



# PRESIDENT MOVES TO HALT UNREST

## Court Orders Sale Of Local Sugar Factory

## ROOSEVELT IS READY TO USE ALL INFLUENCE

Rail Executives, Unions Accept Proffer of Administration Aid

## AUTO BUILDERS IN CONFERENCE TODAY

Washington, Mar. 21—(U.P.) President Roosevelt advanced today in his efforts to solve the railroad wage controversy and then met automobile manufacturers in the first of a series of crucial conferences by which he hopes to avert strikes that threaten to paralyze his recovery program.

Mr. Roosevelt was prepared to use all the influence and power at his command to stop the threatened automobile strike and curb labor unrest in other fields.

The capital was tense as the automobile conferences began.

Mr. Roosevelt said he was advancing no proposals in his initial discussions.

Tomorrow the President will hear the labor side of the dispute from President William Green of the American Federation of Labor and a delegation of union leaders from Michigan.

### Accept Offer

Washington, Mar. 21—(U.P.)—The railroad executives today joined with union forces in accepting President Roosevelt's tender of the services of the coordinator of transportation to help compose differences of wages.

Bowing to the request of President Roosevelt, railroad labor unions today agreed to accept the proffer of assistance of Federal Coordinator of Transportation Joseph Eastman in settling their disputes with the carriers.

Their stand was made known in a letter to President Roosevelt from A. F. Whitney, chairman of the Railway Labor Executives Association.

They did, however, decline to enter into further discussions at this time with the carriers representative.

## COMPLETE JURY IN CLARK CASE

## Eleven Men And One Woman Will Hear Case Against Russell Clark

Lima, O., Mar. 21—(U.P.)—A jury of 11 men and one woman, was completed here at noon today for the murder trial of Russell Clark, third Dillinger gangster facing death for the slaying of Sheriff Jesse L. Barber last fall.

The jury was composed of three carpenters, two farmers, a housewife, metal worker, bricklayer, plumber, wood worker, mechanic and a coal worker.

After opening arguments immediately after the noon recess the state was to begin presentation of its evidence linking Clark with the slaying of Barber during a raid by gangsters to liberate their leader, John Dillinger, from the county jail.

Prosecutor Ernest Botkin announced that two "surprise" witnesses would be deputies who said they heard Clark tell Harry Pierpont and Charles Makley, already convicted of the murder, that he probably would "get the same sentence as you just because I happened to be present." Makley and Pierpont are awaiting death sentences.

Word From Dillinger—Mooresville, Ind., Mar. 21—(U.P.) (CONTINUED ON PAGE FOUR)

## Stereopticon Talk At Church Tonight

The story of the growth of national missions in the Presbyterian church will be given at 7:15 tonight at the local church. This story is made vivid and highly interesting by a number of stereopticon slides provided by the mission board.

## Army Air Victim



A recent photo of Lieutenant R. G. Richardson, Army Reserve Corps pilot, recently recalled to fly the mail, who was killed when his plane plunged from 1,000 feet near Cheyenne, Wyo., while on a practice flight. This made the 11th fatality since Army took over the airmail.

## RECEIVE WORD ON ENROLLMENT

## Adams County Entitled To 14 Members In CCC Camps This Year

Will Linn, county chairman of the Governor's commission on unemployment relief, has received official instructions pertaining to the selection, enrollment and qualifications for the civilian conservation corps.

Adams county will be entitled to 14 members this year. This is the third enrollment, enlistments covering six months.

Final selection of the members is under the jurisdiction of the department of labor and Mrs. Dale Gaddis, staff worker of the governor's commission on unemployment relief.

Applications can be made Thursday of this week and Wednesday of next week with Mrs. Gaddis at the unemployment office.

The instructions read: "We now have relief supervisors in most counties of the state and we wish them to have charge of clearing all applications with relief records, and making home investigations where there is no relief record to determine whether the applicant comes from a family that needs this support. In this enrollment, it will not be permitted to accept boys unless they are from families or have actual dependents that need their support. Allotments cannot be made except to actual dependents. For this reason, we ask our county chairmen to refer all questions of the need of allottees for this support." (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

## Boys And Girls Urged Not To Use Streets As Rinks And Race Tracks

Boys and girls were warned by city officials today not to roller skate and play on public streets and state road within the city.

Reports of near tragic accidents have been made to policemen and city officials and in the interest of youth an appeal was made to keep the children off the streets and roads.

Places used as playgrounds are Nuttman avenue, state road 524 east of Decatur, the Belmont park road and other concrete stretches in and near the city.

