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If this nation can be guided through on peace, there will be no question about its greatness, future freedom and prosperity.

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The old saying "you can't get blood out of a turnip" is the same as applying the "ability to pay" theory in the collection of defense taxes.

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The children have returned to school again, the next big event on the calendar being the semester exams and then the tug between now and the spring vacation.

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The strength of our nation lies in the unity of its 130,000,000 people, President Roosevelt said. He spoke the truth. Unless we stand together, we too will be numbered among those who have lost their freedom.

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The firms and stores who joined in the First of the Year Baby Derby contributed much to the happiness of the child and parents through the gifts presented to them. We appreciate the fine cooperation and spirit shown.

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The defense program will be paid from taxes levied on those with the ability to pay, President Roosevelt advised. He assured the country that industry or individuals would not get rich from the emergency, that it called for sacrifice from everybody and explained that it was a time when "patriotism came ahead of the pocketbook."

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Mr. Roosevelt's speech to the Congress was a serious one. All through it rang the perilous situation of the world, the challenge to world freedom and peace. He clearly stated America's position when it came to standing for a principle, sweeter than life itself, and pictured conditions in the conquered countries of Europe.

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One chapter of the war is closed with the fall of Bardia, important Italian desert base in Libya, and the capture of 25,000 prisoners by the British. Mussolini's army has gone to pieces and instead of being a help to Hitler is a drag to the Nazis, his fall down revamping to some extent the plan of going into Greece. There will be more upsets before the Fourth of July rolls around.

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A six-mile stretch of macadam road in Blue Creek township which connects with state roads 124 and 118, will be oiled next summer, the county commissioners have decided, much to the appreciation of the farmers who use the highway. The modern automobile has also eliminated the old dust road and gradually all the stone roads will be oiled or pre-coated, finances being the determining factor in the speed of the undertaking.

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When the census was taken last March only 5,110,270 registered as being out of work and looking for a job. That is about half the number and resembles normal conditions to a great extent. Years ago it was considered even in peak prosperity times, that five to six million men were out of work. On the constructive side of the ledger, it should be noted that 45,350,430 were employed in private industry, which shows that after all we are a nation of workers.

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The Italians are no doubt afraid of getting out of the war now, for if they do Hitler will come in with his troops and rule them like he does the French. Mussolini made a bad bargain last May and the Italian people, who are not in favor of the war and the hook-up with the Nazi invaders would like to pull out of the mess. Mussolini is the dupe and his leadership is in the balance. King Emanuel looms again as the strong figure in Italy, the latter being a man of peace. If the army breaks with the Duce, it will end the regime.

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President Roosevelt in his address before Congress stated that the only bottleneck in the defense program was the airplane business. Ship-building is ahead of schedule he stated. He urged more speed in turning out planes and stated that every effort was being made to boost output, emphasizing that it was a huge task to turn a nation from manufacture of peace-time requirements to armament and implements of defense. A picture in one of the papers shows the speedy progress made on the powder plant at Charleston, the building being ahead of schedule. The site which was still a corn and tobacco field last fall, is now dotted with huge buildings and towers resembling silos.

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Dr. Harold Zwick, a reserve officer, has been called for army service in the Medical Corps and will leave Wednesday for Akron, Ohio, where he is to report for duty. Dr. Zwick is the third Decatur person to be summoned to the service, and like the good citizen he and the others have been, answered the call of his government immediately. He does not know where he will be stationed, but will contribute of his talents and experience regardless of location, and look after the health of the young men who are being called for training or have enlisted in the regular army. Our government will not for a minute let the young men down, but on the other hand provide them with the best of care and medical service. That is the way it should be. Back here at home we'll have to stay well.

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FRENCH RUMBLINGS:

It is too early to predict developments which shifts in France's governmental regime at Vichy may produce. Censorship is so strict that few news stories, beyond the bare statement that changes in personnel have been effected, are permitted to reach the outside. No latitude is allowed in citing the reasons which may have prompted dismissals and appointments or in forecasting what course Vichy will pursue.

