

NEW COUNTY OFFICIALS START TERMS

FUNERAL FOR REV. SEIMETZ HELD TODAY

Hundreds Attend Service at St. Mary's Church For Beloved Parish Priest

BISHOP NOLL DELIVERS SERMON

Amid the solemnities of the church, attended by the Rev. Bishop John F. Noll, D. D., Fort Wayne, and other church dignitaries, parishioners, friends, local ministers, and public officials, funeral services were held this morning at St. Mary's Catholic church for the Rev. Father J. A. Seimetz, venerable pastor of the local church for nearly 19 years, whose death occurred last Wednesday.

A solemn Requiem high mass, foram Episcopo, (in the presence of the Bishop) was celebrated at ten o'clock by the Rev. Father Joseph Seimetz, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church, Chesterton, and nephew of Decatur's deceased priest. The funeral service began at 9:30 o'clock with the chanting of the office of the dead by the visiting priests.

Assisting at the mass were five Decatur men, ordained to the priesthood since Father Seimetz became pastor here in 1914. About 100 visiting priests attended the service. Bishop Noll spoke on the priest's life and the Catholic religion in the course of his sermon. "The priest is ordained for man to help him follow the teachings of the Father-Seimetz has measured up to every requirement of the priesthood. We gather here today to honor him," Bishop Noll stated.

Bishop Noll urged members of the parish to pray for their beloved deceased pastor and to think of him as he did during his many years as spiritual leader of the congregation.

Through an amplifying system the singing and chanting of the mass and the sermon were broadcast to an overflow assembly in the auditorium of the Catholic school building. Bishop Noll performed the service of absolution. Superstition (over the casket) and prayers for the dead were then recited. The St. Joseph Catholic cemetery, Father Seimetz received the ritual and performed the ceremony, consigning the body of his uncle and parish priest to their eternal earth in the cemetery which for many years Father Seimetz labored to improve and beautify.

Participants in the mass were: Deacon—Rev. Leonard Delininger, pastor St. Patrick's, Oxford. Sub-deacon—Rev. Ambrose Kohne, assistant All Saints, Hammond.

Master of ceremonies—Rev. Simon Schmitt, assistant St. Paul's, Marion.

Deacons of honor to Bishop—Rev. Vincent Ehinger, C. P. St. Gabriel Monastery, Des Moines.

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RES. HOOVER ENDS CRUISE

Starts Return Trip To Washington After 10 Day Fishing Trip

Walm Beach, Fla., Jan. 2.—(UP)—President Hoover started back to Washington and work today after days of fishing and cruising in the waters.

Greetings, Everybody!



There is a good example to follow as Father Time flips over another page his diary and takes us into New Year. Smile, like June Vasek, smiling film queen, is doing. Forget 1932 with its hopes and disappointments, and crash into 1933 with a big, wide grin and the firm determination to find that corner around which prosperity has been hiding. Now all together: Goodbye, 1932! Hello, 1933!

Shannahan Elected

John N. Shannahan was elected chairman of the Northern Indiana Public Service Company, at a meeting of the board of directors held yesterday, succeeding Samuel Insull, Jr., who resigned. Bernard P. Shearon, of Hammond, was also elected treasurer, succeeding George F. Mitchell, who resigned. Mr. Shannahan and Lawrence K. Shannahan were elected members of the board of directors, succeeding Father Seimetz, who retired from the board.

NEW LAWS TO AFFECT COUNTY

Interest On Bank Deposits Of County Removed By New Measure

Two new laws which became effective January 1, affect Adams county and its income during the year.

The guaranteed public depository law will take all the interest which the county obtains on bank deposits. Under the law this interest money is sent to the state to form a three and one-half million dollar fund, out of which all public deposits will be paid when public funds are tied up in closed banks. During 1932 Adams county earned \$2,897.73. The interest rate this year on public deposits is two per cent. per annum on the lowest balance carried by the taxing unit. The law was changed this year from the old system of paying two per cent. per annum on the average daily deposits.

In 1931 the county obtained \$6,051.11 in interest from county banks. The new law naturally reduced the amount of interest which could be earned and in addition...

James Watson Denies Rumors

Veteran Indiana Senator Denies He Will Run For Office In 1934

Indianapolis, Jan. 2.—(UP)—Senator James E. Watson, Indiana's veteran Republican floor leader of the United States senate, today flatly denied rumors that he will run for the senate nomination in 1934.

"I absolutely will not," was his answer to the question of whether he would seek to return to congress in 1934 when the term of Senator Arthur R. Robinson ends.

To reports that he may seek to become a representative from his home district, the tenth, in 1934, he answered:

"I am not contemplating running for public office at all. I don't know why people want to talk politics now," Senator Watson said. "I want a little rest from it."

