

WEATHER  
Probably fair to-  
night and Sunday.  
Slightly warmer to-  
night central and  
northeast portions.  
Cooler Sunday.

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PAPER—  
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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 un-  
reported at 1 P. M.

Goebel, by alighting here first,  
won the first prize of \$3,000. He cov-  
ered 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 Dickinson, 71-year-old  
flier, as passenger, was the first Los  
Angeles to Cincinnati class B air rac-  
er 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 Meacham 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  
Quadrangle mountain defeated Sam-  
uel 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. My-  
ers, Los Angeles. Emery landed his  
Traveler near Sweetwater. Myers  
landed his Simplex east of Midland  
after it developed engine trouble.

### Continued on Page Five. Several Decatur People Hear Frank Dailey Speak

Several automobile loads of De-  
catur people motored to Fort Wayne last  
night to hear Frank C. Dailey, Demo-  
cratic candidate for governor, speak  
at the Moose auditorium. The auditor-  
ium was filled to capacity and many  
persons were unable to gain admis-  
sion. Arthur Hamrick, candidate for  
secretary of state; John Lineberger,  
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.)—Pres-  
sure is being brought on Herbert  
Hoover to amplify his four-speech  
speaking campaign so as to include,  
particularly, a trip to Oklahoma and  
Texas.

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

The Texas situation was called to  
his attention by a delegation of Tex-  
as Republicans recently with a re-  
quest for an address there. Pressure  
also has been exerted for speeches in  
Illinois, North Dakota and Montana.  
Hoover has been hesitant about in-  
creasing his program, although his  
closest advisers are trying to con-  
vince 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 ac-  
cept more speaking engagements in  
the short time remaining before elec-  
tion.

His only remaining engagements  
are Elizabeth, 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-m.p.h. 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 fi-  
nally 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. Sep-  
tember 4, 1900, she united in marriage  
with Daniel Scherry the surviving hus-  
band. Four children, the result of this  
union survive as follows: Milton Em-  
erson Scherry, residing near Magley,  
Alma, Marie and Marcella, at home.

One sister, Mrs. Emma Miller re-  
sides at Van Wert, Ohio, and one brother,  
Albert Reppert, resides in Kirk-  
land township. Ollie Reppert, a brother  
predeceased 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.

### Two Killed By Train At Van Wert, Friday

Van Wert, Ohio, Sept. 22.—Mrs. Victoria  
Melsner and J. A. Morris, 57, both  
of Lima, were instantly killed when  
west bound local Pennsylvania passen-  
ger train Number 451 struck the auto-  
mobile in which they were riding on  
the Chestnut street crossing here Fri-  
day morning. The car, an Oldsmobile  
coupe, was torn into fragments and  
scattered along the tracks.

### New Radio Set Installed In Democratic Headquarters

Milton C. Werling was busy this af-  
ternoon installing a new Grebe radio  
set at the Democratic headquarters a-  
bove the Daily Democrat office. Every-  
thing will be in readiness to receive  
Gov. Alfred E. Smith's speech which  
will be broadcast over a hookup of  
stations from Denver, Colorado. The  
public is invited to attend. Gov. Smith's  
speech will be on the air at 10:30  
o'clock Central Standard time, to-  
night.

### 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 follow-  
ing 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 an-  
nounced today. Notices that men were  
wanted in all departments were posted  
today.

### Letter Comes From California To Decatur In 24 Hours By Plane

Despite the fact that his letter was  
carried from San Francisco to Decatur  
by air mail in 24 hours, a check sent  
here by Frank Erwin, former local  
resident, to be used in purchasing  
flowers for the funeral of his aunt,  
the late Mrs. Otto Kiefer, of this city,  
arrived a few hours after the funeral  
had been held. Mr. Erwin, who is a  
son of Mrs. Ben Shilts, of east of De-  
catur, operates a studio in San Fran-  
cisco and is doing well in his pro-  
fession. He stated in his letter that  
members of his family were well.

### 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-  
in latter half; not much precipitation  
likely.

### HEAVY LITTER WEIGHED FRIDAY

### Litter Of 12 Pigs Belonging To Enoch P. Habegger Weigh 2,565½ Pounds

Two more litters in the Adams county  
Ton Litter Club were weighed up-  
yesterday by County Agent Ferd E.  
Christen. One litter of eight Durocs,  
belonging to John E. Heimann, weigh-  
ed 1,818 pounds on the 18th day and  
the other, a litter of 12 Chester  
Whites, belonging to Enoch P. Hab-  
egger, of Berne, weighed 2,565½  
pounds. Mr. Habegger's litter is the  
heaviest litter that has been weighed  
up in the county so far this year. Se-  
veral 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. Hab-  
egger averaged 213.8 pounds each.  
One pig in Mr. Habegger's litter weigh-  
ed 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. Hei-  
mann's possession and the winner of  
the trophy this year cannot be de-  
termined until all the litters are weighed  
up. Mr. Schmitt is also offering some  
cash prizes for the winners.

