

# KNUTE ROCKNE IS KILLED IN CRASH

## Fire, Earthquake Destroy Portion Of Managua, Nicaragua

### VIRTUALLY DESTROYED BY MUG DISASTER

### Continues to Rage In Stricken City, Dis- patches Say

### PRESIDENT HOOVER PERS RELIEF SENT

(By United Press)  
Managua and earthquake today  
ruined a major part of  
the capital city of Nic-  
aragua.  
The state de-  
partment in Washington,  
caused President  
Hoover to order military,  
naval and Red Cross aid to  
stricken residents, and  
to the tropical radio  
New Orleans and Boston  
are continued to rage in  
city of 33,000 population.  
Central part of the city was  
ruined. Fire started im-  
mediately.  
Advices to Tropical Radio  
the fire is sweeping the cen-  
tral part of the city now to  
the west and is entirely  
out of control.  
General Preston Brown,  
commandant of military forces in  
Managua, reported to the  
state department that Managua  
has been destroyed.  
Advices mentioned nothing  
of casualties.

Washington, Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—An  
earthquake followed by fire visit-  
ing the city of Managua, the  
capital of Nicaragua, today,  
ruined a major part of the city.  
President Hoover was informed  
that the state department of  
Managua, the reports  
meant virtual destruc-  
tion of the city.  
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### German Infant Dies At Hospital

Lenggerich infant daughter  
died at the hospital today.  
Mrs. Herman Lenggerich  
of Indiana street died this morn-  
ing at the Adams County Memorial  
hospital from exhaustion after liv-  
ing only four hours.  
The baby was born at 9 o'clock  
last night at the local hospital.  
Died at one o'clock Tuesday  
morning. Surviving are the parents,  
Mrs. Ellen, and a brother,  
William. A sister and brother, Mar-  
tine and James, are deceased.  
Funeral services were held Tues-  
day afternoon at 2:30 o'clock in the  
St. Mary's Catholic Church.

### TWO MEXICANS ARE ARRESTED

### Quantity of Liquor And Mash Confiscated By Local Officers

Two Mexicans, Felix Nieto, 46,  
and Peter, 19, were arrested  
by Sheriff Burl Johnson and  
Police Supt. Melchior late  
afternoon in a shack near the  
factory which they have  
been occupying since last spring.  
They came here from Mt.  
Pleasant, Michigan.  
The hundred and ten gallons of  
liquor and about two gallons of  
mash were confiscated.  
The officers. The Mexicans  
had been engaged in  
liquor traffic for several years  
this was the first time they  
were taken into custody.  
The two men were brought to  
Adams county jail where they  
will be kept in custody until  
trial.

### BORN IN AIRPLANE

Winnipeg, Man., Mar. 31.—  
(U.P.)—The child born Sunday  
to Mrs. Alex Miller while she  
was in an airplane 4,000 feet  
in the air was given the name  
today of Lindbergh Wright  
Cook Miller.

The 21-year-old Indian moth-  
er and her baby, the first ever  
born in an airplane over Can-  
ada, were reported "doing  
splendidly."

Mrs. Miller was at Mile 214  
on Hudson's Bay railway when  
it was decided to "race the  
stork" to the Pas. The trip  
was made in a speedy Fairchild  
ship of the Royal Canadian Air  
Force.

L. A. Bailey, mechanic, was  
the only other passenger with  
Mrs. Miller in the cabin of the  
plane when the child was born.

### UNION MEETING ON GOOD FRIDAY

### Program Is Announced For Meeting of Protes- tant Churches Friday

The Good Friday union services  
of the Protestant churches will  
be held in the Zion Reformed church,  
Friday, April 3, from twelve o'clock  
noon until 3 o'clock in the after-  
noon.

The churches that will partici-  
pate in the special services will be  
the Baptist, Christian, Evangelical,  
Methodist Episcopal, Presbyterian,  
United Brethren, and Zion Reformed.

The minister of each church will  
deliver a twenty-minute sermon  
during the program, and musical  
numbers will also be furnished by  
representatives from each of the  
churches.

