

## PARTY LEADERS ELATED ON McNUTT STATUS

Indiana Democrats Elated  
Over Reaction To  
Candidacy

Indianapolis, July 7.—(UP)—Indiana Democrats from national chairman Frank McHale through were highly elated today at the return here from Manila, where McNutt visited the United States in February and March last. McNutt's return here from Manila was first touted as White House material, he was greeted with such phrases as "the admiral" and "beautiful" and "McNutt," derisively indicating his campaign was based on personal appearance.

Senator Sherman Minton, after McNutt's visit to the United States in 1938, this demonstration was considered "preliminary," ill-timed, blatant "domestic" as far as his political aspirations were concerned. The activities of McHale, campaign manager, and others attempting to line up support in advance of the 1940 election were considered to be "poorly timed."

Time Magazine, which always treated McNutt with every reverence, devoted its entire front page this week to the governor, plus more than a column of pictures and devoted writing to a serious survey of his presidential possibilities as a leading article.

McHale already lists more than 100 voluntary requests for campaign engagements for McNutt in the immediate future.

He has been successively placed in an extremely favorable light in some phase of his career by such commentators as and Clapper, noted Washington columnist; the New York Times on his administration in the Philippines; a Toledo, Kan., newspaper which declared Kansas favorable in 1940; four nationally moving picture newsreels which covered his campaign celebration here; Den-Colo, newspapers which gave him prominence to his visit to the White House; and the biography of McNutt, very close to the White House, in numerous other miscellaneous expressions.

He is considered politically potent that a boom was started about his knowledge or sanctity for him for vice-president in 1940, a possibility which he

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## Daily Democrat Office Will Be Closed Saturday

The Decatur Daily Democrat office will be closed Saturday afternoon while work is being done on installing a new counter, desks and furniture, and fixtures in the newspaper office which will be replaced with new desks and counters.

There will not be any telephone service to the office on Monday morning, due to the fact that the newspaper will go to press at noon and the workmen will start dismantling the old fixtures at 10 o'clock.

Copies of the paper for those who call at the office will be available at the Bros. restaurant.

We have inconvenienced you, we hope we can make it up with improved service in the office is so arranged to better accommodate readers and patrons.

## Former Local Girl Taken To Hospital

Miss Gloria Crabill of Fort Wayne, a former Decatur girl, stopped here for a short time this morning as she was being moved from the Hamilton, Ohio hospital to the Lutheran hospital in Fort Wayne.

Miss Crabill suffered several fractured vertebrae and ribs in a head on automobile collision at Hamilton, Ohio Wednesday. She will be confined to bed for about three months.

While here she stopped at the home of her uncle, Adrian Girard of 953 Central avenue.

## SENATORS FIGHT EFFORT TO LIFT ARMS EMBARGO

34 Senators To Fight  
Change; New Trouble  
In Far East

Washington, July 7.—(UP)—A bloc of 34 senators announced today that they will talk to death any proposal to remove from the neutrality laws the present authorization for embargoes against shipments of arms to belligerents.

Headed by a veteran isolationist, Sen. Hiram Johnson, R., Calif., the bloc met today to plan strategy. It pledged unalterable opposition "to the repeal or modification of the present neutrality law prohibiting the sale or exportation of arms, munitions or implements of war to nations engaged in war."

If leaders of the bloc can maintain their lines intact in the face of determined opposition from the administration, they almost certainly would be able to block attempts to remove a modified arms embargo clause from the house-approved neutrality bill.

Both Mr. Roosevelt and Secretary of State Cordell Hull have declared their opposition to the embargo clause.

After the strategy meeting, the 34 senators issued the following statement:

"We are unalterably opposed to the repeal or modification of the present neutrality law prohibiting the sale or exportation of arms, munitions or implements of war to nations engaged in war."

"We are against any discretion being lodged in the hands of any chief executive to determine an aggressor or aggressors during any war abroad."

"We believe in the real neutrality of our nation in the case of any armed conflict."

"We are determined to maintain our position by every honorable and legitimate means at our command."

The ultimatum was issued on the eve of a meeting tomorrow of the senate foreign relations committee to consider the house-approved neutrality bill.

The group apparently threw its opposition against even the modified house version of the embargo in denouncing any "modification" of the existing strict embargo.

