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Charter Members of The
Indiana League of Home Dailies.

This was a week of important
days. Wednesday was Edison's
birthday, Thursday Lincoln day,
Friday the 13th and today St. Val-
entine.

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The town of Berne has raised
half of the \$1,000 quota they have
assumed for the Red Cross cam-
paign and will continue until their
efforts are successful.

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If you haven't joined the Deca-
tur Chamber of Commerce, please
do so at once. They need you and
you need the services such an orga-
nization can render.

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It is estimated that only about
40% of the car owners have pur-
chased 1942 plates. The deadline
is February 28th and will be en-
forced. The rush will be on soon.

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Did you get by Friday the 13th
safely? Well, if you like to worry
about such dates, you will have
another next month and still an-
other in November. Get ready for
them.

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The treasury department has is-
sued a "yard-stick" that provides
that the man earning \$20 per week
should buy \$1.25 worth of saving
stamps, those that earn \$30 can
afford \$2, if he gets \$40, \$4, and
so on.

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Time magazine has published a
list of the best sellers of the past
fifty years. Included are three by
Mrs. Gene Stratton-Porter, written
in this county. They are *Freckles*,
2,000,000 copies and *Laddie* and
The Girl of the Limberlost, each
with 1,500,000. And they are still
in popular demand.

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The Michigan legislature has re-
pealed the law which puts that
state on Eastern time, since the
new order for War times does the
same thing. Hereafter that state
will, for the duration at least, have
central War time, the same as In-
diana. It will be wonderful if there
is general agreement that really
provides a standard time again.

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The escape of the German ships
from Brest, France, seems to have
been timed just right to encourage
those in England who believe they
should get away from the Conserva-
tives and start fighting. It will
probably pep the army and navy up
and give Premier Hepburn of
Canada something else to talk
about besides charging that the
U. S. navy is in hiding.

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Of course as the war continues,
there will be many opportunities
for criticism for it's difficult to
plan against enemies who stop at
nothing to win. Suggestions that
will help should be made of course
but charges made solely to create
discord and disunity, should be
withheld. It's a very serious time
when we should all be Americans.

It will require the united efforts of
every citizen to win the war and
save the things we love. Make no
mistake.

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The Red Cross campaign in Ad-
ams county will continue until the
increased quota is raised, which
should not take long. The original
quota of \$6,000 has been passed
and the additional \$1,000 is expect-
ed to be subscribed in the next few
days. The county has made an
excellent record and all who have
assisted and participated deserve
congratulations.

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Even those who thought the war
would end in a few weeks are now
convinced that it will be quite a
task. It will be the only way
we can win, is to build a force that
can really defend this nation
against any forces. That will cost
billions of dollars. This must be
raised by bonds and taxes. You
are asked to aid. Buy defense
bonds, all you can, and keep on
buying them.

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The 1942 bicycle will be good,
but not fancy, without gadgets and
bright metals. Instead of being
able to select from some 375 differ-
ent models, you will have to take
the "war model" and millions prob-
ably will for we Americans don't
like to walk if we can avoid it. It
is estimated that 150 bicycles can
be made from the steel needed for
one automobile. As fewer cars
speed over the road, we will prob-
ably be pedaling our way to vic-
tory.

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It's difficult to visualize as we
read and hear the eulogies to
Abraham Lincoln that he was the
most maligned man in the world
when he was carrying the heavy
load as president during the Civil
war. He was criticized by cabinet
members, by business men and
bankers, was charged with every-
thing when battles were lost,
threatened with impeachment and
given little encouragement. For-
tunately he had the proper vision,
struggled on and save the Union.
There is a lesson of profit if we
give it thought.

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The greater the number, the
better the service," is the Chamber
of Commerce slogan and the com-
mittees report a considerable gain
in membership. The work to be
done by this organization is im-
portant to every one who lives
here or who trades here. Member-
ship should include all who are
interested. During the coming years
there will be many things to be
taken care of and the Chamber of
Commerce, operated as it is, solely
for the good of every one in the
community, is the proper agency
to assume that responsibility. Join
it and then help do the work as
distributed among the various com-
mittees. The fee is small and the
need for your cooperation is great.

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Great Need
For Rubber:

Many people probably still think
the rationing of tires unnecessary
and that somehow or somewhere
they will be able to get them when
they need them.

It's time to change your mind if
that's what you think. There is a
grave shortage of rubber and a
greater demand than ever. It may
be years before the genuine
rubber tire can be had. Here are a
few of the requirements for the
material:

A 35,000-ton battleship uses 75
tons of rubber, the equivalent of
10,341 automobile tires.

A 75 mm. gun carriage requires
175.3 pounds of rubber, a troop
carrier 332 pounds, a scout car 329
pounds, and a 37 mm. anti-aircraft
gun carriage 190 pounds.

Airplanes require from 33 to 96
pounds of tire rubber, plus 24 to 55
pounds for inner tubes. Pneumatic
rafts carried in planes for emer-
gency water landings contain 29
pounds.

And aside from these major uses,
rubber goes into gas masks, tanks,

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UNCLE SAP



"AND HAVE IT
RETURNED A
HUNDRED FOLD!"

Answers To Test
Questions

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

9. Air brake.
10. True.

TWENTY YEARS
AGO TODAY

Feb. 14 — The sugar company
announces they will operate again,
paying \$5.00 per ton for beets.
Field men meet with John Car-
mody, the local manager.

The Jefferson high school is
granted a commission by the state
department.

The Research club entertains
husbands at annual dinner at the
home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Dell.

Monroe defeats Decatur at bas-
ketball there 57 to 9.

Government intervention is all
that will prevent a nation wide
coal strike according to John L.
Lewis.

Miss Margaret Bernard and Mr.

Albert Rumschlag married at St.
Mary's church.

Louis Kliene is a candidate for
county treasurer.

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Modern Etiquette
By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it obligatory to give tips?
A. It is not obligatory, but is so
customary that one can not avoid
it.

Q. Is "Sincerely yours" a correct
closing for a business letter to
a person with whom one is not ac-
quainted?

A. Yes.

Q. What kind of hat should a
woman wear while she is travel-
ing?

A. A small, plain hat is prefer-
able.

Strong men do not need to use
strong language.

MONROE NEWS

Little Dale Workinger, son of
Mr. and Mrs. Glen Workinger of
near Monroe, is convalescing at the
Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne
where he has been a surgical patient
since last Wednesday, when a delicate
operation was performed on him by a specialist of the
Lutheran hospital.

Mrs. R. J. Meyer and Mrs. J. A.
Hendricks attended the annual
Eastern Star banquet and initiation
held at Decatur Thursday night.

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