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Happy New Year to all!

May 1941 bring us real peace!

America has cause for saying.

Happy New Year!

We should try to make condi-  
tions so good in 1941 that the word  
RELIEF can be removed from  
political speeches.

The New Year should bring a  
continuance of good things in this  
community. Employment will in-  
crease, there will be more pay en-  
velopes, there should be less want  
and need, and with everybody busy  
and getting a pay check, there  
should be more happiness.

It's been a good year in Decatur.  
Many new homes were built, the  
Krick-Tyndall tile factory resumed  
operations after being rebuilt fol-  
lowing the disastrous fire in 1938,  
the 27 by-pass was constructed and  
other improvements were made in  
and around the city. Let's continue  
to build a better place in which to  
live, for that is all we can leave  
when the time comes to check in  
with St. Peter.

In a combined statement, Gov-  
ernor Townsend and Governor-elect  
Schricker have extended the time  
in getting auto license plates to  
March 1. The first extension under  
the order of Townsend is up to  
January 13, the day on which he  
relinquishes the governor's office  
to Mr. Schricker, who will extend  
the period to March 1. To clear  
up the confusion and get every-  
thing on an even keel the legisla-  
ture should pass a law officially ex-  
tending the time to whatever per-  
iod is decided upon and then stick  
to it.

We extend our congratulations  
and good wishes to the new county  
officials and those who start on  
second terms tomorrow. Those  
who assume their offices are Vin-  
cent Kelley, prosecuting attorney;  
Harley Ehrsam, county surveyor  
and Eli Dubach, county commis-  
sioner. Each is well equipped for  
the post he will fill. Others, includ-  
ing Sheriff Ed Miller and Recorder  
Ruth Hollingsworth, will begin sec-  
ond terms. County Treasurer John  
Blakey will begin the second year  
of his first term, while Dale Moses,  
commissioner-elect, will not assume  
his duties until 1942.

Why not start a little city plan-  
ning with the New Year. Are  
health conditions as good as they  
should be? What can be done to  
eliminate disease, and epidemics?  
These are questions which come to  
the average mind and in the usual  
run of events are not given much  
serious or collective thought. Then  
there is the matter of playgrounds

for children, not only at the  
schools, but in neighborhoods  
where children can gather in vaca-  
tion time. Can traffic conditions  
be improved? Can hazards to life  
be eliminated, as one step of public  
service? Can we further improve-  
ment, get a new industry or help  
those we have. Can we enlarge  
the Decatur market and make trad-  
ing here more desirable and profit-  
able? Let's give a little thought  
to our community and help build a  
better one. There's always room  
at the top.

We sat in on an interesting  
meeting yesterday and listened to  
farmers discuss their problems and  
offer suggestion as how to improve  
productivity of the soil and in-  
crease farm income. It was one of  
the most interesting sessions we  
ever attended. Theories and white  
collar plans were tabooed. The  
suggestions came from hard work-  
ing farmers who knew what they  
were talking about. They related  
their own experiences. They made  
their own suggestions on farm pro-  
grams and planning. The confer-  
ence was entirely of local thought  
and endeavor and was sponsored  
by the Adams County Land Use  
Planning Committee, the sugges-  
tion for a long range program be-  
ing proposed with the thought of  
aiding the agriculture interests of  
the community. Such meetings are  
the right kind and should produce  
good results. It was encouraging  
to listen to the earnestness of the  
farmer in discussing the problem  
and recommending helpful plans  
for the future.

## UPHOLD THE HAND OF THE PRESIDENT:

Uphold the hand of the Pres-  
ident.

That is not a political admoni-  
tion or exhortation.

It is plain logic, common sense  
and American patriotism, about  
which we should all agree.

We are not engaged in a bloody  
war and as President Roosevelt  
stated in his masterful speech Sun-  
day evening, "The nub of the whole  
purpose of your President is to  
keep you now, and your children  
later, and your grandchildren much  
later, out of a last ditch war for  
the preservation of American inde-  
pendence," so we should take his  
advice and see eye-to-eye with him  
in his program of defending Amer-  
ica and keeping horrible war from  
our shores.

Further, President Roosevelt em-  
phatically stated, "There is no de-  
mand for sending an American ex-  
peditionary force outside our bor-  
ders. There is no intention by any  
member of your government to  
send such a force."

