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## MONROE MEET ANNOUNCED

The March meeting of the Monroe Parent-Teachers Association will be held in the Monroe High School building, Tuesday night at 7:30 o'clock, Virgil Wagoner, principal of the Monroe high school announced 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 corner of Monroe and Third streets late 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 service station stated that he believed the thieves did not take anything but cash. A few articles of merchandise might have been stolen.

The thieves gained entrance through the north window, by prying 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 SUNDAY WITH SERVICE

Holy Week opened with the observance of Palm Sunday in the St. Mary's Catholic church yesterday. 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, announced 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 likewise a day of fast and abstinence. The season of Lent closes at noon Saturday.

On Holy Thursday the church celebrates the institution of the Eucharist by Christ at the last supper. The mass will be at 7:30 o'clock, followed by procession with the Blessed Sacrament 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 morning and the regular mass will begin 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 observed Friday afternoon from twelve to three o'clock with private devotions. Confessions will also be

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### INTER MAKES ANOTHER CALL

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

Winter made a desperate effort to come back to northern Indiana for the week-end and this morning Decatur streets were covered with sleet and ice. The temperature in Adams county dropped to below freezing Saturday night after a mild day, and the mercury remained near the freezing mark over the week-end.

State weather forecasters predict cold weather for today and tomorrow, but indications point to milder temperatures later this week. Many spring flowers which started sprouting a week ago when the weather was warm have been frozen off, but no serious damage has been reported in the county.

Most state weather men are of the opinion that the present cold wave will be short lived.

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### AUTOIST ESCAPES INJURY

Otto Neuenschwander 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 returned to his home in Berne from Fort Wayne when the accident occurred. The car was badly damaged, but Mr. Neuenschwander was uninjured.

## DENARCO GETS ONE TO TWENTY YEAR SENTENCE

Found Guilty of Harboring Kidnapped Boy in DeJute Kidnap Case

### 2ND INDICTMENT IS WITHDRAWN

Warren, O., Mar. 21—(UPI)—John Denarco, of Youngstown, alleged racketeer, today was sentenced to from one to 20 years in prison on a charge of harboring a kidnapped boy in connection with the abduction of James DeJute, 12, Niles, O., school boy.

A plea of guilty was entered for Denarco when County Prosecutor G. H. Birrell agreed to withdraw a second indictment charging the man with kidnapping 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 Youngstown, was given a life term.

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

Attorneys for Denarco asked that the major indictment be nolled. 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 evidence 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 Denarco. He also sentenced Hargraves, reviewing "an increase in this kind of crime" and mentioning 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 SUNDAY SCHOOL GROUP

Dates for the various township Sunday School conventions to be held in Adams county were set Sunday at a meeting of the county advisory board at Berne. C. E. Stricker, president of the county association presided at the meeting and the dates set were unanimously accepted by the township presidents.

Following is a complete list of dates arranged:

April 17: Union and Root townships, combined.

May 29: Kirkland and Preble townships, combined.

May 15: St. Marys township.

May 8: Blue Creek township.

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April 15: Wabash 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 announced at the time the respective programs are published.

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### GRAF MAKING FLIGHT

Friedrichshafen, Mar. 21—(UPI)—The Graf Zeppelin was en route to Pernambuco, Brazil, today on the first commercial flight of the year.

Commander Hugo Eckener chose a route across southern France and Spain toward Gibraltar after which he intended to head toward either the Cape Verde or the Canary Islands. The ship was due at Pernambuco at 11 p.m. Tuesday.

## 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 Mexico, 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 resulted this morning. Two sons and two daughters survive, Peter Hess of Decatur, Joe Hess of Des Moines, Iowa, Miss Amelia Hess of Logansport and Miss Rose Hess of Santa Fe.

The body will be brought to this city for burial.

### PREPARE FOR G. O. P.



### 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 hiccoughs. Mr. Seigrist suffered an attack of hiccoughs last Thursday, and he continually hiccupped until 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 Switzerland, and has no surviving relatives.

Funeral arrangements have not been made. The body was taken to the Bierie and Yager Funeral Parlor 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. Faust of Bellefontaine, Ohio.

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

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## FORMER LOCAL RESIDENT DIES

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### CROP DAMAGE INCREASES

Lafayette, Ind., Mar. 21—(UPI)—Much greater damage than at first believed was suffered by the southern Indiana peach crop during the cold wave of last week.

Prof. C. E. Burkholder, assistant chief horticulturist at Purdue University, said today.

Burkholder estimated that not more than 10 per cent of peach buds south of Vincennes and Bedford survived the cold weather and high winds. Some growers reported total losses, Burkholder said.

## 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 resignation 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 continued success.

Dr. Burr 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

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## HARLEY EHRSAM IS CANDIDATE

### MONROE YOUNG MAN SEEKS DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION FOR COUNTY SURVEYOR

Harley A. Ehrsam, 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.

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

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

### 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 members of chapters from surrounding towns also attended. Those from this city included Mrs. J. M. Breiner, 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 OBSERVED THROUGHOUT NATION BY LOCAL LODGES

The fiftyth anniversary of the founding of the Knights of Columbus will be observed throughout the United States on Tuesday, March 29, H. P. Schmitt, grand knight of the Decatur council stated today.

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

Supreme Knight Martin H. Carmody 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 entertainment.

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, perceived the need for a fraternal organization that Catholic men could join without conscientious difficulty.

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