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Be sure to write it 1939.

It was a big New Years party  
all over the country and now it's  
time to really get down to business.

If you happen to forget it's  
rather simple to make a 1939 out  
of a 1938 by going over the last  
figure.

If you feel unhappy about gen-  
eral conditions, just compare this  
country with any of the other  
nations of the world and unless  
you are too far gone for comfort,  
you will start smiling.

You will find yourself in difficul-  
ties if something happens that  
causes the local or state police to  
check up on you and you do not  
have a 1939 driver's license. It's  
rather foolish to take chances.

The new 76th session of con-  
gress will open tomorrow and the  
next several months, starting off  
with a report on the WPA system,  
will probably be warm enough to  
suit even the boys from Texas,  
Florida and other states where  
they claim to really enjoy sunshine.

The easy way to avoid arrest for  
traffic accidents is to not violate  
the law. If you drive a car you  
are supposed to know what is  
legal and what is not and ignor-  
ance is no excuse. Familiarize  
yourself with the city ordinance  
and obey it and you will have  
nothing to complain about.

Judge Huber M. DeVoss assumes  
his place on the appellate bench  
and is succeeded here today by  
Judge J. Fred Fruchte. Each of  
these men, well prepared and with  
a complete understanding of their  
duties, will serve the people of  
Adams county and the state with  
credit. The best wishes of every  
one here accompanies them as  
they enter their new duties.

Dallas Brown retires from the  
office of sheriff of Adams county,  
after four years of service with a  
record he may well feel proud of.  
He has served the people well and  
not a single blemish appears on  
his well performed duties. He is  
succeeded by Ed Miller, for  
years a popular figure in Decatur  
where he has served on the police  
force. Both men deserve con-  
tinued successes and will no doubt  
have them.

Edward P. Brennan has been  
appointed chief of the state board  
of accounts and he is probably  
the best qualified man in the state  
for the job. He has served on the  
department nearly thirty years  
and the past several years has  
been director of the state budget.  
He will prove equal to the impor-  
tant job and under his guidance the  
department will regain any pres-  
tige lost in the recent scandals in  
the south part of the state.

Phil Sauers completed six years  
of splendid service to his county  
today and retired as a commis-

sioner, his place being taken by  
Phillip Strahm, one of the best  
known farmers of the county. Mr.  
Sauers, with his knowledge of con-  
tracting, as well as of farm needs  
and values has proven an excel-  
lent official and Mr. Strahm, like-  
wise well informed on the needs  
of his constituents, will place  
them with his efforts to carry out  
their wishes.

Clyde Troutner, elected clerk in  
the recent election and John  
Blakey, county treasurer-elect, will  
not assume office until a year from  
now. Prosecuting Attorney Ar-  
thur E. Voglewede and W. H. Gil-  
liom, surveyor, begin new terms in  
their respective offices. Robert  
Heller, representative from Adams  
and Wells counties and Von Eich-  
horn, senator from Adams, Black-  
ford and Wells will report to the  
general assembly this week.

The defeated G. O. P. candidates  
have filed a petition asking a re-  
hearing of their case before the  
supreme court. Of course there  
is but one reason for such action  
and that is to keep the matter be-  
fore the public. They do not need  
to prove their assertions this way  
but apparently prefer to continue  
the claims that the election was  
not fair. Of course if it wasn't  
the Republican members of the  
boards were just as guilty as the  
Democrats, but they hope to be  
able to fool the public with their  
squeals and squawks.

While there is no doubt some  
good reasons for the agitation con-  
cerning changes in election laws  
it should also be kept in mind that  
if the proposal to have a special  
board to count the votes, the costs  
in each county will be doubled or  
more. Reforms are a fine thing if  
they actually reform but we should  
not forget that its the additional  
costs that increase the price of  
government and that the only way  
these bills can be met, is by addi-  
tional taxes. If we wish them had  
enough to spend the money, well  
and good, but let's do it with our  
eyes open.

What does the new year hold  
for you? There will be many hap-  
penings and you and your loved  
ones will have part in some, per-  
haps many. The events as they  
occur will be recorded in this  
paper and we urge you to renew  
your subscription now. The Daily  
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in the state that sells for ten cents  
a week by carrier and three dol-  
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fourth to a half cheaper than any  
other paper that will fill your  
needs and which gives you many  
times more local news than any  
other. Subscribe now and tell  
your friends.

