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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 general
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 difficulties
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
congress 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 ignorance
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 Frucht. 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 continued
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 important
job and under his guidance the
department will regain any prestige
lost in the recent scandals in
the south part of the state.

Phil Sauer 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 excellent
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 Arthur
E. Vogelweide and W. H. Gilliom,
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 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 bad
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
Democrat is one of the few papers
in the state that sells for ten cents
a week by carrier and three dol-
lars a year by mail, from one-
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-
try 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 offi-
cial 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 a continual supply of new
ideas and methods, instead of act-
ing according to the solemn,
stereotyped pattern of one man
or one group. Freedom and self-
control thus accomplish what
arbitrary power cannot accomplish.

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Guide Decatur's Affairs On City Council



Andrew Appelman

City Attorney



Vincent Kelly

Kenneth Arnold

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 economic
tides are sweeping once more
toward prosperity in Indiana.

When the year began, state govern-
ment faced a critical unemployment
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 the year ends, the busi-
ness curve is traveling upward.
Employment and payrolls are
increasing. 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 hundred
million dollars greater than it was
in 1932 and probably will reach the 1936 level.

The effort of governments to
halt the widening spread of the
recession and to put men and
women back to work will long be
remembered as the significant de-
velopment of 1938, in my opinion.

The first check to an unemployed
worker under our state unemployment
compensation system was pre-
sented 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 special session appropri-
ated funds for a needed building pro-
gram, taking advantage of the re-
vived 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 govern-
ment 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 speci-
al 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
New county officials taking active charge today include Ed P. Miller, sheriff; J. Jerome Yager, coroner; Philip Strahm, county commissioner.J. Jerome Yager
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New county officials taking active charge today include Ed P. Miller, sheriff; J. Jerome Yager, coroner; Philip 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 refreshed 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

traffic safety program, the labor
division began an apprentice training
program, and the board of
health continued to extend public
health services, as examples.

I look forward to 1939 as a year
of economic stabilization, when
government will be able to adjust
itself to its problems on a permanent
and not an emergency, basis.

I sincerely hope that in state
government we will be able to con-
solidate the progress made within
in the last several years and learn
to use with full effectiveness the
new machinery of government.

"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 Matresser,
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 inter-
fering 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 orn-
amental bell which stood on the table
by her side.

"His lordship has arrived," she
said the footman who entered
promptly. "Please let him know that
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 butler.

"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," Burrows
confided, "that Humphreys would
like to see you about tomorrow's
shooting for a minute or two,
or he will come up after dinner if
that is more convenient."

"I will see him in the gunroom
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,
lithe movements, passed through
two very beautiful rooms, one hung
with rare tapestry, the other dec-
orated by a famous Frenchman of the
period of Watteau. In a few moments
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.
"When I am Lord Lieutenant of the
County, I will be about opening
charity bazaars, blessing our Boy
Scouts and that sort of thing.
I shall have to write a book. Then I
will have no more secrets. By-the-
way, that reminds me, may I ask Mrs.

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will permit you to wash windows
even in the coldest weather without
any danger of their freezing.

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

A. Yes, this is a very
way to accept. One sh
and without hesitation, "I
delighted to come," or, "I
sorry, but it will be imposs
to come Friday evening."

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