

WEATHER  
Fair tonight, slightly  
warmer north and  
central portions, Sat.  
day partly cloudy.  
Possibly showers ex-  
treme west portion.  
Slightly warmer.

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## INCREASE IN CITY'S TAX RATE SMALL

### LEADERS IN AIR DERBY ARRIVE AT FORT WORTH, TEX.

Earl Rowland Still Leading  
In Transcontinental Air-  
plane Race

### START OF OTHER RACES POSTPONED

Fort Worth, Tex., Sept. 7.—  
Earl Rowland, piloting his  
Cessna monoplane, was still  
leading the class A planes of the  
transcontinental air derby when  
he shot into the city airport here  
at 1:07 o'clock p. m. today.

Rowland hopped off from Kan-  
sas City, start of the day's run  
at 7 o'clock a. m., making the 526-mile  
leg to Fort Worth in six hours, seven  
minutes.

Robert Duke, of Pittsburgh, flying  
an American Moth, was close on Row-  
land's tail, bringing his ship to earth  
here at 1:22 o'clock p. m.

Stop At Oklahoma City  
Oklahoma City, Okla., Sept. 7.—(U.P.)  
—Earl Rowland, holding his lead in  
the transcontinental air derby, arrived  
here from Wichita, Kansas, today  
at 10:47 o'clock a. m.

Oklahoma City is the second fuel-  
ing stop of the day. From here, the  
fliers will proceed to Fort Worth,  
Texas.

Robert Duke, of Pittsburgh, flying  
an American Moth, was the second  
arrival. He landed at 11:14 o'clock a.  
m., three minutes before Rowland  
took off for Fort Worth, the over-  
night stop.

"B" And "C" Planes Delayed  
Roosevelt Field, N. Y., Sept. 7.—(U.P.)  
—The class "B" and class "C" races  
of the national air derby were post-  
poned today because of unfavorable  
weather reports from points along the  
route. Airplanes in the two races will  
take off tomorrow.

Officials had decided earlier to post-  
pone the flight, but pilots protested  
and the postponement was deferred  
until finally it was ascertained that  
even west-bound air mail planes  
could not take off today.

### Continue Investigation Of Angola Murder Case

Angola, Ind., Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—Offi-  
cials today continued to probe the  
murder of a man believed to have  
been Thomas Burke, whose charred  
body was found in a burned barn near  
Prenont.

Detectives, it was reported, have  
extended their search to nearby coun-  
ties in the hope of discovering addi-  
tional clues in the case.

Coroner Paul Humphrey's has con-  
ducted an inquest on the dead man's  
body, but did not render a verdict.

### BEASLEY TO FACE MURDER CHARGE

Alleged Slayer Of Mrs.  
Myrtle Miller To Be Re-  
turned To Newcastle

Newcastle, Ind., Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—  
Charles Beasley, 34, was to be re-  
turned here from Muncie today or  
Saturday where he will be formally  
charged with the murder of Mrs.  
Myrtle Miller, 36, a week ago, ac-  
cording to police here.

This move was decided here Thurs-  
day when Mrs. Irene Moyer, 24, Terre  
Haute, made a new confession in  
which she admitted being in the  
automobile when Beasley killed Mrs.  
Miller on a lonely road here last  
Friday night, police said.

Her confession was made after  
four hours of questioning here. She  
previously had visited the murder  
scene and the place where the body  
was found Saturday morning.

She said Beasley had struck Mrs.  
Miller on the head nineteen times  
with the butt of a revolver.

According to her confession, the  
crime was committed for a seven-  
eighths carat diamond worn by Mrs.  
Miller. Other jewelry worth \$400  
was missing from her body when it  
was found.

After gaining the second confession  
from Mrs. Moyer, detectives returned  
to the Delaware county jail at Mun-  
cie to accuse Beasley of the crime.

Prosecutor Paul Beason has called  
the Henry county grand jury to meet.

### Charged With Beating Mother



Emil Hanke (left), held in Chicago on a charge of beating his 84-year-old  
mother, Mrs. Minnie Hanke, after having failed in efforts to send her to an  
institution, telling Police Captain D. M. Malloy, "I didn't do it." Said by  
physicians to be on her deathbed, her skull fractured, Mrs. Hanke pleaded,  
"A mother should close her eyes to the wrongs her child does her. Please  
let my son Emil go."

