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# NO WORD RECEIVED FROM BABY LINDY

## Yellow Jackets Make Ready For Sectional Net Tournament

### Babe's Funeral Held

Funeral services were held this afternoon for Robert Dale, seven weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Neuenschwander, residing one mile south of Berne, who died early Wednesday morning, following a short illness with pneumonia.

The baby was born January 12, 1932, and is survived by the parents, three brothers and four sisters. Funeral services were conducted at 2 o'clock this afternoon at the home with the Rev. C. H. Suckau officiating.

### JAPS CONTROL ALL SHANGHAI; PLAN OFFERED

Japanese Make New Proposals For Peace After Winning Offensive

### CHINA IS RELUCTANT

Shanghai, Mar. 3.—(UPI)—Japanese military operations at Shanghai ended today with the Chinese driven 12½ miles back from the city and Japan holding all territory contested in bitter fighting here since January 28.

Cessation of Japanese military activities just after the Chinese declared that the "fight has just begun" and the Japanese submitted new drastic peace proposals was revealed in a brief announcement by Consul-General Kuramatsu Murai:

"Japanese military and naval authorities, having accomplished their avowed object of affording protection to Japanese lives and property, ordered all military operations to cease forthwith."

The Chinese forts of Woosung and Woosung village were occupied by the Japanese shortly before the operations were halted. A final two-hour shelling enabled the Japanese to take the fortifications.

The Japanese military and naval high command issued statements identical with that of the consul-general. Gen. Shirakawa, new commander of the military here, said:

"We have decided to order the halting of our forces for the time being at points actually held and to stop fighting provided that the Chinese forces do not resort to further hostile actions."

The end of the Japanese offensive has taken the countryside in ruins on an 18-mile battle line from the international settlement to the Lion Forest forts on the Yangtze river.

At the doors of the settlement, the once prosperous Chinese city of Chapei was reduced to a mass of blackened remnants of homes and buildings. Fires still burned in the ruins of cotton mills in the district.

With danger over, hundreds visited what a few days ago was a no man's land of sudden death and

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Rev. B. H. Franklin and Rev. A. B. Brown will comprise a committee which will arrange the details for the three hour service, to extend from 12 o'clock Friday noon to 3 o'clock in the afternoon.

The general theme of the service this year will be "Glorying in the Cross," and each pastor of the local protestant churches will have an individual subject. All the local pastors will participate in the program as in former years.

The complete program for the Good Friday service will be announced upon its completion.

### HEART ATTACK FATAL TO DR. E.G. COVERDALE

Well-Known Local Man Dies At Home Wednesday Afternoon

### WAS ILL ONLY A FEW HOURS

Dr. Earl G. Coverdale, 52, prominent physician and a leading citizen of Decatur, died suddenly of a heart attack at about five o'clock Wednesday afternoon at his home, 316 North Second street.

Dr. Coverdale suffered a slight attack of angina pectoris Sunday. He felt better Monday and was at his office all that day and on Tuesday. Wednesday morning he did not feel so well and members of the family state he suffered from a slight heart attack at that time. He went to his office later and about noon became concerned with his condition and summoned Dr. Harry Jones of Berne, an intimate friend. He suffered a more severe attack at his office at noon and was removed to his home.

He reclined in a chair for a few hours and about 3:30 o'clock decided to go up stairs and lie down. Mrs. Coverdale was with him and for an hour he seemed to be rallying from the earlier attack. Suddenly his condition became worse and Mrs. Coverdale went to the telephone and asked the operator to summon medical help at once. She returned to his room and found her husband dying. Death followed in a few minutes.

Native of Decatur

Dr. Coverdale was born in Decatur, November 11, 1879. He was the son of Dr. Jonas and Catherine E. Coverdale. He attended the Decatur schools and was graduated from the local high

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### METHODISTS HOLD MEETING

Rev. E. T. Franklin Is Banquet Speaker at Ft. Wayne Conference

Rev. B. H. Franklin, pastor of the local Methodist Episcopal church, is attending the annual Fort Wayne Methodist district conference, which opened at New Haven, Wednesday.

Dr. E. T. Franklin, superintendent of the Fort Wayne Methodist hospital, and brother of Rev. Franklin, spoke at the laymen's banquet at 6 o'clock Wednesday night, and also at the service in the evening. For several months, Dr. Franklin has resided in Decatur.

