

## Evett Warns On Against the Optimism

### Warning On Enthusiasm Early Victory

May 22 — (UP) — Roosevelt, declaring country still faces the of an awfully long war, day against unwarranted enthusiastic optimism progress of the conflict, recent evidences of optimism over the Roosevelt told his press that public opinion had been up and down according to the reports that looked big at first but actually have no bearing on the final outcome of the war.

Roosevelt said there was no be overly optimistic one and overly pessimistic the cause this is going to be war. He reiterated his concern, however, that ultimate will be ours.

There is a tendency of the people to make overstatements. This is a mistake, he said. The press can help very much by not attaching too much to developments of a less minor nature.

President discussed the possibility of a long war shortly after George D. Ga., a former member of the senate foreign committee, cautioned us in a similar vein.

He said he agreed with second state Cordell Hull that of the United Nations proved and that the war was over sooner than expected that the outlook still was for war.

He gave his views to reporters after a high government holding one of the most important posts warned that "change strong" that the war will be every candidate.

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John Schuger, who managed the campaign for his brother, Severin Schuger, candidate for prosecuting attorney, represented Severin at the meeting. Severin Schuger was called to the army before the primary. George Strickler, candidate for sheriff, wrote a letter stating he was out of town and that he is endorsing the winning candidate for sheriff. Telephone communications were received from other candidates, giving their regrets at being unable to attend because of conflict of school activities and

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### Allen County Irregularities

May 22 — (UP) — Dorothy Gardner, Allen county and ex-officio member of election board, said today that of election irregularities in the primary will result in investigation by the Allen county jury, probably at the end of the term of court.

Gardner said the reports of election irregularities came from the execution of affidavits to voting attempts by unvoted voters.

Be up to the grand jury, Gardner, to determine an election fraud has been

### War Bulletins

May 22 — (UP) — New Zealand government leaders tonight reported using of strength for an "all-out punch" in the west Pacific, following arrival of Vice Admiral Lee Chomley, U. S. N., assume command of the States-New Zealand forces.

May 22 — (UP) — Bands of Croat guerrillas from mountain areas were reported today to have disrupted the only rail line over which the Germans have reinforcements from the way of Bulgaria to their front.

Turkey, May 22 — (UP) — Representations by the British government to Berlin that were reported to have resulted in a withdrawal of Bulgarian troops two weeks ago advanced three miles closer to the Greek frontier in Salonika.

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\$35,500  
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### Last Of Infirmary Inmates Returned

Thirteen men and two women—the last of the inmates of the Adams county infirmary who were moved to the Allen county institution after fire destroyed the local infirmary last August were returned today.

Commissioners Frank Liniger and Dale Moses, Auditor Victor H. Elcher and Sam Reinhart, infirmary superintendent, brought all but three back in private cars. These three were moved in ambulances. All of the 37 inmates are now being cared for in the temporary quarters at the country club building until the new infirmary is completed. All of those returned today expressed their pleasure at "being home again" and a few even shed tears of joy, it was reported.

### Democratic Rally Opens Fall Campaign

#### Cleland Headlines Meeting Thursday

Democrats of Adams county opened their fall campaign Thursday night with a victory rally held in Democrat headquarters in Decatur and attended by most of the participating candidates for county, township and city offices in the recent primary election.

The meeting was headlined by a talk given by Sam Cleland, of Fort Wayne, Democratic candidate for congress who demanded that the present congressman, George Gillette, Republican, stand on his record. He charged him with "letting down the boys in the fox holes at Bataan by refusing to vote for the fortification of Guam against the possibility of Jap aggression."

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The speaker warned that what industry is doing now for war production will have a direct bearing on manufacturers after the war is ended.

Placing of ceilings on prices is necessary, the speaker said in closing, to prevent the dangers of inflation. The estimated national income this year is \$86,000,000,000, and with only \$67,000,000,000 in commodities available, there will be approximately \$20,000,000,000 in surplus earnings.

L. E. Archbold, county agent, was chairman of the program and C. D. Ebinger, Rotary president, conducted the meeting.

Persons who have already secured their ration of sugar for canning purposes may secure a certificate for the added amount between the old ration figure and the new.

Ration board personnel was given a "breathing spell" today after being fairly besieged by consumer registrants yesterday.

Mr. Hill reported that approximately 75 persons registered for ration books yesterday, since they had failed to do so during the regular period last month.

Illness was the only excuse advanced by any of these for failing to register during the regular period. Persons who still have not registered may do so at any time.

Fort Wayne, May 22 — (UP) — Henry Yovan, 18, and Charles D. Frick, 19, both of Fort Wayne, and both of whom hold jobs which pay a good salary, have confessed a break-in at the Orchard Ridge country club here in which they obtained loot worth \$1,000.

The loot has been recovered, Allen county sheriff Walter Felger said today. The pair broke into the country club while a social function was in progress, and stole expensive golf equipment.

This, according to attorneys, was one of the few times in court annals in which a jury failed to agree on a damage suit verdict.

### Mexico Nears Declaration Of War On Axis

#### Nation Indignant Over Sinking Of Mexican Tanker

Mexico City, May 22 — (UP) — President Manuel Avila Camacho today was reported preparing to declare a nation wide state of emergency as the first step towards an expected declaration of war on Germany, Italy and Japan.

The newspaper La Prensa, in an extra edition, said that seizure of Axis property and intervention of Axis nationals would be ordered.

