

# DECATUR DAILY DEMOCRAT

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## AIRCRAFT BOARD LEADS SUPPORT TO COL. MITCHELL

Report Of Committee  
Charges High Commands  
Retard Aviation

## RECOMMEND SINGLE AVIATION DEPARTMENT

Washington, Nov. 30.—A charge that the high commands of the army and navy have retarded aviation development, concurrence in many of the criticisms voiced by Colonel William Mitchell, and recommendation for a single department of national defense are the salient features of the report of the house aircraft committee, as drafted, the United Press learned today.

The committee will forward its findings and recommendations to the clerk of the house within a week about the same time the Morrow board report is submitted to the president.

Besides obtaining approval of his proposal for a merger of the national defense organizations, Mitchell also will receive the committee's wholehearted support for his charge that the nation is without an adequate defense system. In recommending a combination of the defense departments, the committee will not go all the way with Mitchell, by urging establishment of a separate air service. The committee will recommend a unified service for procurement only and refrain from discussing the organization of the proposed department.

The committee will disagree with testimony by high ranking officers that the United States is in a parity with other nations in air strength and that lack of funds has caused inadequacies that may exist. In relative air standing the United States will be ranked not higher than third nor lower than fifth. Official figures will be cited to show that only ten per cent of expenditures during the last five years have gone toward new and remodeled planes.

The report will bristle with criticisms of the high commands for their lack of recognition of air power and charge that the army and navy have been backward in realizing the possibilities of aviation as a combatant arm.

Mitchell's charge of a "breakdown" in the national defense system will be concurred in by the committee with the declaration that the army and navy have failed to agree on a definite air policy. The committee will report that lack of an adequate air force leaves the United States without a secure and adequate national defense system.

Other recommendations by the

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## BAZAAR CLOSES SATURDAY NIGHT

Ford Touring Car Awarded  
To Conrad Gillig At St.  
Mary's Church Bazaar

Conrad Gillig, well known retired farmer of this city, received the Ford touring car presented by the St. Mary's Catholic parish at the close of the bazaar held in the auditorium of the Decatur Catholic high school last week. The final awards were made Saturday night and a large crowd attended the closing program.

Several other valuable and beautiful prizes were awarded Saturday night, the recipients being: Miss Beatrice Keller, who was presented with the hope chest; O. L. Vance, with a gentleman's traveling bag; John Joseph, with a hand-made quilt; Robert Kohne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Kohne, with a fancy blanket; Mrs. L. A. Holthouse, a hand-woven linen bed room set, and Dick Durkin, a fancy quilt.

Many smaller prizes of floor and bridge lamps, blankets and other articles were given away during the week. The bazaar was well attended throughout the week and a neat sum was obtained, the exact figures not being available this morning as all accounts and bills have not yet been paid. The proceeds are donated to the Catholic school building fund and the appreciation of those in charge of the event is extended to the public for its patronage.

Pastor Pronounces  
Benediction After  
Church Catches Fire

Jeffersonville, Ind., Nov. 30.—(United Press)—Sunday morning services at the First Nazarene church here were hurriedly concluded yesterday when a blaze was discovered in the roof of the building.

Rev. J. W. Taylor pronounced the benediction and the congregation marched quietly out as firemen climbed to the roof. The damage was small.

## FIGHT TO SAVE CHAPMAN OPENS

U. S. Attorney Says "Prince  
Of Bandits" Is No Longer  
Federal Prisoner

Bulletin  
Hartford, Conn., Nov. 30.—(United Press)—The United States has no further interest in Gerald Chapman as he is no longer a federal prisoner but is now within the jurisdiction of the state of Connecticut, assistant United States Attorney Cohen told Federal Judge Thomas today when the hearing on the "prince of bandit's" application for a writ of habeas corpus opened in Wethersfield state prison here.

When the fight to save Chapman from the gallows opened, Judge Thomas assembled a full federal court to hear the bandit's petition. If granted, the petition would return Chapman to Atlanta to serve out his long federal sentence for the New York mail robbery before the state could hang him for the murder of Policeman Skelly in New Britain, as ordered by the state courts.

Fort Wayne Man Killed  
When His Auto Skids

Fort Wayne, Ind., Nov. 30.—(United Press)—The skidding of an auto on a slippery pavement caused the death of Joseph Sulzer, Fort Wayne grocer. Four other occupants of the auto were hurt.