Roller skaters used the payments as skating rinks and motorists some time cannot avoid hitting them. No one wants to kill a child and many times when tragic accidents happen, the driver is not to blame.

With a "please" city officials asked children and parents to cooperate in the plea not to use public streets as roller skating rinks and race tracks for bicycle riders.

## COMMODORES LEAVE TODAY FOR TOURNEY

## Decatur Five Leaves At Noon Today For National Catholic Meet

## PLAY FIRST GAME THURSDAY EVENING

Eight members of the Decatur Commodore basketball team, accompanied by Coach George Laurent, Rev. Father Joseph J. Hennies, athletic director; Dave Baker, trainer and Student Manager Herman Knapke, left shortly after noon today for Chicago, where the local quintet will compete in the National Catholic high school basketball tourney.

Members of the team making the trip are Braden and Murphy, co-captains; Hain, Bill Lose, Jim Lose, Baker, Don Hess and Kohne. Headquarters for the Commodores during their stay in Chicago will be the Sovereign hotel, where all teams will stay during the tourney.

The Decatur Daily Democrat will receive reports of all games played by the Commodores. Scores will be received at the half and at the end of each game. Call 1000 for scores.

The Commodores will play their first game in the tourney at 5 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the final game of the afternoon session.

Decatur's first round opponents will be the Ursuline high school team of Youngstown, Ohio. The Youngstown team has won 13 games this season, while losing only three. The Buckeyes have scored a total of 499 points to the opposition's 411 markers, an average of slightly over 31 points per game to an average of over 25 points a game for the opposition.

According to advices from Youngstown, the outstanding stars for the Ohio team are Favouria. (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

## CITY COUNCIL HOLDS MEETING

## Decatur Council Holds Regular Session Tuesday Evening

The turning over to the civil city by the Decatur school board of a sewer built west of Thirteenth street and giving an outlet to the athletic field, corner of Adams and Thirteenth streets, was brought up at the council meeting last evening.

The school board has invested \$95.80 for material in building the sewer and as it stands, the sewer is now a private one. By turning it over to the city, the sewer would become a public outlet and other property owners could tap into it. The work of building the sewer was done by CWA labor. The school board suggested that tapping charges should include the cost of building the sewer, plus the material used. The matter was referred to the street and sewer committee and City Attorney J. Fred Fruchte.

A. N. Hilton appeared before the council and informed the body that water from Elm street and the city lot back of his place, drained to the front of his house. The course of the water was changed when the new water mains were laid along Elm street. The matter was referred to E. A. Beavers, who stated that immediate action would be taken.

A preliminary ordinance fixing the salaries of city officials, as specified by state law for cities of the fifth class, was read. The salaries would be fixed for the four years from 1935 to 1939 and according to law must be done by April 1, 1934. The salaries as fixed by the legislature for Decatur are: Mayor, \$900; clerk-treasurer, \$500.

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## PLAYGROUND TO BE BUILT

## City School Board Will Build Playground On New City Lots

A playground and school athletic field will be established on the Niblick lots, corner of Winchester and Studabaker streets, by the Decatur school board, according to an agreement being made between the school city and the water works committee of the city council.

Recently the city purchased the Niblick field, extending from Winchester street to Elm street and bound on the south by Studabaker street, as a site for sinking a new water well. Only the west end of the lot will be needed for city purposes.

More than half of the field can be used as a playground and athletic field. The field is located north of the South Ward school building and only a few blocks from the Central school building.

According to the agreement filed by Joe Hunter, chairman of the water works committee with the council last evening, the school board will take over the part of the field not used by the city and convert it into a playground for the school children.

With the aid of the Parent-Teachers clubs in the city, the grounds will be beautified and made usable as playgrounds, soft ball and base ball fields.

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## Facts On Strike

By the United Press  
Salient facts in the impending automobile strike:

**Issue**  
Whether section 7A of the NRA is being violated: demands of the American Federation of Labor that it be recognized as collective bargainer for workers; auto manufacturers refusal to treat with A. F. of L.

**Factions**  
Labor—The American Federation of Labor; Capital—The National Automobile Chamber of Commerce.

**Status**  
Both sides agreed to defer decision pending conference with President Roosevelt on Thursday.

**Companies Involved**  
Hudson Motor Car Co., Buick Motor Co., Remo Motor Car Co., Olds Motor Works, Baldwin Rubber Co., American Forging and Socket Co., Hupp Motor Car Corp., Dodge Brothers Corp., Cadillac.

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## CITY TO AWAIT SUIT OUTCOME

## City of Fort Wayne In Test Case On Tax Of Power Plants

The city of Decatur will wait with other cities in the state on the outcome of the test suit brought by the city of Fort Wayne, against the law taxing municipal light plants, before making any return to the assessors.

