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The world series crowded the war news from the leading headlines in many newspapers and that's something.

The sugar beets are rolling in and besides those in this territory the local mill will process the beets from the Paulding territory, adding to the run here.

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Colds are prevalent every where these days, due probably to the fact that so many people are working in warm buildings and not taking proper precautions. Guard against colds and start doctoring at the first symptom.

The Yankees took the first game of the world series but it was a fair ball game. More than 69,000 witnessed it, paying more than a quarter million dollars and indicating considerable interest even during these strenuous days.

Put aside some money for the USO and other service organizations. The quota and plans will be announced soon and the date set for the drive. It is a national campaign to raise \$125,000,000 and is one of the important ones of the year.

There's a touch of autumn in the air, corn and beets and beans are ready for the harvest, the trees are coloring and there are other signs that winter is not far away. Get the fuel bins filled and prepare for several months of cold. It always comes to this temperate section of the world.

The governor of Nebraska bet a hog against the chief product of each of twenty-eight states that his state would excel in the sale of bonds. He won from only two, Kansas and Vermont, so his banquet will consist solely of turkey and maple syrup unless he furnishes the other dishes himself. Any way he went over the top and that was probably the prime factor of his wager.

There is no better book than the

Harry Stults, Decatur's fire chief, is asking the cooperation of every Decatur citizen in taking every precaution to prevent fires. Members of the fire department will be glad to advise and assist those who so desire to eliminate all hazards conducive to starting or spreading fires. It's important that Fire Prevention week be well observed.

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A business block in Anderson was destroyed by fire with a loss that may reach \$250,000. During the past year fifty-four persons in Indiana lost their lives in fires and many million dollars worth of property was destroyed. This is fire prevention week and firemen and others are making every effort to provide protection. You are asked to see that your property is made safe. Don't take chances with fire, the most destructive menace.

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Lieut. Wilbur P. Baker died last Friday in the Pacific area and the war and its terrible results is brought close to us. His father, Kemp Baker, has had charge of the job department in this office the past three and a half years and Wilbur spent much time here when attending the Decatur high school. We liked him and we were proud of his army career. Only nineteen years old he was called to service in January, 1941, and earned his commission the hard way going up through the ranks. He became a lieutenant last January and went overseas in March.

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Butter went up to 16 points, double its original value, in the rationing schedules this week. The new "price," reflecting a September drop in production set against continued abnormal demand, undoubtedly means that many will have to make the shift, as some have already done, to butter substitutes.

Gosh, isn't it awful? Maybe. On the same day that butter hit 16 points, American troops beyond Salerno were smashing forward another mile against what the dispatches called "tremendous opposition." On the same day, Americans on the other side of the globe in New Guinea opened a drive against the Japanese at Madang. Among these boys it was a safe bet that the new butter point order back home created scarcely a ripple.

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The Book of Books: For the first time in the history of the world Bibles are now rationed. This does not mean that the government has rationed them, but the demand is so great the publishing houses which print Bibles are unable to fill their orders. One of them has sent word to the book sellers it can accept no more orders until October. Another has its entire output spoken for six months ahead.

One reason for the immense sale of Bibles is that pious fathers and mothers, when their boys go off to join the armed forces, see that a Bible is packed with their kit. Another reason is that in these trying days people find rest for their souls in reading the scriptures; indeed, that is the great reason.

Honey is both a food and a medicine. Allow the children to eat all of it they want and throat irritations will be almost unknown.

HOME FRONT "PILL BOXES"

Relates History Of
Labor Union RacketFormer Beer Runner
Testifies At Trial

New York Oct. 7.—(UP)—Former beer runner and extortionist William Bloff took the stand yesterday at the New York federal court trial of seven Chicago mobsters and a Newark, N. J., labor leader. Bloff was the government's first witness in the case charging the eight men with taking \$1,000,000 from the motion picture industry, under threat of strikes. The witness and George Browne are serving a long prison term for their own part in the shakedown of the movie industry.

Bloff gave the court a brief history of the labor union racket, beginning with the establishment of free soup kitchens for unemployed stage hands. He said this paved the way for eventual control of the union, with the help of Chicago gangster Charles (Lucky) Luciano and convicted New York racketeer Louis Buchalter.

Bloff mentioned his connections with several other prominent gangsters, including Frank Reo, whom he described as the high commander of the syndicate in Chicago. and the sweater in it. The hammock should be drawn out flat so that the sweater is not doubled over. This method will keep the sweater in shape.

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