### HIRE CLOWN FOR OLD HOME WEEK

Committee Adds Feature To  
Entertain Crowd; Free  
Acts Being Located

To please the boys and the girls  
and everyone else not so old that they  
have forgotten how to laugh, the gen-  
eral committee of Old Home Week,  
from the entertainment committee,  
has added a feature to  
the regular program, by employing  
Harry Gage, world famous circus clown,  
who will entertain on the streets all  
next week, make announcements and  
other wise make himself useful as well  
as ornamental. Harry has traveled  
with several of the big circuses and  
was, for eight years, one of the stars  
with the Wallace outfit.

The high bar feature will be located  
at the east end of Liberty Way, the  
singing bar act near the Campbell fil-  
ling station on North Second, and the  
elephant act at the corner of Monroe  
and Third.

The balloon ascension will take place  
from the corner of Monroe and Fourth,  
according to present plans. The merry-  
go-round will be at the foot of East  
Madison street, the Ferris wheel near  
the Center Ice Cream company's plant  
and the pony ride and the chairplane  
are still to be located.

Arrangements to provide parking  
space for 2,500 cars have been made  
Fields for that purpose, with police  
protection and lights, open day and  
night, will be on the Dugan field on  
East Jackson, the gutter lots on Win-  
chester, the Steele lot on First street,  
and the Dave Campbell parking  
ground. A uniform price of twenty-five  
cents per day has been agreed upon.  
Besides these, the outlying streets  
and vacant lots may be used free by  
those who prefer to do so.

### Methodists Planning Home-Coming Service

The First Methodist church of Deca-  
tur is planning for a home-coming  
service to be held on Sunday, Septem-  
ber 16, in connection with Decatur's  
Old Home Week. Invitations have  
been sent to ten or twelve former pas-  
tors of the church and some of them  
have already replied that they will  
be here and speak.

### Chicken Dinner To Be Feature Of Church Picnic

A chicken dinner will be served at  
the picnic to be given Sunday Septem-  
ber 9, by the St. Rose church, in the  
Giant grove, north of Monroeville. The  
committee will start serving dinner at  
11 o'clock. A program will be given  
during the day and there will be amuse-  
ments for all. The Rev. C. W. Marr  
is pastor of St. Rose's Catholic church,  
Monroeville.

### Berne Family Meets With Accident On Last Mile Of 2,000-Mile Trip

Berne, Sept. 7.—(Special)—To meet  
with an automobile accident on the  
last mile of a 2,000-mile automobile  
vacation trip was the misfortune suf-  
fered by Mrs. and Mrs. F. G. Eichen-  
berger and son, Harold, of Berne,  
Wednesday. Fortunately, no one was  
seriously injured.

The family was returning from a  
tour through Michigan, Wisconsin,  
Illinois and Iowa, and were within  
sight of Berne, about a mile west of  
town, when a Ford coupe, occupied by  
Mrs. Enow W. Lehman and her son,  
Glenford, drove onto the pavement  
from the north, striking the Eichen-  
berger sedan a glancing blow. Eichen-  
berger's car, a Whippet sedan, was  
damaged considerably.

### Eight Negroes Held For Robbery At Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—With  
the arrest of eight negroes, police to-  
day believed they had solved the  
source of a robbery wave which has  
gripped Indianapolis for several  
months. Police recovered loot esti-  
mated at \$16,000 in connection with  
the negroes' arrest.

### MANY PRIZES FOR FARM DAY

Premiums Valued At Ap-  
proximately \$500 Offered  
By Cloverleaf Creameries

The biggest feature of Agricultural  
Day of Old Home Week, Wednesday,  
September 12, will be the awarding of  
the free prizes to be given by the  
Cloverleaf Creameries. All farmers  
and everyone else interested are re-  
quested to register at the Creameries  
from 9 o'clock a. m. to 1 o'clock p. m.,  
where they will be given a ticket  
which will give them a chance at one  
of the many prizes offered. Three  
divisions will be made, those living in  
the city will be given one kind of a  
ticket, those from Adams county an-  
other, and those from outside the  
county another kind. Divisions will  
be made in the premiums and award-  
ed to persons living in each locality.  
Registration will be free.

The prizes are: \$100 in cash, 3 silver  
sets worth \$40, 2 Vega separators, 3  
thirty-five dollar checks to be used in  
purchasing purebred heifer dairy  
calves. The total of the premiums  
will be approximately \$500. Every-  
one attending on Wednesday will be  
eligible to register. Plans have been  
completed for a very interesting pro-  
gram before the drawing, which will  
take place about 2:30 o'clock. Ticket  
holders are requested to remain close  
at hand so that the drawing may pro-  
ceed in a rapid manner.

