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PAPER—  
LIKE ONE  
OF THE  
FAMILY

## WEATHER

Lower rain tonight  
Tuesday with  
sleet; much  
in extreme  
west portion.

# WOULD EXEMPT FOOD FROM SALES TAX

## PROGRAM FOR FARM BANQUET IS ANNOUNCED

Annual Event To  
Held At Berne Next  
Thursday Evening

## DEMAN IS CHIEF SPEAKER

Complete program for  
eighth annual Adams  
farmers' banquet to  
be held Thursday night  
at 6:30 o'clock, has  
been announced. Much  
interest has been shown  
in attending meeting and  
large attendance is anti-

ciated. The program  
will be led in com-  
pany singing by Mr. C. T. Ha-  
berger and vocal music will be  
furnished by the Berne quartette  
consisting of the following men,  
Habegger, Menas Baum-  
er, Elmer Baumgartner and  
Joe Stauffer.

County Agent L. E. Archbold  
will make a few remarks and  
turn the meeting over to the  
present chairman, Fred Blum.  
Price, former Adams county  
master for the Dairy Herd Im-  
provement association will present  
silver proven sire medal to  
D. B. Schwaner.

Erwin Miller, present cow-  
man of the Herd Improvement  
association will present medals to  
the following men, Dan Habegger,  
E. S. Christen, Sol Mos-  
ter and Schwartz, Henry  
Lehman, E. D. Wass, D. J.  
Gelin, David P. Steury, Dennis  
Rudolph Steury, Peter D.  
Garratt, Amos Z. Smith, Otto D.  
Garratt, Peter B. Lehman, Dan  
D. D. Schwartz, David F.  
Gelin and John J. Schwartz.

Following a selection by the  
quartet, Mayor George  
A. Decatur, will present the  
medals and medals to the winners  
of the five-acre corn contest.  
The winners are as follows:

First, Carl E. Amstutz, \$15.00,  
second, Rufus In-  
ner, \$10.00, bronze medal, third,  
John C. Mazelin, \$7.00, bronze  
medal, fourth, W. T. Rupert, \$7;  
Leland Ripley, \$4.50, sixth,  
W. Busche, \$4.50, seventh,  
S. Myers, \$2.00.

Mayor Krick will then introduce  
Rupert, who deposited his  
corn who has been Adams coun-  
ty champion of long standing.  
D. P. Schmitt, will be called  
on to present the medals and  
prizes won in the Ton Litter  
contest by the following men:

First, Ardon Mosser, \$15.00,  
gold medal; second, Ed. Christen,  
\$10.00, gold medal; third, Ben-  
jamin, \$7.00, gold medal; fourth,  
Habegger, Jr., \$7.00, gold  
medal; fifth, C. W. R. Schwartz,  
\$5.00, silver medal; sixth, Otto  
Garratt, \$5.00, silver medal.

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## WINTER MAKES ANOTHER CALL

Mercury Drops to Near  
Freezing Mark; Sleet  
Covers Streets, Walks

Winter made a desperate effort  
to come back to northern Indiana  
last week-end and this morn-  
ing. The streets were covered  
with sleet and ice. The tempera-  
ture in Adams county dropped to  
below freezing Saturday night after  
midnight, and the mercury re-  
mained near the freezing mark over  
week-end.

State weather forecasters predict-  
ed cold weather for today and to-  
morrow, but indications point to mild-  
temperatures later this week.  
Many spring flowers which start-  
ed sprouting a week ago when the  
weather was warm have been froz-  
en off, but no serious damage has  
been reported in the county.

State weather men are of the  
opinion that the present cold  
spell will be short lived.

## Monroe Meet Announced

The March meeting of the Mon-  
roe Parent-Teachers Association  
will be held in the Monroe High  
School building, Tuesday night at  
7:30 o'clock. Virgil Wagoner, prin-  
cipal of the Monroe high school an-  
nounced today.

Robert LaFollette, head of the  
History department at the Ball  
State Teachers college will be the  
principal speaker of the meeting.  
Music will be furnished by the male  
chorus of Berne.

The public is cordially invited  
to attend this meeting.

## THIEVES GET \$40 IN CASH

Boknecht Filling Station  
Robbed; Police Are  
Investigating

Thieves entered the Boknecht  
Gasoline filling station at the cor-  
ner of Monroe and Third streets  
last Sunday night or early this  
morning and stole \$40 in cash. The  
money was hidden in a shelf in the  
building.

Ed Boknecht owner of the ser-  
vice station stated that he believed  
the thieves did not take anything  
but cash. A few articles of merchan-  
dise might have been stolen.

