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# THOUSAND KNOWN DEAD IN FLORIDA

## GOEBEL WINS IN LOS ANGELES TO CINCINNATI RACE

Veteran Air Racer Makes  
Long Non-Stop Flight  
In 15 Hours

## SEVEN PLANES LEFT IN CLASS B FLIGHT

Cincinnati, Sept. 22.—(U.P.) Art Goebel in a Lockheed-Vega monoplane, landed here at 10:25 A. M. today, completing a non-stop flight from Los Angeles in competition with Emile Burgen, who had left two hours earlier but was unreported at 1 P. M.

Goebel, by alighting here first, won the first prize of \$3,000. He covered the distance in 15 hours, 17 minutes, averaging more than 131 miles per hour.

Officials set the distance from Los Angeles to Cincinnati at 1,875 miles.

### Class B Planes Leave El Paso

El Paso, Tex., Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—E. E. Ballough, Chicago, in a Laird plane, with Charles Diskin, 71-year-old flier, as passenger, was the first Los Angeles to Cincinnati class B air racer to leave the El Paso control today. He took off at 8:10 a. m.

Seven of the ten airplanes which started lined up at Meachem field for today's flight to Pine Bluff, Ark. The other three entries failed to reach Fort Worth.

Fog and high winds over west Texas hampered the flyers on yesterday's lap from El Paso. The fog over Guadalupe mountain defeated Samuel H. Turner, Alexandria, Va., who landed his Berline monoplane at Pecos with only a few drops gasoline supply left.

Engine trouble forced down W. H. Emery, Bradford, Pa., and H. W. Myers, Los Angeles. Emery landed his Travelair near Sweetwater. Myers landed his Simplex east of Midland after it developed engine trouble.

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Several Decatur People  
Hear Frank Dailey Speak

Several automobile loads of Decatur people motored to Fort Wayne last night to hear Frank C. Dailey, Democratic candidate for governor, speak at the Moose auditorium. The auditorium was filled to capacity and many persons were unable to gain admittance. Arthur Hamrick, candidate for secretary of state; John Linebarger, candidate for superintendent of public instruction, and Jap Jones, candidate for state treasurer, were present at the meeting and made short talks, also. Mr. Dailey made a forceful address in which he outlined his policies.

## WANT HOOVER TO SPEAK MORE

G. O. P. Candidate Urged  
To Make Trip To Okla-  
homa And Texas

Washington, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Pressure is being brought on Herbert Hoover to amplify his four-speech campaign so as to include, particularly, a trip to Oklahoma and Texas.

Senator Pine, of Oklahoma, informed the Republican presidential nominee he thought it advisable for Hoover to make a trip there, especially in view of the recent visit of the Democratic nominee, Gov. Smith of Oklahoma City.

The Texas situation was called to his attention by delegation of Texas Republicans recently with a request for an address there. Pressure has been exerted for speeches in Illinois, North Dakota and Montana. Hoover has been hesitant about increasing his program, although his closest advisers are trying to convince him he should make more speeches. He usually has spent from two to three weeks in the preparation of each of his addresses; and it is said he does not see how he can accept more speaking engagements in the short time remaining before election.

His only remaining engagements are Elizabethton, Tenn., Oct. 6; New York, Oct. 17, and Boston, sometime later. He also is arranging to make several stops on his trip west to Palo Alto, Nov. 1, to cast his ballot.



Main Street Laid Waste in Storm

Telephoto of West Palm Beach's main street, Clematis ave., where buildings were completely demolished by the 100-mile gale which swept Florida and continued on its way through the Carolinas and Georgia. What was formerly one of the most beautiful resorts in America is now a scene of desolation and ruin.

## MAGLEY WOMAN EXPIRES TODAY

**Mrs. Daniel Scherry, 48,  
Dies Early This Morning;  
Funeral Monday Afternoon**

Mrs. Daniel Scherry, 48, died at 2:45 o'clock this morning, Saturday, Sept. 22, 1928, at her home one-half mile east of Magley. Death was the result of chronic colitis, with which she had suffered for some time, gangrene finally setting in and causing the fatality. Mrs. Scherry had been failing in health for the last five years, but had been bedfast only three weeks.

Lydia Marie Reppert was born July 14, 1880, in Preble township, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Reppert, both of whom are deceased. September 4, 1900, she uniting in marriage with Daniel Scherry the surviving husband. Four children, the result of this union survive as follows: Milton Emerson Scherry, residing near Magley, Alma, Marie and Marcella, at home.

One sister, Mrs. Emma Miller resides at Van Wert, Ohio, and one brother, Albert Reppert, resides in Kirkland township. Ollie Reppert, a brother, preceded in death.

Funeral services have been arranged for Monday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock at the family residence, and at 2 o'clock at the Salem Reformed church at Magley, of which the deceased was a member. The Rev. David Grether will officiate at the services, with burial in the Magley cemetery.