### Candidate Notifies Himself Of Nomination; Makes Acceptance Speech

Omaha, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—Occu-  
ping the dual role of notification  
committee and nominee, Dr. Henry  
Hoffman, aged Omahan, notified  
himself last night that he had  
been nominated as presidential  
candidate on the Progressive tick-  
et and then, in an address to an  
audience consisting of three casual  
onlookers and several newspaper  
reporters, accepted leadership in  
the new party.

Hoffman, who organized the  
party here last summer, had in-  
vited numerous persons from all  
parts of the country to attend the  
notification ceremony. None ap-  
peared.

### MISS FLORENCE MOUGEY EXPIRES

Former Decatur Girl Dies  
Suddenly At Her Home  
In Toledo, Ohio

Miss Florence Mougey, age 16 years  
daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Mou-  
gey, of Toledo, Ohio formerly of this  
city, died suddenly Thursday evening  
at about 6 o'clock at her home.

Word received here by relatives  
stated that Miss Mougey was sitting at  
the table when death came. She had  
been a victim of tuberculosis for some-  
time. A few years ago, Miss Mougey  
was seriously injured in an automo-  
bile wreck in Toledo, and since that  
time had been in poor health, tubercu-  
losis later setting in. She was a patient  
in the sanitarium at Perryburg, Ohio,  
returning home about four weeks ago.

The young lady was born in Decatur  
and made her home here until her par-  
ents moved to Toledo. Funeral ser-  
vices will be held Monday at Toledo.  
She is survived by her parents and the  
following brothers and sisters, William  
Mougey, representative of General Motors  
in Denmark; Mrs. Ed Thompson;  
Adrian, Raymond, Alfred, Charles  
Richard, and Robert Mougey. The de-  
ceased is a great niece of Mrs. B. J.  
Terveer, of this city. Several people  
from this city will attend the funeral.

### FEW PASS TEST FOR DRY AGENTS

Only 199 Out Of 2,500  
Applicants In Thirteenth  
District Successful

East St. Louis, Ill. Sept 7.—(U.P.)—A  
major shakeup among prohibition  
agents of the thirteenth district, com-  
prising Illinois, Indiana, Iowa and  
Eastern Wisconsin, appeared probable  
today with announcement that only  
199 out of 2,500 who took the civil ser-  
vice examinations, had passed.

The announcement was made here  
by F. D. Filloway, deputy prohibition  
agent for the East St. Louis dis-  
trict, who added that out of 14  
agents under his charge, only three  
passed the examination and would  
have to be replaced by the district ad-  
ministrator at Chicago.

### Smith To Make His Speeches Extemporaneous

Albany, N. Y., Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—Gov.  
Alfred E. Smith will campaign for  
the presidency exactly as he has in  
the state, he explained today, de-  
termining the nature of the speeches  
which will be extemporaneous from  
campaign developments.

"Something might happen in the  
afternoon to change my speech for  
that night," he explained.

### Two-Legged Cow To Be Exhibited Here Wednesday

The Cloverleaf Creameries have ad-  
ded a feature for their part of the  
Dairy and Farm day celebration next  
Wednesday. They will bring here a  
two-legged heifer, two year old, which  
walks like a kangaroo and will prove  
of interest to those here on that day.  
The cow will be here only one day and  
will be shown at the tent near the  
creamery.

### Junior Band Notice

The Junior band will meet at the  
Central school building at 7:30 o'clock  
this evening for a regular rehearsal.  
All members are urged to be present  
as music for Old Home Week will be  
practiced.

### U. S. Airport Facilities Are Proven Inadequate For National Defense

Enroute to Los Angeles Aboard  
Army Bombers, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—Com-  
mercial airport facilities have been  
proved inadequate to provide for  
national defense needs in the event  
of necessity of a sudden mobilization  
of the U. S. air force on the western  
coast.

A United Press survey of this  
week's tactical maneuvers in the  
army's crack bombing outfit, the sec-  
ond observation group, showed that  
the attempt to fly to the Pacific  
coast with sufficient speed to stop a  
theoretical enemy attacking fleet  
has failed.

The Langley field group, in huge  
Liberty-motored planes, have been  
almost perfect in performance, but  
loss of time in fueling, delays caused  
by inadequate facilities and lack of  
night flying equipment hindered the  
group.

The group, which has been in the  
air only 30 hours in making 1,600  
miles from Langley to Midland, Tex.,  
left Midland early today and landed  
at El Paso, Tex., at 8:45 A. M. moun-  
tain time. Tucson, Ariz., is the day's  
destination.

At Fort Bragg, N. C., and Mont-  
gomery, Ala., both army posts, there  
were delays totaling four and one-  
half hours because the number of  
gasoline trucks were insufficient to  
service the nine planes.