La Prensa said that a second Mexican steamer has been sunk, but no official confirmation of this report was immediately available, although earlier reports said the foreign office was investigating the reports of the sinking.

Indignation still was mounting over the refusal of the three Axis governments to accept a Mexican protest over the sinking of a Mexican ship by an Axis submarine last week.

A high government source said last night that Camacho would issue a proclamation today urging the nation to prepare for war.

The government had set last midnight as a deadline for an Axis reply to Mexico's ultimate demand for an explanation for the sinking of a Mexican tanker off the Florida coast with the loss of 14 lives.

The Mexican foreign office said the German government has refused to receive the Mexican note.

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Vincennes Child  
Killed By Truck

Vincennes, Ind., May 22 — (UP) — William Alton Smith, 3-year-old son of Mrs. Walter Hatton, was killed yesterday when he darted into the path of a truck driven by Roy Lutterm, Robinson, Ill. The fatality was Vincennes' first since last October.

### Producing For War' Theme Of Meeting

#### Joint Meeting Held Here Last Evening

Approximately 100 men of Decatur and Adams county heard E. A. Hang, Fort Wayne, of the Research Institute of America, Inc., speak on "Producing for war" at a meeting held at the Masonic hall Thursday evening.

The meeting was a joint session of the Decatur Rotary and Lions clubs, with additional guests from the Berne Chamber of Commerce, the Geneva Boosters club, and AAA committee members of the county.

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### Douglas Is War Cargo Chief



Lewis M. Douglas, Rear Admiral Vickery and Emory S. Land

Chief adviser to War Shipping Administrator Emory S. Land, seen right, above, Lewis M. Douglas, left, now takes over the job of deputy war shipping administrator with the task of making the available supply of cargo ships do the biggest possible job of hauling war supplies overseas. Rear Admiral Howard L. Vickery, seen center, has been named deputy administrator for new ships. Douglas was President

Roosevelt's first director of the budget.

### Commencement Held Thursday Evening

#### Urges Graduates To Aid Own Community

"An individual human being, detached from his fellows, has but little value, has no earning power and is usually a most unhappy being," thus spoke C. W. Otto, of Lansing, Michigan, in his address to the 59 graduates of the Decatur junior-senior high school last night at the 61st annual commencement.

"Not good if detached" was the speaker's subject, and through this theme he endeavored to impress upon the graduates that as individuals they are helpless, or "not good if detached" from their fellow citizens.

"From the beginning most schools have emphasized the natural resources angle in explaining the greatness of cities like Chicago, Minneapolis and others. This theory fails dismally when one attempts to explain the greatness of New York, Battle Creek, Flint and others. These cities were the direct result of outstanding citizens who realized that the most important asset a community or institution can possess is a large group of forward looking citizens.

"No high school graduate should allow himself to become detached from the homely principles of honesty, integrity and dependability. He should not become detached from a religious faith nor from the advice of his parents and teachers.

Without these he may become like a ship detached from its anchor — a useless drifter. Our responsibility is the responsibility of every American who shares American blessings — the realization that each one of us has a job to make our community the best possible place in which to live."

Mr. Otto was introduced by Walter J. Krick, city school super-

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Jury Dismissed  
After Deadlock

#### Damage Suit Jury Unable To Agree

The damage suit of Mrs. Anna Massillo against Al. D. Schmitt and Elton Archer of this city was brought to a surprise ending in Wells circuit court at Bluffton this morning when the jury which had heard the case was dismissed by Judge John Decker after it was unable to reach a verdict.

Dismissal came at 9 o'clock this morning — 17 hours after it had received the case, in which Mrs. Massillo asked \$3,000 damages for injuries allegedly sustained in an auto wreck in Randolph county on August 11, 1939.

Mrs. Massillo was riding in a vehicle driven by her husband Michael, when the collision occurred. Mr. Archer was driving the other car involved.

The American record for launching ships in one day was set on July 4, 1918, when 95 were launched.

The celebration of maritime day

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#### TEMPERATURE READING DEMOCRAT THERMOMETER

8:00 a. m. 52

10:00 a. m. 54

Noon 64

2:00 p. m. 64

3:00 p. m. 64

WEATHER

Continued rather cool this afternoon and tonight.

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### Russian Advises Claim Nazis Cracking Under Heavy Losses On Bloody Kharkov War Front

#### Allied Naval Forces Blast Anew At Japs

#### Jap Cruiser, Two Supply Ships Are Victims Of Subs

Washington, May 22 — (UP) — President Roosevelt today set June 30 as the date for registration of young men 18 and 19 years of age in order to complete the nation's wartime canvass of manpower.

This was the fifth registration ordered by the chief executive, and will complete the registration of all men from the ages of 18 to 65. The young men of 18 to 19 are not subject to military service under the selective act.

Also ordered to register on June 30 are men who reached their 20th birthday between December 31, 1941, and June 30, 1942. These men would be subject to military service.

Approximately 40,000,000 men have registered in the four previous registrations. The registration next month is expected to add between two million and three million persons to the list.

Seventeen million men were listed in the first registration of 21 to 35. The second registration turned slightly less than one million men who had become 21 since the first listing. About nine million men signed up in the registration of men 20 years old and those from 35 to 44. An additional 13,000,000 men were given cards in the recent registration of men 45 to 64, including

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