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Gerald Vizard, Democratic county chairman and those assisting him, want you to drop in often at Democratic headquarters. Interest is developing now and with the election only a little more than three weeks away, there is much to do. Doc wants your assistance.

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**A Word From Columbus**

It's a long time since 1942 when Columbus sailed the ocean blue. It would be a thoroughly surprised Genoese sailor if he were now to steer the Santa Maria into New York harbor — or Baltimore, Quebec or Montreal. All those people and their strange new ways of life!

Considering how much is owed to Christopher Columbus by us all — Canada, the United States and the nations below our borders — little is known about Columbus the man. But one thing we do know, and to that we owe our homes. She deserves to be unpopular.

Q Should a woman recognize her tradespeople when she meets them on the street?

A Yes, certainly. If a person

At least one Democratic meeting will be held in each township in the county between now and election. Chairman Vizard has announced. Come on Democrats, lets pep it up. This is an important election and means much to every man, woman and child in Adams county.

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A city planning commission composed of business men and property owners interested in the continued improvement of Decatur is being formed, an encouraging sign. When citizens take a real interest in the affairs of the community and give it their time, good things are sure to result. They will be helpful to the city officials and will aid in solving many of the problems constantly arising.

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Fire Prevention Week has been observed this week and you have been urged to look over your property and correct any fire hazards you find. Now remember that every day should be a fire prevention time for fire is one of the most destructive things in America, causing millions of dollars in losses annually and loss of many lives. Keep the eyes open and when you see something that looks like it might cause a fire, have it corrected immediately.

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The United Press wires carried an item about Police Chief Miller's effective drive against the unlawful shooting of firecrackers in this city. The press report related that the Police Chief confiscated the shipment of firecrackers, in a view which was complimentary to efficient police action. To which we like to add, "Well done, Chief." Now if Decatur could lead a nation-wide drive to repeat the silly Halloween soaping spree, we'd get

"Keep on! Keep on. Keep on."

**A Common Problem**

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.  
IT used to be that whenever baby began to suck his thumb, mother got busy with the stiff cuffs. You couldn't begin too early, she felt, to break up a bad habit.

Today, doctors believe that you can. You can not only begin too early, but, by the wrong methods, you can make the habit worse than it would have been had you left it alone entirely.

Every mother should understand to begin with that so far as baby is concerned, sucking is a natural and instinctive thing. He is given the instinct to suck in order to get his food.

**Satisfied at Mealtimes**

It has been suggested that if the baby's instinct to suck is satisfied at mealtimes, he will care less to suck his thumb and observation tends to bear this out, for babies who take their milk quickly are much more likely to develop thumb-sucking than are those who dawdle a little over their bottles.

If these facts are correct, the best method of keeping the thumb-sucking habit from developing is to provide longer and more frequent opportunities for the baby to nurse.

In the case of the breast-fed baby this would mean letting him nurse as long as he wants to do so, rather than stopping after a pre-scribed number of minutes. In the case of the bottle-fed baby, if he begins to suck his thumb and is emptying his bottle rapidly, nip-

plies with smaller holes in them may be used on the bottle.

By the time the baby is a year he no longer sucks his thumb to satisfy the craving for sucking but, rather, he does it as a comforter. Then he is most likely to suck his thumb when he is tired or just before going to sleep.

In the case of a baby two or three years old who has the thumb-sucking habit, it is important to make sure that he has enough playthings and room to play; this in itself may help overcome the thumb-sucking in some cases.

"Keep on," he'd cry. "Never give up. Try again after all hope's gone."

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