One and three-fourth hours were  
lost at Augusta, Ga., when the planes  
had to taxi to underground tanks for  
gasoline to be pumped from drums.  
A delay of two and one-half hours  
was encountered at Monroe, La., and  
despite that time, only 300 of the re-  
quired 1,500 gallons of gas was avail-  
able. Servicing caused a one and  
one-half hour delay at Shreveport, La.

When the bombers reached Mid-  
land, Tex., in the heart of the fields,  
yesterday, it was found that two days  
notice had not gathered enough gaso-  
line drums for quick fueling, and al-  
most five hours was lost.

### Graham Baby Dies Shortly After Birth

Myron Graham, infant son prema-  
turely born early this morning to Mr.  
and Mrs. Paul Graham, at the Adams  
County Memorial hospital, died short-  
ly after birth. Surviving are the par-  
ents and one sister, Rosamond Gra-  
ham. Burial was made at 10:30 o'clock  
this morning at the Decatur cemetery.  
The mother is getting along nicely.

### To Enforce Rule Vigorously

Indianapolis, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—The  
state board of education today start-  
ed a move to vigorously enforce the  
board's rule prohibiting high school  
athletes' contests except on Friday  
night and Saturday.

The Indiana State High School  
Athletic Association will take charge  
of enforcing the rule.

### MISSIONARY TO SPEAK AT RALLY

Epworth Leagues Of De-  
catur Sub-District To Meet  
Here Next Sunday

Scott Houser, a missionary among  
the young people of South America,  
supported by the Epworth Leagues of  
the Methodist Episcopal church, will  
be the principal speaker at rally of  
Epworth Leagues of the Decatur sub-  
district, to be held in the First Metho-  
dist church of this city, Sunday after-  
noon and evening. Mr. Houser is now  
enjoying a furlough from his mission-  
ary work.

The sub-district includes the Bobo  
circuit, Pleasant Mills, Geneva, Ge-  
nena circuit, Decatur circuit, Monroe  
and Decatur First church.

The afternoon program will open at  
2:30 o'clock. Mr. Houser will speak on  
his work among the young people of  
South America. Following the after-  
noon program, a pot-luck supper will  
be held in the church basement, at  
5:15 o'clock. At 6:30 o'clock, Mr. Houser  
will conduct a typical South Ameri-  
can Epworth league devotional meet-  
ing. This service will be largely in  
Spanish. Mr. Houser will be assisted  
by the local Leaguers and the district  
cabinet officers, who expect to be here.

The day's program will be conclud-  
ed with a service starting at 7:30  
o'clock, to which the memberships of  
each of the churches in the sub-dis-  
trict are invited. Mr. Houser will de-  
liver an address.

### ARTHUR H. SAPP TO VISIT DECATUR

Immediate Past President  
Of Rotary International  
To Be Here Thursday

Hon. Arthur H. Sapp, of Hanington  
immediate past president of Rotary In-  
ternational, will be one of the distin-  
guished guests at the Fraternal Day



Arthur H. Sapp

program in Decatur, on Thursday Sep-  
tember 13, of Old Home Week.

Mr. Sapp advised the Decatur Ro-  
tary Club that he would come for the  
Fraternal Day program. An invitation  
was extended to Mr. Sapp by the local  
club and he will join with the Decatur  
Rotarians in the parade Thursday eve-  
ning.

Mr. Sapp is an international figure  
and known throughout the United  
States. Last year, he visited Europe  
three times and assisted in establish-  
ing Rotary Clubs in Germany and  
several other foreign countries. He had  
audiences before the King of England,  
and president of France, Mussolini of  
Italy, the King of Belgium and several  
other foreign rulers. He also was a  
guest at the White House.

Mr. Sapp served as president of  
Rotary International last year and  
was elected a director of the organiza-  
tion at the Minneapolis-convention last  
June.

A musical program with Mrs. L. A.  
Holthouse in charge was given at the  
regular meeting of the club last even-  
ing. James Cowan acted as song lead-  
er. There will not be a Rotary meeting  
next week on account of Old Home  
Week.

### Two Automobiles Collide In This City At Noon

The Hupmobile belonging to John  
T. Myers was badly damaged this noon  
when it and another car collided on  
Winchester street near the South  
Ward school building. Carroll Cole was  
driving the Myers car and Charles  
Lamlin, driving a small car, struck  
the Myers car in the side, damaging  
the doors, ruining door and one fender.  
The Lamlin car was slightly damaged  
also, one of the tires being torn. No  
one was hurt.