The thieves gained entrance  
through the north window, by pry-  
ing the window up. In crawling  
through the narrow space, black  
threads, believed to be from a  
sweater which the thief wore,  
were left on the rough ledge. This  
clue is being used by local police  
in investigating the robbery.

The Boknecht robbery is the  
sixth of a series of filling station  
robberies in Decatur in the last  
seven or eight weeks.

## PALM SUNDAY IS OBSERVED

Catholic Observance of  
Holy Week Starts Sun-  
day With Service

Holy Week opened with the ob-  
servance of Palm Sunday in the  
St. Mary's Catholic church yester-  
day. The blessing and distribution  
of the palms took place at the 9:45  
o'clock high mass.

The Rev. Father J. J. Hennes,  
assistant pastor of the parish, an-  
nounced the order of services for  
Holy week at the Sunday masses.

Tuesday evening the last of the  
series of Lenten sermons by Rev.  
Father Carl Holsinger, assistant  
pastor of St. Peter's Catholic  
church, Fort Wayne, will be given.  
The service will begin at 7:30  
o'clock.

Wednesday is a day of fast and  
abstinence. Good Friday is like-  
wise a day of fast and abstinence.  
The season of Lent closes at noon  
Saturday.

On Holy Thursday the church  
celebrates the institution of the  
Holy Eucharist by Christ at the  
last supper. The mass will be at  
7:30 o'clock, followed by process-  
ion to the side altar. The Host consumed  
by the priest on Good Friday at  
the mass of the pre-sanctified is  
consecrated at this mass. The  
mass on Good Friday will begin at  
7:30 o'clock.

The services on Holy Saturday  
will begin at 5:45 o'clock. The  
blessing of the water and Easter  
candle will take place in the morn-  
ing and the regular mass will be-  
gin about 7:30 o'clock, followed by  
the singing of the Gloria. From  
Thursday until Saturday morning  
the bells of the church are not  
sounded, and a period of mourning  
is observed, commemorating  
Christ's passion and death on the  
Cross.

The Three Hours will be observ-  
ed Friday afternoon from twelve to  
three o'clock with private devo-  
tions. Confessions will also be  
open.

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## Autoist Escapes Injury

Otto Neuschwander of Berne  
escaped injury at 8 o'clock this  
morning when his car slipped on  
the icy pavement, running into the  
ditch, south of Monroe. He was re-  
turning to his home in Berne from  
Fort Wayne when the accident  
occurred. The car was badly dam-  
aged, but Mr. Neuschwander was  
uninjured.

## DENARCO GETS ONE TO TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE

Found Guilty of Harbor-  
ing Kidnaped Boy in De-  
Jute Kidnap Case

2nd INDICTMENT  
IS WITHDRAWN

Warren, O., Mar. 21—(U.P.)  
—John Denarco, of Youngs-  
town, alleged racketeer, to-  
day was sentenced to from  
one to 20 years in prison on  
a charge of harboring a kid-  
naped boy in connection with  
abduction of James DeJute,  
12, Niles, O., school boy.

A plea of guilty was entered  
for Denarco when County Prose-  
cutor G. H. Birrell agreed to with-  
draw a second indictment charg-  
ing the man with kidnaping for  
extortion, and carrying a possible  
life sentence.

The guilty plea to the lesser  
charge was offered after Dowell  
Hargraves, found with Denarco,  
standing guard over James in an  
abandoned house near Youngs-  
town, was given a life term.

Hargraves was identified as one  
of the actual kidnapers. Denarco  
was accused as a participant in  
the kidnaping plot and as a guard  
over the abducted boy.

Attorneys for Denarco asked  
that the major indictment be nol-  
led. Birrell refused, saying he  
would dismiss the charge when he  
leaves office at the end of the  
year. The defense agreed.

Birrell said he desired to hold  
the indictment in event new evi-  
dence is obtained. James had  
testified Denarco was not one of  
the men who seized him on a Niles  
street as he went to school.

Judge Lynn B. Griffith sentenced  
Dencaro. He also sentenced  
Hargraves, reviewing "an increase  
in this kind of crime" and men-  
tioning the widespread public  
anxiety created by abduction of  
the infant son of Col. Charles A.  
Lindbergh, which occurred just  
10 hours before James was seized.

## No Board Meeting

Owing to sickness there will be  
no meeting this week of the Adams  
county board of charities. It was  
announced today by Mrs. D. D.  
Heller, Sr., president of the board.