Last evening at the meeting of the council, a letter was read from the Indiana Municipal League, urging all cities with municipal plants; to defer the making of tax returns until the Fort Wayne suit is tried and decided.

The last legislature passed a law taxing that part of municipal plants not used for street lighting and public benefit. The assessments would be made this year and taxes would be paid next year.

The city of Fort Wayne is contesting the validity of the law. It is claimed to be unconstitutional. The local plant would be required to pay a few thousand dollars, officials state, if the law is held valid. Decatur will join other cities in contesting the law and the Municipal league has recommended the employing of two Indianapolis attorneys to fight the case for them.

Municipal plants would be assessed one-twentieth of one per cent as cost of employing counsel in the suit. This plan would cost the local plant about \$55, members of the council stated.

## JEFF LIECHTY FOR TREASURER

## Berne Resident Announces Name For Democratic Nomination

The race for the Democratic nomination for county treasurer livened up today with the announcement that Jeff Liechty, well known resident of Berne had thrown his hat into the ring.

Mr. Liechty is the sixth man to enter the race for the treasurer's nomination.

The new candidate is an auctioneer by profession. In recent years he has been employed by A. J. Moser and the Berne Hardware company in Berne. He is a lifelong resident of Adams county and is well acquainted throughout the county.

Other candidates in the race, one of the most interesting on the Democratic slate, are Delmore Wechter, deputy county treasurer; Truman Goldner, Arthur Biehschick, John Bleeke, Frank Parrish.

More for Sheriff

## CHILDREN TO BE CONFIRMED PALM SUNDAY

## Lutheran And Reformed Churches Of County To Confirm 75 Children

## SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES PLANNED

Confirmation services will be held for 75 children in the Lutheran and Reformed churches in the county on Palm Sunday, March 25.

Special confirmation services will be held in the morning sessions and the names of the children announced. The children, pastors and churches are as follows:

**Decatur Zion Lutheran**  
Rev. P. W. Schultz announced that eight children would be taken into communicant membership in the church by the rights of confirmation Sunday. They are: Harry Powers, George Hunter, Orville Fritcha, Charles Bebrick, Leona Bauer, Alma Ault, Viola Hunter, and Ethel Mae Westrick.

**Decatur Zion Reformed**  
Rev. C. M. Prugh announced that ten children successfully passed an examination before the membership of the church last Sunday and will be confirmed Palm Sunday. They are: Vera Frauhiger, Bernice Cable, Esther Liniger, Betty Hunter, Margaret Hoffman, Ardis Brintzshofe, Ruth Beineke, La Vera Meyer, Fred Kirsch and Dick Schafner.

**Magley Reformed**  
The children to be confirmed Sunday at the Magley Reformed church according to Rev. David Grether are: Isabelle Worthman, Margaret Hilgeman, Mary Fruechte, Lola Reinhardt, Marsha Strahm, Frank.

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## DECATUR LADY DIES TUESDAY

## Mrs. Elizabeth Bosse Died Last Night; Funeral Friday Morning

Mrs. Elizabeth Bosse, 72, widow of the late Frank Bosse, died at her home at 804 Nuttman avenue, this city, at 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night. Death was due to heart complications.

Mrs. Bosse had spent most of her life in Decatur and Adams County. She was a member of the local St. Mary's Catholic church, the St. Mary's Sodality and the Third Order of St. Francis.

She was born in Karpochs Bavaria, Germany, on January 13, 1862, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schaefer. When she was 10 years of age her parents settled in Ohio at Tiffin, later moving to Adams County. She had resided in Decatur for the last 60 years.

Her marriage to Frank Bosse took place in 1888. He preceded her.

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## Final Lenten Sermon At Lutheran Church

The last of a series of six Lenten services will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church this evening. The five previous services already held were very well attended by members and friends of the church.

The service tonight will begin at 7 o'clock and will be under the direction of the pastor, the Rev. Paul W. Schultz, who also will deliver the address. The public is invited to attend.

## Fort Wayne Pastor Delivers Sermon

Rev. Father Francis Quinn, pastor of St. Patrick's Catholic church, Fort Wayne, delivered the Lenten sermon at St. Mary's Catholic church in this city last evening.

Father Quinn spoke on "Catholic Action." His sermon was the sixth of a series given at the local church. Father Joseph Seimetz, pastor, will give the closing Lenten sermon next week, which week will be observed as Holy Week.

