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Get your "make-up" ready for  
Hallow'een in Decatur. You may  
win a cash prize and if you don't  
you will have a good time.

Mr. Hitler ought to arrange his  
schedule so that his speeches can  
be heard at some other hour than  
five in the morning. Only the  
early birds get a chance to listen  
at that time of day.

The goblins and the witches from  
far and near have all sent word  
they are coming here for the big  
Calithumpian parade Hallow'een.  
It will be a big night for them  
and they will furnish a lot of  
laughs for young and old.

Get an advertisement ready to  
start next week off with. This is  
the buying season and the mer-  
chant who is awake will get the  
business. There is no reason that  
we know of why the local stores  
cannot increase their sales.

Grover Bergdoll gets three years  
at hard labor after army desertion  
twenty years ago. His case has  
attracted world wide attention and  
his hearing before a military board  
was complete. He returned vol-  
untarily a few months ago, pre-  
ferring to take his medicine rather  
than continue an outcast.

Judge Krieg and six others took  
a three-story drop in the court  
house elevator at Huntington but  
escaped injuries when the springs  
protected them from hitting the  
bottom with a thud. There has  
been suspicion that the elevator  
was out of order and the judge is  
now no doubt fully convinced.

Did you write a letter this week  
to some neglected relative or  
friend? It's National Letter Writ-  
ing Week and you are asked to  
show that much interest in this  
important department of your gov-  
ernment which brings those you  
care for as near as the corner mail  
box even if they live a thousand  
miles away.

Politics is taking a rest these  
days as the war develops and this  
nation prepares a defense that no  
other nation will doubt is suf-  
ficient to protect our shores. Secre-  
tary Ickes in an address at the  
town hall in New York City urged  
that this continue and declared  
there would be ample time to talk  
politics next year when we know  
what the real situation is.

General Johnson says if we get  
into another war we will wreck  
our democracy unless we use every  
possible method to make the dic-  
tatorial powers temporary instead  
of permanent. He is probably  
over exercised about it but its  
worth thinking about. There is no  
need for this nation to go to war  
in the first place but if we should  
we believe this great country,  
superior to all others, would live  
and prosper.

It's hard to believe that England  
or France would be dumb enough  
to sink an American ship for the  
purpose of arousing public opinion  
here against Germany. It would  
be too great a gamble for if such  
a thing is ever proven it would  
take generations to recreate a  
friendly feeling between the na-  
tions. They would have nothing  
to gain and certainly something  
to lose.

The fact that representatives  
from a number of the leading bond  
and security companies of the  
middle west have investigated the  
notice of the sale of a \$300,000  
issue by the local power company  
and that all appear more than an-  
xious to secure them is indicative  
of the excellent condition of the  
corporation and their faith in the  
future of Decatur. It's the best  
city of its size in the country.

Boys don't trespass property. It  
is malicious trespass even at the  
Hallow'een season and you might  
get in serious trouble. Whether  
you do or not you are wrong when  
you try to make yourself think you  
are having a good time when caus-  
ing loss to property owners. That's  
never funny and you don't gain  
by doing it. The officers will  
watch for such violations of the  
law and some will be made ex-  
amples.

Mexico wants to buy a lot of  
guns and twenty million rounds of  
ammunition and have asked for  
bids in the U. S. A. Now our  
folks are wondering what for. Per-  
haps they want it to resell at a  
profit to some other nation and  
perhaps they want it to attack  
some Latin nation to their south.  
Any way it seems if we are in the  
gun and ammunition business we  
have a right to know what they are  
wanted for.

The Gallup latest poll shows  
that only five per cent of the peo-  
ple in America favor sending an  
army across seas to fight Ger-  
many, a question that it seems  
foolish to even take a poll on. We  
are not only against sending an  
army for that purpose but we are  
opposed to sending an army out of  
this country for any reason. Let's  
stay at home and mind our own  
business strictly. That's a big  
enough job.

This is one of those days when  
sports fans have to keep dialing  
the radio from one station to an-  
other as they keep track of the  
world series and their favorite  
football teams. While Europe  
burns, we play games. That may  
seem queer to those in the danger  
zones but after all it's a fine re-  
laxation that tends to keep our  
feet on the ground. We all regret  
the terrible conditions in other  
lands but that need not prevent  
us leading our own lives in a  
reasonable manner.

A tip from the head of the Ger-  
man admiralty that English or  
French torpedo boats would sink  
the American steamer Iroquois as  
it approaches our shores next week  
and lay the blame on Germany in  
order to gain greater cooperation  
from this nation. We can't im-  
agine any country taking such a  
step but the information coming  
direct from Grand Admiral Raeder  
alarmed U. S. officials and navy  
ships immediately left for mid-  
ocean to meet the Iroquois which  
carries 584 Americans homeward  
bound from Europe.