### JOHN HOFFMAN WILL IS FILED

### Instrument Divides Com- missioner's Estate Among Children

The will of the late John G. Hoff-  
man, Adams county commissioner,  
who died Monday, March 23, was  
filed this morning. All real estate  
and personal property is divided  
among the three daughters and  
three sons. The will was written  
October 13, 1927, and was witness-  
ed by William M. Meyer and Clar-  
ence R. Smith, and names the son,  
Charles, as executor.

The son, Charles, is bequeathed  
an 80-acre farm in Adams county  
and another son, Oscar, is bequeathed  
a farm of 78½ acres in Adams  
county. The sons are to pay any  
indebtedness against these farms  
or against the decedent. The two  
sons are also bequeathed jointly  
the Hoffman residence in Preble and  
the Preble Equity Exchange, an  
elevator owned by the deceased.

To a third son, Lewis, is given  
two shares of bank stock. The  
will states that Lewis' share in the  
estate has been previously advanced.

Charles and Oscar Hoffman are  
to pay \$700 to each of three daugh-  
ters, Clara Koldewey, Ella Graft  
and Selma Hoffman. The daughters  
are to share equally in all house-  
hold goods and are each given one  
share of bank stock.

The will further provides that  
any residue of the estate of the  
deceased's sister, Elizabeth Kirby,  
shall be divided equally among the  
six children.

### Services At St. Mary's Church This Evening

The Tuesday evening Lenten ser-  
vice will be held at the St. Mary's  
Catholic church this evening. The  
Rev. Father Charles Girardot, Fort  
Wayne, will deliver the last of his  
series of sermons. Tonight's ser-  
vices mark the opening of the ob-  
servance of Holy week. The three  
hours will be observed Friday after-  
noon from twelve to three o'clock.

### FILE SUIT FOR DISSOLUTION OF SUGAR TRUST

### Federal Government Asks Permanent Injunction From Court

### ALLEGED VIOLATION OF ANTI-TRUST LAW

Washington, March 31.—(U.P.)—  
Court action of vital interest to  
every individual living in the United  
States is pending as a result of  
suit filed yesterday by the Federal  
government, asking dissolution of  
the sugar institute.

Direct and specific charges of  
price-fixing, artificial transporta-  
tion charges, blacklisting, and other  
alleged violations of the anti-  
trust laws were made against the  
50 defendants comprising the in-  
stitute. The suit, filed by the United  
States district attorney in New  
York, asks a permanent injunction  
against the institute, forbidding  
the refiners comprising its mem-  
bership from maintaining "a com-  
prehensive scheme designed to fix  
uniform and oppressive prices."

The importance of the action may  
be visualized when it is recalled  
that the United States consumes  
one-fourth of the world's sugar  
production, that the cane sugar out-  
put is more than 5,000,000 tons a  
year, and that the price of cane  
sugar ranges from 1 to 1½ cents  
higher than beet sugar.

No beet sugar refiners were named  
in the complaint. One of the  
charges is that the cane refiners,  
producing 85 per cent of the sugar  
consumed in this country, induced  
the beet sugar refiners to restrict  
their output.

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### Poultry Specialist To Give Demonstrations

William Kohlmeyer, poultry spe-  
cialist of Purdue University, will  
give two brooding demonstrations  
in Adams county, Tuesday, April  
7. The morning meeting will be held  
on the Frank Habegger farm in  
Monroe township, one and one-half  
miles east and one and one-half  
miles north of Berne. The afternoon  
demonstration will be given on the  
Charles Berning farm, seven miles  
north of Decatur, the first farm  
north of state road 27 on the Wil-  
liams road.

Mr. Kohlmeyer will discuss brood-  
ing and its problems, including pro-  
per housing, feeding and the sanitation  
program necessary to prevent  
disease and internal parasites.

### ADAMS COUNTY NATIVE DIES

### Mrs. Charles Huss Passes Away at Bluffton This Morning

Bluffton, March 31.—(U.P.)—  
(Special)—Mrs. Angeline Christman  
Huss, 61, wife of Charles C. Huss of  
Bluffton, died at her home Tues-  
day morning at 2:30 o'clock, follow-  
ing a seven-weeks illness from paraly-  
sis.

Mrs. Huss was born in Adams  
county, August 1, 1869, the daugh-  
ter of Eli and Mary Wise Christman.  
She had resided in Wells county  
for the past fifty years, and was  
a member of the Wesleyan Metho-  
dist church.

