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Before we build those fifteen cruisers it might be well to have a contract that the next thing will not be a conference to destroy them.

They say January was the coldest in eleven years and we have no way of disproving it, though most folks had not noticed that it was unusual.

Some manufacturer of chewing tobacco should startle the world with the advertisement of some movie or fashion leader that she likes it sweet, chews it fine and swallows the juice.

The farm organization favors an increase of one cent in the gasoline tax and the license fees on cars made permanent during the life of the car. That would save a lot of trouble but would likely decrease the road funds.

Well did you think to get your 1929 license plates? Time is up and from now on you are liable if you drive your car without them on. Having them in the car or on the dresser top will not excuse you, according to the orders to the state police.

Start February off by renewing your subscription to the Daily Democrat. We are making our annual campaign to get every member of the big family chalked up to 1930 and we want your name along with the others. We promise you a better paper if we can possibly give it to you and with your support we feel we can.

The state budget as estimated by the legislature committee for the next two years is \$52,000,000 and of course that is more likely to grow than to diminish. We certainly do pay fancy prices for government these days and the queer thing about it is we seem to like it whether we get much out of it or little.

"Indiana solons swat Shumaker," says a headline but they won't be near so "rambunctious" next year when they are trying to square their votes on prohibition funds with the voters. Dr. Shumaker may not be in the saddle then but some one will very likely and it will be interesting to watch just how they fix things up as of course they will just on the eve of the election. At least they always have.

Mr. Wile, broadcasting from Washington seems a little peevish because "our fisherman president-elect" as he calls him, does not seem inclined to tell the reporters just what he will do about the selection of a cabinet and predicts that no one will know the personnel of that body until noon of March 4th, when the names will be sent to the senate for their approval, and so far as that's concerned, most of them, except the candidates, don't care a doggone.

Representatives of the General Electric here yesterday declared the business outlook is splendid and they are anticipating one of the biggest years in their history. The local factory is moving right along and their annual report shows that nearly \$500,000 was spent for labor here last year and that more than \$42,000 was paid to the city for electric current. We like their optimism and their methods of doing business and we

**TODAY'S CHUCKLE**

Litchfield, Ill., —(UP)— Rather than pay \$10 per month alimony to his wife, Col. W. B. May, auctioneer of this city, has gone to jail and declares he intends to remain here indefinitely.

hope the plant here continues to prosper and to grow. We believe it will.

Tomorrow is groundhog day when the little animal is supposed to decide whether we will have six more weeks of winter or an early spring. Of course it's all a joke and a million ones have been told about it. Some years ago when the late Henry Krick of this county was a member of the legislature and when the republican majority had offered innumerable unreasonable bills, Mr. Krick to call the minds of the people to them, offered a resolution to change the date of ground hog day to later in the season. It had the desired effect and received much publicity.

If the Indiana farm plan for relief as offered in a bill recently presented and supported by a number of the senators and representatives, could be put over, every body would feel like making "whoopie," but it can't we fear. They ask drastic tax revision, reduction in the cost of education, elimination of unnecessary boards and commissions and other savings. Not only the farmer but every one else who is interested in a lower cost of government, agrees with them. The next thing is to get the laws through a legislature that seems determined to make a new spending record.

As the time approaches for consideration of candidates for the various offices in the city primary, we call your attention to the fact that the present administration has set up a high standard for efficiency and progress. We are proud of the record made the past four years and we are sure that nothing has been done that can be successfully attacked. The men and women in charge of city affairs have used good judgment and the best proof is the excellent financial condition of the treasury together with the many improvements made. The city plant is one of the best in the country, we have added miles of ornamental light posts, the streets have been improved and every thing is in tip-top condition. All this means much to Decatur and deserves your appreciation.

**\* TWENTY YEARS AGO \***  
From the Daily Democrat File  
\* Twenty Years Ago Today \*

Feb. 1—County commissioners grant petition for local option election in Adams county, will fix date tomorrow. Five hundred and thirteen bills have been presented in the legislature in twenty-three days.

Chicago will erect forty-six new school buildings at a cost of \$8,873,000. Fred Bohnke resigns as city marshal and Mayor France appoints Albert Butler.

Nicholas Moibers, 84, pioneer of city, died yesterday.

Indiana spent over two million dollars last year in the charitable and correctional institutions.

Marriage License—Frank Hurst to Miss Grace Tindal.

L. O. Bears secures contract to build the Broadstock road in Hartford township for \$2,399.

Little Francile Lower has shoulder dislocated while at play.