Commemorating the Centennial  
of the Evangelical church in this  
county, Rev. George S. Lozier,  
pastor of the Decatur church has  
published a souvenir booklet con-  
taining the program for the week  
and a brief history of the church  
in this county, including each con-  
gregation. It is dedicated to  
pioneer ministers, the frontier lay-  
man, the present day ministers and  
laymen for the unabated fervor

## "NAZI OFFENSIVE!"



and zeal for Christ and His king-  
dom. The program is interspersed  
with pictures of pastors and  
church edifices and is interesting  
and educational.

Answers To Test  
Questions

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

1. The Netherlands.
2. Harry L. Hopkins.
3. Chimes.
4. Red.
5. Ferdinand de Lesseps.
6. Sicily.
7. The hypotenuse.
8. Tenerife.
9. Horticulture.
10. St. John.

TWENTY YEARS  
AGO TODAY

Oct. 7—Tice Baker and others  
petition council for a flagman at  
railroad and street intersection near  
the sugar factory.

Berne organizes a company to  
take over the Linn Grove furniture  
plant. E. C. Bieri is elected pres-  
ident. Homer Neaderhouser, man-  
ager, says the factory will open  
soon with fifty men.

D. B. Erwin of Decatur elected  
Grand Outer Guard of Indiana  
Knights of Pythias lodge at Indiana-  
polis.

H. L. Conter has named Miss  
Florence Holthous as secretary at  
his district census office in the  
People's Loan and Trust Co. block.  
Chicago White Sox won yester-  
day's game 5 to 4 and took today's  
4 to 1. Cincinnati new has four and  
Chicago three games.

Household Scrapbook  
By Roberta Lee

## A Leaking Pipe

A leak in the gas pipe, if small,  
can be stopped temporarily by mix-  
ing whiting and yellow soap into  
a thick paste with a little water,  
and applying to the leak. But do not  
delay having it repaired perman-  
ently. And never look for a leak  
with a lighted candle or match.

## Soap in the Drain

If small pieces of soap have work-  
ed themselves down into the drain,  
pour down some boiling water to  
melt and wash them away. Soap  
will not clean waste pipes; use  
washing soda for that purpose, as  
soap will clog the pipes.

## Easily Identified

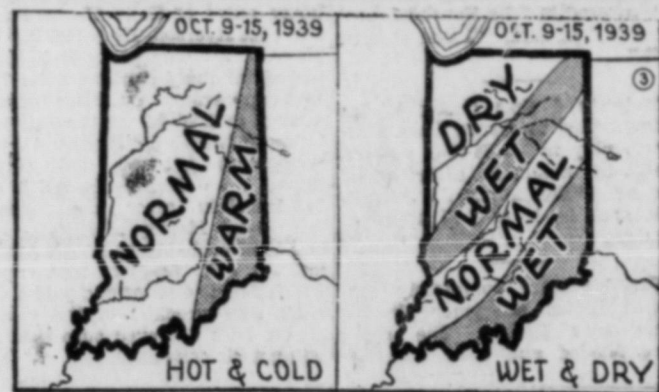
Write the names of your children  
on the inside of their overshoes in  
indelible ink, so they can readily  
identify them at school.

## TODAY'S COMMON ERROR

A hyphen is not used in com-  
pounds with "well" when they  
follow the word modified, as  
"A man well versed in the  
law." "A boy well intentioned  
but dumb."

## Weather A Week Ahead

As Forecast By PROF. SELBY MAXWELL, Noted Meteorologist.



## TEMPERATURE AND RAINFALL—INDIANA.

October 9 to 15

The extreme E. portion will be warm, with normal temperature pre-  
vailing over the remaining areas of the state. The N. W. and N. cen.  
portions will be dry. The N. E. S. E. and part of the cen. and S. cen.  
areas will be wet. The remaining portions of the state will be normal.  
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## A HALO ABOUT THE MOON

Nature has signs that tell us  
when it is going to storm. For  
example, you doubtless remember  
the old saying that a ring around  
the moon means rain or, in winter,  
snow. Scientists now tell us that  
this is true. When the ring is  
large it means that stormy weath-  
er is a long way off, but as the  
ring grows smaller it means that  
a storm is drawing near.

The moon ring is caused by  
moonlight shining through mois-  
ture laden air, in which water  
drops are already beginning to  
condense, but it is formed differ-  
ently from rainbows. The light  
which makes a rainbow passes  
through water drops, while the  
light which makes a halo about  
the moon only grazes the edges  
of the drops. When the drops are  
tiny, the light grazing their edges  
is sharply bent, producing a large  
ring. When the water drops are  
large, the light grazing their edges  
is bent less. This produces a  
smaller ring. When the water  
drops are very large indeed, and  
the storm is almost upon us, the  
light is hardly bent at all, and then  
we see only a blur of illumination  
about the moon, making it look  
misty through the clouds.

You can leave your weather  
clothes at home when you see a  
large halo about the moon, because  
it will probably not storm the next  
day. But if you see the halo  
around the moon growing small,  
even though the sky is very clear,  
you can be sure that conditions  
are growing ripe for a storm and  
you had better take your wet  
weather garments with you.

In ancient times, people were

The maps show total effect of Hot,  
Cold, Wet, and Dry Air to  
be expected next week.