**Cool Weather Forecast  
For First Of Next Week**

Washington, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Weather outlook for the period of Sept. 24-29, 1928. For the region of the Great Lakes: Temperatures mostly below normal first half of week, rising with latter half; not much precipitation likely.

**HEAVY LITTER  
WEIGHED FRIDAY**

**Litter Of 12 Pigs Belonging  
To Enoch P. Habegger  
Weigh 2,565 1/2 Pounds**

Two more litters in the Adams county Ton Litter Club were weighed up yesterday by County Agent Fred E. Christen. One litter of eight Durocs, belonging to John E. Heimann, weighed 1,818 pounds on the 180th day and the other, a litter of 12 Chester Whites, belonging to Enoch P. Habegger, of Berne, weighed 2,565 1/2 pounds. Mr. Habegger's litter is the heaviest litter that has been weighed up in the county so far this year. Several good litters are to be weighed up within the next 10 days, however, and it is possible that Mr. Habegger's record may be broken. The eight pigs belonging to Mr. Heimann averaged 227 pounds each when six months old and the litter of 12 belonging to Mr. Habegger averaged 213.8 pounds each. One pig in Mr. Habegger's litter weighed 288 pounds.

Mr. Heimann will receive a silver medal for his achievement while Mr. Habegger will receive a gold medal. Mr. Heimann fed the record litter last year, his litter of 12 Durocs weighing 2,934 pounds when six months old. The Schmitt trophy is now in Mr. Heimann's possession and the winner of the trophy this year cannot be determined until all the litters are weighed up. Mr. Schmitt is also offering some cash prizes for the winners.

Mr. Habegger fed his litter principally on shelled corn and tankage fed in a self feeder. His pigs also received a slop composed of ground oats, ground corn, bran and middlings. The pigs learned to eat when they were about two weeks old and Mrs. Habegger built a creep for them so that they could have access to feed at all times. Mr. Habegger attributes a great part of his success to the fact that these hogs were raised on clean ground until they were four months old having access to sweet clover pasture until the last six weeks of the feeding period.

**Bay Piano Factory To  
Reopen Monday Morning**

Bluffton, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—The H. C. Bay Piano factory, in this city, which was closed several weeks ago following the appointment of a receiver for the company, will reopen Monday and operate under court orders for a period of from two to six months, it was announced today. Notices that men were wanted in all departments were posted the last six weeks of the feeding period.

**Arraignment Of Federal  
Court Defendants Started**

Indianapolis, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Arraignment of nearly 100 persons indicted by the federal grand jury in two partial reports, was started today by Federal Judge Robert C. Baltzell.

Defendants entering pleas of not guilty will be tried in their own divisions, beginning with the Terre Haute division at Terre Haute, Oct. 1. Those expected to be arraigned to day included: Kenneth Spurgeon, charged with conspiracy in connection with the Terre Haute union station mail robbery, March 26 and narcotic charges against several Evansville doctors.

**Dog Races To Be Held  
At Bellmont Park Sunday**

A coon chase and dog race will be held Sunday at Bellmont park. The first race will be held at 10 o'clock in the morning. Two hundred dogs from five states will be entered in the races. Fred Beery, one of the promoters of the race, stated today.

**Kenneth Runyon Honored  
By Appointment At College**

Kenneth Runyon son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Runyon of this city, has been chosen as Assistant Biologist at Park College, Parkville, Missouri, where he has entered his second year of study. The school is one where every student works two hours a day, and in this way a large farm is kept going by the students. When Kenneth returned to school last week and reported for "family duty", as it is termed at the school, he was overjoyed to learn that he had received the appointment as Assistant Biologist, when only a Sophomore in the school.

Kenneth studied Biology last year and although not definitely decided upon his college course, is greatly interested in Biology and research work.

On his return to school, together with other students, the trip of 650 miles was made in a period of thirty hours.

## Florida Hurricane Vividly Described By Ruth Bowers Hiatt In Letter To Mother

With public interest centering as it is around the terrible hurricane which struck southern California early this week, the following letter received by Mrs. J. S. Bowers from her daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bowers Hiatt, of West Palm Beach, Florida, gives an interesting account of the gruesome affair. Mr. and Mrs. Hiatt and sons were among those fortunate enough to escape the fury of the winds and water. The letter was written Tuesday afternoon and reads:

Dearest Folks:

Sitting here with the sun shining brightly, one feels that the last three days have been a dream until the ambulance whistle's shrill siren is heard or one looks out the window to see houses and garages flat to the ground.

So long as I live, a shrill sudden wind will cause my hair to stand on end and goose pimples stand out on my skin.

### Storm Begins Sunday Noon

The first strong winds began about noon on Sunday and tore around the house in a dangerously playful fashion. Gradually getting stronger and advancing rapidly, we could but count the minutes as the storm approached.

The commander head of the American Legion called us at two and begged us to come to the hotel as no one could determine the danger of the hurricane. It was raining hard and blowing then, so we decided to stay and go through it in our house.

The storm swept around the house and on—one fell as though one rode a runaway merry-go-round. We watched from our front windows, the roofs of four houses go down the street. Of course that meant ruin to those houses.