**Troubles Threaten**  
By Joe Alex Morris,  
(UP, Foreign News Editor)

Japanese anger against activities of the western powers in China threatened new troubles in the far east today on the second anniversary of the war against Chinese Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek.

"Never before has Japan borne such hatred for Britons," an army spokesman said at Tokyo after police had been sent to guard the

## STATE AUDITOR O. K.'S REPORT

Accounting Of Handling  
Of County General  
Fund Is Approved

An accounting of the \$244,963.95 handled by the county in the general fund during the first six months of this year has been prepared by auditor Victor Eicher and approved by Frank G. Thompson, state auditor.

Checks have been issued in the county auditor's office to the various local county and state taxing units for the distribution of funds for the first six months.

The June settlement sheet shows that current, delinquent taxes and penalties payable in the year 1939 amounted to \$481,695.34. To this was added by the auditor a sum of \$1,977.68 for taxes due from persons not originally assessed. An additional charge of \$97.37 was made for dropped taxes which were found to be collectable. This makes a total due this year of \$483,770.39.

A sum of \$244,602.33 is still due.

The report shows that credit is claimed for \$392.64 as certificates of error issued to persons who have been erroneously charged with taxes, due to failure to include mortgage exemptions, to soldiers or reserve officers, who claim exemptions or for other similar reasons. This makes a total chargeable amount of \$244,994.97 not collected. Deducting this figure from the \$483,770.39 due this year shows that a total of \$237,785.42 was collected in general property taxes last spring. Most of the remainder is not due until the November installment.

To the sum of taxes collected is added the following: \$4,497.47 collected by banks and savings banks; \$50.88 collected by building and loan associations; and \$723.28 collected from persons who are paying delinquent taxes on a moratorium plan.

## LIST PROGRAM FOR CONCERT

Arlington Ensemble To  
Present Concert Sunday Night

The complete program for the concert to be given by the Arlington ensemble at the Zion Reformed church Sunday evening includes classical numbers from many well known composers. The numbers to be presented are as follows:

"Impressario Overture"—Mozart  
"Russian Fantasia"—Friml  
"Humoresque"—Dvorak  
"Kaleidoscope"—Arlington.  
"Spring Song"—Mendelssohn  
"Second Hungarian Rhapsody"—Liszt.  
Violin Solos: "Parasuelean Serenade"—Arlington.  
"Concerto in G. Major"—DeBertio  
Wienowski.  
"Finale" (William Tell)—Rossini  
"Beautiful Blue Danube"—Strauss

## TORSO MURDER SUSPECT TELLS OF KILLING ONE

Cleveland Bricklayer  
Confesses To One  
Torso Murder

Cleveland, O., July 7.—(UP)—Sheriff Martin L. O'Donnell announced late today that Frank Dolzil, a 52-year-old Bohemian bricklayer, questioned for two days as a suspect in Cleveland's 13 torso murders had confessed to killing Mrs. Flora Sawdey Polillo, victim number four, and cutting up her body.

The sheriff said that Dolzil admitted killing Mrs. Polillo after quarrelling with her in her room on Cleveland's east side the day before her body was found in a nearby alley in January, 1936.

The sheriff hoped that the confession would lead to a solution of the other 12 decapitations which have puzzled police for nearly five years.

O'Donnell said Dolzil told him he had cut up Mrs. Polillo's body in the bath tub "where we found the blood stains."

He made several trips carrying the pieces of her body in a basket to the alley where they later were found. He said he took the head to the foot of East 49th street and "threw it in the lake."

Mrs. Polillo's head has been one of six never recovered. Seven of the 13 victims have been men, six women.

The sheriff said Dolzil said an off shore wind was blowing at the time and he assumed the head was carried far out into Lake Erie.

Dolzil has been in the United States 35 years. He is 5 ft. 6 inches tall and has been described as a "wiry Tarzan."

He worked formerly in a packing house where he gained experience in carving. He has had a passionate craving for knives, collecting several. Four were found in his home yesterday when it was searched.

Dolzil had moved four times

## OUTSIDE BANDS TO BE AT FAIR

School Bands From Other  
Communities To Appear  
During Fair

At least 10 outside school bands are expected to appear here during the 1939 Decatur Free Street Fair and Agricultural Show, Will Bowers chairman of bands and parades, stated today.