That should clear the murky  
view about the government's policy  
leading the United States into war  
and the oft repeated statement  
that troops would be sent overseas.  
Without arguing the point, it suf-  
fices to say that America has not  
declared war.

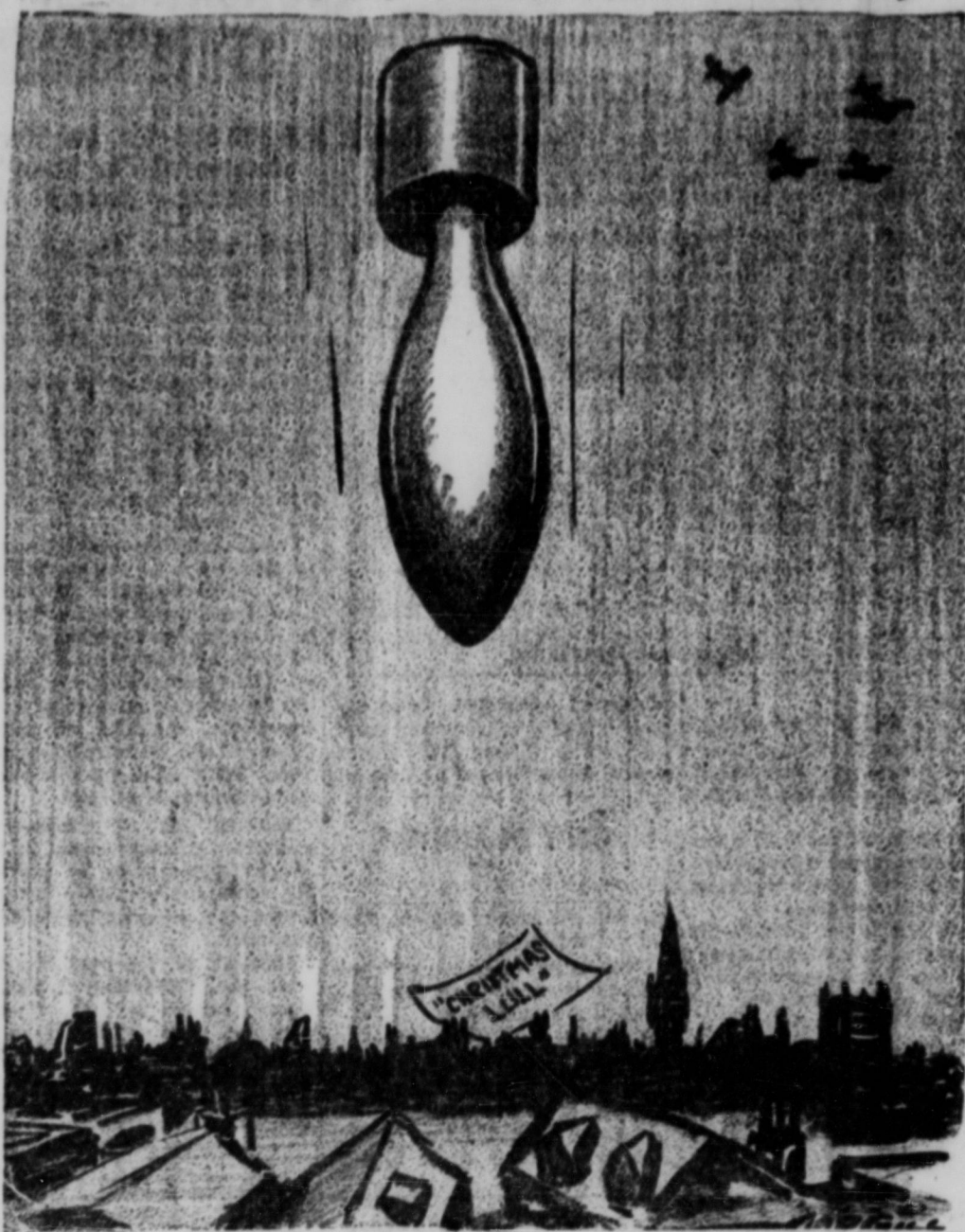
President Roosevelt spoke plain-  
ly to the American people in out-  
lining the course which the United  
States should follow. He left no  
doubt in the minds of the people  
that this country would aid Brit-  
ain. He did not pull any punches  
in defining the false theories of  
government of Hitler and Musso-  
lini. He advocated a continuance  
of government by the people and  
condemned the enslavement in Eur-  
ope from the dictators.

