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Who remembers way back when
we had a summer as hot as this one.

Mayor Bangs of Huntington
spends so much of his time in jail
that folks are beginning to wonder
if he doesn't prefer it to the
struggle to get along outside.

Another week end and we may
expect the usual number of deaths
from accidents which in recent
years seem to be just as sure as
the occasion is of arriving.

If the corn needs hot days and
nights, it ought to be forty feet
high soon. Of course a drink occa-
sionally is just as important and
corn and the other crops are get-
ting mighty thirsty.

A new industry is planning to
come to this city and announce-
ments of interest will soon be
made. Decatur is going forward
and the dreams of those who have
planned for years are coming true.

Rev. Coughlin is not aiding his
cause or himself when he so far
forgets himself as to call the
president of the United States a
liar and a traitor. That is not argu-
ment and doesn't sound like peace
loving America.

Thirty or forty more homes can
easily be absorbed here and with
much good for the community.
That's the only way we can grow
and there is not a day passes that
we don't have inquiries for places
to live.

The Townsend crowd is having
troubles now. They find in con-
vention that about every delegate
has a plan of his own to get some-
thing for nothing and of course
wants it worked out so he will
get his, regardless of the rest of
the gang.

Adams county and Decatur are
getting much favorable publicity
because of the Centennial. In hun-
dreds of newspapers over the
United States numerous birthdays are
being given prominent position
and several have referred to the
"Achievements of a century" editorially.

Recovery has cost the nation
four or five billion dollars. No
one denies that, so the only point
about it is whether it was worth
it or not. Since business now

CHANGE OF
ADDRESS

Subscribers are request-
ed to give old and new
address when ordering
paper changed from one
address to another.

For example: If you
change your address
from Decatur R. R. 1 to
Decatur R. R. 2, instruct
us to change the paper
from route one to route
two. When changing
address to another town,
always give present
address and new address.

shows an increase of forty billion
dollars and is on the up-grade it
would seem to have been a rather
good investment.

Two weeks from tomorrow is
Centennial opening and the next
fourteen days will be busy ones
for those who are intent upon mak-
ing this the biggest event ever
held here or any where else. From
every where comes word that the
folks are coming home and bring-
ing with them many visitors who
will be pleased with Decatur hos-
pitality and progressiveness.

A feature of the special Centen-
nial edition to be published from
this office on the 27th will be let-
ters and articles from many old
timers. Among these is one by
Lew Ellingham, telling of the
struggles of the old Commercial
club in the days when we were
making an effort to make "Deca-
tur a city of 10,000 by 1910" that
we know you will enjoy. Don't
miss it. Subscribe now.

Just how to take care of the
crowds that are coming for the
Centennial is something to think
about. It will test our capacities to
feed and lodge the thousands that
will accept the invitation to visit
Decatur the week of August 2nd
to 8th, but we are sure the latch
strings will be out and that every
one will be well cared for. Full co-
operation is desired, expected and
requested.

We are shocked and grieved by
the death this week of an old
friend, Prof. Linneus N. Hines of
Terre Haute. He was a wonderful
man, one of the really great edu-
cators of the state. He served as
superintendent in several cities,
was state superintendent and for
years was president of State Teach-
er's College at Terre Haute. He
was stricken with apoplexy about
two years ago and since then has
been able to devote but part time
to his duties at the college.

STAR SIGNALS
—BY—
OCTAVINE

For persons who believe that hu-
man destiny is guided by the planet,
the daily horoscope is outlined by
a noted astrologer. In addition to in-
formation of general interest, the
lines of special interest to persons born on the designated
dates.

July 20

Persons most easily influenced by
today's vibrations are those born
from July 21 through August 21.

Morning—Good.

Afternoon—Mental.

Evening—Fair.

The day holds some slight financial
promise. Mechanical things are
best.

Today's Birthdate

No matter what position you were
born to, you should grow rich.

Travel, philosophy, elderly people
and old things are all good for you
during April 1937.

Danger August 4 through 10, 1936.

Deal with clerical affairs, writing
on July 22 and 23, 1936.

Answers To Test
Questions

Below are the answers to the
Test Questions printed
on Page Two

1. Gliding.

2. The most famous of the great
Florentine artists of the Renais-
sance.

3. No. He was Food Adminis-
trator during U. S. participation in
the World War.

4. The west bank.

5. Chihuahua.

6. Orbit.

7. Charles Dickens.

8. Scio.

9. Lisbon.

10. That which serves to point
out the existence of a disease.

Shoes Wear 40 Years

Woodland, Cal. (UPI)—John
Crank believes not only in the con-
servation of national resources but
personal ones as well. He insists he
is probably the only person in the
United States who has been wear-
ing the same pair of shoes off and
on for 40 years and the same hat for
35 years.

Holyhock Rises 14 Feet

Hanford, Cal. (UPI)—Californians
who believe everything grows
bigger in California than any-
where else in the world, have now
added holyhocks to their list.
The plant belonged to W. J.
Burch is 14 feet, 8 inches in height
and has 287 blooms.

The First Martyr!

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DISPELLING THE FOG

By Charles Michelson
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Among the most entertaining
features of the political campaign
is the jubilation of the Republican
High Command at the announced
results of what is described as a
sample poll of American voters.
This poll purports to describe the
present status of the voters' opinion
as giving President Roosevelt a
popular majority of over 2,000,
000 and Governor Landon a pre-
ponderance of six votes in the
Electoral College. The announcement
further states that these results
were obtained by a canvas of 105,
000 voters.

Suppose somebody, anxious to
assay the political sentiment of a
village with a voting population of
a thousand, should interview three
voters and from their replies
should announce how that village
was going in the election, how
that village was going in the election,
how much importance could
be attached to that announcement?

Yet that is approximately the
proportion on which the absurd
conclusion of last Sunday's publica-
tion is based. It is about as ac-
curate as would be determining
the complexion of a thousand
chickens distributed unevenly in
48 coops into which somebody
reached a hand and found that the
first chicken withdrawn was black,
the second white, and the third
speckled with a slight preponder-
ance of dark spots, and so should
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result indicated that the white
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the result. Which is only another
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resented in such straw balloting as this.

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President was due for re-election,
while a contrary statement would
not fail to cause discussion and
otherwise help newspaper circulation.

It might be coincidence that a preponderant majority of the
newspapers that are buying this service are those distinctly
anti-administration. As such, nat-
urally they would be happier in
printing that there was some doubt
in the November election than simply
to repeat what a great major-
ity of the people of the United
States accept as a positive fact,
that President Roosevelt will still
be in the White House next year.

However, this election will not
be decided by straw ballots or by
statements based thereon, by Rep-
ublican Party potentates, or by
Dumb Pont Liberty Leaguers. The farm
hand in the agricultural belt, who
does not figure in the straw votes,
counts as much on election day as
the Wall Street banker. The bal-
ot of the miner in the depths of
the coal mines has exactly the
same value when a count is really
made as the gentleman who
owns the coal deposits. It will be
these who make the headline
sample ballottings look foolish on
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