Mr. Bowers stated that more than that number have been contacted and that contracts with at least 19 will probably be signed within the next week.

Most of the bands that were contacted are from neighboring communities. All of the bands have established a reputation during the past few years by appearing at various celebrations.

The bands will appear on Wednesday, August 2 of the fair week. Like the floats, they will make two appearances that day, one in the afternoon and one in the evening.

The delegation of bands of course will be headed and featured by the new Decatur combined bands, under the direction of Albert, Sellemeyer.

More than 100 pieces from the girls' band, the boys' band, the Decatur Catholic band, have been combined into one organization during the past few months by Mr. Sellemeyer.

The complete list of bands that will appear here is expected to be released by Mr. Bowers soon.

## LEADERS GIVE SOCIAL TONIGHT

Junior Leaders Hold Ice  
Cream Social At Bleeker  
School

The Adams County Junior Leaders are sponsoring an ice cream social this evening at the Bleeker school house, four miles east on 224 and two miles north. The program will begin at 8 p. m. CST and is as follows:

Union Township Puckerhuddle Muddlers.  
Piano solo, Selma Koeneman.  
Reading, Lois Jean Schug.  
Instrumental, Florence Blenz and Bill Shady.  
Reading from Miss Star.  
Bass solo, LeRoy Schwartz.  
Piano solo, Lydia Froach.  
Reading, Catherine Schmitt.  
Duet, Florence and Naomi Steury.  
Soprano solo, Alice Reinking.  
Instrumental, Florence Blenz and Regina Thieme.  
Piano duet, Edith and Edna Marchbach.  
Refreshments of ice cream, cake, pies, and soft drinks will also be sold.

The public is invited.

## Autos Collide At Street Crossing

Cars driven by Dr. Floyd Grandstaff and Oscar Kohne, of route four, collided late Thursday afternoon at the intersection of Second and Monroe streets. The Kohne car was damaged considerably. Officer Roy Chilgote investigated.

## Begin Work on Raising Sub



Lowering pontoon to sunken sub  
First of seven huge pontoons is about ready to be lowered to the side of the sunken submarine Squalus off Portsmouth, N. H., as navy men begin the work of raising the ill-fated submersible with its cargo of 26 dead seamen aboard.

## Swimming Pool Is Opened To Public

A swimming pool on the R. K. Fleming farm has been opened to the public, Mr. Fleming announced today. The pool is located north of Decatur four miles. A charge of 10 cents is made to each person using the pool.

The pool is opened all day on week days until 10 p. m. Sunday swimming is restricted from noon until 10 p. m. No swimming is permitted after hours.

## DISTRICT MEET HERE TUESDAY

Older Youth Organization  
To Hold Meeting Here  
Next Tuesday

The fourth district of the older youth organization of Indiana will hold its quarterly meeting on July 11, at the Central school gymnasium in this city, with the Adams County Teens and Twenties club in charge of the meeting.

The program consisting of Larry Brandon, speaker; Bill Bryan, recreational leader; Spanish music; piano and drum duet; Teens and Twenties Club chorus, and slide lights of the worlds fair in moving pictures, will begin at 7:30 p. m. C. S. T. Refreshments will also be served.

The older youth organization of Indiana, with which the Adams County Teens and Twenties club is affiliated, has been in existence for a number of years for the purpose of organizing Indiana youth and to promote its welfare. The local Teens and Twenties Club has a large membership of 51 with Robert

## Three New Homes Are Being Built

Three houses are being constructed in the Rice addition on Mercer avenue, on the east side of the street. The owners of the new homes are Dan Braun, Herman Braun and John Alberding. Modern small bungalows will be constructed. The basements are now being built.

Two houses are already located in the Rice addition, they being Carl Gerber's and H. V. DeVos's. John L. DeVos, who represented Mrs. Rice in the sale of the lots, also stated that a lot had been sold to Cal Steury of this city in the addition.

## LAST CHANCE

Decatur's city-wide Twin Dollar Day is to end Saturday night. Hundreds of bargains are still available in stores and business houses for the thrifty shoppers who will attend the sales. This is the first city-wide sale held here in many years.

