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It may be old, but Main street looked good to us today.

This newspaper says Hello to the staff and students of the Report Auction School.

This is the month when taxpayers wonder if governmental budgets will be surprising or shocking.

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Local Income
In the rush of fair news, probably you didn't notice the item dealing with income and retail sales in this county in 1947, as compiled by Sales Management.

Figures were also tabulated by the same publication for Wells county and in comparison, Adams county residents had a larger average income and retail sales here were almost 60 percent above those in our neighboring county.

For the 5,700 Adams county families, after federal and state taxes were deducted, the total income was \$17,730,000, or an average of \$3,111 per family. The latter figure exceeds the national average and compares with \$16,772,000 for the 5,800 families in Wells county, and an average of \$2,892.

In retail sales, the magazine listed the local total at \$15,373,000 compared to \$9,364,000 in Wells county last year.

Both counties are ranked among "better than average" when scaled on the national basis.

Another encouraging factor shown by the publication is that local residents saved approximately 14 percent of their total income for the lush year of 1947.

We hope this general prosperity continues through the years.

There may be better places in the world than in this section of the country, but we don't know of any.

The man who put the sparkle into champagne was Dom Pérignon, a Benedictine, according to Jean Heidsieck, head of the champagne firm, who says Frenchmen still salute the good monk's statue in the city of Reims.

Curing Child of Thumb-Sucking

By Herman N. Bundesen, M. D.
THUMB-SUCKING is certainly not a habit to be encouraged, but neither is it so serious as to merit the heroic measures some parents use to prevent it.

The teeth of a child who sucks his thumb may grow in crooked, but otherwise thumb-sucking does not seem to be a harmful practice. Furthermore, once the pressure on the teeth from the thumb-sucking no longer exists, they readily go back to normal position.

Contrary to popular belief, thumb-sucking neither deforms the roof of the mouth, nor produces infections of the mouth or digestive upsets. Hence, if the habit cannot be broken by gentle means, doctors today believe it is better to let it go on until the child outgrows it than to shake his faith in himself by nagging and shaming him.

Thumb-sucking usually starts during the early months of life, particularly during the teething period. It often occurs just before the child falls asleep. If it persists after the baby is a year old, it is likely to continue until the youngster is between two and five years of age, and it is not unusual for it to persist into adult life.

Frequently while the baby is sucking his thumb, he is pulling at his ear, patting his head, or sucking on his blanket. These things may persist after the thumb-sucking has stopped. Occasionally, the baby may suck fingers other than the thumb.

Answer: The treatment of scatica consists in the removal of the cause which frequently may be found in a focus of infection in the teeth, tonsils, nasal sinuses, or somewhere else in the body. Sometimes the cause is a disturbance of the spine; an X-ray would determine this.

In treating thumb-sucking, one

Detroit has a man who follows his scruples scrupulously. He won a new automobile in a raffle and refused to accept the car because his church forbids "gambling". The auto was sold and the proceeds were turned over to a labor union's benevolent fund. That's having a strict conscience.

Along with the increased cost of meat, the price of milk has been boosted one cent a quart, the second raise within a few months. Placing a meal on the table these days for a family of children represents a financial undertaking, as well as a culinary art.

A few stretches of sidewalk in the up-town district are cracked. Last week's extra heavy traffic might have broken the concrete, which now necessitates repairs. Why not undertake a city-wide sidewalk repair program and get the work done before another winter rolls around.

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The Louisville Times, asks, "Why doesn't some clever fellow invent an electric blanket that works in reverse for hot nights?"

Vacations, they say, and a columnist writes: "A vacation consists of 2 weeks which are 2 short, after which you are 2 tired 2 return 2 work but 2 broke not 2."

After carrying all that freight line traffic during fair week, Marshall street has a few "depressions" that will have to be brought up to level.

The street fair and 4-H Club shows were tops in community effort and cooperation. Features missed however, were marching bands and parades.

Four years ago, local fans used to drive a horse and buggy to a ball game in Bluffton or Fort Wayne, making it an all-day excursion. Today's fans (not the same ones) fly to Cleveland and Detroit for a night game and return home in a few hours. It's great to live in America.

Berne will stage a three-day Fall Festival from Oct. 7 to 9, which will include a Home Economics show in the community building, a live stock show and other features. Committees of the Chamber of Commerce have been named to arrange the program, which no doubt will attract many visitors from over the county.