Tony Conter begins duties as a reporter for the Daily Democrat.

Miss Mayme Terveer entertains Machelor Maids at Eucher.

**\* BIG FEATURES  
OF RADIO \***

WEAF—and network 7 pm. Cities service hour.

WOR—and Network 8 pm. True Story hour.

WJZ—and network 8 pm. Wrigley Review.

WZ— and network 8:30 pm. Philco hour.

WEAF—Network 9 pm. N. B. C. Concert hour.

A box of Forget-Me-Not candy  
Holthouse's — makes a nice  
birthday gift.

Get the Habit—Trade at Home, It Pays

**The "Happy Warrior" in Florida**



Pars have replaced speeches in the life of former Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York, defeated candidate for the presidency. He's shown in the picture making a particularly good putt on the beautiful La Gorce golf links at Miami Beach, Florida.

**MONROE NEWS**

Ed Engeler, of Decatur, as a business caller in Monroe, Tuesday morning.

Jacob Leichty, C. C. Springer and Rufus Springer were business callers in Monroe, Thursday morning.

Miss Ruth Schwartz, of southwest of town, was a caller in town, Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Crist and daughter were callers in Decatur, Wednesday evening.

The Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Foster and daughter, and Miss Delores Longenberger attended the church services at

Bobo, Wednesday evening.

John Johnson, of southeast of town was a business caller here Thursday afternoon.

Art Myers, of Port Wayne, was a business caller in Monroe Thursday evening.

Mrs. Forest Andrews is visiting with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Rich and daughter, Janet southwest of town.

R. L. Springer attended the church services at Berne Wednesday evening.

**Important Possessions**

He that hath a trifle hath an estate, and he that hath a calling hath an office of profit and honor.—Benjamin Franklin.

**ANNUITIES**

**WHAT IS AN ANNUITY?**

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**WHISKEY STRUCK  
INSTEAD OF OIL;  
BOOM STARTED**

**Unusual Discovery Report-  
ed In Jay County; Mys-  
tery Unexplained**

Portland, Feb. 1—Bootleggers may become heavy investors in Indiana's growing oil boom. Their interest has been riveted on a new field here by an unusual and unexpected discovery said to have been made by an oil operator while drilling a well here.

At a depth of 327 feet a fluid began to flow from the hole which was different in look and smell from anything that had been encountered in these parts before. It was of amber color, coal the whiskey has been aged for 3,000 years, which accounts for its high quality and thickness. It was covered over by subsequent geological formations and remained in the ground until discovered by the drillers.

Exact location of the well has not been disclosed, in spite of the fact that rumor says fabulous sums have been offered for the information by Chicago racketeers. It is known, however, to be located in Wabash township, in the northeastern part of Jay county.

British Titles

The title of knight is not hereditary. The title of baronet, which also carries the prefix "Sir," is in order of precedence the lowest hereditary title in Britain.

**Both Wholesome Trees**

Solid wood is as useful to the imagination as society is wholesome for the character.—Lowell.

**Good Advice-  
is beyond Price!**

Thus runs an old proverb. And that it holds good on matters financial as well as everything else, there is no question. You know what they often say—"two heads are better than one." Which we will qualify with—"yes, if the other is the wiser and the more experienced!"

Money can't buy Financial Advice in this Bank. But your friendship CAN! It'll get you counsel backed by many years experience on any financial problem -- Savings, Investments, and so on. Your confidence will be led inviolable.

**THIS IS YOUR BANK—**

**LET IT SERVE YOU!**

**Old Adams County Bank**

**It's a neighbor-maker**

OVER in the bunkhouse the boys of the Bar-C outfit have Kansas City on the radio. In her Park Avenue apartment, the slim fingers of a famous actress turn the dials, and the same music leaps forth. Forty miles north of Milwaukee, Chris Jonson, the dirt farmer, is listening in on the same wave-length.

The same sort of thing is going on everywhere, all over the country, at all hours of the day and night. Folks in Los Angeles see the same movies, and ride in the same automobiles that New Yorkers enjoy. The resident of Seattle wears the same sort of clothes, eats the same brand of bacon, and lives in the same kind of house as his neighbor in Portland, Maine.

Advertising has done it. Advertising, the miracle worker, keeps everyone in the land attuned to the latest in everything. It has changed the buying habits of a nation. It is the great modern force that makes neighbors of the people of far countries, that brings the best of their customs to us, and takes ours to them.

Reading the advertisements will keep you abreast of the times.

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