Victor Eicher became county  
auditor today, succeeding John W.  
Tyndall, who has served with much  
credit the past five and a half  
years. He has been courteous and  
with his wide knowledge of coun-  
ty affairs and the fact that he knew  
every farm and almost every town  
lot, made it possible for him fre-  
quently to advise in such a way as  
to protect titles and to save mon-  
ey. Mr. Eicher, a high school  
commercial teacher, enters his of-  
ficial duties excellently prepared  
to make a record we will all be  
proud of and we believe he will.  
To both these fine men, we extend  
congratulations.

Americans have learned that  
real progress is made not through  
blind uniformity, but through the  
willing co-operation of people of  
many minds. This is the great  
merit of democracy, which keeps  
its freedom by preserving its  
sanity and its varied viewpoints.  
It corrects its own errors. It  
laughs at itself, and provides its-  
self with continual supply of new  
ideas and methods, instead of ac-  
cording to the solemn,  
stereotyped pattern of one man or  
one group. Freedom and self-im-  
posed control thus accomplish what  
arbitrary power cannot accomplish.

## Guide Decatur's Affairs On City Council



Morris Pingrey

### City Attorney



Vincent Kelly



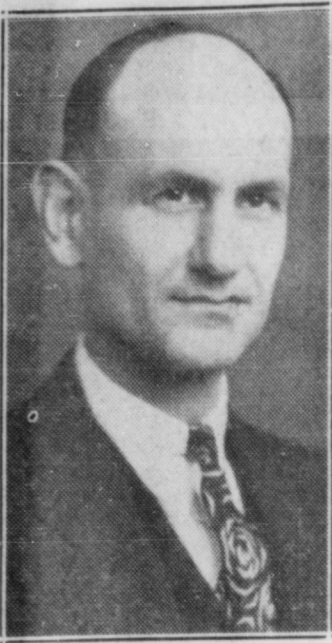
Russell Owens



Kenneth Arnold



Andrew Appelman



Charles Langston

## Governor Townsend Points To Signs Of Business Recovery

(By Gov. M. Clifford Townsend)

We close the year 1938 with the  
happy knowledge that the econ-  
omic tides are sweeping once more  
toward prosperity in Indiana.  
When the year began, state gov-  
ernment faced a critical unemploy-  
ment problem. Thousands of work-  
ers in our large industries had  
been let out, and they looked to  
their government for help. Agricul-  
ture faced the prospects of a huge  
surplus. Business was sick for lack  
of purchasing power.

But, as the year ends, the busi-  
ness curve is traveling upward.  
Employment and payrolls are in-  
creasing. Retail sales are boom-  
ing. New construction is proceed-  
ing on every hand. The income of  
Indiana farmers, in spite of large  
surpluses, will be at least one hun-  
dred million dollars greater than  
it was in 1937 and probably will  
reach the 1936 level.

The effort of governments to  
halt the widening spread of the  
recession and to put men and wo-  
men back to work will long be re-  
membered as the significant de-  
velopment of 1938, in my opinion.  
The first check to an unemploy-  
ed worker under our state unem-  
ployment compensation system was  
presented on April 25 and from  
that time until today — through  
months of economic slump and  
seasonal lay-offs — more than 200,  
000 Indiana wage-earners have re-  
ceived benefit payments totaling  
about \$17,500,000.

By the time the legislature met  
last summer, it was apparent that  
many persons were being denied  
benefits because of the so-called  
"\$10 clause." This clause was re-  
moved by the special session, per-  
mitting 47,000 unemployed work-  
ers to receive about \$3,500,000.

Democracy continually renews its-  
self, while autocracy exhausts its  
temporary supply of ideals and  
power and disappears.—Evansville  
Courier.

During the time when they re-  
ceived benefit checks, these un-  
employed men and women, instead  
of being dumped back on the  
township trustee of the WPA,  
were drawing from their insurance  
funds.

The U. S. congress met early  
last year and enacted a recovery  
program, putting men and dollars  
back to work.

Recognizing that the state gov-  
ernment has an equal responsibil-  
ity for the welfare of its people,  
I called a special session of the  
General Assembly last summer and  
recommended that it pass an In-  
diana recovery program.

Fortunately, the state govern-  
ment had a balance of \$24,000,000  
in the treasury, and I believed that  
the people should be given the  
benefit of their thriftiness at a  
time when they most needed help.

