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Large Apartment Building Burns On South Side Of City

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Running to the fourth floor of the hotel, the girls shouted for the four to be calm. The girls secured a long iron board, ran it from their window across the eight foot area and the four crawled to safety.

An unidentified woman, also trapped by the flames on the fourth and top floor, leaped from her window. Her clothing caught on a protruding rod from the third floor window. Shrieking with pain and fright as long tongues of fire whirled around her, she dangled 30 feet above the pavement. Several University of Chicago students saw her plight. They secured ladders and two of them assembled to the rescue through the flames and brought the woman to safety. She was not badly hurt.

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RADIO FUND IS PAST \$500 MARK

Total Of \$507.26 Raised To Provide Sets For Blind Citizens

The total of the fund being raised for the purpose of purchasing radio sets for the blind residents of Decatur and the immediate vicinity today passed the \$500 mark. The contributions reported today by Charles Colter and R. J. Harting, leaders of the movement, boosted the grand total to \$507.26.

The amount has now reached a total which assures a receiving set for all of the blind residents of the city and vicinity, although more money is needed to complete the purchases. The purchasing committee likely will be appointed early next week and before many days the blind persons will be listening in and at enjoyment out of life.

Contributors are:

John and wife \$486.00
A. J. and wife50
Augustine 1.00
John E. Nunn 1.00
Margaret Moran, Sr. 1.00
A. friend 1.00

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UNITED PRESS SERVICE Indianapolis, Jan. 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—A cold wave for Sunday night with temperature of from 10 to 15 degrees above zero was forecast today by the weather bureau. Another cold wave moving down on midwestern states from the Canadian northwest will bring the drop in temperature late tomorrow, the weather bureau said.

Gasoline Prices Goes Up Another Cent Today

UNITED PRESS SERVICE Indianapolis, Jan. 31—(Special to Daily Democrat)—For the third time in eight days gasoline prices jumped one cent a gallon today.

The increase announced by the Standard Oil Co. of Indiana was followed by independent concerns.

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Herman Myers Finishes Work at Indiana University

Herman H. Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Myers, of this city, has returned from Indiana University, at Bloomington, after having completed his course in the school of Liberal Arts at the close of the first semester. Mr. Myers will receive an A. B. degree at the commencement next June. He will not return to school for the second semester, but will enter business in his father's clothing store here. Mr. Myers was popular while a student at Indiana, being a member of many honorary organizations on the campus. He was yell leader during the first semester this year.

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MAN FOUND DEAD HERE IS BURIED

Identity Not Learned; Rev. Covert Conducts Short Service

The unidentified man who was found dead in a tile kiln at the Krick-Tyndall tile mill here yesterday morning, was buried in the Decatur cemetery at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Short services were conducted at the grave by the Rev. B. N. Covert, pastor of the Presbyterian church.

Owing to the partially decomposed condition of the man's body, it was impossible to hold the body any longer. No word regarding the identity of the man was received before the body was buried. A call was received at noon today from Gaston, Indiana, asking if the man had any fingers missing on either hand. It was stated that a Gaston man was missing but he had part of his fingers amputated. As the man who died here had all of his fingers he was not the man wanted in Gaston.

Everybody concerned with the weather—and most people are—are anticipating what the old "Ground Hog" is going to do next Monday, February 2, officially known and designated on the calendar as "Ground Hog Day." They are wondering if this hibernating animal is going to come out of his hiding place and if he does, whether or not he'll see his shadow. After six or seven weeks of real old-fashioned winter, during which time the ground has been covered with snow and ice, many are hoping that Ground Hog day will be so dark that the old fellow cannot see his shadow.

According to an old superstition, if the sun shines bright enough for the ground hog to see his shadow on February 2, he will become frightened and scamper back to his hole for another six weeks of winter weather. If the old fellow does not see his shadow he is not perturbed, remains out of his hibernation, and spring, indeed, has come, as the old tale runs. But it seems we have a motley season in this broad land of ours, along about this time of year, weeks more of winter in some localities, spring-like days from now on in other communities, and some of both in other places.

The truth is, of course, ground hogs are no more likely to come out of their holes to "look around" for the first time, on February 2, than on the following day, or any other day. They come out of their holes early in the season, however—when the sun begins to get higher in the heavens and the weather becomes milder. And they go back into their holes when the weather grows fierce—because they would starve to death if they did not do so. The ground hog will be out nibbling at what he can find to eat every time he gets a chance, but if the snows come or the ice covers the ground, the animal very properly retires to his den for a few days or a few weeks more slumber.

As for the weather, we are certain to have some of the very roughest sort before spring time. We always have had it, and we always will. There will be bright days, and warm ones, scattered along from today on, until the spring flowers bloom. And it is certain there will be considerable cold days between now and that time. But the ground hog has nothing to do with it, and knows nothing about it. He doesn't know as much about it as the weather man, and makes just as many mistakes.

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