## DATES ARE SET FOR S. S. MEETS

Township Conventions To  
Be Held by County Sun-  
day School Group

Dates for the various township  
Sunday School conventions to be  
held in Adams county were set Sun-  
day at a meeting of the county ad-  
visory board at Berne. C. E. Strik-  
er, president of the county associa-  
tion presided at the meeting and  
the dates set were unanimously ac-  
cepted by the township presidents.

Following is a complete list of  
dates arranged:

April 17: Union and Root town-  
ships, combined.  
May 29: Kirkland and Preble  
townships, combined.  
May 15: St. Marys township.  
May 1: Blue Creek township.  
May 8: Jefferson township.  
May 15: Wabash township.  
April 10: Hartford township.  
April 3: Washington township.  
May 8: Monroe township.

The board decided to let each  
township group decide on the  
place in the various townships  
where the conventions would be  
held. The locations will be announ-  
ced at the time the respective pro-  
grams are published.

## Graf Making Flight

Friedrichshafen, Mar. 21—(U.P.)  
—The Graf Zeppelin was en route  
to Pernambuco, Brazil, today on  
the first commercial flight of the  
spring and summer season.

## Prepare for G. O. P.



Republican national committeemen photographed in Chicago  
Stadium where arrangements were completed for the national G. O. P.  
convention to be held June 14. From left to right: Ralph E. Williams  
of Oregon, vice chairman of subcommittee on arrangements; Paul  
Gascogne, in charge of radio for convention; Sydney Strotz, president  
of the Stadium, and C. C. Hamlin of Colorado.

## TWO MEN DIE AT INFIRMARY

Robert Mullen, 84, And  
Adolph Seigrist Expire  
Over Week-end

Adolph Seigrist, 79, died at the  
Adams County Infirmary at 3:30 o-  
clock Sunday afternoon of hic-  
coughs. Mr. Seigrist suffered an at-  
tack of hiccoughs last Thursday,  
and he continually hicoughed un-  
til his death Sunday.

He was an inmate of the infirmary  
for the past 5 years. Prior to that  
time he lived around Berne for  
many years. He was born in Swit-  
zerland, and has no surviving rela-  
tives.

Funeral arrangements have not  
been made. The body was taken to  
the Herie and Yager Funeral Par-  
lors at Berne, and the funeral will  
be held from the Reformed church  
at Berne.

Robert Mullen, 84, died at the  
Adams County Infirmary at 10:30  
o'clock Saturday night following a  
stroke of paralysis he suffered. The  
deceased was an inmate of the  
county infirmary for the past 4  
years.

Surviving are two half sisters,  
Mrs. McCormick and Mrs. C. Pau-  
cett of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

Funeral services will be held  
Tuesday at Zanesville, Ohio, 5 miles  
east of Bellefontaine.

## FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT DIES

Mother of Peter Hess Dies  
in New Mexico; Well  
Known Here

Word has been received here of  
the death of Mrs. Amelia Hess,  
pioneer resident of Decatur and  
mother of Peter A. Hess, who died  
at the home of her daughter, Miss  
Rose Hess in Santa Fe, New Mex-  
ico, Monday morning. Death was  
due to complications.

Mrs. Hess went to Santa Fe to  
spend the winter, last August. She  
had been seriously ill and death re-  
sulted this morning. Two sons and  
two daughters survive, Peter Hess  
of Decatur, Joe Hess of Des Moines,  
Iowa, Miss Amelia Hess of Logans-  
port and Miss Rose Hess of Santa  
Fe.

The body will be brought to this  
city for burial.

## HENRY HELLER RESIGNS POST

Library Board Secretary  
Resigns After Serving  
Over 25 Years

Henry B. Heller, local attorney  
today submitted his resignation as  
a member of the Decatur public  
library board, on which he served  
for 25 years. Mr. Heller, who was  
appointed in 1906 by the Decatur  
school board, tendered his resi-  
gnation to that body and it was  
accepted.

Resignation was made, because,  
Mr. Heller stated in his letter, he  
now resides in Root township, and  
the appointee from the school board  
must reside in the city of Decatur.  
It is likely the school board will  
name a new member this week  
some time. The rest of the library  
board has been organized by recent  
appointments by the city council  
and Judge D. B. Erwin.

Mr. Heller's letter is in part as  
follows:

Having served as secretary from  
about six months after the library  
was dedicated until the present  
time, over 25 years, I have had the  
privilege of watching the library  
develop from a small library of  
about 2,500 volumes and a monthly  
circulation of less than 300 volumes,  
to a library with more than 10,000  
volumes and 2,500 to 3,000 books  
a month. I have always been proud  
of our library and feel that we have  
as complete a one as can be found  
in cities several times as large as  
Decatur. In leaving the board I do  
so with the best wishes for con-  
tinued success.

