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## SUPREME COURT TO HEAR DALE'S APPEAL SEPT. 27

High Tribunal to Rule on  
Sentence Imposed on  
Muncie Editor

## RULING TO END LENGTHY FIGHT

Indianapolis—Hearing on the appeal of George R. Dale, publisher of the Muncie Post-Democrat, from the recently sustained decision of the Delaware circuit court that he should serve a jail sentence for contempt, will be heard before the United States Supreme Court at Washington, on Sept. 27, it was learned today.

Dale's troubles arose two years ago when he criticised Judge Clarence E. Dearth, of the Delaware court, and elbowed the grand jury. He was cited for indirect contempt and repeated statements in his legal answer resulting in a citation for direct contempt.

On each of the charges, he received three months jail sentence and \$500 fines. Supreme court sustained the indirect charge, but reversed the other.

Dale's appeal is based on the contention that the court was dominated by the Ku Klux Klan and, in reality, was not a court.

He claims that he was being persecuted by the Klan through the judge and being deprived of his constitutional rights as a publisher and citizen.

In one of his pleadings, Dale averred that he once killed a Kluxer who had sought to intimidate him, but that he was never indicted.

## Sudduth Baby Dies Shortly After Birth

Mary Wavaleen, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Sudduth, residing one and one-half miles west of Decatur, died at 12:15 o'clock this morning. The baby was born at 6 o'clock Sunday evening. Surviving are the parents, one brother, Argie, and one sister, Reba. One sister died in infancy. Burial services will be held all the home at 1:30 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, with the Rev. Cecil R. Smith, pastor of the United Brethren church, officiating. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.

## DEMOCRATS TO MEET FRIDAY

## Candidates for Township and County Offices to Meet at Headquarters

All Democratic candidates for township and county offices in Adams county will meet in Decatur, at Democratic headquarters, next Friday night, at 7 o'clock. County Chairman Dick Heller announced this morning. The purpose of the meeting will be to discuss plans for the campaign this fall.

The present plans are to have several prominent speakers of state and nation wide scope come to Adams county during the campaign and deliver addresses. Democratic headquarters will be opened about the middle of September and will remain open until after the November election.

No one has been selected to act as permanent secretary at headquarters, but it is expected that a selection will be made in the next few days.

The precinct committeemen will be called together the week of September 12 to organize and make plans for the election. Friday night's meeting will be for candidates only, and all township and county candidates are requested to be present.

The district democratic committee, composed of county chairman for Jay, Wells, Delaware, Madison, Randolph and Adams counties, will meet at Winchester, Tuesday night of this week, to complete plans for the campaign in the entire district.

## Tax Rate for Public Library Is Established

The proposed tax rate for the Decatur Public Library board for next year is the same as that in effect this year. The levy in the city of Decatur is fixed at five cents and in Washington township one cent on the hundred dollars. The five-cent levy will raise a budget of \$3,064.69, while the one-cent levy raises \$364.72, a total of \$3,428.41. The trustees will adopt the rate on September 14.

## CERTAIN VOTERS MUST REGISTER

## Secretary of Democratic State Committee Ex- plains the Law

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 23.—Certain classes of voters must register if they are to vote in the election this fall, Marshall Williams, secretary of the Democratic state central committee, said here today.

Mr. Williams called to the attention of the voters of the state generally and of party leaders the provisions of the registration law as it now stands. The period for registering he stated is September 4 to October 4.

Negotiations are now under way between the Democratic and Republican state central committees for an inter-party agreement to accept as valid and to abide by the permanent registration law of 1925. Under this agreement which it is now expected will be concluded at an early date, both parties bind themselves not to contest the constitutionality of the amended registration law of 1925 or the validity of the elections held under it.

The general rule, laid down by the law as amended by the last legislature, is that all persons are considered to be permanently registered who voted in the general election of 1924 and who have not since moved from the precinct in which they resided at the time of that election.

The following classes of persons must register in order to vote on November 2, according to Mr. Williams' statement:

1. All persons who were not 21 years of age at the time of the general election in November 1924, but who will be 21 or over on November 2, 1926.

2. All persons who did not vote at the general election in 1924.

3. All persons who voted at the general election of 1924 but who have since moved out of the precinct in which they resided at the time of that election.

4. All persons whose previous boundaries have been changed since the general election of 1924.

The local registration board sits from September 4 to October 4 to receive applications for registration. The board is composed of the county auditor and one person of opposite politics to that of the auditor. The board sits in the county auditor's office.

## Seven Men Killed when Freight Jumps Track

Princeton, Ill., Aug. 23.—(United Press)—Seven men enroute to a work camp were killed, and three more were injured, when the freight train on which they were riding jumped the track at Wyanet near here late yesterday. All had been members of an extra gang working near Gadsburg, and were riding on top of an oil tank car when brake rod broke, and 10 cars toppled over an embankment.

## Many People Buy Lots In Bellmont Park Division

Many Decatur people took advantage of the lot sale held by Colonel Fred Reppert and his Auction school students at Bellmont park, Saturday afternoon, and purchased lots in the popular sub-division at Bellmont park.

All of the lots offered were sold, and it is probable that several of the purchasers will start building homes in the sub-division yet this year. Many of the lots were sold at low prices. The modern home offered for public auction was purchased by John Hill, of this city.

## William H. Taft Discusses Crime Situation In U. S.

Chief Justice of U. S. Supreme Court and ex-President of United States. Explains Defects in Administration of American Criminal Law; Holds Defects Not Beyond Remedy; has Optimistic View as to Future.

Editor's Note: William Howard Taft, chief justice of the United States Supreme court and the nation's only living ex-president, has given to the United Press an exclusive interview, dealing with the crime situation in the United States—a subject now occupying keen interest of private and public investigations throughout the country.

The interview will be carried by the United Press in two installments. The first installment, which follows, contains an analysis of legal phases of the crime situation. Tomorrow's installment will deal with some of the more human elements of the situation.

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Pointe Au Pic, Murray Bay Quebec, Aug. 23.—(United Press)—Defects in administration of American criminal law were explained in an exclusive interview with the United Press, by William Howard Taft, Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court as due chiefly to—

Weakening of Judges' powers by restrictive state statutes.

Lack of organization of the judicial force so as to mass an adequate number of judges where business prosecution is congested.

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