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McDaniels Babe Dies

Berne, March 31.—(Special to Democrat)—Darwin McDaniels, 25 day old son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy McDaniels of French Township died at the home of its parents today.

This was the first child in the family. Mrs. McDaniels was formerly Miss Myrtle Andrews of Monroe. Funeral services will be held at the home Friday afternoon and burial will be made in the Mt. Hope cemetery.

PINCHOT NOT A CANDIDATE

Pennsylvania Governor Refuses to Permit His Name On Ballots

Harrisburg, Pa., Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—Governor Pinchot announced today that he had refused to permit his name to be placed on the republican ballot in Oregon as a candidate for the preferential presidential vote.

The governor said he telegraphed his refusal to State Senator J. E. Bennett of Portland. Bennett wired the governor last week asking permission to use his name.

Pinchot declined to comment on the candidacies of a number of his friends who are running for delegates or alternates to the republican national convention. Some of these candidates have been quoted as saying the governor's name would be presented to the convention as a candidate for the presidential nomination.

The governor said he had made no reservation for hotel accommodations in Chicago and added he did not know whether he would attend the convention or not.

Are Friends Again

Bucharest, Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—Reports of reconciliation between Prince Nicholas and his brother, King Carol, were published today by the newspaper Adeverul. It said the prince would return to Roumania and live at Queen Marie's palace. Nicholas left the country when Carol refused to rescind annulment of his marriage to a commoner.

DEATH CLAIMS LYDIA DOWTY

Tocsin Woman Expires At Home Wednesday; Funeral Is Friday

Mrs. Lydia Jane Dowty, 81, died at 3:30 Wednesday afternoon at her home 1 1/2 miles west of Tocsin, following an extended illness. She had been bedfast since Monday afternoon with pneumonia and heart trouble.

Mrs. Dowty was born August 10, 1850 near Tocsin, a daughter of David and Elizabeth August Myers. Her marriage to Adam Dowty took place at the home of her parents near Tocsin on April 11, 1867. Mr. Dowty preceded her in death in 1900.

Surviving are three sons, William Fort Wayne; James, north of Bluffton; Benjamin Dowty, near Tocsin. One daughter is deceased.

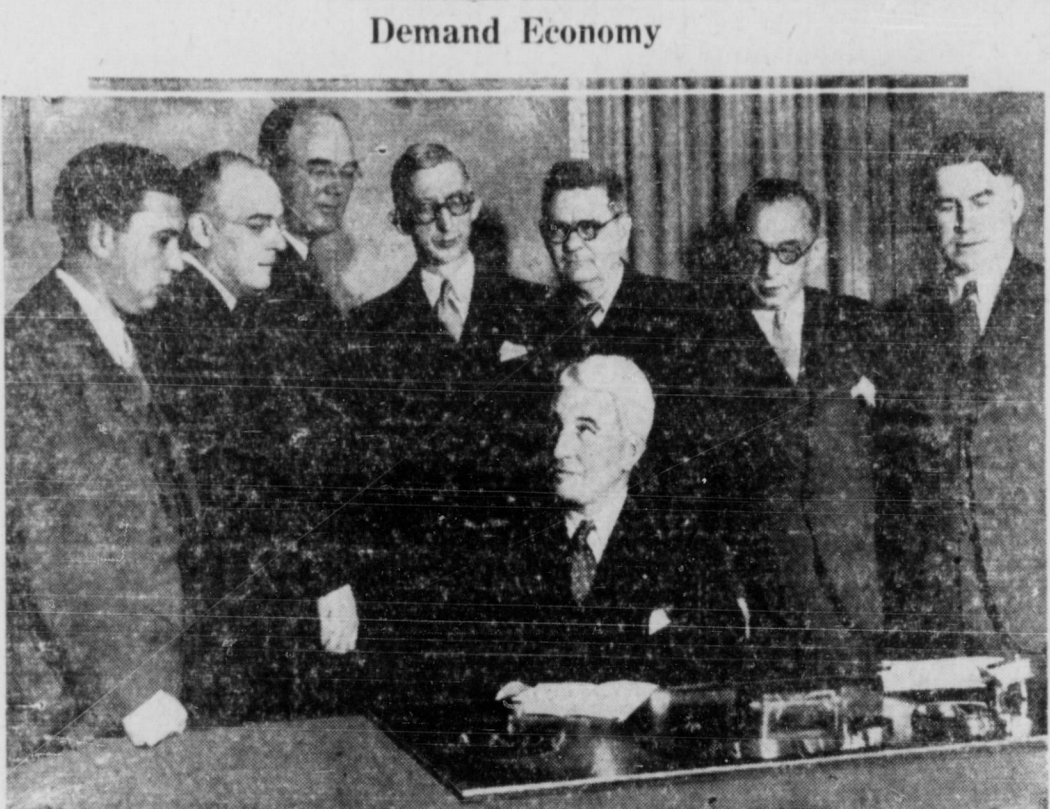
One brother, W. H. Myers resides in Lancaster township. Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Ossian Methodist Episcopal Church with Rev. George Snider officiating. Burial will be made in the Ossian Oaklawn cemetery.