Dr. Burt Mangold, president of  
the Decatur school board said a  
successor would be named soon.

## LINDBERGH'S RETAIN FAITH

Police Run Down New  
Clues; Pigeon Notes  
Are Investigated

Hopewell, N. J., Mar. 21—(U.P.)  
—Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh  
waited today with the greatest  
fortitude for some sign from the  
persons holding their kidnapped son  
while police checked every avenue  
available for trace of the boy.

Police investigation has entered  
the fantastic. Dead carrier pigeons  
with curiously worded notes at-  
tached to them, have been found  
and the notes sent to police. Mys-  
terious movements of persons in  
the Hopewell area on the night of  
the kidnaping have been reported.

Police admitted little credence  
could be put in many of the re-  
ports, but all were being checked  
carefully in the hope of finding  
some trace of the child stolen from  
its crib March 1.

Col. H. Norman Schwartzkopf,  
superintendent of New Jersey state  
police, issued the following state-  
ment to the press this morning:  
"Two notes carried by carrier  
pigeons have been reported to us.  
The first one is alleged to have  
been a note in code. This was sup-  
posed to have been taken off the  
carrier pigeon which was beaten  
down by a heavy storm in Con-  
necticut and upon being decoded by  
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## HARLEY EHRSAM IS CANDIDATE

Monroe Young Man Seeks  
Democratic Nomination  
For County Surveyor

Harley A. Ehram, Monroe, today  
announced his intentions of being a  
candidate for the office of surveyor  
of Adams county, subject to the  
decision of the voters of the county  
at the Democratic primary election  
May 3.

Ehram was born and raised in  
Monroe township, and has been ac-  
tive in Democratic politics since he  
became of age. He stated that he  
would start an active campaign at  
once for the nomination.

Ehram will oppose Ralph Roop,  
incumbent surveyor, who announce-  
d several weeks ago as a candidate  
for renomination. To date Roop and  
Ehram are the only candidates for  
the post on either ticket.

## Crop Damage Increases

Lafayette, Ind., Mar. 21—(U.P.)  
—Much greater damage than at first  
believed was suffered by the  
southern Indiana peach crop dur-  
ing the cold wave of last week,  
Prof. C. E. Burkholder, assistant  
chief horticulturist at Purdue  
University, said today.

## Local People at Meet

Several from this city attended  
the Child Welfare meeting at the  
Moose Home in Fort Wayne,  
Saturday afternoon and evening.  
Rodney Brandon of Springfield,  
Ill., welfare dictator for the state  
of Illinois, was the principal  
speaker.

The Moose Lodge of Fort Wayne  
sponsored the program, and mem-  
bers of chapters from surround-  
ing towns also attended. Those  
from this city included Mrs. J. M.  
Reiner, senior regent of the  
Women of the Moose, Mrs. Archie  
Long, Mrs. Jake Grimm, and Mr.  
and Mrs. Will Hoffman.

## K. OF C. LODGE 50 YEARS OLD

Anniversary To Be Obser-  
ved Throughout Nation  
By Local Lodges

The fiftieth anniversary of the  
founding of the Knights of Colum-  
bus will be observed throughout  
the United States on Tuesday,  
March 29, H. P. Schmitt, grand  
knights of the Decatur council  
stated today.

Although no program will be  
held here, members of the order,  
their family and friends are invit-  
ed to listen to the nation-wide  
radio hook up, which will be  
broadcast over the National  
Broadcasting Company network at  
10:30 o'clock p.m., Decatur time.

Supreme Knight Martin H. Car-  
mody of Grand Rapids, head of the  
organization of 600,000 Catholic  
men, will be the principal speaker  
on the program.

Charles Hackett, principal tenor  
of the Chicago Opera Company  
and Mrs. Clarence H. Mackay of  
the Metropolitan Opera Company  
will sing. The program will be  
one of great interest and enter-  
tainment.

The story of the growth of the  
Knights of Columbus through fifty  
years constitutes a romantic and  
inspiring record. Back in 1882,  
Reverend Michael J. McGivney,  
curate at St. Mary's church, in  
New Haven, Connecticut, perceiv-  
ed the need for a fraternal organi-  
zation that Catholic men could  
join without conscientious diffi-  
culty. He talked over his idea with  
a group of men of his parish and  
at their third meeting, the name  
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## MEXICAN STATE HAS UPRISING

Federal Aid Sought After  
Battle With Bandits  
In Queretaro

Mexico City, Mar. 21—(U.P.)—An  
armed uprising of "fanatics" in  
the state of Queretaro, where  
soldiers fought a pitched battle  
with bandits who wrecked and  
attacked a fast passenger train  
with American passengers aboard,  
was reported today in newspaper  
dispatches received here.