## SPECIAL MEETING AT M. E. CHURCH

One-Day Cultivation Meeting  
Planned For All-Day  
Next Thursday

A one-day cultivation meeting will be held in the First Methodist church Thursday, December 3. First church of this city will act as host and the church of Geneva, Geneva circuit, Monroe, Bobo circuit, Pleasant Mills, Salem, and Decatur circuit will attend as guests. The general public of Decatur is cordially invited to attend any of the meetings.

Morning, afternoon and evening services will be held. Everybody is invited to come early and stay late. The women's missionary societies are urged to attend in a body, and the men are urged to come in large numbers.

The speakers for the meeting are of out-standing ability, having spoken in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Fort Wayne, Gary and other cities. The meeting will be in the charge of Dr. W. W. Wiant, of Fort Wayne, the district superintendent. Following is the program for the all-day meeting:

Morning Session, 9:30 a.m.

Devotions  
Sermon, "In the School of Prayer"—Dr. W. W. Wiant

Defining and Developing the Local Church Parish—Dr. A. C. Brown

Lunch—The Ladies Aid Society will serve.

Afternoon Session, 1:30 p.m.  
The Evangelistic Responsibility of the Local Church—Dr. W. G. Seaman

Missionary Education and Organization  
Third Quarterly Conference  
tion for World Service in the Local Church—Dr. W. G. Seaman

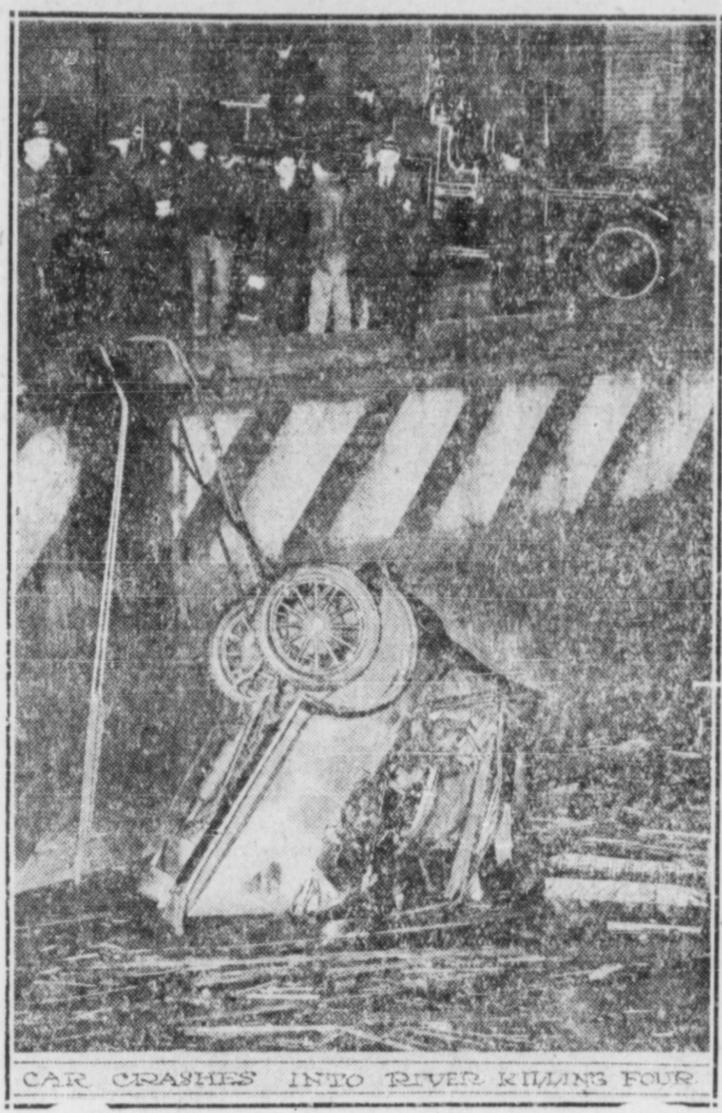
An Adequate Financial Plan for the Local Church—Somerville Light Fellowship Supper—6:30 p.m.

The pastor and officials of First church will be glad to welcome the entire membership of the Local church as well as the guests from outside the city to this pot luck supper.

The Night Meeting, 7:30 p.m.  
Inspirational Service—Dr. R. C. Hartley, Sky Pilot to the lumber camps of the Northwest, will speak.

The general citizenship of the city purchased by the city some years ago may be used for the terminal building.

## Four Killed in River Plunge



A family of four was drowned in the East River, New York, when their closed car plunged over a bulkhead as they were driving in the dark. The chauffeur alone was saved.