### To Abandon Naval Pact

London Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—The Daily  
Herald, a labor organ, reports without  
confirmation in tomorrow's issue that  
the government has decided to aban-  
don the Anglo-French naval compro-  
mise, due to objections "certain other  
naval powers."

### W. S. Hibbs, Life-Long Republican, For Smith

Washington, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—William  
S. Hibbs, millionaire broker and life-  
long republican, declared for Govern-  
nor Smith, democratic presidential  
nominee, today.

Henry Breckenridge of New York,  
Democrat, who was assistant secre-  
tary of war under President Wilson,  
has come out for Hoover, it was an-  
nounced here.

### E. B. Williamson Wins Prize At State Fair

Indianapolis, Sept. 7.—(U.P.)—E. B.  
Williamson, Kendallville, was award-  
ed second prize for his plate of  
wealthy apples at the state fair.

### NEW RATE IS \$3.50; INCREASE ONLY TWO CENTS

Boost In Rates Small De-  
spite Large Decrease In  
Property Valuations

### ONE-CENT BOOST IN STATE RATE EXPECTED

Decatur's tax rate, payable in  
1929, will be \$3.50 on the hun-  
dred dollars, anticipating that  
the state tax rate will be in-  
creased one cent. This is an in-  
crease of only two cents on the  
hundred dollars over the 1928  
tax rate.

The local tax levies have been  
adopted by the various taxing units  
and there will not be any change in  
the figures. The state rate this year  
is 23 cents on the hundred dollars  
and it is expected that the levy will  
be increased to 24 cents.

### Proposed Rates Much Higher

The \$3.50 rate is not as high as  
first expected. Before final action  
was taken on the proposed rates,  
the total figured \$3.78 on the hun-  
dred dollars. The county council re-  
duced the estimated levy for county  
highway repair from 37 cents to 25  
cents on the hundred dollars and the  
county tax rates were reduced from  
47 cents to 37 cents on the hundred  
dollars.

The tax rates adopted, including a  
state rate at 24 cents on the \$100,  
are:

Unit	Rate
Civil city	\$0.71
School city	1.43
County, general	.37
County highway repair	.25
Township	.06
Township road bond	.39
Library	.05
State tax	.24

Total \$3.50

If the state does not increase its  
rate, the total rate in Decatur will be  
\$3.49 on the hundred dollars, an in-  
crease of only one cent in the total.  
Less money will be raised through  
taxation this year because of the  
lower valuations, there being about a  
three million dollar decrease in the  
county.

### Letter Received From Blew Family In Alabama

A letter from J. A. and Nellie Blew,  
of Ryas, Alabama, former residents  
here states that they regret that they  
cannot come to the Old Home Week  
celebration as the crops on their plan-  
tation are now ready for harvest and  
must be taken care of. They will be  
thinking of their many old friends all  
week, however, they say, and are send-  
ing a couple of southern sweet pota-  
toes to show the folks here the grade  
of their goods. They will keep posted  
on the events by reading the Daily  
Democrat.

### MRS. C. EICHER DIES THURSDAY

Well-Known Hartford  
Township Woman Dies At  
Home Near Linn Grove

Linn Grove, Sept. 7.—(Special)—  
Mrs. Christ Eicher, 56, wife of a former  
Adams county commissioner, died  
at her home south of here at 5:30 o'-  
clock Thursday evening. Death was  
due to a nervous breakdown and  
heart trouble. Mrs. Eicher had been ill  
for ten weeks.

The deceased was a daughter of Mr.  
and Mrs. Sol Moser and was born in  
Hartford township, March 28, 1872. She  
spent her entire life in Hartford town-  
ship. Surviving are the husband, mother,  
five sons, one daughter, five broth-  
ers and two sisters.

The surviving children are: John Ei-  
cher, of Fort Wayne; Raymond Eicher  
of Linn Grove; Victor Eicher, of Ge-  
nena; Ellis, Solomon and Martha Ei-  
cher, at home. The mother, Mrs. Sol Moser,  
aged 82 years, also resides at the  
Eicher home. Two surviving sisters  
and five brothers are as follows: Mrs.  
C. Metz and Mrs. J. Staubauch, of  
Berne; Joseph Moser, of Oklahoma;  
Solomon Moser of Geneva; John Moser,  
of Montana; Chris Moser, of Rich-  
mond, and Noah Moser of Minnesota.

Funeral services will be held at 1:30  
o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Mis-  
sion church west of Berne, the Rev.  
Clausen, of Berne, officiating. Burial  
will be made in the M.R.E. cemetery.