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## 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 Rt. 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, Canon Episcopo, (in the presence of the Bishop) was celebrated at 9:30 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 priesthood and the Catholic religion in the course of his sermon. "He who is ordained for man to serve, Mr. Shannahan and Lawrence K. man follow the teachings of God. Father Seimetz has measured up to every requirement of the law. Insull, Jr., and John H. Gulek, priest. We gather here today to honor him," Bishop Noll said.

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 Super Tumulus (over the casket) and prayers for the dead were then recited.

The St. Joseph Catholic cemetery, Father Seimetz's ritual and performed the ceremony, consigning the body of his uncle and parish priest to other earth in the cemetery which for many years Father Seimetz labored to improve and beautify.

Participants in the mass were Deacon—Rev. Leonard Deininger, pastor St. Patricks, Oxford.

Sub-deacon—Rev. Ambrose Kohne, assistant All Saints, Hammond.

Master of ceremonies—Rev. Simeon Schmitt, assistant Pauls, Marion.

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

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## RES. HOOVER ENDS CRUISE

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Georgia, December 2

Greetings, Everybody!

1933

There is a good example to follow as Father Time flips over another page in his diary and takes us into a New Year. Smile, like June Vizsek, 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 corners 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 Comptroller at a meeting of the board of directors held yesterday, succeeding Samuel H. Jr., who resigned.

Bernard P. Shearon, of Hammond, who is secretary of the club, was also elected treasurer, succeeding George F. Mitchell, who resigned.

Huber M. DeVoss assumed his place as judge of the twenty-sixth judicial circuit of Indiana this morning and will preside over the Adams circuit court during the next six years. He succeeds Judge C. L. Walters who was appointed by Governor Leslie following the death of Judge Dore B. Erwin. Judge Walters will open law offices in the Peoples Loan & Trust Company building.

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### 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 will take all the interest which the county obtains on bank deposits. Under the law this interest 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

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### ed From Train

Jan. 2—(UP)—Police dealt with a possible kidnap as result of seizure of an outbound Rock

was taken from the men who represented a detective. Suspicion of kidnap was raised and they had no reason to arrest.

Travelling on the train was issued to F. D. Foreman, Kans.

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### 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."

He said that when he leaves the senate at the end of the present session he will enter the practice of law in some Indiana city.

The senate probably will pass the bill sent to it from the house of representatives a few days ago, he commented.

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### Former Pastor Dies

Dr. Charles J. Roberts received this morning the death of Rev. Kessinger, pastor of the United Brethren Church in Lafayette. He was ruddy and slightly sunburned. Funeral services will be held at 2 o'clock. Bishop H. H. Fout of the Royal Polonia Chapel and spent the rest of the day and evening aboard the Decatur United Brethren Sequoia, which Mr. Hoover and his wife boarded.

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