No possibility exists for the moment that continental France could renew military opposition to the Nazis, who have sufficient strength to wipe out any effort to renew the struggle. Marshal Petain has a strong talking point in negotiations with Hitler, however, in the large and highly efficient armies France still maintains in Morocco and Syria. The former could mop up any remaining Italian resistance in Libya, while the latter could join Turkish and British forces in offering a serious obstacle to a Nazi campaign into the Near East.

An encouraging bit of sentiment was revealed by the French public's observance of a "stay-in" hour, during which the streets were deserted as an anti-Nazi demonstration. Other stories leaking out of France indicate a sharp increase in bitterness toward the Germans. That attitude, of course, is only natural. It is a hopeful sign, however, because animosity toward Great Britain was evident shortly after France's collapse. That was chiefly resentment due to the general slump in morale and heartbreak over the Nazi conquest. Frenchmen now realize that in British victory rests the only hope of a rehabilitated nation and the population is giving the former entente power its full moral support.—Indianapolis Star.

WHICH?

Answers To Test Questions

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

1. " 'Tis folly to be wise."
2. Twenty-first.
3. John J. Pershing.
4. Capt. Cook.
5. Marriner S. Eccles.
6. Washington, D. C.
7. Two.
8. Committee of Industrial Organization.
9. Edgar Allen Poe.
10. Registered nursing.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY

Jan. 7—H. R. Moltz, J. D. Dailey and Harve Smith of this city purchase Paulding Telephone plant.

Miss Ruth Bowers resigns as English teacher in Decatur high school and Miss Frances Dugan will supply until new one is secured.

President-Elect Harding announces he will veto any increase of the standing army.

Mrs. Julia D. Nelson of Muncie is the first woman legislator in Indiana. She is a member of the house.

T. A. Gottschalk of Adams county is chairman of Democratic caucus in house of representatives.

H. L. Conter returns from a two weeks visit in Muskogee, Okla.

Modern Etiquette
By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Shouldn't an uninvited guest be accorded the same welcome as any other guest?

A. Shakespeare's answer to this question is, "Unbidden guests are often welcomest when they are gone."

Q. When a girl has been given two theater tickets, would it be all right for her to invite a young man she knows well to be her escort?

A. Yes; this is often done.

Q. Should one use a fork or the fingers when eating French fried potatoes?

A. The fork should be used.

All states except Illinois and Rhode Island place a maximum limit upon expenditures by candidates for political office.

Household Scrapbook
By Roberta Lee

Bottle Interiors

To remove discolorations from the interiors of bottles and other glass ware, fill nearly full with the following mixture, let stand for several hours, shaking occasionally, then empty and rinse thoroughly with clean hot water and ammonia: Warm water, one tablesponful baking soda, and a handful of potato parings, pea beans or buckshot.

Putty Hint

If one has trouble with putty falling away from the windows, it can be remedied by first painting over the wood, then puttying over the paint.

Hand Cleanser

A paste made of vinegar and cornmeal is excellent for removing stains from the hands and keeping them in good condition.

BRITISH ARMY

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE ONE)

70,000 were made prisoner and 24,000 killed, wounded or otherwise put out of action.

They intimated that the British took most of the equipment of all the Italian divisions, including tanks, artillery and anti-aircraft and anti-tank guns.

Today's news made it plain that the Italians were to be given no rest.

It was understood that the new army moving toward Tobruk was a completely fresh force which had not taken part in the final phase of the Bardia attack.

Dance Wednesday SunSet

Garner Welcomes New Senators to Upper House

Vice President John Nance Garner, preparing to end his days as a Washington legislator, is shown with the new U. S. senators who took office with the opening of the 77th congress. Left to right, the senators are C. Wayland Brooks of Illinois, Berkeley L. Bunker of Nevada, Mon C. Wallgren of Washington, Raymond E. Willis of Indiana, Abe Murdock of Utah, Ralph O. Brewster of Maine, Harold H. Burton of Ohio, Hugh A. Butler of Nebraska and James M. Tunnell of Delaware.

COURT HOUSE

Set For Trial

The case of Jessie Morthorst against the Railway Express company and others, was set for trial February 25.

The case of James R. Everett against Meshberber Bros. Stone Corporation was set for trial February 28.