The special session appropriat-  
ed funds for a needed building pro-  
gram, taking advantage of the re-  
vised PWA grants of 45 per cent  
of the cost of construction. This  
building program will provide an  
estimated 15,656,284 man hours of  
work, when completed.

The building program, too, will  
enable the state to take better  
care of its sick, its delinquent and  
its insane.

The special session further equal-  
ized the tax spread by returning  
to taxpayers in local units of gov-  
ernment approximately \$2,000,000  
annually in the form of welfare  
tax relief.

The special session, as I have  
said, enabled 47,000 unemployed  
workers to receive unemployment  
compensation by removing the so-  
called \$10 clause.

With the exception of the spe-  
cial session, this administration  
last year proceeded quietly to per-  
fect and utilize the machinery of  
government to serve better the  
people.

The safety division completed its

## County Auditor And Deputy



Victor Eicher



Mary Cowan

## Take Over Duties As County Officials



Ed P. Miller



J. Jerome Yager



Phillip Strahm

New county officials taking active charge today include Ed P. Miller, sheriff; J. Jerome Yager, coroner; Phillip Strahm, county commissioner.

## Household Scrapbook By Roberta Lee

### Banish the Wrinkles

To take the wrinkles out of a  
garment when in a hotel, hang it  
over the rack in the bathroom, close  
the door and windows, and turn on  
the hot water. Let it run until the  
room is filled with steam. Leave the  
garment hanging in this vapor for  
an hour, then open the room and  
let the article dry in the fresh air.  
The appearance of the garment will  
be freshened surprisingly.

### A Cracked Dish

If a cracked dish is boiled for  
about forty-five minutes in enough  
sweet milk to cover it, the cracks  
will glue together and become in-  
visible. The dish will stand almost  
as much ordinary usage as when

new. Winter Window Washing  
A little salt added to hot water  
will permit you to wash windows  
even in the coldest weather with-  
out any danger of their freezing.

## Answers To Test Questions

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

1. John Quincy Adams.
2. No.
3. Police dog.
4. Germany's leading financial authority.
5. Yes.
6. Western New York.
7. The giraffe.
8. India.
9. Asia.
10. 198!

1. Between France and Switzer-land.
2. Green.
3. Capt. Anthony Eden.
4. Two; welterweight and mid-dieweight.
5. Turkey
6. Buying on a rising market to avoid a loss after selling short.
7. Tuscon.
8. Gold.
9. The Caspian Sea.
10. No.

## Modern Etiquette By ROBERTA LEE

Q. When a verbal invitation is  
tended to a person, isn't it  
for this person to say, "I  
'll come if I can?"

A. Yes, this is a very nice  
way to accept. One should  
and without hesitation, "I  
delighted to come," or, "I  
sorry, but it will be impos-  
sible for me to come Friday evening."

Q. When one is a guest at a  
ner served in a hotel dining  
or a restaurant, should he  
tip for the waiter?

A. It is not necessary; the  
way to accept. One should  
duty of the host.

Q. Should a loser in any  
game give an alibi for losing?

A. Never. A good sportsman  
not do so.

## To Ward Off Cold

Take one of ALF'S  
POUND WINTERGREEN  
TABLETS at bed-  
time followed with a large  
glass of water.

## At All Drug Stores

or send \$1.00 to  
Union Pharmacal Co.  
Bluffton, Ind.

## "ENVOY EXTRAORDINARY"

by E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

### CHAPTER I

IN her small boudoir, once a con-  
secrated chapel, now the annex  
to a famous suite of reception  
rooms, Matilda, Countess of Matres-  
ser, sat in a high-backed, luxuri-  
ously cushioned chair before a huge  
fire of cedar and pine logs burning  
in an open grate. Her hands were  
folded in front of her, neither book  
nor any other form of diversion in-  
terfering in the steady effort at  
listening which had absorbed her  
for the last hour. The spell was  
suddenly broken. She heard at last  
the sound for which she had waited.  
She touched the jade knob of an orna-  
mental bell which stood on the  
table by her side.

"His lordship has arrived," she  
told the footman who entered  
promptly. "Please let him know that  
I am awaiting him here."

The man hurried off. In the hall  
below there was already a small  
gathering of servants respectfully  
greeting the new arrival. The lat-  
ter a dark-complexioned, slim  
young man, who was being relieved  
of his motoring attire, nodded and  
turned towards the broad staircase.  
With his hand already upon the  
banisters, however, he lingered to  
ask just one question.