In 1887 she was united in mar-  
riage to George Sprawl, and to this  
union one daughter was born, Mrs.  
Leonard Davis of Fort Wayne, who  
survives. Mr. Sprawl died August  
8, 1921, and in December 24, 1923  
Mrs. Huss married Charles Huss,  
who survives. One step-daughter,  
Mrs. Maude Hipser of Roanoke, a  
grandchild, and four step-grand-  
children also survive, together with  
one sister Mrs. Albert Burris and  
a brother Eli Christman of Geneva.  
Funeral services will be held  
Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock in  
the Wesleyan Methodist church,  
with the Rev. Eugene Hunter officiat-  
ing. Burial will be made in the  
Fairview cemetery.

### Rockne Killed In Crash



Mr. and Mrs. Knute Rockne  
Recent photo of the famous football coach of Notre Dame and his  
wife, taken recently while on a vacation in the south. Rockne's untimely  
death in an airplane accident at Bazaar, Kansas, brings sorrow to  
millions of his admirers.

Knute Kenneth Rockne became a  
legendary figure in the sport world  
through his great success as coach  
of football at Notre Dame Univer-  
sity at South Bend, Indiana. One  
of his greatest successes was scored  
in the 1930 season when Rockne de-  
veloped one of the best, if not the  
very best, eleven in the country.

Rockne's ability to produce win-  
ning teams, his own vivid personality  
his judgment, and saneness made  
anything he did or had to say at any  
time news for the sport pages.

Rockne came to the United States  
as an emigrant boy from Norway.

### MUSICAL PLAY HERE APRIL 24

### Riley School to Give Pre- sentation Featuring Harmonica Band

The teachers and pupils of the Ri-  
ley School are preparing a musical  
play in two acts entitled, "Tad's In-  
spiration", which will be presented  
April 24. The musical play will be held  
on the Maude Arita Wallace and  
features a Harmonica Band.

The play was written to inspire  
the boys and girls of this country  
with a love for good music and es-  
pecially to enjoy the Harmonica.  
For the public presentation of the  
opera permission in writing must be  
obtained for the publishers, and  
the principal at the Riley building  
has in her possession a letter grant-  
ing this right.

Practices on the play are pro-  
gressing nicely and the play pro-  
mises to be a great success. Several  
special numbers have also been pre-  
pared which will add to the pleasure  
of the entertainment.

The Harmonica Band has received  
much praise at each of its public  
appearances in this city, and its  
appearance in the municipal play  
will be anticipated with pleasure.

### Truck Driver Hit By Lone Railroad Train

Lebanon Ind. March 31.—(U.P.)—  
One train a day is enough on any  
railroad if it happens to come to a  
crossing at the same time with an  
auto. Russell Courtney 34, milk truck  
driver has learned.

Courtney's truck was demolished  
by the only train which ran on the  
midland railroad yesterday. He will  
recover, physicians said.

### Hank Bruder Turns To Wrestling Game

Chicago March 31.—(U.P.)—Hen-  
ry (Hank) Bruder captain of last  
year's Northwestern football team  
has turned professional wrestler  
and will make his debut at the col-  
iseum Monday night promoters Jim  
Mullen and Joe Coffey have an-  
nounced.

### DEFENSE OPENS TESTIMONY IN BROTHERS TRIAL

### Counsel Challenges State- ments of State Wit- nesses

### SAYS DEFENDANT NOT THE SLAYER

Criminal Courts, Chicago, Mar.  
31.—(U.P.)—Counsel for Leo V.  
Brothers, charged with the murder  
of Alfred J. Lingle, opened the St.  
Louis gunman's defense today by  
challenging the testimony of state  
witnesses that Brothers ran from  
the subway where reported was  
killed.

The defense's second witness,  
Lawrence O'Malley, a switchman,  
testified that he saw Lingle shot  
last June and that Brothers was  
not the slayer. O'Malley was the  
first witness produced by either  
side who testified that he saw the  
actual shooting.

O'Malley testified he went through  
the Illinois subway when Lingle  
was murdered.

Q. How close were you to the  
slayer? A. Six feet.

Louis Pluquet, defense attorney,  
had Brothers stand up before the  
witness chair.