## Secretary Of Navy Swanson Dies This Morning; Served For Years In Public Office

THOUSANDS ARE  
REPORTED IDLE  
ON WPA WORK

Strike Protesting Wage  
Reduction May Halt  
Projects

Washington, July 7.—(UP)—Strikes protesting reduction of wage rates under the 1940 work relief bill threatened today to stop work on WPA construction projects employing an estimated 150,000 men.

Thousands were idle as a result of organized labor opposition to a provision of the \$1,755,000,000 relief bill substituting a security pay scale for the prevailing wage formerly paid skilled workers. More workers were scheduled to strike today.

Under the security wage system, which became effective Wednesday, skilled laborers are required to work approximately 130 hours a month for the same pay they formerly received for as little as 50 hours.

Union leaders, fearing that abandonment of the prevailing wage would cause private employers to reduce their pay scales, called protest walk-outs in New York, Chicago, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Minneapolis and in smaller communities. Some of the walk-outs were spontaneous protests of WPA workers themselves.

Chairman Clifton A. Woodrum, D., Va., of the house committee which drafted the relief bill, said "there's not the slightest chance" of congress restoring the prevailing wage system to meet the strikers' demands.

Woodrum, leader of house economy advocates who altered sharply the administration's relief plans for the current fiscal year, said he was opposed to any change in the provision abolishing the prevailing wage system. He said "another wave of squawks" would be heard on Sept. 1 when workers who have been in WPA rolls for 18 months were dropped to make way for new applicants.

The strike spread despite a warning by WPA administrator F. C. Harrington that strikers would be dropped from the rolls if they do not return to work within five days.

The major strikes were:

Milwaukee—Projects employing approximately 60,000 workers in Wisconsin were expected to be shut down today. Twenty thousand were idle yesterday, and union leaders called walkouts affecting 40,000 more.

New York—Representatives of 125 American federation of labor construction unions ordered strikes on projects employing between 25,000 and 30,000 persons.

Minneapolis—WPA officials estimated 12,000 to 15,000 were idle in the Minneapolis-St. Paul and Duluth areas.

Detroit—At a labor meeting last night, a strike of 45,000 workers on 350 Wayne county WPA projects was scheduled for next Tuesday.

Cleveland—Walkout orders were

## NEW OFFICERS ARE INSTALLED

Ernest W. Busche Is Installed As Rotary Club President

Ernest W. Busche, one of Adams county's leading farmers, was installed as president of the Decatur Rotary club at the weekly meeting Thursday evening at the Rice hotel. Mr. Busche succeeds W. Guy Brown, high school principal, who has served as president for the past year.

Other officers of the club who assumed duties last night are: Pete Reynolds, city editor of the Daily Democrat, vice-president; James E. Murphy, Western Union manager, secretary; George Auer, of the General Electric company, treasurer; Charles D. Ehmer, secretary of the Citizens Telephone company, sergeant-at-arms.

Mr. Busche, in assuming the office as club leader, outlined plans for the year and discussed the objects and purposes of Rotary. Mr. Brown, as retiring president, expressed his appreciation for the cooperation of the members during his administration.

Avon Burk, president of the Decatur club when it was first organized, presented Mr. Brown, on behalf of the club, a past president's pin.

Permanent committees for the year, as announced by Mr. Busche, follow:

Aims and objects: Dr. Fred Patterson, chairman; James Kocher and E. W. Lankenau.

Club service: A. R. Houthouse, chairman; J. W. Calland and H. P. Schmitt.

Vocational: George Auer, chairman; Henry Bromer, W. Guy Brown, A. D. Suttles, Charles D.

## HIT BY TRAIN, DIES INSTANTLY

Brother-in-Law Of Decatur Woman Is Killed At Monterey

Henry Fuller, 67, brother-in-law of Mrs. Catherine Kauffman of 312 South First street, was killed instantly about noon Thursday when struck by a fast eastbound Erie passenger train at Monterey, 14 miles west of Rochester.

Mr. Fuller, Erie railroad agent at Monterey, was killed shortly after he picked up a bundle of way bills which had been tossed from a westbound freight onto the passenger-loading platform, which separates the tracks at Monterey.

Fuller apparently was examining the way bills and walked into the path of the New York-bound passenger train without being aware of his danger.