Mr. Habegger fed his litter princi-  
pally 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. Hab-  
egger 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 un-  
til they were four months old having  
access to sweet clover pasture until  
the last six weeks of the feeding pe-  
riod.

### FIRE DAMAGES GENEVA HOUSE

### Residence Of Boyd Booher Catches Fire Late Fri- day Afternoon

Geneva, Sept. 22.—(Special)—The  
residence of Boyd Booher, in the east  
part of Geneva, was badly damaged by  
fire which broke out late Friday after-  
noon. The origin of the blaze is un-  
known.

No one was at the Booher home  
when the fire was discovered. Mr. Boo-  
her was at work at the Geneva mill,  
about half a block from home and Mrs.  
Booher had gone to Bluffton. The lat-  
ter's brother, William Eckrote, who  
rooms with the Boohers, left early yester-  
day morning with a truck load of  
furniture. The fire started in Mr. Eck-  
rote's room, it is believed. The fire de-  
partment was called and two lines of  
hose laid to fight the fire. Practically  
the entire room was destroyed and  
much damage done to the interior be-  
fore the fire was extinguished. All of  
Mr. Eckrote's clothing, except that  
which he was wearing, was burned.

### Arraignment Of Federal Court Defendants Started

Indianapolis, Sept. 22.—(U.P.)—Ar-  
raignment of nearly 100 persons in-  
dicted by the federal grand jury in  
two partial reports, was started to-  
day by Federal Judge Robert C. Balt-  
zell.

### Dog Races To Be Held At Belmont Park Sunday

A coon chase and dog race will be  
held Sunday at Belmont 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 stu-  
dent 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 Soph-  
omore in the school.

Kenneth studied Biology last year  
and although not definitely decided  
upon his college course, is greatly in-  
terested 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 receiv-  
ed 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 fash-  
ion. Gradually getting stronger and  
advancing rapidly, we could but  
count the minutes as the storm ap-  
proached.

The commander head of the Amer-  
ican 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 felt 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. Tor-  
rents 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  
hull 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  
Abroad 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 ap-  
peal 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  
day projects—and because democrats  
believe their prospects in the state  
are unusually good this year, serious-  
ness of which became apparent sev-  
eral weeks ago when Dr. Hubert  
Work, chairman of the republican na-  
tional committee, made a trip to his  
home state, to smooth over the fric-  
tion.

Today's trip is the New York gov-  
ernor's second visit to Denver. His  
other visit was 20 years ago, when he  
attended the democratic national con-  
vention in Denver in 1908. At that  
time, Smith was a rising young mem-  
ber of the New York assembly.

Governor Smith returned through  
Kansas last night to receive a series  
of welcomes at short stops along the  
way. The largest crowd was at  
Wichita, the home of former Gov-  
ernor Henry J. Allen, now publicity di-  
rector of the republican campaign,  
and the place where Carrie Nation,  
pioneer prohibitionist, smashed her  
first saloon.

Governor Smith said a few words,  
telling the crowd that Kansas has a  
warm heart. It is the only time that  
he has departed from his custom of

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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 hurri-  
cane area have increased to  
1,000 and these figures still are  
incomplete, A. L. Schafer, di-  
rector of Red Cross relief, re-  
ported to headquarters here to-  
day.

Schafer said that the 8,782 per-  
sons were being fed today in the  
counties of Palm Beach, Broward,  
Dane and Okeechobee.

### Concentrated In Camps

In Palm Beach county, 3,844 per-  
sons were housed in concentration  
camps and 250 in Broward county and  
375 in Dane 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 Quadeloupe,  
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 ex-  
pected the dead in Point a Pitre it-  
self 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 event  
of the year for Bluffton and Wells  
county will be held next week, Sep-  
tember 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 addi-  
tion 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 at-  
tend.

### STORY OF BOY'S MURDER RELATED

### Youth Discloses Details Of Brutal Slaying In California

Riverside, 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 in-  
strument, and then Mrs. Northcott  
used the sharp side to complete the  
slaying.

Clark said Mrs. Northcott at first  
opposed the slaying of Collins and  
favored turning him free on the de-  
sert some place, but then she finally  
preached 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, mur-  
der indictments were returned against  
Mrs. Northcott and her son.