Three To Be Graduated

Three Adams County young women will be graduated from the Lutheran hospital school of nursing, at Fort Wayne, Wednesday, May 18. It was announced today. The commencement will be held for a class of 38 nurses, Miss Pauline G. Bischoff, principal of nurses at the Lutheran hospital school of nursing announced.

(The Adams county graduates will include Miss Eloise Noll of this city, Miss Verena Vance of Monroe, and Miss Donna V. Campbell of Geneva.)

The commencement exercises will be held at the Concordia concert hall in Fort Wayne, and will be the 26th annual graduation from the hospital training school.



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KIDNAP PLOT INVESTIGATED

Police Guard Home Of Chicago Banker; Safety Of Child Feared

Chicago, Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—Police patrolled the residence of Arthur J. Baer, vice president of the Central Republic Bank & Trust Co., after a suspected kidnaper was thwarted by a maid's vigilance.

The guard was posted after a maid at the Baer home frightened away a man who was fumbling at the window of a room in which Helen Betty Baer, two years old, was accustomed to sleep.

The maid heard a noise at the window and entered the room. She saw a man's head at the window and heard him say: "This is the child's room."

Her scream sent the intruder fleeing. The banker answered the maid's cries and despite a recent severe illness ran out of doors seeking trace of the suspects. The Baer child was not in the room at the time although she ordinarily slept there.

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Miss Chew To Speak

The Literature Department of the Woman's Club will present Miss Doris Chew of England on a program at the Decatur Public Library, Monday night, April 4.

Miss Chew is the exchange teacher of the Fort Wayne schools and she will speak on the subject, "My Impressions of America." She has given this lecture at a number of women's and men's clubs in Fort Wayne.

Members of the local club who have not used the guest tickets may do so at this program as this will be the last meeting of the year that the tickets may be used.

OFFICER DIES IN GUN FIGHT

Gary Policeman Killed In Chicago Gun Battle Today

Chicago, Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—Policeman James L. Kelly, Gary, Ind., was killed today, and two others were wounded, in a gun battle between four police officers and two prisoners they had just arrested.

The wounded are Milton Larson, Oak Park policeman, shot in the groin and thumb, and Richard Fredericks, one of the prisoners, shot in the breast.

Frederick's companion, who was not identified, escaped. It was believed he fired the shot that killed the Gary policeman.

A confession said to have been obtained from three alleged bandits, held in the Gary jail, brought Kelly to Oak Park seeking four other members of the same gang: Sergeant Walter Conboy, and Patrolmen George Harms and Larson.

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Tax Schedule Calls For \$35.62 Per Person In County

Adams county's per capita tax for 1931, collectable in 1932, is \$7.63 below the average in the state and the county ranks in 33rd place in the state in having the lowest average per capita tax.

The Indiana Taxpayers Association has compiled a table showing the per capita tax in the 92 counties in the state. The average in the state is \$43.25. Adams county's per capita rate is \$35.62. Fifty-nine counties have a per capita rate higher than Adams county.

The table of per capita rates in the counties follow:

Adams \$35.62
Allen \$47.67
Bartholomew \$29.14
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Brown \$21.26
Carroll \$47.20

LITTLE NEWS ON KIDNAPING

Norfolk Investigators Halted Temporarily In Baby Lindy Case

Norfolk, Va., Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—Local negotiations with men claiming to have Charles Augustus Lindbergh, Jr., kidnapped March 1, appeared temporarily at a halt today.