TRAGIC DEATHS OVER HOLIDAY TOTAL NEAR 100

New Year Celebrations Are Marred by Violent Deaths Over Country

FIVE ARE KILLED WHEN CLUB BURNS

(By the United Press) To many persons over the nation the New Year today spelled tragedy and death as the quota of holiday fatalities mounted toward the 100 mark.

Violence in its many forms left its mark in numerous cities. Spectacular shootings took several lives. There were fatal fires and the usual high auto fatality list. Poison liquor quaffed by New Year's celebrants killed fewer than in past years.

Fire that started two hours after a gay New Year's dance burned five to death at Vallejo, in the worst of the week-end catastrophes. The fire destroyed the three-story wooden Elks club building. One man was near death from burns.

Larry Fay, "big shot" of New York gangs, died of bullet wounds as a gay crowd gathered in his night club. Two bullets from a revolver fired by an intoxicated employee ended the career of the underworld leader who had lived under threat of death for years.

A night club duel took two lives in Chicago. Frank Buglio, 35, Capone gangster, entered a cafe with his cousin "Cowboy" Buglio, brandishing revolvers. A fight followed in which the gangster and a negro patron were slain. At Revere, Mass., bandits entered a club as a New Year's party was at its height and shot down Mike Richard, proprietor.

Storms raged on the Pacific coast and floods threatened in southern states. No deaths were reported in either of these disturbances of nature. However, a party of six narrowly escaped being lost in a blinding blizzard on the windswept slopes of Mount Hood. A veteran mountain dog led the

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On Trial Tuesday

Floyd Death and Bernard Hain Decatur men, will go on trial before Judge Slick in federal court at Fort Wayne Tuesday morning for the alleged theft of goods from an international shipment. This case will be the first tried in the Fort Wayne court this year and will open at 10 o'clock.

Review Of Events In Adams County During Past Year

(Compiled from the Daily Democrat files)

- January 1—John Wechter, treasurer; Milton Werling, clerk; Dennis Striker, county commissioner, assume office.
- 2—Frank O. Martin elected president of board of county commissioners.
- Contracts for 9,553 acres of beets secured to date.
- Judge Edwin strikes off six old cases from docket.
- 3—300 automobile license plates sold Saturday.
- Motion for new trial in Joseph Everett murder case argued.
- 4—10 petitions filed with commissioners for new roads.
- Recorder's annual report shows 1,713 instruments recorded.
- James Briggs, Geneva, named hospital trustee.
- 5—Farm house on Jim Beery farm west of Decatur burns.
- 6—Delta Theta Tau reports \$376.05 was spent by Good Fellows Club.
- 7—Beet acreage totals 10,514 acres.
- 8—County poor funds show deficit of \$1,351.52.
- 9—New trial denied Joseph Everett by Judge D. B. Erwin.
- 10—Joseph Everett goes to prison at Michigan City.
- 11—Sixteen graduate from Rept. Auction School.
- John Eichenberger named to fill vacancy on county council.
- 12—County basketball teams go to Bluffton and Fort Wayne for sectional tournaments.
- 20—Tom Allwein and Mary Grace Zimmerman lead D. H. S. honor roll.
- 21—Broken lantern causes barn to burn on Roy Lewis farm south-east of Berne.
- 25—A. L. Barrar announces as Democratic candidate for congress.
- 29—Local men organize Pound-A-Minute Off Club.
- 30—Kirkland wins way to finals in county basketball tournament. Monmouth wins county basketball championship.
- 31—New church bell dedicated at Zion Reformed church.
- February 1—February term of court opens.
- 2—Groundhog fails to see shadow.
- 3—Glen Cowan candidate for county auditor.
- 5—Adams county Democrats plan big rally in March.
- 6—Decatur Yellow Jacks beat Bluffton. Commodores beat Celina.
- 8—Dr. Bulgin closes revival services at Methodist church.
- 9—Arthur Sapp speaks to Chamber of Commerce. F. L. Litterer, A. R. Holthouse, and Theodore Graiker elected directors.
- 10—City officers move into new offices.
- 11—Statistics show more than twice as many births as deaths in Adams county in 1931.
- Theodore Graiker elected president of the Chamber of Commerce. Decatur merchants offer a "Back When Sale."

Miller Boy Honored

Leo J. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Miller, 226 North Seventh street, has been notified of his promotion to senior degree in the league of Curtis salesmen, an organization maintained for its most successful boy salesmen by the Curtis Publishing Company of Philadelphia.

Leo has received a wrist watch in recognition of his splendid work, and a senior pin which marks his degree. A certificate of his new rank has been sent him. The next degree to reach is the graduate degree. Each graduate member may apply for sums up to a total of \$1500 exclusively towards his college expenses until the \$250,000 offered by the company for this purpose is at work.

Leo, 14, is a freshman in the Decatur Catholic high school, and is a member of Troop No. 64 of Boy Scouts of America.