He predicted that the Axis  
powers would not win the war. As  
long as justice prevails on earth,  
no one with an ounce of Christian-  
ity in his heart, doubts the out-  
come of the conflict in Europe.

Hitler and Mussolini must go.  
All their works and pomps must be  
destroyed, if free people are to sur-  
vive.

This country supports Great Brit-  
ain and will become "the arsenal  
of Democracy," supplying mater-  
ials, for the reason that it is the  
best thing to do. We may not agree  
on everything that England has

## NEW YEAR'S "HANGOVER" IN EUROPE



done or does now, but their way  
of life more closely resembles ours.  
They threw off tyranny generations  
ago.

America can best maintain its  
way of life, standard of living and  
freedom if Great Britain holds out  
and a just peace is eventually  
made. As the President stated,  
"The Nazi masters have made it  
clear that they intend . . . to en-  
slave the whole of Europe, and  
then to use the resources of Eur-  
ope to dominate the rest of the  
world."

We in the United States enjoy  
the greatest privileges given to  
man. We have everything to lose  
and nothing to gain if our idea of  
government and our ideals are  
crushed or made subservient to for-  
eign governments.

We must stand as Americans!  
We must have courage enough  
to condemn injustice and be will-  
ing to sacrifice in order to main-  
tain our ideals, our life.

We must appreciate America and  
realize that division brings disaster  
and defeat. We must work to-  
gether.

**Menu for the WPA**  
Yakima, Wash. — (UP) — The  
average monthly food consumption  
in six camps employing 2,700 WPA  
workers on the Columbia River  
reservoir lake clearance camps is  
15,000 loaves of bread, 8,250 pies, 15  
tons of beef, 2½ tons of lard, 3,500  
pounds of fish, 1,550 pounds of  
cheese, 8,000 pounds of butter, 7,500  
pounds of coffee and 2,600 gallons  
of canned milk.

## Business Outlook Series Is Prepared By I. U. Experts

(Editor's note: This is the fourth  
of a series of articles reviewing  
various lines of Indiana business  
in 1940 and forecasting these lines  
for 1941 prepared by members of  
the faculty of the Indiana Univer-  
sity School of Business.)

### COMMERCIAL BANKING IN INDIANA IN 1940

Dr. H. C. Sauvain, director, In-  
vestment Research Bureau and  
Professor of Finance, Indiana  
University School of Business.

In 1940, for the first time in a  
decade, the commercial bankers of  
Indiana were able to see definite  
prospects of a material expansion  
in the volume of their loans and  
discounts. The general improve-  
ment in business during the past  
year has already brought about an  
encouraging increase in the de-  
mand for credit from business, and  
it is expected that this demand will  
develop further as the national de-  
fense program progresses.

On June 29, 1940, the latest date  
for which complete figures are  
available, all of the banks in Indi-  
ana had outstanding loans and dis-  
counts in the amount of \$318,696,-  
000, according to a compilation by  
the Indiana Bankers Association. This  
amount was 12.6 percent  
greater than on the corresponding  
date a year earlier. During the last  
six months of 1940 the loans of re-  
porting member banks in the Chi-  
cago Federal Reserve district,  
which includes most of Indiana, ex-  
perienced a further increase of 9.6  
percent. It is likely that the rate  
of loan expansion for all Indiana  
banks in the last half of the year  
was similar.

The extent to which the commer-  
cial banks will participate in financ-  
ing the national defense program  
by loans to business enterprises  
working on defense orders will be  
influenced greatly by the policies  
of the Federal government. The  
banks in general are in a position  
to meet almost any demand for  
loans which may develop, and they  
have indicated their willingness to  
cooperate fully in financing the de-  
fense program.

Congress has taken important  
steps to facilitate such financing  
by revising the law to permit the  
assignment of claims against the  
Federal government as security for  
loans. Legislation has also been  
enacted authorizing the military  
services to enter into contracts  
with manufacturers for plant con-  
struction to be paid for by the gov-  
ernment in regular installments  
over a five-year period. Thus the  
way has been cleared for the banks  
to make working capital loans to  
the defense industries as well as  
to participate in the financing of  
plant expansion.