Q. Is this the man you saw shoot  
Lingle? A. No, sir.

O'Malley said he saw the slayer  
fire the bullet that killed Lingle  
and saw him lay down the pistol.

Q. You're absolutely positive the  
man who fired the shot was not  
Leo V. Brothers? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Did he in any way resemble  
Brothers? A. No, not in any way  
I know of.

O'Malley said he did not notify  
the police because "I owned my  
own home, made big money and  
didn't want to be bothered by any  
trouble."

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### Geneva Man's Sister Buried This Morning

### MRS. BUSSE DIES THIS MORNING

### Mrs. Louise Busse, 75, Dies at Home of Son in Root Township

Mrs. Louise Busse, 75, Adams  
County woman died at the home of  
her son, Fred Busse in Root town-  
ship, at ten o'clock this morning.  
Death was caused by heart trouble  
and followed an illness of more than  
a week.

Mrs. Busse spent her life in Adams  
county, living with her son for the  
past 25 years. She was a member  
of the St. Paul Lutheran church  
for many years.

She was born in Allen County,  
November 18, 1855, the daughter of  
Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Rodenbeck.  
Her husband, Fred Busse, Sr., pre-  
ceded her in death.

Surviving are the following chil-  
dren: Fred Busse of Root township;  
Henry Busse, Emma Busse, Bertha  
Busse, Louise Busse all at home;  
Rev. O. C. Busse of Schenectady,  
N. Y.; the following brothers and  
sisters: Rev. C. Rodenbeck; Mrs.  
Mathew Connors, Mrs. William Bar-  
tel, Mrs. Henry Gieseking and Mrs.  
Mullenbruch all of Fort Wayne.

The time of the funeral has not  
been determined, but the services  
will be conducted by Rev. Gaiser at  
the St. Paul Lutheran church in  
Root township.

### Mrs. Ethel Henley Re-Files Divorce Suit

Indianapolis, March 31.—(U.P.)—  
Mrs. Ethel Williams Henley, who  
lost out in Hancock circuit court on  
her contention that she is the wife  
of Adjutant General Manford G.  
Henley, Indiana, has re-filed her  
case for divorce and separate main-  
tenance, in superior court here.

The contention, as in the first  
trial, is that she married Henley  
September 12, 1929, in Toledo O.  
Henley denied being married to  
her, charged a frame-up, and pro-  
duced a hand-writing expert to testi-  
fy that the signature on the mar-  
riage contract was not in his writ-  
ing.

### KILLED BY SNAKE

San Gabriel, Calif., Mar. 31.—  
(U.P.)—Authorities and physi-  
cians were puzzled today over  
the manner in which Jim Cash,  
Chinese, received a rattlesnake  
bite which caused his death.

Cash was found unconscious,  
slumped over the steering  
wheel of his car between here  
and Indio, his home.

The snake was in a perforat-  
ed box in the rear seat of the  
car. Its mouth was sewed  
shut with string.

Cash died a few hours later  
without regaining conscious-  
ness.

### FRENCH QUINN MAKES SPEECH

### Decatur Man Delivers Ad- dress Over WOWO Monday Night

French Quinn of this city spoke  
over WOWO, Fort Wayne at 11  
o'clock Monday night during the  
program put on by the Portland  
and Geneva Chamber of Commerce  
associations in the interest of the  
Lumberlost Lake project.

Several people from Portland  
and Geneva were in the studio  
when Mr. Quinn delivered his ad-  
dress. He said:

"Many people of Fort Wayne,  
Portland, Decatur, Berne, Geneva,  
Winchester, Bluffton and Hartford  
City and environs, in fact a great  
many people in northeastern Indi-  
ana, are mightily interested in the  
restoration of the Lumberlost made  
famous by the nature stories of  
Gene Stratton-Porter.

"This famous swamp situated  
on the Adams, Jay and Wells  
county line between Geneva and  
Portland, here in northeastern In-  
diana is destined to be made into  
a state park with a lake a number  
of square miles in area.

"The plan is not only to make  
a pleasure resort but to restore  
these marvelous trees and plant  
growth of the old Lumberlost  
made so familiar to millions of  
readers all over the world through  
the writings of Mrs. Porter. Earn-  
est support of this worthy pro-  
ject is sought from all nature  
lovers and true sportsmen and  
friends of the Lumberlost stories.  
The state conservation department  
views the idea favorably. The  
Izaak Walton League both state  
and national are for it.

