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As the campaign opens we urge  
those who take part to think care-  
fully of what they say, remember-  
ing that the real battle comes in  
the November election.

Be sure to buy a ticket for the  
banquet on February 15th, the  
closing event of the Purdue short  
course. It will be a happy event  
with a program of genuine interest.

The March of Dimes, for the  
battle against infantile paralysis  
will continue here through the  
week. Don't fail to add yours to  
the hundreds that are being given  
for this good cause.

We start a new month tomorrow.  
Let's make it another good one.  
Every merchant can help his  
business by advertising and every  
householder can help himself by  
reading the advertisements.

RENEW YOUR SUBSCRIPTION  
TO THE DAILY DEMOCRAT. If  
you wish to take advantage of our  
clubbing arrangements with the  
leading magazines of the nation,  
you are welcome to do it and save  
the money.

Hundreds of car owners in Ad-  
ams county have not yet secured  
the 1940 tags. You have four  
weeks yet because of the extension  
granted by Governor Townsend but  
it will be easier if you don't wait  
until the last moment.

Last week when the temperature  
was down to ten below zero, a  
Nebraska man tried to thaw out  
his motor with a gasoline torch.  
He's in the hospital and his truck  
is in a thousand pieces and scat-  
tered over the corners of three  
counties.

If you want to spend a couple of  
hours pleasantly, go to the new  
high school building at seven this  
evening and hear the oratorical con-  
test in which representatives from  
various high schools of the county  
will participate. The event will be  
held in room 205.

One of the features of the first  
day of the short course will be the  
home talent entertainment at the  
junior-senior high school auditorium  
during the evening. All plans  
have been completed and the pro-  
gram is filled with features that  
will please those who attend.

Judge Landis, commissioner of  
baseball certainly did Benny McCoy  
of the Detroit Tigers a fine  
favor when he placed him on the  
free list. He has received \$45,000  
in cash and a two-year contract  
at \$10,000 per, which is a lot of  
money in or out of any league.

We want every subscriber to re-  
new his paper for the year and we  
are making our annual campaign  
for that purpose. So far it has  
been the most successful we have

ever conducted and we hope it will  
conclude that way. If a few hun-  
dred more will respond we know it  
will.

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The force at the Krick-Tyndall  
plant is being increased almost  
daily and a crew of about fifty are  
now busy at the site of the new  
plant. That's something to bring  
good cheer for it means another  
industry will soon be operating full  
time with a hundred employees and  
that means much to any commun-  
ity.

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If you don't use the greatest  
care when driving your car this  
kind of weather, you may find it  
difficult to secure a driver's license  
the next time you ask for one. You  
know a record is kept of each and  
every accident and you must an-  
swer the questions as to how and  
why when you fill out an applica-  
tion.

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Will H. Smith, who has served  
as collector of revenue for Indiana  
for the past seven years will con-  
tinue in that capacity at least until  
after the new president takes  
office. Efforts to remove him were  
frustrated when the treasury de-  
partment declared him the best  
collector in the country and the  
two Indiana senators have decid-  
ed to leave the matter of a change  
alone for the present.

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Announcement of allotments for  
sugar beet growers in this terri-  
tory indicate an increase of about  
1,600 acres, good news for the  
Central Sugar Company and the  
farmers who engage in raising this  
profitable crop as well as to all the  
communities which benefit from  
the pay checks. The total acreage  
for this field for 1940 is given as  
16,460 as compared to 14,228 last  
year. The rate of benefit pay-  
ments, it is estimated will be \$1.90  
per acre.

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## HYGIENIC MARRIAGE LAW:

Physicians, county clerks and the  
general public are beginning to  
take more interest in the new In-  
diana hygienic marriage law, which  
becomes effective on March 1.  
Doctors and clerks are seeking to  
familiarize themselves with the  
legal procedure to which they must  
conform, while applicants for mar-  
riage licenses after the official  
date are curious as to the health  
endorsement they must receive before  
a license can be legally issued.

The new law should be distinctly  
helpful in establishing needed  
health safeguards. It imposes lit-  
tle inconvenience and expense ex-  
cept in case where blood tests  
reveal syphilis in communicable  
stages. Indiana is following the  
lead of more progressive states in  
attempting to establish adequate  
health standards among those  
about to marry. All states for  
years have been busily engaged in  
the production of better live stock,  
but not until recently has public  
opinion rallied to support the  
campaign for improvement of the  
human race.

Blood tests will be made at the  
state laboratory or by any concern  
on an approved list of Indiana  
laboratories. All reports naturally  
will be highly confidential. Only  
after the young man and woman  
have passed these tests successfully  
and received certificates giving  
them a clean bill of health will the  
county clerk be permitted to issue  
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## "TRAGEDY DOESN'T ALWAYS DRESS IN BLACK"



## CHURCH REVIVALS

Nuttman Ave. U. B.

The revival service at the Nuttman Avenue United Brethren church, is increasing in interest and attendance from night to night. So far there have been four souls who sought the Lord at the altar of prayer. God's people are working and praying and souls are being saved.

Mr. Anderson, who conducts the song service, is an inspirational leader and the services are beneficial to all.

Tonight is to be young people's night and there will be several special items in music and song by the young folks. Forrest Anderson, son of the song leader will, play his guitar and sing tonight.

Rev. Martin forcefully presented the subject of "Living the Christian Life" last evening. He said in part, "It is one thing to begin the Christian life and another thing to live it. It is a daily walk and there is more to being saved than just making the start.

"There are many things to learn after one becomes a Christian and each one must flee youthful lusts and follow righteousness. Living the Christian life is learning to bring and bringing others to Christ. Too many follow afar off and see the faults of others rather than their own need. However, after we are a Christian, if we do sin, we have an advocate with the Father which is Jesus Christ." Those who had once tried and perhaps failed were encouraged to come back to Christ.

The attendance of those from other churches of the town is much appreciated and a hearty welcome is extended to all. If you like to be in a real revival service, come!

## TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

Jan. 31—Gustave Reinking, 40, well known local business man, dies from pneumonia following the flu.

Rev. C. L. Haney of Bixupus assumes pastorate of the Decatur Evangelical church.

The United States agrees to loan Poland \$50,000,000 for food relief.

Ray Hedges of Bluffton assumes management of the Morris store here.

Fire does small amount of damage at the Fehrer residence.

Decatur broom factory on north Eighth street is doing a fine business.

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was only six hours in advance that the speech was announced. Newspaper correspondents were directed to report to the propaganda ministry two hours before the meeting. They knew it would be held at the sports palace only when they were bundled into buses and driven there. About 6,000 ordinary Germans, instead of the usual select Nazi audience, filled the three-tiered oval arena. They received their tickets eight hours in advance and were advised only at the last moment where to present them.

After Hitler had spoken he left the arena abruptly. "SS" troops kept the doors closed tight for five minutes after he had gone.

Don't delay. Write today. Address Personnel Dept.

## MEYER'S DRUG STORES

Fort Wayne, Indiana

1st—Decatur Hatchery — plant

2nd—A. P. Store — plant

3rd—Kohne Drug Store — merchandise

1st—Schaefer's Store — merchandise

2nd—Bur