However, the Reconstruction  
Finance Corporation has announ-  
ced that it will make loans to busi-  
ness concerns secured by plant  
construction contracts at a rate  
of 1½ percent interest, and that it  
will make other types of loans to  
companies with defense contracts  
at rates up to 4 percent. This gen-  
eral offer of credit accommodation  
by a government agency in compe-  
tition with the banks serves to put  
a limit on the rates which the  
banks may charge. Many bankers  
are of the opinion that the rates  
established by the RFC are so low  
that the banks cannot afford to  
meet them, and that the bulk of

## Answers To Test Questions

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

1. Cinema.
2. Ottawa.
3. Range.
4. Chow.
5. E and S.
6. Washington, D. C.
7. Twelve.
8. Harding.
9. Ecuador.
10. Rhode Island.

## TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

Dec. 31—Martin Joberg will be-  
come county auditor, Dick Boch  
surveyor and Dr. L. L. Mattox cor-  
oner, tomorrow.

Ross Hayes and Oren Gilpen buy  
the Bina Buhler grocery at Adams  
and Seventh streets.

Mrs. Mike Melbers has her hip  
injured in fall at Creighton ave-  
nue and Calhoun street in Fort  
Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Dibble and son  
of Lansing, Michigan visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Wells of Fort  
Jennings, Ohio visited daughter  
Mrs. Frank Rander.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Porter and  
Mrs. Giles Porter and children re-  
turn from trip to Florida.

## Modern Etiquette By ROBERTA LEE

Q. What kind of flowers should a  
bride wear if she is married in  
traveling costume and prefers not  
to carry an arm bouquet?

A. She may wear a corsage of  
orchids, gardenias, or any flower  
that suits her fancy.

Q. Is it permissible to eat while  
walking on the street?

A. No; people of good manners  
do not eat candy or fruit, or chew  
gum, in public places.

Q. How should seeds be removed  
from an orange at the table?

A. With the orange spoon.

### M. New Vitamin

Fayetteville, Ark. (UP) — Discov-  
ery of a new vitamin, M, affecting  
the number of red and white cells  
in the blood, has been announced  
by Dr. Paul L. Day of the Univer-  
sity of Arkansas. Liver is the  
chief source of the vitamin, accord-  
ing to Dr. Day, who is now study-  
ing other meats as possible sources.

the credit need will be supplied  
through the Federal government  
rather than through the channels  
of private finance.

One of the most important de-  
velopments of the year for Indiana  
banks was the approval by the vot-  
ers at the last election of three  
amendments to the constitution of  
the State which eliminate the pro-  
vision for double liability on bank  
stock and which require the renew-  
al of bank charters every twenty  
years. The way is now open for  
the legislature to limit the liability  
of bank stockholders in the same  
manner that the liability of stock-  
holders of ordinary business cor-  
porations is limited.

These changes in the banking  
laws are generally regarded as con-  
structive by well informed persons.  
They eliminate provisions which,  
although desirable at the time they  
were enacted, have become obso-  
lete as a result of subsequent de-  
velopments. They bring the bank-  
ing law of Indiana into substantial  
conformity with Federal banking  
statutes and with the laws of other  
states.

## Blackout Cane



Here's a fellow who has solved  
the problem of wandering in  
black-out cities in Europe by  
developing a wheeled cane with a  
spotlight which focuses on the  
ground a few feet in front of the  
pedestrian. The power is by bat-  
teries attached to the cane. The  
picture was taken in Amsterdam,  
Holland.

## Assume Official Duties Wednesday



Vincent Kelley

Vincent Kelley will tomorrow  
assume the office of prosecutor of  
the 26th judicial district, embracing  
Adams county. Mr. Kelley is one  
of the three new county officials  
who will take office tomorrow, Jan-  
uary 1, 1941.

Mr. Kelley was reared in Geneva  
and was graduated from the Gene-  
va high school. He received his  
bachelor or law degree at the Uni-  
versity of Kentucky Law school in  
1938. While there he was named a  
member of the Kentucky Law Jour-  
nal staff.

In January, 1939, he assumed the  
office of Decatur city attorney, af-  
ter being appointed by Mayor For-  
rest Elzey. He has served in this  
capacity since that time, resigning  
to become prosecutor. His resigna-  
tion as city attorney becomes ef-  
fective today.

Mr. Kelley, the Republican can-  
didate, was elected in the fall elec-  
tion, defeating John L. De Voss, the  
Democratic candidate.