The case of Ed F. Berling, receiver, and Everett Singleton against Harlo Mann and others, was set for trial February 10. Judge John F. Decker assumed jurisdiction.

Claim Case

The claim of Jean Lutz Smith against the estate of Amelia Niblick was transferred to the docket as a cause of action.

Case Dismissed

The suit of the A. J. Moser company against Clifford G. Essex was dismissed and the costs paid.

New Suit Filed

A complaint for partition of real estate was filed by Charles A. Cook against Charles A. Cook, as administrator, and others.

Estate Cases

In the estate of Bertha Seesenguth Flag, proof of publication and notice of appointment were filed. The final report was filed and the notice ordered returnable February 3.

In the estate of Noah Winteregg, the final report was submitted, examined and approved, the estate closed and the administrators discharged.

In the estate of Henry Gallmeier, proof of the mailing of notice of hearing on cash value of the estate for inheritance tax purposes was filed. The court found the net value of the estate to be $3,379.31. The final report was filed, examined and approved, the estate closed and the administrators discharged.

In the guardianship of Eloise Miller and others, a petition for a change of investment was filed by th guardian, Helen M. Fonner. The change was authorized by the court.

In the estate of William F. Beineke, a petition to sell stock was submitted and sustained.

Inventory No. 1 was filed, examined and approved in the estate of John Yoder.

In the estate of Alison Andrews, the certificate of clearance was filed. The final report was submitted, examined and approved, the estate settled and the administrator with will annexed was discharged.

About one-third of Louisiana's are is devoted to agriculture.

Threat to Actress

James Porter

Accused of sending a $2,000 extortion note to Screen Player Betty Grable under a girl's name, James Porter, 18, of Pittsburgh, also is believed by police to have sent out several other letters demanding money to persons in the neighborhood of his home at Washington, Pa.

After 21 Years

Tom Hodge

After 21 years of freedom from a life sentence, Tom Hodge, 74, has given himself up to officials at Kilby prison, Montgomery, Ala., where he escaped 21 years ago after serving two years of a life sentence for murder. He said he was tired of "running" and surrendered on the advice of his son.

BROADWAY NIGHTS
By AXEL STORM

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To redeem its sins, 1940 gasped its last but managed to give Broadway two good plays—Elmer Rice's "Flight to the West" and the Fields-Chodorov "My Sister Eileen," based on Miss Ruth McKenney's book. We've already told you something about "My Sister Eileen," a gentle and amusing comedy of two Ohio girls in Greenwich Village. We'll tell you about Mr. Rice's story of a clipper flight from Lisbon to New York by way of the Azores and Bermuda.

"Flight to the West" can't be put down simply as a piece of good journalism, nor yet, by any stretch of the imagination, could it be called a great play. It has grave faults, but tells a great story. The trouble lies in the fact that in the telling a certain amount of dramatic distortion seemed necessary, and that this melodrama weakened rather than strengthened Mr. Rice's argument.

On the clipper plane, speeding to America are a German agent posing as a professor of Slavonic literature; a German diplomat; an American oilman smeared somewhat with business-as-usual and appeasement; a Belgian refugee with a blinded American husband and a maimed daughter; an American liberal intellectual and a young, recently-married couple of Americans. The bride, daughter of a diplomatic official and the bridegroom, who has some Jewish blood, get rather tangled up in the arguments which start as the ship takes off and end when a bullet, meant for the Nazi diplomat, punctures the young husband.

Mr. Rice ably overstates his case, using his now-famous symposium, or Grand Hotel, technique. But at the Guild Theatre, where "Flight to the West" was unveiled, he neither gave audience greater cause to Hitler, nor sent them away the assurance of tragedy a great play might have off The trouble probably lies in immediacy of the subject ter. Most Americans agree ler's a pretty bad guy, tha and Nazi Germany have bad things. They are slowly ing to the realization that many and Hitler must stopped, for the sake of Germans as well as the re the world.

In telling the stories of refugees from Nazi terror, depicting them in black white, almost in silhouette, Rice painted a picture poignance of which suffe somewhat from the heavy with which the paint was plied. He offered some when he had the Ame liberal turn away from isola and pacifism, but a well-ten editorial would offer much. To tell the truth, "Fl to the West" would probabl a great motion picture—a m greater picture than a pl because of this very immed and because as a journal medium the movie's got stage stopped.