Nearly 200 ministers and laymen attended the opening session of the district conference, and 42 churches of the district were represented.

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### Eicher Is Witness

Chris Eicher, county superintendent of roads, resumed his testimony as a witness in the Wabash dredge case this afternoon. Mr. Eicher took the stand yesterday.

This morning, Mr. Eicher, County attorney Henry B. Heller and other officials went to Wabash township to obtain measurements pertaining to roads and the proposed routing of the new river channel. Mr. Eicher testified at the damage to the roads if the new channel was built.

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### Ladders Used In Kidnapping



A policeman is shown examining ladders used in the kidnapping of Charles Augustus Lindbergh Jr. (insert). The baby was 3 weeks old when this photo was taken.

### CASE TO JURY THIS MORNING

Worker Case Is Com- pleted; Jury Retires At 11 o'clock

The jury returned a verdict at 3:50 p.m. finding Workinger guilty. The jury assessed a fine of \$5.00 and costs and sentenced him to one day in the Adams county jail.

Everett Banter was foreman after Mrs. Buckner broke her hip in a fall recently.

Mrs. Buckner organized the society of Colonial dames of Kentucky, serving as its first president.

She is survived by a son Mr. Simon B. Buckner Jr., stationed at the army war college, Washington; a brother Walter Clairborne, Richmond, Va., and two sisters, Mrs. George Frick, Baltimore and Mrs. Thomas Nelson Williamson of Richmond.

The jury reported at 3:30 to the court that it had agreed on a verdict and when Judge Erwin was informed what it was, announced that "it did not comply with the law" and ordered the jury returned to the jury room.

The case of the state vs. Wil-

ler Workinger, charged with receiving stolen goods in connection with the arrest several months ago of a chicken thief gang, went to the jury in Adams circuit court this morning at 11 o'clock.

Judge D. B. Erwin instructed the jurors and then ordered them to retire. Three verdicts might be returned according to the instructions. Workinger can be acquitted; found guilty or found guilty and sentenced to not more than a year in jail by the jury.

Arguments were presented to the jury by Prosecutor Nathan C. Nelson for the state and by H. M.

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### GILDAY TRIAL NEARING END

Reformer Who Shot At Boy Facing Trial In Chicago Court

Chicago, March 3—(UPI)—Cross-examination of Daniel Gilday, superintendent of the Englewood law and order league, today brought near a close his trial on charges of attempting to murder Herman Knol, 17, boy scout and good samaritan.

Knol's story that he was trying to "help an old man" and Gilday's defense that his gun went off when he tried to scare what he thought were holdup men, were placed in the records yesterday.

Gilday testified he was "looking for kidnapers" the afternoon of the shooting and had visited a soft drink parlor where he had several drinks.

"Were you intoxicated?" he was

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### FINAL TICKET SALE DRIVE TO START AT ONCE

Committees Busy With Final Details For Democratic Banquet, Rally

### HUGE CROWD IS EXPECTED

The final drive for sale of tickets for the Democratic banquet and rally to be held here Monday night, March 14, was started today and J. L. Ehler stated that after this drive no tickets would be sold.

This action was taken in order that those preparing to feed the guests would know how many to prepare for. Word has been sent to all counties of the date change and the executive committee has been assured that all speakers will be here on March 14.

A number of candidates for state offices also have written their acceptances to invitations and a big meeting is anticipated. It is the first Democratic banquet and rally

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### JURY REPORT IS EXPECTED

Federal Grand Jury Is Probing Alleged Liquor Conspiracy Rings

Indianapolis, March 3—(UPI)—With only a few witnesses remaining to be heard, the Federal grand jury was expected to report either today, or tomorrow, upon its investigation of alleged liquor conspiracies in Anderson and Muncie.

George R. Jeffrey, U. S. district attorney, said the jury probably would conclude its present work by tomorrow, then recess until late in April.

Forty Delaware county residents were summoned before the jury yesterday and several said they were prepared to testify concerning liquor conditions in Muncie. Some of the witnesses said their testimony concerned operation of a liquor ring in which were involved city and county officials. An alleged similar situation in Anderson and Madison county also was said to be under investigation.