## SNOW FOLLOWS RAINY WEATHER

### Four-hour Snowfall Sunday Is Followed By Freezing Temperatures

Winter weather overcame the rainy spell in Northern Indiana yesterday and snow fell for more than four hours late yesterday afternoon, followed by a drop in the thermometer and freezing weather. Pavements and roads were made hazardous by the snow and sleet and many automobiles skidded into ditches.

This morning the thermometer registered about 28 degrees, but a distant sun and warmer atmosphere aided in a higher temperature and at 11 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered 32 degrees. An overcast sky gave predictions of more snow this afternoon and the temperature slipped slightly lower.

Many of the farmers were able to get their sugar beets out of the ground and into the factory last week. It is probable that only a few days of workable weather remain before winter weather sets in permanently.

Few beets remain in the ground to be damaged by cold weather, it was stated by several farmers today. Some beet-raisers, however, will lose considerably because of the last few weeks of wet and inclement weather.

Others were able to get their beets out of the ground and into the factory before the rainy season began. Much corn is in the fields yet, however.

Fire Destroys Negro  
Church in Gary Sunday

Gary, Ind., Nov. 30.—(United Press)—Damages from the fire which swept the first African Methodist church here Sunday was estimated today at \$25,000.

Members of the congregation were assembling for the Sunday morning services when the blaze was discovered.

Hundreds of negroes sang and prayed in the street in front of the church while three fire companies fought the flames.

Warsaw Plans Traction  
And Bus Terminal Station

Warsaw, Ind., Nov. 30.—By United Press—This city may soon have a terminal traction and bus station if plans under consideration by the chamber of commerce and city council materialize.

An old church building which was

Cloudy tonight. Possibly rain or snowy in east and central portions. Tuesday fair. Not much change in temperature.

## SETTLEMENT OF COAL STRIKE IS UP TO OPERATORS

Miners Accept Gov. Pinchot's Plan, Putting Situation Up To Operators

## ACTION OF MINERS COMES AS SURPRISE

Harrisburg, Pa., Nov. 30.—The anthracite coal operators and Governor Pinchot held the stage today in the strike situation, following the acceptance, Sunday by the miners of the governor's plan for peace in the hard coal fields.

Governor Pinchot has resumed his tour of state institutions in western Pennsylvania, interrupted several weeks ago by illness.

What move the operators will take on the miner's approval of the settlement plan was a source of great speculation. It was believed that John L. Lewis, miners' president, had placed the other camp in an embarrassing position by the miners' immediate acceptance.

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Youths Hold Mock  
"Duel" With Unloaded  
Guns; One Is Shot

Gary, Ind., Nov. 30.—(United Press)—Albert Tugle, 16, is in a hospital seriously wounded today as a result of a mock "duel" between he and Mitchell Trimble, 18, with "unloaded guns." Albert was shot in the abdomen.

A "Dairy Feeds and Feeding School" will be held at Berne, December 16, 17 and 18, as the result of plans which have just been completed by officers of the Adams County Cow Testing Association, cooperating with the agricultural extension department of Purdue University and the local county agent.

The first of the three days will be devoted to a discussion of the growing of alfalfa and soybeans, as well as other dairy feeds, by Mr. K. E. Beeson, of the soils and crops department at Purdue. G. A. Williams, of the dairy department at Purdue will lecture on the second and third days. Discussions of the subjects will be given by local farmers.

The school will be held in the upper room of the Milk Condensery at Berne, where it was conducted last year.

Other interesting features besides the lectures will be included in the programs. The first evening will be known as "Young Peoples Night," when community singing will be featured.

The public is invited and those interested should watch the paper for details of the program, which will be announced as they are further worked out.

At a similar school held last year, the total attendance at the four meetings was 853.

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DECATUR AUTO  
IN AN ACCIDENT

Car Driven By Dick Heller  
Damaged In Crash With  
Six Other Cars

A Decatur car figured in a peculiar accident in which seven automobiles were damaged on the Kendallville road about nine miles north of Fort Wayne yesterday afternoon. The accident occurred at the interurban crossing just north of the Irene Byron sanitarium. Dick Heller and Bryce Thomas, of Decatur, were driving north on the Kendallville road and did not notice the railroad approach because of the heavy snow. A Nash sedan, driven by F. L. Rowland, of Fort Wayne, was coming from the opposite direction and slowed down for the crossing. Mr. Heller, thinking that an interurban was approaching, threw on the brakes of the car he was driving and the wet pavement caused the Heller car to smash head-on into the Rowland car.