## Insull Mystery Man



Constantine S. Effax, the "mystery man" in the Insull case, photographed in Chicago Tuesday as he returned to face those who claim he is but a myth or a figurehead for Samuel Insull. He denied he knew Insull.

## NAME ENGINEER TO MAKE SURVEY

## Huntington Man Will Survey Work Projects In Three Counties

The appointment of Robert W. Stevens, Huntington architect, as district engineer to make a survey of possible work projects in Adams, Wells, Waitley and Huntington counties is seen by local reemployment officials as an indication that a successor to the CWA program may be announced.

The only order the local federal reemployment office has received is that all CWA work will stop March 31. The feeling has been current that some sort of a program would be planned to follow up the emergency CWA.

Officials in Indianapolis and Washington have shrouded their intentions with secrecy. The orders to lay off 51 men each week will be observed here again Friday when the regular CWA pay roll will be cut to 185. One hundred and forty-one men will be added to the 50 now at work extending the city water mains to the subsistence project out of the city. This group is taken from the township relief lists.

Robert Stevens was informed at (CONTINUED ON PAGE SIX)

## JUNIOR CLASS TO GIVE PLAY

## Decatur High School Class Will Present Comedy April 6

The junior class of the Decatur high school will present the comedy, "Too Many Bosses" Friday evening, April 6, in the Decatur high school auditorium. The play is in three acts.

The play centers about the life and misadventures of a typical family. Eric Waterman and Fern Lakin were to be married and were building their dream home. Everything went smoothly until Fern decided to have three bathrooms and Eric rebelled. Then their friends and families took sides.

The characters in the play are Grandpa, the wise old man; Veda, the loveliest sixteen year old; Eva, the smart, colored maid; Mr. Lakin, the absent minded father; Monica, the dictatorial mother; Mrs. Waterman, the too loving mother; Josephine, the sympathizing friend of Fern's; Garrett, the lover of Josephine; and Uncle Ramsey, the main-spring of the rebellion.

The price of admission is 15 and 25 cents. Tickets may be obtained from any member of the junior class or at the door of the auditorium on the night of the presentation.

## SECTIONS OVERRULED BY JUDGE SLICK

## Made to Lake Sugar Affiliated With Central Sugar Co.

## NOT TO OPERATE: ONE OBSTACLE

Wayne, Mar. 21—(U.P.)—Federal Judge Thomas Slick overruling objections to the sale of the Holland-St. Sugar company's property, Decatur, was received here at the office of Mrs. Lora Slick, deputy U. S. clerk.

Judge Slick's order virtually gave the way for approval of the Decatur plant to the Lake Shore Sugar company, which will follow as soon as the sale order is fully executed and signed by federal judge.

of the Holland-St. Sugar Company in this to the Lake Shore Sugar company, affiliated with the Lake Sugar Company, operator of the local plant last was approved today by federal Judge Thomas W. at South Bend.

Judge Slick's order of sale of the local property followed the decision made by Federal Judge Fred M. Raymond of Grand Rapids, Mich., in approving the sale of the plant at Holland and St. Louis, Mo., to the Lake Shore Company.

Raymond and Slick in their decisions found disfavor the plan of continuing the re-employment and also cited the failure of those opposed to the sale to present any concrete evidence of any re-organization to carry on the successful operation of the plant.

William D. Remmel of Fort Wayne, who was named special agent in charge for the sale of the Decatur plant, received bids on Friday 5th in this city. The Lake Shore Sugar Company was the sole bidder on the unimproved property. No bid was made on property.

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## Mount As Street Lights Are Used As Targets, Auto Stops

Automobile and auto collisions about the city of Decatur about this month, M. J. Mylott, superintendent of the light and power department of the city, stated today.

They have been using the globes as targets for their air guns and also for their air slingshots and arm practice stations. Twelve new globes have been placed on the posts so far. The cost of the globes alone cost \$6.50 each. The cost of the bulbs have to be added, adding another 60 cents each.

Several of the light standards have been knocked over by motorists. In a few cases the driver was injured. The accident to the city and to the taxpayer. Last year the cost of maintaining the standards and replacing the globes, number of cases the city has recovered a penny.

The city plant maintains the ornamental street and alley lights at a cost to the taxpayer. Last year the cost of maintenance was \$2,000. The month of March seems to be a hoo-doo and the cost of replacing the lights will probably be \$250.

Decatur is one of the best lighted cities in the country, but if the destructive spirit to knock out the lights continues, city officials state it will be financially impossible to keep the circuits going.

A plea was made to report cases of boys deliberately destroy lights and action will be taken in the public interest.



9 MORE SHOPPING DAYS UNTIL EASTER