In many of these cases, the people had been carrying on since the bank disasters. Four houses east of us are almost a total loss. Furniture and bedding soaked and dripping.

### Rain Falls In Torrents

Jack and Billy slept until four and then came the deluge. We all worked frantically mopping up the water under the front doors. Torrents of rain poured in on the porch and pushed under the doors.

Then for an hour we held the French doors to stay them against the wind. The lights and telephone service were gone dusk came, and the lull of the storm. Horrible now that I think of it. We ate our dinner by the coal oil light—actually ate and

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## SMITH SPEAKS AT DENVER TONIGHT

**Candidate Plans To Discuss  
Water Power Issue; Big  
Welcome At Wichita**

By Thomas L. Stokes,  
U. P. Staff Correspondent

Aboard Governor Smith's special train enroute to Denver, Colo., Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Governor Alfred E. Smith invaded Colorado today for his first discussion of water power, an issue he will emphasize strongly in his appeal for western votes, and on the more immediate mission of injecting renewed enthusiasm into Colorado democrats by a personal appearance.

He picked Colorado for his third campaign speech because it is one of the seven states involved in one of the two major waterpower projects pending before congress—the Boulder dam project—and because democrats believe their prospects in the state are unusually good this year, seriousness of which became apparent several weeks ago when Dr. Hubert Work, chairman of the republican national committee, made a trip to his home state, to smooth over the friction.

Today's trip is the New York governor's second visit to Denver. His other visit was 20 years ago, when he attended the democratic national convention in Denver in 1908. At that time, Smith was a rising young member of the New York assembly.

Rumors that Jolson had received death threats from a rival for Miss Keeler's hand were received with knowing smiles by everyone except the press agent.

The press agent revealed that the singer met Miss Keeler at Texas Guiney's night club here two years ago and helped to "give the little girl a hand." It was not until last week, however, that he decided to give her his heart as well.

In marrying Jolson, Miss Keeler refused \$3,000 of the profits he had made in the rise of Warner Brothers motion picture stock.

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## RELIEF WORKERS SAY TOLL LIKELY TO REACH 1,500

**Flood Waters Hinder Relief  
Work; Thousands Being  
Fed By Red Cross**

**CHURCHES, SCHOOLS  
HOUSE MANY VICTIMS**

Washington, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Known dead in the Florida hurricane area have increased to 1,000, and these figures still are incomplete. A. L. Schaefer, director of Red Cross relief, reported to headquarters here today.

Schaefer said that the 8,782 persons were being fed today in the counties of Palm Beach, Broward, Dade and Okeechobee.

**Concentrated In Camps**

In Palm Beach county, 3,844 persons were housed in concentration camps and 250 in Broward county and 375 in Dade county were similarly sheltered.

Hospital cases in Palm Beach and Broward counties numbered 130.

Red Cross authorities announced today they had received \$879,357 in large donations.

**West Indies Toll Grows**

Paris, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—The death toll from the hurricane in Guadeloupe, French West Indies, was far heavier than at first reported, the ministry of colonies announced today.

Deaths totalled 555 outside of Point a Pitre, the principal city, the announcement said, while it was expected the dead in Point a Pitre itself would exceed 300.

**West Palm Beach, Fla., Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—The death toll of the Florida hurricane may reach 1,500, Governor John W. Martin of Florida reported to headquarters of the American Red Cross here today.**

All doubt that the death list would pass 1,000 ended with the report of

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**Next Week Is Annual  
Home-Coming At Bluffton**

The annual big homecoming of the year for Bluffton and Wells county will be held next week, September 25 to 29, inclusive. It will be the occasion of the annual free street fair and county agricultural exhibit at Bluffton, and the fair management expects it to live up to the slogan of "Each Year a Little Better." In addition to a program of free acts, there will be free exhibits of agriculture, horses, cattle, sheep, swine, poultry, bees, art and culinary, boys and girls club work, a flower show and a dog show. Many from this locality will attend.

**STORY OF BOY'S  
MURDER RELATED**

Yonkers, Calif., Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—The story of the purported murder of nine-year-old Walter Collins was made public for the first time today.

Sanford Clark, 19, after an all night police grilling finally stated that he, Gordon Stewart Northcott and Gordon's mother, Mrs. Louise Northcott, grouped around Collins' bed and butchered the youth with an axe.

He said he and Northcott struck the boy with the blunt side of the instrument, and then Mrs. Northcott used the sharp side to complete the slaughter.

Clark said Mrs. Northcott at first opposed the slaying of Collins and favored turning him free on the desert some place, but then son finally prevailed upon her and she decided that all three should participate in the murder so that "none would tell."

The slaying took place on the Northcott chicken ranch near Corona where two other youths were done to death and where the head of a fourth was brought for burial, according to Clark.

Clark's tale of the Collins' death followed his appearance before the grand jury. On his testimony and on physical evidence to support it, murder indictments were returned against Mrs. Northcott and her son.