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### DEATH CLAIMS AGED CITIZEN

Christian Moeschberger, French Township Farmer Dies Wednesday

Berne, March 3—(Special to Democrat)—Christian Moeschberger, 88, year old resident of French township, and one of the best known men in Adams County, died at the home of his son, Albert Moeschberger in French township at 7 o'clock Wednesday night.

Moeschberger was a life long resident of French township. Death was due to pneumonia and complications with which he had suffered for the last two weeks. Previous to that time he enjoyed his usual good health.

The deceased was born in French township, July 11, 1843, the son of John and Margaret Moeschberger. On June 2, 1872 he was united in marriage to Mary Beeler, who predeceased him in death in 1902.

Surviving are 10 children: Levi of Linn Grove; John of Geneva; Mrs. Calvin Gerber of Bluffton; Mrs. Edward Bauman, Albert, Nathan, and Mrs. Goldie Gottschalk of Linn Grove; Mrs. Charles Hawbaker of Berne; Mrs. Raymond Bluhm, and Mrs. Clayton Holloway of Monroe township. Twenty grandchildren and one brother, William Moeschberger of Fort Wayne, also survive.

Mr. Moeschberger was a member of the St. Johns Reformed Church at Vera Cruz. Funeral services will be held at 1:30 o'clock at the home, Saturday afternoon, and at 2 o'clock from the St. Johns Church. Burial will be made in the Vera Cruz cemetery.

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### NO STRADDLING UNION DEMANDS

W. C. T. U. Takes Stand Against Straddling of Prohibition Question

Evanston, Ill., March 3—(UPI)—A united stand against "the intent to straddle the prohibition question by many politicians" was announced in a statement today by Mrs. Ella A. Boone, President of the National W. C. T. U.

She added that 25 regional conferences which began December 4 in Washington have marshaled the dry army "for the most aggressive political action ever seen on this continent."

"We have exploded the wet propaganda for beer and have produced the evidence of the best economists that the liquor traffic dispels instead of invites prosperity," declared Mrs. Boone.

"We have held these conferences

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### EMPLOYEES ARE PROBED; CLUES PROVE FUTILE

Nursemaid Questioned by Officers; Troopers Are Kept On Guard

### LINDBERGH'S KEEP COURAGE

BULLETIN  
Hopewell, N. J. Mar. 3—(UPI)—Col. Charles A. Lindberg and his wife, tortured by many anxious hours, waited vainly today in their Sourland mountain home for news leading to the recovery of their kidnapped baby, Charles A. Jr.

Gov. A. Harry Moore visited their retreat this afternoon and returned with word that they had not heard from the kidnappers today.

From within the home, the United Press received similar word of the discouraging situation. "Nothing has happened."

Hopewell, N. J., Mar. 3.—(UPI)—State police today sought to obtain from present or past employees of Col. Charles A. Lindberg information that might help solve the mystery of the kidnapping of Lindbergh's son, Charles A. Jr.

Hopewell continued strong that the child, seized from its crib Tuesday night, would be returned for ransom, safe and unharmed. But silence settled over the Sourland mountain estate and police cleared the vicinity as the Lindberghs kept private any information they may possess.

John Toohey, secretary to Governor A. Harry Moore of New Jersey, and press liaison man, told the United Press today that Miss Betty Gow, nursemaid in the Lindbergh home, had been questioned yesterday and again today in the hope she could give some information leading to finding the kidnappers.

There was no indication she could amplify her original story that she found the baby's crib empty Tuesday night about 10 p.m.

Mrs. Dwight Morrow, grandmother of the stolen baby, was among those who held the theory that the kidnappers were personally unusually familiar with the habits of the Lindbergh family, the location of the nursery, and the fact that, contrary to custom, the Lindberghs extended their weekend stay in the country instead of staying with Mrs. Morrow at Englewood, N. J.

This theory kept state troopers active. They had questioned all available persons who had had employment around the estate, but it was said this question had developed no real information and cast no suspicion.

Meantime, mystery covered the Lindbergh family's movements. The colonel and his young wife still bore up courageously under the strain of uncertainty and

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### DEKALB COUNTY OFFICER HELD

Constable Charged With Robbing Civil War Vet of Pension Money