"The plans are gaining ground  
rapidly. This section of Indiana is  
entitled to a state park. Funds  
are needed. The Gene-Stratton-  
Porter fund is the best source.

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### ASSESSORS IN MEETING TODAY

### Township Assessors Hear Tax Representative This Morning

The township assessors met this  
morning in the Decatur Chamber  
of Commerce rooms, Ray Shank,  
special representative of the state  
board of tax commissioners, being  
present at the meeting.

Mr. Shank stated that the genera  
l averages on farm implements and  
household goods was too low so far  
this year and urged that the assess-  
ments be held up as much as pos-  
sible. Assessments on live stock  
were fair, the state representative  
stated.

All of the assessors except Willis  
Laughrey, Blue creek township at-  
tended the meeting. Mr. Laughrey  
is confined to his home on account  
of illness.

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### Two Civil War Vets Die At Fort Wayne

Fort Wayne, Ind., Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—  
Two Civil war veterans, both  
former Union soldiers, died here  
late yesterday. Levi Walke, 85,  
who was in 11 battles and was with  
Sherman on his march to the sea,  
died of senility. Daniel Auer, 99,  
who also fought with Sherman, died  
earlier in the day.

### FAMOUS COACH, EIGHT OTHERS DIE IN SMASHUP

### Passenger Mail Plane Falls Near Bazaar, Kansas, Today

### COACH WAS ENROUTE TO CALIFORNIA

Bazaar, Kan., Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—  
Knute Rockne, Notre Dame  
football coach and eight other  
men were killed in an airplane  
crash near here today.

The plane, operated by the  
Trans-Continental and West-  
ern Air Express, Inc., was en-  
route from Kansas City to  
Los Angeles.

Persons who reached the wreck-  
age of the plane said there were  
no survivors.

The plane crashed on the farm  
of Steward Baker near here.

It was a combination passenger  
and mail plane and was delayed  
15 minutes in its departure from  
Kansas City.

Rockne was making a hurried  
trip to the Pacific coast for a  
conference regarding a movie contract.  
He reached Kansas City early this  
morning and spent a short time  
with his two sons, William, 14, and  
Knute, Junior, 11, attending the

### WIFE ON WAY HOME

South Bend, Ind., Mar. 31.—  
(U.P.)—Mrs. Knute Rockne, wife  
of the Notre Dame football  
coach killed in Kansas, was re-  
ported today to be driving from  
Miami Beach, Florida, where  
she spent the winter, to South  
Bend.

Notre Dame officials said she  
was scheduled to leave early  
today and that they had not  
been able to get in touch with  
her by the middle of the after-  
noon.

### Pembroke school here.

The two sons had just returned  
to Kansas City from a trip to  
Miami, Florida.

Rockne planned to spend only  
a few days on the coast and to visit  
his sons again in Kansas City on  
the way back.

Three ambulances were sent  
from Cottonwood Hall, Kansas, to  
remove the bodies.

Bazaar is a small cattle town in  
the heart of the Flint Hills region,  
Trans-Continental planes flying over  
or near Bazaar daily, which is  
approximately 20 miles southwest  
of Emporia, Kansas.

The eight men left Kansas City  
at 9:15 a. m. today.

The departure was delayed a  
quarter of an hour because of the  
late arrival of mail from the Kan-  
sas City airport.

The wrecked ship was one of the  
veterans of the service, a tri-mo-  
tored Fokker ship, No. NC 999.

Officers of the air company were  
checking the complete passenger  
list.

Robert Fry, and Jess Mathias  
were pilot and co-pilot of the plane  
respectively.

### HOOVER SAYS NO TAX INCREASE

### President States No In- crease at Next Congress- ional Session

Washington, March 31.—(U.P.)—  
President Hoover said today there  
would be no increase in taxes at  
the next session of congress if con-  
gress would budget expenditures down  
within the budget limitations.

"There will be no increase in  
taxes if the next congress imposes  
no increases upon the budget or other  
expenditure proposals which the  
administration will present" Mr.  
Hoover said.

"But for congress to do this the  
people must cooperate to effectively  
discourage and postpone considera-  
tion of the demands of sectional  
and group interests," the President  
said.

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