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Buy a couple of extra bonds this  
month and help meet the big quota  
for the Seventh War Loan.

The cost of war in this country  
has been met by taxes and bonds.  
And 75% of it, \$135,000,000,000 was  
in bonds.

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Whether Hitler and Goebbels are  
dead seems still a little uncertain  
but any way no broadcasts are  
coming through.

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Adams county people bought  
more than \$127,000 worth of good  
old U. S. war bonds during April.  
a wonderful showing of loyalty.  
Now for the biggest one of all this  
month and next.

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Those who celebrate V-E day by  
attending church services will feel  
more like buckling down the next  
day than those who seek temporary  
joy in taverns and we do all  
have to get down to the business of  
readjustment.

—O—O—

Mussolini and Hitler had their  
sweethearts with them to the last  
minute, if reports are true. Reminds  
us of the old Capone gangster days  
when each bandit had his  
moll who was willing to die with  
him.

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Truth is stranger than fiction  
according to an old saying and  
when the stories are written of  
what occurred inside Berlin the  
past two weeks and in Northern  
Italy and other spots in Europe, it  
will be more apparent than ever.

—O—O—

It's hard for the world to get  
used to the name of Doenitz as  
head of the German government  
and evidently the armed forces  
over there feel the same way.  
Hundreds of thousand surrendered  
after he urged them to continue  
the fight.

—O—O—

Clean-Up Week in Decatur starts  
next Monday. City trucks will haul  
away the old cans and bottles if  
they are conveniently placed and  
boxed so they can be handled. It  
may require ten days this year to  
cover the entire city because of the  
labor shortage but it will be done,  
Major Stultz has announced.

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It is generally believed that Hitler  
is dead. Just when or how the  
end came seems to be in doubt but  
whether he died from natural  
causes, was shot, committed suicide  
or had a stroke is perhaps not  
so important. Who carries on over  
there and the judgment passed on  
the citizens of Germany and the  
people of the world in general.

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President Truman is watching  
the corners financially and has ordered  
reductions in government ex-  
penditures of millions of dollars  
as the war in Europe draws to a  
close. It's encouraging. While

money must be spent for the post-  
war era its good business to save  
dollars when and where possible  
and the public will appreciate the  
effort.

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A Million German soldiers in  
Italy and Austria surrendered un-  
conditionally this week, leaving  
Brenner Pass wide open. If there  
was any doubt in the average mind  
that the war is rapidly drawing to  
a close, that capitulation ought to  
remove it. Admiral Doenitz who  
has succeeded Hitler should have  
an easier task so far as keeping  
track of the armed forces is con-  
cerned for the once "greatest army  
in the world" has dwindled and  
been cut to pieces.

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Bob Hannegan, Democratic national  
chairman, will succeed Frank C. Walker as postmaster General  
July 1st. Mr. Walker has been  
asking a release for a year but was  
persuaded to continue until after  
election. It has long been the  
policy of both major parties to thus  
recognize the leader who planned  
a successful campaign for the national  
ticket. Mr. Hannegan will  
continue as chairman it is announced.

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Just now the winding up of the  
European war is the big news story  
each day but it won't be long until  
the interest is transferred to the  
Pacific where a great war is raging  
and where we have been making  
wonderful progress, almost unaided  
by our allies. If they join now in  
bringing Japan to her knees, the  
war should be over in a few  
months. Let's hope for a real  
Thanksgiving this year and more  
important let's work for it.

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General Von Rundstedt was taken  
captive by the Seventh U. S. army  
but it came at a time when  
other stories almost crowded it off  
the front page. Troops in Italy  
and Austria surrendered. Hitler  
was reported dead. Berlin and  
Munich and other cities fell and the  
world conference went on with  
plans for enduring peace, so the  
general who has spent forty-three  
years of his life building the world's  
greatest war machine was just an  
other captive. He is reported to  
be a broken old man at 69, dis-  
heartened and discouraged and  
ready for any thing that comes.

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Berlin, the largest city ever to  
fall in battle lasted only two weeks  
after the assault of foot soldiers  
and cavalry started. It had of  
course been softened by the aerial  
and artillery bombings, supplies  
shut off and the utilities put out of  
order. Thousands of prisoners  
were taken and hundreds of people  
committed suicide as the final  
catastrophe went down on the world  
military capitol. It seems strange that  
the captured military leaders say  
they knew for months that Germany  
was beaten but still they  
refuse to lay down arms and save  
their cities. War is a terrible thing,  
any way we figure it.

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The W. M. A. women of the First  
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CLUB CALENDAR  
Society Deadline, 11 A. M.  
Phones 1000-1001  
Sunday

Bobo W. S. C. S., church parlors,  
7:30 p. m.

Monday

Men's Union Prayer Service, au-  
ditorium of Ninth street, U. B.  
church, 7:30 p. m.

Delta Theta Tau sorority, Elks  
Delta Theta Tau business meet-  
ing, Elks home, 8 p. m.