Three Loves are Mine
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Household Scrapbook

By ROBERTA LEE

20 YEARS AGO TODAY

Damp Cellar

Chronic dampness in the cellar can be counteracted by placing large chunks of unslacked lime around the corners. Use only if the cellar is damp, not actually wet, and replace with fresh pieces when the old chunks don't seem to be absorbing any more moisture.

Washable Wall Paper

Wall paper can be made washable by applying a thin, even coat of clear shellac. Once the shellac is on, most stains and spatterings can be wiped off readily with a damp cloth.

Peach Stains

A peach stain will oftentimes disappear if it is rubbed with glycerine a few days before washing.

To do God's will is man's supreme responsibility.

Aug. 2 — The state tax board orders an increase of 10 percent valuations in Decatur, Monroe and Geneva and 30 percent in Berne and 4 percent in all townships of Adams county, boosting valuations \$1,174,860.

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Dr. H. O. Jones is elected president of the Berne school board.

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Modern Etiquette

By ROBERTA LEE

Q. In what form should an acceptance to a wedding invitation be written?

A. Write it in the third person, following the wording of the invitation, repeating in it your acceptance, the place, date, and hour.

A. Small pickles are eaten with the fingers or cut into pieces and eaten with the fork.

A. Small pickles are eaten with the fingers. The very large ones, however, may be cut and eaten with the fork.

Q. What would be the correct way for a girl to introduce her sister to an older woman acquaintance?

A. She should say, "Mrs. Smith, this is my sister, Mary."

Court News

Divorce Suit Filed

Marie H. Lambert has sued Thomas E. Lambert for divorce on grounds of cruel and inhuman treatment. Married since 1937, the couple has six children.

Partition Asked

Harry E. Young has filed a petition for partition of real estate against Ruth E. Bailer, with whom he is owner in fee simple of a lot in Homewood.

Marriage Licenses

Raymond D. Sauer and Mildred Beer.

Dwight J. Neuenschwander and Beverly Ann Springer.

Murry Florence and La Donna Fike, both of Coleman, Mich.

Howard D. Zuercher, Berne, and Geraldine A. Johnson, Geneva.

Alvin Feichter, Craigville, and Bernice Frauhiger, Decatur.

Arthur H. Bertsch, Decatur, and Betty Longenberger, Craigville.

Hubert E. Crick and Leona Koeneman, both of Decatur.

Charles Whitman and Wilma Merriman, both of Decatur.

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military fundamentals, several specialized schools would be conducted, including one in supply, communications, and automotive maintenance.

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ice at the Wilson Insulating

it. The ice weighed 55 pounds

ounces. Mr. Lengerich will

a free attic insulation job

winners included Evelyn G

route 5; Harold Rich, Monroe

Mrs. Ruth DeBoit, Decatur.

Christ is the local representa

tion.

Do not worry about people

knowing you, but strive to

you may be worth knowing

fucus.

The WINNER

ERNEST KRUGH
219 So. 8th St.

was the winner of the \$71.50 watch given away Saturday Night at 9 P. M. from our stock of

BULOVA — HAMILTON

ELGIN — GRUEN

Sutton's
JEWELRY STORE
Diamonds • Watches • Silverware
130 N. SECOND ST. DECATUR, INDIANA

V. F. W. Sponsors Hospital Beds For Adams County

The Veterans of Foreign Wars, Adams County, Limberlost Post No. 6236, is sponsoring a plan to secure hospital beds much-needed devices for treatment of patients in their own homes.

In

order that the county

may be quickly and con

veniently served, these beds

will be so located as to

serve all residents quickly

and conveniently, and will

be for the free use of Adams

County residents. Cost of

transportation will be the

only charge made for them.

This hospital equipment will

be described to you and the

plans explained by repre

sents

models of hospital beds which will be available to the citizens of Adams County free of charge under the current community service project introduction.

This is being launched as a County project and is not a request for donations, as donations cannot be accepted.

SO LONG! - - -

DECATUR

THANKS A MILLION!

Little Joe Miller

POISON IVY OAK or SUMAC
Science has discovered an excellent new treatment for ivy, oak and sumac poisoning. It's gentle and safe, dries up the blisters in a surprisingly short time, often within 24 hours. At druggists, 59¢ ask for IVY-DRY

(To Be Continued)