Lydia St. Clair as the gian refugee; Betty Field the young American bride; Marlowe as her husband; Ar Moss as the Yankee liberal Paul Hernried as the Nazi lomat did a great deal for play with their splendid act Eleonore Mendelssohn was tragic and compelling Ger Jewish refugee, and Karl M den capable as the skipper the plane. The Jo Mielziner ting was effective.

"Flight to the West" sh have the success that Rob Sherwood's "There Shall Be Night" achieved.

Suit For Divorce Is Filed In Court

Margaret H. Rhodes, of High street, has filed suit for divorce from Orville L. Rhodes in Adams circuit court, charging failure to provide and cruel and inhuman treatment. She asks custody of two children, Patricia Ann, seven and Synthia Diane, two. They were married June 5, 1932 and separated August 20, 1940. D. Burdette Custer is plaintiff's attorney.

Deputy Collector To Aid Taxpayers

A deputy collector from the Indianapolis internal revenue office will be in Decatur on January 15, to assist taxpayers in making their income tax returns. The deputy will be stationed at the post office from 8:30 A. M. until 4:30 p. m. The service is free.

Single individuals or married individuals not living with husband or wife, have a gross income of $800 or more; or married individuals living together having a combined gross income of $2,000 or more a year are required to file returns. A return must be filed though allowable deductions from gross income and allowable credits against net income, develop no tax is due.

Annual farm cash income for 1940 is estimated by the department of agriculture at $9,000,000,000, which if realized, will be the highest figure since 1929.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF

FARMERS STATE BANK

of Preble, in the State of Indiana, at the close of business on Dec. 31, 1940.

ASSETS

Loans and discounts (Including $27.06 overdrafts)	$125,[illegible]
United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	39,[illegible]
Obligations of States and political subdivisions	[illegible]
Other bonds, notes, and debentures	36,[illegible]
Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	66,[illegible]
Bank premises owned $1,980.00, furniture and fixtures $980.00	2,[illegible]
Real estate owned other than bank premises	[illegible]
TOTAL ASSETS	$272,[illegible]

LIABILITIES

Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	$ 59,[illegible]
Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations	149,[illegible]
Deposits of States and political subdivisions	29,[illegible]
Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)	[illegible]
TOTAL DEPOSITS	$238,254.12
TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)	$238,[illegible]

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

Capital*	$30,[illegible]
Undivided profits	3,[illegible]
Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	[illegible]
TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	$ 34,[illegible]
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	$272,[illegible]

*Includes proceeds of $12,000.00 of debentures sold to the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, $2,500.00 of debentures sold to local interests which debentures are subordinated to the rights of creditors and depositors, and 250 shares of common stock, par $100.00 per share.

MEMORANDA

Secured and preferred liabilities:	
(a) Deposits secured by pledged assets pursuant to requirements of law	None
(b) Borrowings secured by pledged assets (including rediscounts and repurchase agreements)	None
(c) Other liabilities secured by pledged assets	None
(d) Deposits preferred under provisions of law but not secured by pledge of assets	None
Subordinated obligations:	
(a) Unpaid dividends on preferred stock and unpaid interest on capital notes and debentures, accrued to end of last dividend or interest period, not included in liabilities or reserves above	$ [illegible]
(b) Other obligations not included in liabilities which are subordinated to claims of depositors and other creditors	None
(a) On date of report the required legal reserve against deposits of this bank was	$15,[illegible]
(b) Assets reported above which were eligible as legal reserve amounted to	66,[illegible]
(a) Included in Loans and Discounts are LOANS TO AFFILIATED COMPANIES	None
(b) Included in Other Bonds, Notes, Debentures and Corporate Stocks are OBLIGATIONS OF AFFILIATED COMPANIES	None

I, C. R. Smith, cashier, of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

C. R. SMITH

Correct.—Attest:
W. M. Meyer,
Otto Koenemann,
Albert Reppert, Directors

State of Indiana, County of Adams, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 6th day of January, [illegible] and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

(SEAL)

Charles A. Fuhrman, Notary Public

My commission expires Sept. 12, 1942.