Dean H. Dobson-Peacock, Rear Admiral Guy Burrage, and John H. Curtis, acting as intermediaries for Colonel Lindbergh, have had no actual communication with the men claiming to be the kidnapers, or with their agent, for several days.

Statements by the three indicated they have had great difficulty convincing Lindbergh the Norfolk men have the baby.

Colonel H. Norman Schwartzkopf has been quoted at Hopewell as saying Lindbergh thought the Norfolk "clue" had no special significance. Admiral Burrage explained that the aviator and his wife are "so distracted that nothing can convince them except the actual sight of the baby."

The admiral then admitted he was "not completely convinced" of the truth of the story told to Curtis by the man claiming to be the kidnapers' agent.

One of many rumors current in Norfolk said the ransom money has been deposited in a local bank, but Burrage said no arrangements had been made for payment of ransom.

Earlier in the day Dean Dobson-Peacock had solemnly read a statement to the public:

"If there is failure in the Norfolk negotiations, the kidnapers will be held responsible for the consequences."

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WELFARE GROUP PLANS GARDENS IN COMMUNITY

Unemployed To Be Asked To Aid In Cultivation Of Gardens

WILL RECEIVE PART OF CROPS

Plans were in progress in Decatur today by the Welfare committee on poor relief to have a number of community gardens to grow food for the unemployed and needy of the community. Free seeds will be received by the local committee from the state.

Government wheat also will be received here by the local group, and the wheat will be ground into flour and delivered to the needy. All arrangements have been completed for the delivery to this city of seed from the state.

Potato and tomato plants will be placed on all available lots in the city, and unemployed men will be asked to aid in the cultivating of the plots. In turn the workers will receive part of the crops.

The members of the Welfare committee have asked that their names be withheld at this time and they pointed out that the project was a community affair in which everyone was interested.

The state grown plants and seeds will be delivered here from state institutions, where an oversupply of seeds and plants has been reported.

Several local people already have donated tracts of ground for this purpose and other plots are being sought by the committee.

Former Mayor Dies

Marion, Ind., March 31.—(U.P.)—F. W. Swezey, 68, former mayor of Marion, died late yesterday after a long illness. He was said to have been the oldest practicing member of the Grant county bar association. The widow and a son survive.

MINERS WILL QUIT 30 DAYS

Illinois Edict Will Be Effective Tonight At Midnight

Chicago, Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—A 30-day suspension of work in Illinois coal fields was expected by mine and union officials to become operative at midnight tonight with expiration of the existing contract between operators and their employees.

The expected shutdown was described as neither a lock-out nor a strike by operators and union men. They said the period was necessary to complete negotiation of a new working agreement.

A committee representing the Illinois district of the United Mine Workers and the Illinois Coal Operators Association may report today on a new wage scale. However, there is no possibility that the scale can be made effective before expiration of the old agreement.

Union leaders have agreed that any mine wishing to operate tentatively under the existing scale may do so. The principal conflict between operators and workers centers about a requested wage reduction.

Illinois mine owners contend (CONTINUED ON PAGE TWO)

Local Man's Sister Dies At Quincy, O.

Dr. P. B. Thomas of Third street has received word of the death of his sister, Mrs. James Jenkinson of Quincy, O., who died in the Springfield, O., hospital, early Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Jenkinson had been a patient in the hospital for several days suffering with diabetes. Her condition was reported to be improving when she became worse.

Surviving are the husband, Rev. James Jenkinson, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal Church at Quincy, four daughters and two sons.

Funeral services will be held Saturday. Dr. Thomas will attend the funeral.

Will Give Lectures

Rev. George W. Hilton, one of the pioneer missionaries of the Church of the Brethren to China, will give a series of stereopticon lectures on China at the Pleasant Dale Church of the Brethren, April 2, 3, and 4.

The lectures will start each night at 7:30 o'clock and the public is invited to see these pictures of Chinese life. No admission will be charged, however, a free will offering will be lifted each night.

Pictures of the Chinese marriage, burial, and religious ceremonies, temples, the Gods they worship and the Chinese methods of farming will be shown. Also Rev. Hilton's experience in feeding 25,000 famine sufferers will be shown in a set of pictures.

NORTH WARD CAST IS NAMED

Annual School Play To Be Given Friday Night At Auditorium

The pupils of the North Ward school will present as the annual play this year, "Spring Glow," an operetta in three acts for children. The production will be presented by the pupils, assisted by the teachers of the building, in the Decatur high school auditorium Friday night, April 1, at 7:30 o'clock.