He and his wife reside at 356  
Winchester street in Decatur. They  
moved here from Geneva in 1939.  
He succeeds Arthur E. Voglewede,  
Democrat, who served as prosecu-  
tor for the past two terms.

## Household Scrapbook By Roberta Lee

### Cleaning Mahogany

Smeary mahogany furniture can  
be cleaned by sponging with a  
cloth dipped into a solution of hot  
water and vinegar, and then with a  
cloth dipped into a pint of warm  
water to which one teaspoon each  
of linseed oil and turpentine have  
been added. Polish with a soft  
cloth.

### Filling for Sofa Cushions

Cut a roll of cotton into small  
squares, put into a pan in the oven,  
and heat one-half hour. Do not let  
the cotton scorch. Each square will  
swell to twice its original size and  
will be light and fluffy as feathers  
for cushions.

### The New Tooth Brush

Soak the new tooth brush in salt  
water over night, not only to  
cleanse it but to make it last long-  
er.

### Crickets Rout Movie Set

Elko, Nev. (UP) — A movie com-  
pany, here to film shots for  
"Brigham Young," was ousted by  
a horde of Mormon crickets. The  
movie lot was invaded by a band  
of crickets three and one-half  
miles long. Mary Astor fainted on  
location and after a two days'  
effort to continue, the entire com-  
pany left.



Harley Ehrsam

Harley A. Ehrsam, of Monroe  
surveyor-elect of Adams county  
will take over the duties of his  
office tomorrow, January 1, 1941,  
a two year term. The new survey-  
or is a native of the town in which  
now resides.

He was born in Monroe 33 years  
ago, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ose  
Ehrsam, with whom he now resides.  
He was graduated from the Mon-  
roe high school and received a  
bachelor of science degree in en-  
gineering at Purdue university  
Lafayette.

Mr. Ehrsam has been serving  
engineer with state highway de-  
partments since graduation. He  
spent two years with the Penn-  
sylvania state highway depart-  
ment and from 1922 to the present  
was engineer with the Indiana  
department, the last five years in  
Fort Wayne district.

Mr. Ehrsam, the Democratic can-  
didate, defeated Charles Bowe,  
the Republican candidate, af-  
ter winning the primary from the  
cumbent, Walter Gilliom.

Mr. Ehrsam's wife is deceased.  
He and his son, Rex, who at-  
tended the second grade at the Mon-  
roe school, reside with the elder  
Ehrsam. He plans to move to Deca-  
tur when able to find a suitable place.



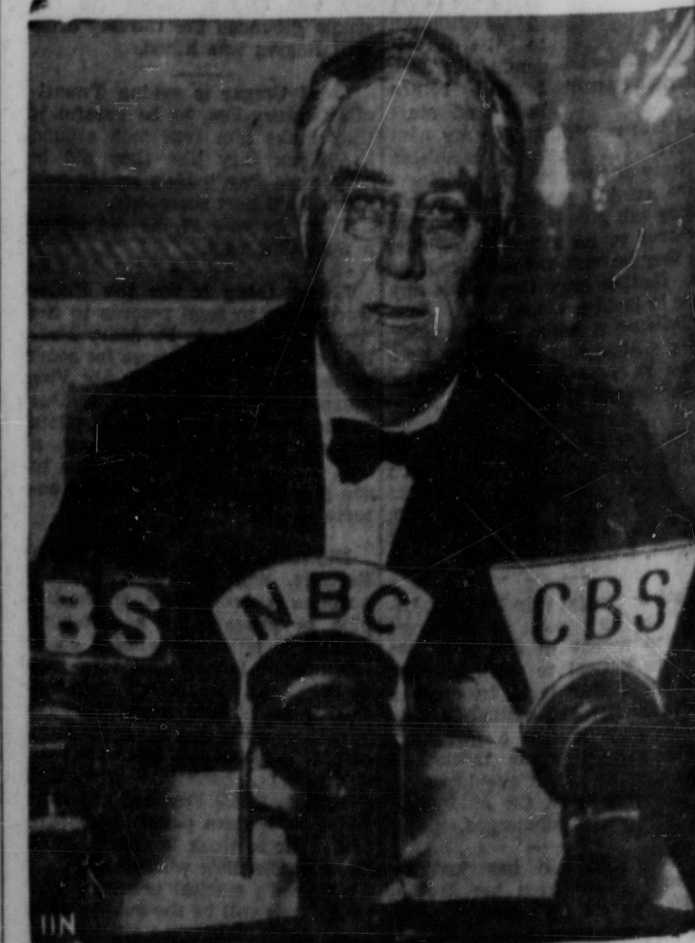
The accident statistics for 1940  
will not be available for some time.  
However, it is almost certain that  
the traffic toll for 1940 will ex-  
ceed that of 1939 and also that of 1938.  
Again, more people were killed in  
traffic accidents than from any  
other cause.

