, near Geneva, on January 18. The gathering was held in honor of the golden wedding anniversary of the former couple, though it also took somewhat the form of a farewell to Cliff and his family, as they are leaving soon for Minnesota.

The crowning event of the day was the big dinner, with every good thing to eat that humans could desire. At the finish of the meal came the cutting and eating of the wonderful golden wedding cake, which measured 17 inches wide, 25 inches long and 3½ inches high.

At the request of the family, Kenneth E. Shoemaker had written a history of the life of Mr. and Mrs. Shoemaker and, as the writer was unable to be present, it was read by Mrs. George Shoemaker.

Gold pieces from the children were presented by little Thurlio Shoemaker, the youngest grandson. A gold water set was presented by D. P. and Bell Shoemaker and money by Mr. and Mrs. George Shoemaker.

This pleasant meeting was brought to a close when prayer was offered by Mrs. Amos Shoemaker and all joined in singing "God Be With You Till We Meet Again."

Those present besides the guests of honor and their immediate family, which numbered twenty-five in all, were Messrs. and Mesdames D. (Continued on Page Three)

### Rev. Whitesell Goes To Arkansas To Hold Revival

The Rev. F. D. Whitesell, pastor of the First Baptist church of this city, has gone to Piggott, Arkansas, where he will conduct a revival meeting at the First Baptist church of that city. Rev. Whitesell left today and will be gone two weeks. Rev. Whitesell is a fluent and intelligent speaker and has a message worth hearing.

### SUBSCRIBERS LIKE CALENDER

Find Daily Democrat Premium To Be A Highly Useful Article

One of our faithful subscribers, and by the way one of the successful and progressive farmers of Adams county, (name on request) called at this office Saturday afternoon and said, "I renewed my subscription to the Daily Democrat last week and received one of the useful Farmer's account books and calendars. My son and daughter, who are both married and live outside of Adams county saw this calendar, and wanted to know if they could get one. I want to subscribe for the paper for them so that they'll get one of the calendars. The paper is worth more than the subscription price and besides getting the news from Adams county, they'll be able to keep an accurate record of their receipts and expenditures during the year. The calendar is one of the finest I have ever seen."

This man, who has taken the Daily Democrat ever since it was first published, is one of the prominent farmers of Adams county. Many others have found the calendar, which is a combination account and record book, very useful in keeping tab of the many items of sales and outlays during the year. Several hundred of these useful calendars have been given to those who have renewed their subscription to the Daily Democrat to 1926 and if you call at the office or send your renewal by mail we shall be glad to send you one of them.

The twenty-second annual renewal campaign of the Daily Democrat is going full blast and the renewals so far this year exceed those of last year for the same period. More and more the people of this county and those who wish to keep in touch with the affairs and happenings in and around Adams county, are convinced that they cannot get along without the daily paper and it is an annual custom of theirs to renew their subscription to the paper during the first month of our renewal campaign. Do it now and be assured of getting the news during 1925.

### Basket Dinner To Feature Kirkland Twp. Institute

Everybody who attends the farmers institute at Kirkland township high school building Wednesday is invited to bring their dinner and take part in a big basket dinner to be enjoyed at the noon hour. Each family may furnished anything they desire. The dinner will be served cafeteria style and the meal will be ready as soon as the morning session of the institute is dismissed. Each woman is asked to bring enough sandwiches, already prepared, for her own family and a few extras. Each person is requested, also, to bring their own cup.

There will be sessions of the institute in the forenoon, afternoon and evening, and splendid programs have been prepared.

### Industrial Association Directors Meet Tonight

The meeting of the directors of the Decatur Industrial Association will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Industrial rooms. The election of officers will take place and every member is urged to be present.

### Advertisers To Meet On Wednesday Evening

The members of the Decatur Advertisers Association will meet in the Industrial Association rooms on South Second street at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday evening. All members are urged to be present.

### PROTECTION OF BANKS IS SOUGHT IN NEW MEASURE

More Frequent Use Of Electric Chair Recommended In Bill

OTHER NEW MEASURES

State Senate Makes Short Work Of Several New Bills Today

(UNITED PRESS SERVICE) Indianapolis, Jan. 26.—(Special to Daily Democrat)—Convicted bank bandits in Indiana would go to the electric chair or face life imprisonment under provisions of a bill introduced in the senate today.

The measure which provides the severest penalty for bank banditry in history of the state was sponsored jointly by Senators Lochard, of Versailles and Southworth, of Lafayette.

Demand for stricter laws to protect banks of the state against the alarming number of bandit gangs operating in Indiana during the past two years was made by the Indiana bankers association at the last state convention.

More frequent use of the electric chair was recommended in another senate measure today. Senator Batt, of Terra Haute, introduced a bill to provide the death penalty for persons who commit a felony and use an automobile or other self-propelled vehicles to escape.

Curbing the punishment of school children by teachers in Indiana was sought in a bill introduced in the house by Representative Smith of Lafayette.

The bill would make it unlawful for any teacher "to strike a pupil or otherwise administer corporal punishment" until notice has been given the parent or guardian. The bill would also prohibit punishment of a child by the teacher in the presence of other pupils.

The state board of health sterilization bill was brought another step towards passage in the senate when a favorable report was made on it.

Bills in the senate were disposed of faster than they were introduced today. Only thirteen were thrown into the hoppers while committee reports were made on eleven, two were withdrawn and nine passed second reading.

Seven bills were put up for second reading, three were reported out of the committee while only ten were introduced in the lower house.

### COUNTY GAINS IN SCHOOL FUND

Receives \$539.76 More Than Was Collected In This County

Adams county gained \$539.76 in the state's distribution of common school funds and congressional school fund interest, checks for the distribution being sent to the township trustees and treasurers of the school boards today.

Adams county sent \$17,271.48 to the state, \$14,704.12 being common school funds and \$2,567.36 congressional school fund interest. The county received \$17,811.24, an increase of \$539.76. The school funds were divided on a per capita basis of \$2.90 and a fraction for each of the 6,326 children of school age in the county.

The amounts distributed to the townships and to the school boards are as follows: Union, \$842.06; Root, \$1045.32; Preble, \$836.25; Kirkland, \$920.46; Washington, \$1236.96; St. Marys, \$824.64; Blue Creek, \$801.41; Monroe, \$1936.74; French, \$827.54; Hartford, \$937.88; Wabash, \$1257.28; Jefferson, \$810.12; Berne, \$1149.85; Geneva, \$766.56 and Decatur, \$4175.46. The distribution of school funds is made twice a year, following the May and November tax payments.