Fuller, a native of Hammond, had been Erie yardmaster there for a number of years. Later he was a telegrapher and had been at Monterey two years.

He is survived by the widow, formerly Miss Eva Simcoke, and several children, who reside at Hammond.

Funeral services will be held at Monterey at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. The body will be brought to this city for burial in the Decatur cemetery. The funeral cortege is expected to arrive here shortly after noon Saturday.

## REFUTE STORY OF EPIDEMIC

City Health Board Secretary Refutes Typhoid Fever Danger

Dr. R. E. Daniels, secretary of the city board of health, in answer to queries regarding the seriousness of the typhoid fever situation here, stated that only one case has been reported to date.

The statement of Dr. Daniels spiked rumors that several cases had been reported and that the disease was spreading.

Dr. Daniels stated that no cases had been reported to the board among residents of the city.

The only case reported was that of a patient at the Adams county memorial hospital, who lives in the rural section.

He stated emphatically that there was no cause for alarm or worry over an epidemic, as result of the one case.

## Popular Navy Secretary Dies In Camp On Rapidan River After Being Ill Several Years.

FORMER SENATOR

Washington, July 7.—(UP)—The senate adjourned after a 15-minute session today during which it adopted a resolution authorizing a state funeral Monday for secretary of the navy Claude A. Swanson. The funeral will be held in the senate chamber.

Washington, July 7.—(UP)—Secretary of Navy Claude A. Swanson, elder statesman of the Democratic party, died at 8:06 a. m. today in a Blue Ridge mountain camp on the Rapidan river in his native Virginia.

He was 77 years old.

His death was announced from the White House where Mr. Roosevelt had been informed a few minutes earlier that death had created a third vacancy in his cabinet. The president's statement expressed profound sorrow at the passing of his friend and adviser.

"It is with profound sorrow," he said, "that I have learned of the death today at the Rapidan Camp, Va., of the greatly loved Claude A. Swanson."

"I join with the entire country in mourning him as one whose many years of faithful service to the nation have endeared him to all. His wise counsel and his philosophic understanding of human problems will live after him in the hearts and minds of those of us who have had the privilege of being his associates."

"He brought to the public service not only ability and integrity but a loyalty to principle and to duty from which no consideration could move him."

"By his example he has provided an inspiration for all public servants. I personally mourn the passing of a steadfast and intimate friend."

The news of Swanson's death was announced in a statement by President Roosevelt. The statement was read by a White House secretary over a telephone circuit set up simultaneously to all press association offices in Washington.

The camp where Swanson died was the fishing retreat created by former President Hoover early in his administration, the place where Republican strategy was mapped against depression and toward the 1932 presidential campaign.

It was there prior to the 1930 London naval conference that the late Ramsay MacDonald, then British prime minister, met with Hoover in a significant development of a world-wide movement toward disarmament. Sitting toward a log in the forest the two men charted an arms limitation course from which it was Swanson's fate to turn away. Swanson was a mighty factor in the re-establishment of United States naval power under two Roosevelt administrations.

Swanson had been ill for years. He collapsed just before a White House dinner in January, 1937, and long had appeared in public only with the assistance of an attendant. Yesterday at 7 a. m. Swanson suffered a stroke as he

## REVIEW BOARD STILL MEETING

Board Of Review Hopes To Complete Session Next Week

Although the session officially ended July 1, the county tax review board is still meeting daily in an effort to close out its work as soon as possible.

Ernest Worthman, ex-officio chairman of the board, stated that it was unlikely that the board would complete its work this week.

On Saturday the board will have worked an extra week. The pay for the appointed members of the board was terminated Saturday, the end of the 28-day session.

Checking of assessment records and added duties resulting was responsible for the major portion of the delay, the members stated.

Members hope to wind up the session early next week.

## TEMPERATURE READINGS

DEMOCRAT THERMOMETER

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| 8:00 a.m.  | 80 | 2:00 p.m. | 98 |
| 10:00 a.m. | 86 | 3:00 p.m. | 98 |
| Noon       | 90 |           |    |

## WEATHER

Much cloudiness, scattered thundershowers in central and north portions tonight or Saturday; warmer in central portions tonight; cooler in north portion Saturday