## DAILY FORECAST



close observers of nature. They  
saw that a halo about the moon  
was in many cases followed by  
beneficial rain. In this way halos  
became associated with goodness,  
and from that it was only a step  
to associate halos with the good-  
ness of saints and other excellent  
people. The halo representing  
goodness can sometimes be seen  
on religious pictures to this day.

## WEATHER QUESTIONS

Q. In the northeastern sky  
around 11 o'clock there is a star  
which seems to change color, first  
being blue, then fiery red, etc. Is  
this Uranus, and what makes its  
color change? M. G.

A. The star you see is Capella.  
The flashing colors are due to  
small waves in the air, that re-  
fract the star light.

Q. Where can I purchase the  
weak hand magnifier lens describ-  
ed in your Telescope Plans. Is  
there any special dimension for  
this lens? L. C.

A. Novelty stores, dime stores,  
pawn shops all sell lenses suitable  
for eye pieces for telescopes. An  
excellent eye piece on my desk  
was made from the lens of a worn  
out Brownie Camera.

Q. Does the moon trend east-

## WITH THAT NARROWING RING AROUND THE MOON—



## BERNE NEWS

By S. M. SCHWARTZ

The approaching marriage of  
Miss Willodean Ellenberger daugh-  
ter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Ellenber-  
ger of this place, to James Halber-  
stadt, of Pleasant Mills, has been  
announced. The wedding will be an  
event of the near future.

Plans are nearly completed here  
for the eighth annual colt show on  
Saturday. Plans are being made to  
entertain a large crowd of people.  
The feature attraction on the even-  
ings program will be a concert  
by the News-Sentinel band.

The Mennonite men's chorus will  
sing at the Detroit City Rescue Mis-  
sion next Sunday evening. Rev. D.  
C. Stucky, formerly of Berne, is su-  
perintendent of the mission. Rev.  
Dickinson of Michigan will appear  
on the same program.

A drive is under way here by the  
Berne high school alumni members  
to secure funds for an athletic field  
here. Dr. Rufus Von Gunten is in  
charge of the drive. The field will  
be located near the new school and  
will be financed entirely by offer-  
ings from alumni members. The  
field will contain a baseball diam-  
ond, croquet and tennis courts,  
horseshoe pits, etc.

The potato harvest in the muck  
lowlands east of Berne is rapidly  
nearing its close. Many thousands  
of bushels of potatoes are being har-  
vested in that community. Menno  
Eicher has already harvested more  
than 6,000 bushels and has sold  
many of them. Orval Jones has 26  
acres in potatoes and some are  
yielding from 200 to 300 bushels per  
acre. The quality of most of the  
muck potatoes is good this year.

ward or westward? I think east-  
ward is right because our new  
moon always is in the west. H.C.Z.  
A. The moon always moves  
eastward.

Rain and Snow, November.

December and January

Many letters have come to  
Prof. Selby Maxwell asking  
what rain and snow conditions  
we may expect this autumn and  
winter. In answer to these  
many inquiries Prof. Maxwell  
has prepared a forecast of the  
rain up to January 15. These  
rain forecasts will be sent to you  
with the compliments of this  
newspaper, upon request. Ad-  
dress your letter to Prof. Selby  
Maxwell, care of this newspaper,  
enclosing a stamped (3c) self-  
addressed envelope for reply.  
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The muck farmers also raise many  
acres of cabbage, onions and car-  
rots and other truck crops.

The Berne high school baseball  
team ended its season with a 16-1  
win over Winchester, at Winchester.  
Baumgartner hit a home run  
for the Bears and Barry and Stuck-  
ey hit triples. The Bears will start  
basketball practice within a few  
days in preparation for the season  
opener at Hartford on Nov. 3. Veter-  
ans who will answer the basket-  
ball call are Neuenchwander, Bar-  
ry, Stuckey, Schindler and Lehman,  
and H. Baumgartner and Habegger,  
sophomores this year.

Edward Stucky, Paul Von Gunten  
and Wilmer Lehman spent the  
week end at Rome City at the  
Stucky cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Spiller of Fort  
Wayne visited with Mr. and Mrs.  
Judson Erbe and son, on Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Dele Lantz have  
moved into their new apartment at  
the home of Mrs. John Lehman.

Mr. and Mrs. Martin Steiner and

son of Winchester spent the week  
end at the home of Mr. Erbe.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Springer of  
Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lehman moved  
to Bluffton, Ohio, where they  
attended parents' day observed  
Bluffton College, where their  
Richard Sprunger and Leola  
man are students.

Mrs. Forest Danner of Van Wert  
spent the week-end at the home  
of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.  
Sprunger of near Berne.

Leo Nussbaum and Gerhart  
Wartz, students at Ball State Un-  
iversity College, spent the week end  
at their homes here. Mr. Nuss-  
baum has been nominated for the  
position of president of the sophomores  
at Ball State. The election will  
be held some time this week. There  
are three candidates in the race.

Mrs. Martha Bravens of the  
underwent a major operation at  
Indianapolis hospital recently. Her  
condition is satisfactory.

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