The train wrecked in Queretaro  
is one of the fastest operated by  
the National railways. It connects  
with the Sunshine Special of the  
Missouri Pacific at Laredo, on the  
American border. The military  
escort aboard the train repulsed  
the bandits after 30 minutes'  
fighting. No foreign passengers  
were injured.

One bandit was killed and one  
soldier was wounded in the fight-  
ing. An express messenger aboard  
the train was killed when the  
locomotive, two express cars, one  
second class and one first class  
passenger coach were overturned  
where the bandits had torn up  
part of the track.

Three of the Americans aboard  
the train were from Chicago. They  
were W. S. Tingle, G. V. MacCar-  
thy and J. H. MacCarthy.

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## Prayer Meet Tuesday

Rev. C. R. Lanman, pastor of the  
Local Christian church will have  
charge of the Tuesday morning  
business men's prayer services at  
the Chamber of Commerce rooms at  
9:30 o'clock. The services started  
today with Rev. A. B. Brown, in  
charge, and will continue until next  
Friday in observance of Holy Week.

All Decatur men are invited to at-  
tend the morning prayer services.

## HOUSE LEADERS PRESENT PLAN TO SAVE BILL

Ways and Means Commit-  
tee Hears Proposal at  
Executive Meet

MAY DEFEAT  
OPPOSITION

Washington, Mar. 21—(U.P.)  
—A new proposal to exempt  
all foods, wearing apparel  
and medicine from the 2 1/4  
per cent sales tax was put  
forward today by the leaders  
in a desperate effort to over-  
come opposition to the new  
revenue bill.

The offer was made at an execu-  
tive session of the house ways  
and means committee. No defi-  
nite action was taken.

The committee was called to  
meet again later in the day to de-  
cide whether the latest peace of-  
fering should be adopted and pre-  
sented to the house with commit-  
tee approval.

Other exemptions were adopted  
in accordance with the recom-  
mendations of the Crisp-Hawley-  
Rainey coalition leadership. The  
committee agreed to amendments  
which would spare lard, sausages,  
dried fruits, malted milk, ice  
cream, malted syrups for bread,  
radio leased wires, and materials  
for spraying trees.

Another approved amendment  
would exempt grape juices for  
non-alcoholic purposes from the  
40 per cent tax on materials used  
in home brewing and home wine  
making. That product would still  
be subject to the sales tax.

Acting Chairman Crisp of the  
committee estimated these conces-  
sions would cost \$10,000,000 in an-  
nual revenue. Canned goods ex-  
emptions already agreed upon  
would cost \$12,000,000, making  
\$22,000,000 already cut from the  
sales tax total of \$595,000,000  
since the bill was reported to the  
house.

Crisp estimated the new idea of  
exempting foods, wearing apparel  
and medicines would cost \$145-  
000,000 in revenue. He estimated  
additional food exemptions at  
\$80,000,000, wearing apparel at  
\$55,000,000, and medicines, \$10-  
000,000.

Crisp announced that if all  
these concessions are agreed upon,  
he will advocate new taxes, not  
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## Lions Meet Thursday

There will be no meeting of the  
Lions Club, Tuesday night, it has  
been announced. The members of  
the club will attend the Farmer's  
Banquet at Berne, Thursday night.

## Automobile Is Stoned

Athens, O., Mar. 21—(U.P.)—An  
automobile containing four Ohio  
national guard officers was stoned  
today by strikers when the  
officers attempted to reach the  
Millfield mine No. 6 of the Sunday  
Creek Coal company to relieve  
guardsmen who were on duty all  
night.

## SCHOOL BLAST INVESTIGATED

Million Dollar School  
Rocked by Dynamite;  
Several Are Injured

Springfield, Ill., Mar. 21—(U.P.)  
—Prompt inquiry was made today  
in the mysterious explosions which  
rocked the \$1,000,000 high school  
building and injured a dozen per-  
sons, several seriously.

Investigators hunted trace of  
malefactors who are believed re-  
sponsible for a recent series of  
disastrous fires in central Illinois.  
Six firemen, a newspaper re-  
porter, two high school students  
and several townspeople were in-  
jured in the blast which followed  
the outbreak of a small fire in  
the basement of the building.

The first explosion came after  
the group had entered the base-  
ment to investigate the fire which  
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