Both cars were plunged toward a deep embankment, but the cable along the side of the road held the cars from falling over. The two wrecked cars were pushed back on the road and escaped with more than \$500 in cash and \$250 in jewelry and watches.

In a daring raid at New Albany, three bandits entered a roadhouse, lined up twelve men against the wall and escaped with more than \$500 in cash and \$250 in jewelry and watches.

A girl bandit, aided by a young man, held up Andrew Kaufman, at Terre Haute, relieved him of \$60 in cash and escaped. The girl held a gun on Kaufman while her companion rifled his pockets and then slugged him.

Thieves broke into an Anderson restaurant and took \$50.

In Indianapolis a series of burglaries over the week end netted the robbers more than \$100 in cash, jewelry and clothing.

Hunter Shoots Companion

Marion, Ind., Nov. 30.—(United Press)—Wilbur Powers, 18, was recovering today from wounds received when he was accidentally shot by Orus Dilley, 18, while they were hunting near Fairmount.

Richmond Police Get 180  
Gallons Of Wine In Raids

Richmond, Ind., Nov. 30.—(United Press)—Fourteen liquor cases were pending in court here today as a result of raids by police and federal agents. More than 180 gallons of wine were seized in the raids.

Seek Driver Of Auto  
Which Killed Child

Kokomo, Ind., Nov. 30.—(United Press)—The driver of an auto which killed Betty Louise Harrison, seven, last night, was hunted by police today.

The little girl was hit as she was crossing a street with her father, Richard Harrison. The driver did not stop.

Who'll Take Care  
While The Caretaker  
Is Busy—Striking

Chicago, Nov. 30.—(United Press)—Approximately 250 grave diggers and caretakers in five Chicago cemeteries went on a strike today for higher wages and a shorter day. If the strike is successful, officials will call strikes in all local cemeteries, it was said.

The workers want a minimum of \$6 a day, an eight-hour day and recognition of their organization. The present wage is from \$4 to \$5 a day with a nine hour working day.

DAIRY SCHOOL  
WILL BE HELD

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George Mumma, 42, a well driller, formerly of this city, entered a plea of guilty to second degree arson in the Adams circuit court this morning and was sentenced to from one to eight years in the state prison. Mr. Mumma was charged with arson, having previously confessed to having set fire to his home on Fourth street, in Decatur, on the morning of August 21.

Immediately after the fire had been extinguished by local firemen last August, evidence was found that led local authorities to believe that the fire was of incendiary origin. The fire was reported to the state fire marshal's office and W. T. Fowler, assistant marshal, came to this city and investigated the fire.

Mr. Mumma was taken to Indianapolis several days after the fire and a confession was obtained from him regarding the burning of his home. A charge of first and second degree arson was filed in the circuit court here. This morning a new affidavit charging second degree arson was filed and the old affidavit was dismissed. Since Mr. Mumma made no effort to collect the insurance, he could not be charged with first degree arson.

Mr. Fowler appeared in court for the state this morning. He highly commended local police officers and members of the fire department in Decatur for their close cooperation in the case. "I have never had better cooperation in any case," Mr. Fowler said. He left at noon today after the final report of the local case had been filed.

Trolley Car And Auto  
Crash; Woman Injured

Gary, Ind., Nov. 30.—(United Press)—Mrs. J. J. Bravos, of Chicago, lay in a serious condition in Mercy hospital here today with injuries received when the auto in which she was riding crashed into a trolley car near here.

Six Injured In Auto  
Wreck Near Princeton

Evansville, Ind., Nov. 30.—(United Press)—A woman is at the point of death and five others are severely injured as the result of an automobile accident six miles south of Princeton late Sunday night.

Mrs. W. E. Doss, 51, Wheaton, Ky., suffered a fractured skull and is not expected to recover.

BUSINESS GOOD,  
SAYS HENRY FORD

Auto Manufacturer Thinks  
Business As Sound Today  
As Any Time Recently

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 30.—General business conditions in America, Henry Ford believes, are "probably as sound today as any time in recent years."

"They should continue so," he said in an interview with the United Press, "if people will buckle down to honest work on every job so that full value in labor and full value in service to the public may continue possible."

This has much to do with continued good times," he added.

Ford stressed the importance of "clean, healthful, working conditions," saying: "They have a very real bearing on a man's ability to do his best work and to contribute his full share to the general advancement of society."

What the coming year holds in store for business Ford declined to predict, explaining with a genial smile: "That would be prophecy; and I am not a prophet."

It was apparent, however, that he expects no serious economic fluctuation of shares on the New York stock exchange.

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