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you might try writing a few poems.  
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# Just Folks

by Edgar A. Guest

## ADVICE TO A LADY DRIVER

Lady, when you drive the car,  
Pay no heed to me I pray,  
Just remember others are  
Not so very far away;  
Bear in mind your precious load,  
Keep your eyes upon the road.

I suspected "that maybe he could." It  
served notice that it would look into  
the matter farther. Well, the gover-  
nor looked, too. And raised the ante  
to five cents. The democratic party  
serves notice that its interest in this  
matter is still warm. There is en-  
tirely too wide a break between a tax  
collection of only \$8,600,000 under  
Ralston and the huge collection of  
\$53,000,000 a year under Jackson.  
Look again, governor, look again.

The county tax levy for next year  
as fixed today will be 54c, a slight in-  
crease over that of this year due to  
the fact that a three cent increase  
was necessary to take care of the  
new bridges which must be built. The  
general tax was reduced two and a  
half cents and the amount thus saved  
was converted to the highway im-  
provement fund, likewise a very  
necessary expense. We must main-  
tain our roads and to do so we must  
have the funds, we must have bridges  
and to build them requires money.  
If the state tax is reduced five cents  
as has been promised the total rate  
in Decatur will be the same as this  
year, provided the levies stand as  
now fixed. If you will go over the  
appropriations as finally decided upon  
by the county council and approved  
by the commissioners, you will agree  
that the officials have made an effort  
to cut every item as much as possible.  
The problem of maintaining seven  
hundred miles of roads, the bridges,  
the various public institutions and  
meeting general expenses is a real  
one and added to this is the insistent  
and continuous demands for new im-  
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## Forty Autos Stolen Each Week In Indiana

Indianapolis, Sept. 8.—(United  
Press)—Automobile owners of Indi-  
ana are contributing an average of  
forty cars each week to auto thieves,  
according to a report made public  
today by Robert T. Humes, state po-  
lice chief.

During the week ending Aug. 26,  
forty-two machines were stolen. The  
assortment included 27 Fords, 2 Chev-  
rolets, 2 Nashes, 2 Overlands, a Hud-  
son, a Cadillac, a Buick and a Mar-  
mon, Humes' record shows.

Of this number only four were re-  
covered which lends credence to the  
belief that the cars are being taken  
into other states where their num-  
bers are effaced and the cars dis-  
guised for resale.

A fairly constant average is main-  
tained, Humes reported, 36 cars hav-  
ing been stolen during the week end-  
ing Aug. 19 and 39 the week preced-  
ing. During the same two weeks only  
nine cars were recovered.

Winchester, Sept. 8.—Frank Funk,  
owner of the Funk motor Speedway,  
and eight motorcycle drivers were ar-  
rested Sunday afternoon by Sheriff  
U. G. Daly and two deputies, charging  
with pursuing their regular avocations  
on Sunday.

The men were arrested immediately  
after trial races had been held and  
were taken under \$200 bond. Manager  
Funk furnished bond for the eight  
drivers and Phillip Kabel, Winchester  
banker, furnished bond for Funk.

Following their arrest the drivers

## MOOSE NOTICE

All Moose Legionnaires and Candidates requested to be at regular Moose meeting Tuesday night to make final arrangements for banquet Wednesday night.

Geo. W. Tester  
Herder.

Manfield said it is best to purchase  
licenses from county clerks or other  
authorized agents.

## Aged Woman Drinks Poison

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 8.—(United  
Press)—Drinking poison at the home  
of relatives here, Mrs. Fannie Jones,  
77, died before a doctor could be called.  
Relatives today blamed ill health  
for her act.

Boys Drown in Reservoir

Indianapolis, Ind., Sept. 8.—(United  
Press)—Gilbert Bailey, 12, was drown-  
ed late yesterday while swimming in  
a reservoir at the Marietta Glass fac-  
tory here. A boy companion called  
employees of the factory who re-  
covered the body.

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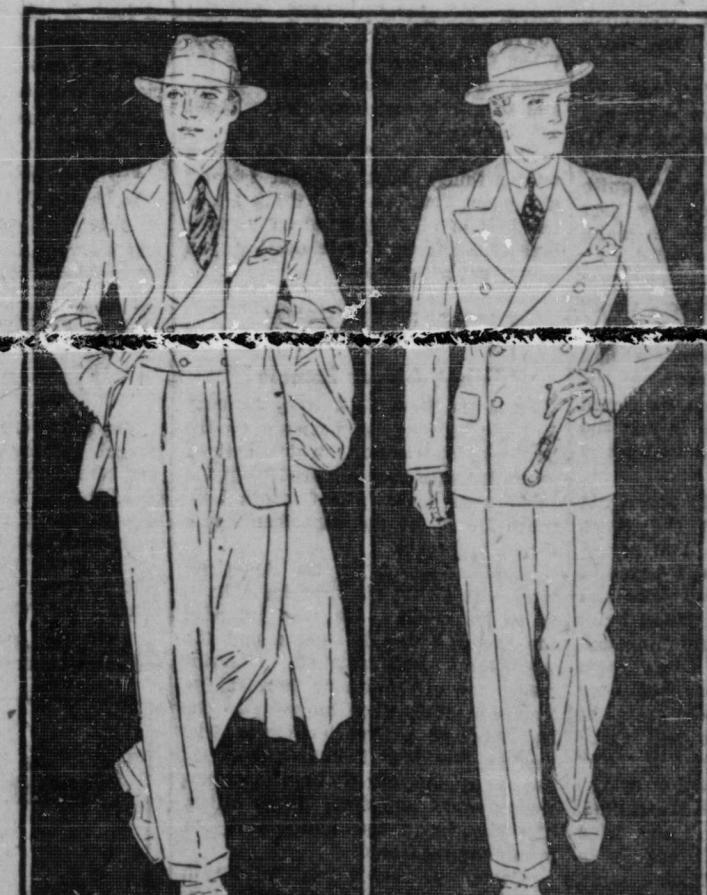
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