MAY PRIMARY IS DISCUSSED

Many Mentioned As Possible Mayoralty Candidates In Decatur

(With the start of 1933, much talk is heard concerning likely candidates for Mayor in the Democrat primary to be held next May. So far more than a half dozen names have been mentioned.

Mayor George M. Krick has not stated whether he intends to be a candidate again, and it is known that many of his friends are urging him to run. No official announcements have been made by any of those mentioned and it is believed that most of the aspirants are willing to wait a while before starting a campaign.

Others mentioned as likely candidates include O. L. Vance, member of the present city council; Joseph Hunter, councilman; August Heiman, restaurant proprietor; Ira Fuhrman, insurance representative; R. D. Myers, retired furniture dealer; J. T. Merryman, former judge and local attorney; and Herman Gillig, councilman and chairman of the city finance committee. Dr. Burt Mangold and Edward Berling. Other names also are being mentioned and several have been spoken of as candidates for the five places on the city council. It is believed that some will announce their intentions in the next few weeks.

The city committee will reorganize in about a month. Dr. Mangold is present city chairman. The chairman is elected by the city precinct committeemen and vice-committeemen. The organization is held at the call of the state committee.

DEBT OF CIVIL CITY IS WIPED FROM RECORDS

Light Department Cancels \$32,000 Indebtedness City Incurred

FIRE HALL IS INCLUDED

The civil city of Decatur today received for a New Year's present one of the finest gifts ever presented to the taxpayers.

The electric light department of the City Plant cancelled a debt of about \$32,000 it held against the civil city by resolution adopted by the council, which said "all is squared."

The debt which the civil city owed to the electric light department was for building the new engine house on North Seventh street, the remodeling of the city hall and advancing money for other improvements, which the civil city received credit.

The engine house cost more than \$26,000 and the remodeling of the city hall building totaled more than \$4,000. By action of the council the engine house now belongs to the civil city and all the improvements made at the city hall building also can be pointed to as possessions of the city.

For several years the electric light department has been holding notes as evidence of the debt which the civil city owed the resolution adopted by the council cancels these notes and gives the civil city a clean slate.

No levy for interest on the notes was made this year and councilmen believed the best way to handle the matter was for the department to cancel its debt and present to the city, free of charge the improvements made.

The engine house and remodeling of the city hall was paid for out of the earnings of the electric light department and there is not one cent of debt owing on either improvement.

MAY CONTINUE HALLORAN CASE

Trial of Alleged Murder Accessory May Be Delayed Few Days

Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 2.—(UP)—Prosecution of John J. (Happy Jack) Halloran, indicted as an alleged accessory after the murder of Agnes Ann Leno, for whose death Winnie Ruth Judd has been condemned to die, depended today upon the attitude of a new county prosecutor.

Renz L. Jennings today replaced as prosecutor Lloyd Andrews, who last week obtained the indictment from the county grand jury. Jennings was reported contemplating a request for a continuance when Halloran is arraigned tomorrow so that he may have more opportunity to investigate the charges that the wealthy lumberman helped dispose of the bodies of Mrs. Leno and Hedvig Samuelson, whose death also has been blamed on Mrs. Judd.

A request for continuance will be vigorously fought according to Frank O. Smith, Halloran's attorney, who said he would demand an early trial or dismissal of the indictment.

Joe Wolpert Critical

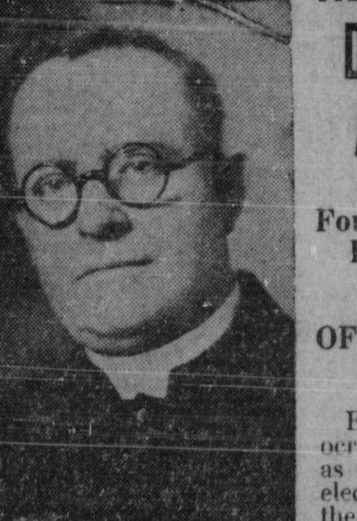
The condition of Joseph Wolpert, 1409 West Monroe street, who is ill with pneumonia was reported to be critical today. Mr. Wolpert is an employee of the Cloverleaf Creameries in this city.

Shot During Holdup

Evansville, Ind., Jan. 2.—(UP)—Clarence Bass, 37, Evansville, was in a serious condition in St. Mary's hospital here today suffering from wounds he said were received in a holdup.

Bass told police he was shot by holdup men late Saturday and that he remained in his automobile. Four hours before he received aid. The holdup men took \$75 from him and shot him, leaving his sitting helpless in the automobile.

Attends Funeral



The Rt. Rev. Bishop John F. Noll, D. D. of Fort Wayne, attended the funeral this morning of the Rev. Father J. A. Seimetz, pastor of St. Mary's Catholic church, whose death occurred last Wednesday. Bishop Noll delivered the sermon at the funeral mass this morning.