Junior auxiliary, Legion home,  
8 p. m.

Pythian Needle club, after Temple,  
8 p. m.

Our Lady of Victory discussion  
club, Mrs. Ireneaus Gase, 7:30 p. m.

Tuesday

Rebekah Lodge, Odd Fellows hall,  
7:30 p. m.

U. B. mother and daughter ban-  
quet, church, 6 p. m.

Wednesday

Church Mothers Study club, Me-  
thodist church parlors, 2 p. m.

Red Cross sewing center, Le-  
gion, 1 p. m.

Presbyterian World Friendship  
guild, Mrs. James Burk, 7:45 p. m.

Thursday

Stated meeting of Eastern Star,  
Masonic hall, 7:30 p. m.

Zion Lutheran women's mission-  
ary society, all day.

Friday

Red Cross Knitting Center, Red  
Cross headquarters, 2 p. m. to 5  
p. m.

Lincoln P. T. A., Lincoln gymna-  
sium, 7:30 p. m.

Better Homes club of Monroe,  
Mrs. Elmo Stucky.

SOCIETY  
and ClubETA TAU SIGMA  
HAS MEETING

Eta Tau Sigma sorority met Wed-  
nesday evening at the home of Mrs.  
George Helm.

A short business meeting was  
conducted by the vice president,  
Miss Glennys Elzey, after which  
four tables of bridge were formed.  
Prizes were won by Mrs. Herman  
Girod, Mrs. Richard Arnold, Madge  
Bairns, Mildred Worthman and  
Glennys Elzey.

Delicious refreshments were  
served at the close of the meeting  
by the hostess, assisted by Mrs.  
Lee Faute. The next meeting will  
be May 15 at the home of Madge  
Barton.

The Zion Lutheran women's mis-  
sionary society will have an all day  
meeting Thursday, beginning at  
nine o'clock. Red Cross sewing will  
be done and a regular business  
meeting will begin at two o'clock.

A pot-luck dinner will be served at  
noon. Hostesses are Mrs. Paul  
Schultz, Mrs. Robert Frey, Mrs.  
Edwin Boknecht and Mrs. William  
Rintz.

The Presbyterian World Friend-  
ship guild will meet Wednesday  
evening at seven forty five o'clock  
at the home of Mrs. James Burk,  
with Mrs. Gladys Chamberlain as-  
sisting.

The Better Homes club of Mon-  
roe will meet Thursday evening at  
the home of Mrs. Elmo Stucky. The  
meeting was originally scheduled to  
be held at the home of Mrs.  
Cliff Essex.

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Scattered around France there  
are still several small islands of  
resistance, where it is estimated  
there are about 100,000 Germans  
remaining. There are perhaps 10,  
000 at Dunkirk, 25,000 around Lorient,  
30,000 at St. Nazaire and 15,  
000 at La Rochelle. In addition  
there are about 30,000 in the chan-  
nel islands, belonging to Britain,  
immediately off the French coast.

In the Aegean and Mediterranean  
they are believed to be some 30,  
000 Germans and Italian Fascists  
on various islands, with Germans  
in the majority. It is estimated  
there are some 12,000 on Crete  
and 5,000 on Rhodes, with lesser  
numbers on Melos, Cos and Leros.

## Army Nurse



## Major is Home



Sgt. John L. DeVoss has been  
advanced to that rank with the glider  
infantry in Germany. Sgt. De-  
Voss was one of the American sol-  
diers who crossed the Rhine in a  
glider with the airborne troops and  
landed safely in Germany. His last  
letter stated that he was well and  
moving along with the infantry in  
Germany.

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Second Lt. Louise Bir Eiting,  
of Fort Wayne, widow of the late  
Cpl. Richard Eiting, son of Mr.  
and Mrs. Ben Siting of south of  
Decatur, who died of wounds re-  
ceived in action in France on  
last September 17, recently joined  
the Army Nurses Corps and has  
rejoined to General Hospital, Fort  
Knox, Ky. Lt. Eiting was gradu-  
ated from the St. Joseph school of  
nursing in Fort Wayne in 1943.  
She was married to Cpl. Eiting  
on May 15, 1944.

Mrs. V. N. Liniger and son have  
gone to Mount Clemens, Michigan  
where they will make their home  
with their husband and father, Lt.  
Liniger. They were accompanied by  
the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs.  
Leland Frank, who will return Sun-  
day.

Mrs. Wm. Brown of Pensacola,  
Fla., is spending a few days in this  
city visiting with relatives and  
friends. Her husband, C. Sp. M.  
Brown, will arrive next week.

Mrs. Edward Beavers and Mrs.  
Charles Bentz are spending the  
weekend with Mrs. Emma Beavers.  
Funeral services were held this  
morning for Mrs. Gertrude Craig, 62,  
a native of Willshire who died at her  
home in Fort Wayne. Two children  
survive her.

Rev. McPheeers and family are  
completing the installing of their  
furniture in the Presbyterian  
manse and expect to be located the  
first of the week.

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