"Any unexpected visitors to-day,  
Burrows?" he enquired of the but-  
ler.

"No one unexpected that I have  
heard of, your lordship," the man  
replied. "Mr. Hennerley is here  
with Lady Alice, and we are ex-  
pecting a few people to dinner. Only  
a very small party."

"I was not thinking so much  
about guests," Matresser admitted.  
"Mr. Yates is here, I suppose?"

"Certainly, milord. He has been  
very busy in his room all day."

"The messenger I was expecting  
would probably have reported to  
him."

"No one has arrived who has  
asked either for your lordship or for  
Mr. Yates," the butler pronounced.  
Matresser nodded.

"If anyone should arrive see that  
I am informed," he said. "The  
weather is bad enough to stop any-  
one if they were coming by road."

"I believe, your lordship," Bur-  
rows confided, "that Humphreys  
would like to see you about tomor-  
row's shooting 'or a minute or two,  
or he will come up after dinner if  
that is more convenient."

"I will see him in the garden  
before I change," Matresser prom-  
ised. "No you need not announce  
me, Burrows. I am sure her lady-  
ship must have heard the car."

He mounted the stairs with swift,  
little movements, passed through  
two very beautiful rooms, one hung  
with rare tapestry, the other deco-  
rated by a famous Frenchman of the  
period of Watteau. In a few mo-  
ments he passed into the Sanctuary  
Chamber, as it had been called for  
generations. With a slight gesture,  
half foreign, perhaps, but entirely  
natural, he sank on one knee by the  
side of the woman whose arms were  
outstretched towards him and drew  
her into his embrace.

"Ronald!" she murmured.

"Dearest."

There were no other words. A  
moment or two later, still with her  
fingers upon his cheeks, he leaned a  
little back.

"You are the most wonderful  
woman in the world," he declared  
as he looked into her deep-set but  
still brilliant eyes. "Yours is the  
complexion of a child. You grow  
more beautiful with the years."



"Did I not beg of you—no foreign servants?" Matresser whispered  
his mother in mock warning.

animals and discovering hidden  
cities?"

"Sick to death," he assured her  
cheerfully.

He strolled over to the small Chip-  
pendale sideboard upon which a ser-  
vant had set out decanters, a silver  
bowl of ice and a cocktail shaker.

"I will mix you the latest con-  
coction in the way of *apertif*—  
straight from Raffles' Bar at Singa-  
pore," he told her. "I should have  
liked a lime but lemon must do. . .  
There. How's that?" he asked a  
moment or two later.

"Delicious. When were you at  
Singapore, Ronald?"

"A few months ago," he an-  
swered carelessly, "and only for a  
few hours then. I must tell you all  
about my travels later on."

She set down her glass for a mo-  
ment.

"Do you ever tell anyone in the  
world all about your travels, Ron-  
ald?" she asked.

He looked at her with a faint but  
discerning smile.

"There are some things I am sav-  
ing up, of course," he admitted.  
"When I am Lord Lieutenant of the  
County, bobbing about opening  
charity bazaars, blessing all the  
Boy Scouts and that sort of thing,  
I shall have no more secrets. By-the-  
by, that reminds me, may I ask Mrs.

tense. This is my son who is  
back from abroad. He is the  
severest critic of my appear-  
ance so we must take care to satisfy  
him tonight."

The girl curtsied very slight-  
ly.

"I shall do my best to satisfy  
you, milord," she said. "With mad-  
ness subject it should not be difficult."

Matresser nodded politely.  
She was tapping a cigarette against  
her case but she continued to look  
to where the girl was standing  
holding the curtain back for her  
tress. Her eyes drooped  
fully. Her manner was a  
mixture of respect for the  
house and interest in her  
rival. Matresser lit her  
cigarette and offered his mother his  
arm.

"What a disobedient old  
woman!" he whispered in her ear.  
"Hortense fell behind."

"Do you ever tell anyone in the  
world all about your travels, Ron-  
ald?" she asked.

"But a personal matter, my  
lord," she remonstrated.  
"Ronald," she continued, "I  
shall have no more secrets. By-the-  
by, that reminds me, may I ask Mrs.

"So long as you have an  
Italian chauffeur and half a  
Russian gardener," he murmured.  
(To be continued)

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