COMMISSION FILES REPORT

President's Research Committee Describes Many Changes In Life

New York, Jan. 2.—(UP)—In 1568 printed pages, President Hoover's research committee investigating modern social trends described today the problems arising out of the industrial, physical and social changes since the turn of the century.

The report draws a disconcerting picture of the decline of the family as a regulatory influence on life, but holds the hope of a higher degree of coordination between agriculture, labor, industry, government, education, religion and science.

Among other findings of the commission were these:

"Two great departments of our American system, the governmental and the economic organizations, are growing at a rapid pace, while two other historic institutions, the church and family, have declined in social significance, though not in human values.

"The church and the family have lost many of their traditional regulatory influences over human behavior, while industry and labor have assumed a larger degree of control over the conduct of our people. But government, like the family, has been backward in strengthening its social services to meet new conditions.

"Our standard of living for the very near future may decline because of the low wages caused by unemployment, possible slowness of business recovery and the

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NAME STRIKER AS CHAIRMAN

Dennis Striker Is Chosen Chairman of Adams County Commissioners

Dennis Striker, commissioner of the Third District, was named chairman of the Adams county board of commissioners at their first meeting of the year this morning. Mr. Striker is now serving his second year as a member of the board.

Phil Sauer, elected commissioner from the first district at the November election, attended his first meeting today. Frank Martin, who was re-elected from the second district last November, still has another year of his present term to serve.

The commissioners made a ruling this morning that the members rotate yearly as chairman of the board. Mr. Martin is the retiring chairman.

Only routine business was conducted at this morning's session. The board members also consulted trustees of various townships concerning poor relief. These conferences were expected to last through this afternoon. A few of the townships are facing a deficit because of the large amount of relief they have been forced to extend during the past year.

ALL OFFICERS DEMOCRATS IN ADAMS COUNTY

Four New Officials And Four Old Ones Start Terms Today

OFFICES ARE OPEN TODAY

Eight Adams county Democrats assumed offices today as the result of the general election last November. Of the eight, four succeeded other officials and four succeeded themselves.

H. M. DeVoss, Decatur attorney and former Mayor, assumed jurisdiction of the Adams circuit court (26th judicial district) succeeding Judge C. L. Walters, appointed last summer by Gov. Harry Leslie to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Judge D. B. Erwin.

Judge DeVoss opened court this morning and after making his appointments he ordered a recess until Tuesday morning in observance of the holiday.

Ed. A. Bosse, Decatur attorney today succeeded Nathan Nelson as prosecuting attorney. Bosse defeated Cal. F. Peterson, Republican, last November. Mr. Nelson stated that he would continue to practice law in this city. His offices are in the Morrison building.

Sheriff Burl Johnson started his second two-year term today. He announced the reappointment of Deputy Dallas M. Hower, who has served in that capacity for three years. Johnson defeated David Campbell, Republican, last November by more than 3,000 votes.

Walter Bockman, Decatur salesman and World War veteran, today started a four-year term as county recorder, succeeding Mrs. Clara Anderson of Geneva. Bockman will not have a full time deputy, he said, because the law does not provide a salary for a

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INAUGURATION TO BE MONDAY

New Governor Will Receive Oath of Office At State House

Indianapolis, Jan. 2.—Arrangements for the inauguration of Paul V. McNutt as the thirty-third governor of Indiana on Monday, January 9, 1933, are announced by the inaugural committee composed of Meredith Nicholson, Indianapolis author; Floyd E. Williamson, auditor of state and Elmer F. Straub, adjutant general-apointee.

The inaugural ceremony will take place at the west entrance to the statehouse, where a platform will be erected extending over the steps and to the sidewalk. There will be an amplification system installed that will carry the proceedings of the program to the crowd on Senate avenue and West Market street. Senate avenue, from Washington to Ohio street, and one block of Market street, west of the statehouse, will be closed to traffic before and during the program. Plans have also been made for a statewide hookup of radio stations for broadcast of the ceremonies.

From 11:20 until 11:50 o'clock the morning of January 9th, there will be a concert by the Indiana American Legion band from the west steps of the statehouse. Promptly at 11:50 o'clock, trumpeters of the 139th Field Artillery will sound attention and color guards bearing the state, national and post colors of the American Legion and the colors of the 326 Field Artillery, of which Mr. McNutt is a member, will advance in front of the stage.

Governor Harry G. Leslie and Governor-elect McNutt will enter the stage from the west door of the statehouse and advance to the front of the platform, at which point, Meredith Nicholson will introduce R. Earl Peters, of Fort Wayne, Indiana Democratic state chairman, who will officiate in the program. Prayer will be given by the Rev. W. Henry McLean, pastor of the First Methodist church.

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