We talk about national defense  
and the conservation of life and  
property, but our biggest problem  
is the conservation of life and  
health through accident preven-  
tion. When will the American peo-  
ple realize that safe driving is the  
other man's business and every-  
one's responsibility?

Be prepared for some startling  
information the next few weeks  
when the figures have been tabu-  
lated!

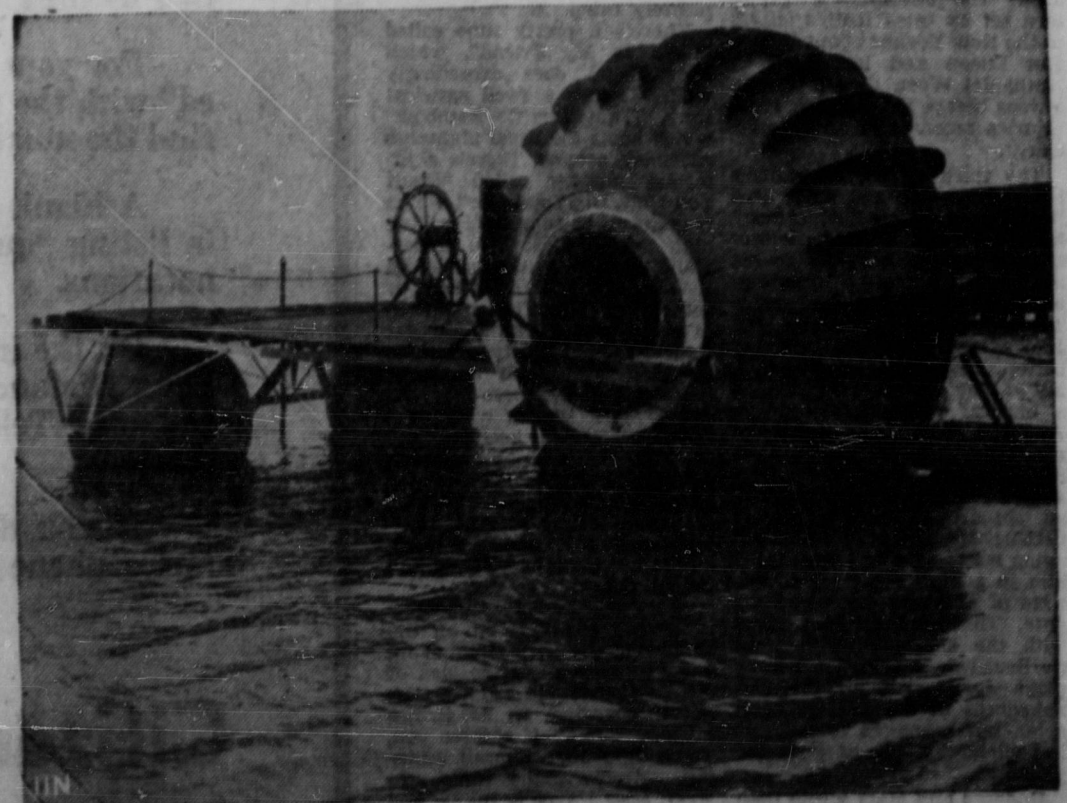
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Canary Second Sheets, neat-  
ly wrapped, 35c.  
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## As F. D. R. Makes Radio Talk



In a radio address broadcast throughout the world, President Roosevelt declares a policy of "more of everything" to assist Great Britain as the front-line defender of democracy against world conquest. The president hurled defiance at the Axis powers, which he predicted would not win the war, and said that "never before since Jamestown and Plymouth Rock has our American civilization been in such danger as now."

## Queer Looking? Claim It Can Go 300 Miles Per Hour



This queer looking torpedo boat is the invention of  
a Windsor, Ontario, Canada, man who thinks it  
can go between 200 and 300 miles per hour. The  
boat is unique in design.