Chorus of Frost Elves, Pussy Willows, Raindrops, Bees, Brownies, Sunshine Fairies, Flower Maidens, Butterflies and Breezes will provide musical selections, and the other characters in the play are Spring, Jack Frost and Bluebird.

Admission for the play will be 10 cents for children 12 years of age and under, and 20 cents for children over that age, and adults. The public is especially urged to witness this presentation given by the small children.

The opening of the play is a winter scene and Bluebird comes in to awaken the sleeping Pussy Willows, telling them that Spring is coming. They protest shivering but finally wake up and sing and talk. Suddenly Jack Frost and his Elves come in to plan a party in the fields scattering the Pussy Willows and deciding to freeze them as a part of the fun.

This is interrupted by Bluebird, but they will not believe her when she announces the coming of Spring, declaring they will not permit Spring to come.

They defy her; and when Spring's maidens appear with their crown these are captured by Jack Frost and hidden in his ice cave. Various groups of spring's people come to demand the maiden's release and warn Jack Frost of punishment but he is still defiant till the Sunshine Fairies appear to check him.

The entire story is cleverly adapted to children's roles and interesting for both children and adults. (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

Ahrs Deliver Horses

Fred Ahn and son Lloyd Ahn have returned from Pittsburgh Pa., where they delivered a truck load of horses to Grant Cruikshank. Mr. Ahn and son left this city Tuesday night with the horses.

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STATE GROUP FOR HOME RULE

Association For Tax Justice Would Eliminate Commissions

Indianapolis, March 31.—(U.P.)—Restoration of home rule in regard to duties and salaries of public officials is favored by the Indiana association for tax justice, it was announced today by its president, William O. Irwin.

A statement issued by Irwin read: "There is an insistent demand in Indiana for elimination of mandatory laws which prevent public officials from making substantial savings because they are compelled by state laws to continue functions and practices which in the present economic situation become shameful extravagances."

"The Indiana Association for tax justice," (CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

STAMPEDE IS FUTILE; STOCK TAX APPARENT

Vote of Entire Tax Bill Expected Friday Afternoon

CRISP HAS HANDS FULL

BULLETIN Washington, D. C., March 31, (U.P.)—The house today approved a schedule which would more than double the levy on stock market transaction. The tax of 1/4 of one per cent of the selling price was written into the billion dollar tax bill over the objections of the New York delegation. The provision specifies the tax to be not less than 4 cents per share.

The tax under present law is two cents per share. The vote was 207 to 39.

Washington, Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—Apparently futile efforts were made at the opening of the house today to stampede that body away from the proposed tax on Wall street stock transactions.

Lines of the coalition held firm as their 1/4 of 1 per cent tax was battered from two sides.

The New York Tammany delegation protested against the tax as Rep. Blanton, Dem., Texas, moved to increase it to 1 cent a share on the selling price of each transaction.

A vote on the entire tax bill is expected in the house tomorrow.

The demonstrations came on the floor after acting Chairman Crisp of the ways and means committee gave up hope for final action on the billion dollar tax bill today. He relaxed the pressure on the opposition somewhat and allowed 40 minutes debate on the stock tax amendment instead of 20 minutes previously agreed upon.

"Balancing the Budget" Washington, Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—(CONTINUED ON PAGE FIVE)

MAINE FAVORS GOV. ROOSEVELT

Twelve Democrat Delegates Instructed To Vote For Roosevelt

Portland, Me., Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—Maine's 12 votes in the Democratic national convention will be cast for Franklin D. Roosevelt until a majority of the delegation is convinced the New York governor has no chance of winning the nomination.

Although at least two, perhaps more, of the delegates favor some candidate other than Roosevelt, the delegation formally was instructed by the Democratic state convention yesterday to vote for Roosevelt under the so-called unit rule. The instruction resolution was passed by a vote of 286 to 245 after it previously had been tabled by a decisive vote.

Yesterday's convention went on record as strongly in favor of a national prohibition referendum, substantially along the lines suggested by Chairman John J. Raskob of the Democratic national committee.

Air Pilot Is Killed Cleveland, Mar. 31.—(U.P.)—An air mail pilot, enroute from New York to Cleveland, crashed near Bedford, a suburb, in a snowstorm today and was killed.