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Did you plant the sweet peas?

The World's Almanac has the  
arrival of Spring scheduled for  
4:49 P.M. on March 20. Joy, Oh  
joy . . . only two more days.

Based on the number of water  
meters in service, someone has  
estimated Decatur's present day  
population at 7341, which is an  
increase of nearly 2,000 since the  
1940 census was taken. Figured  
on this newspaper's city circula-  
tion, we arrive at about the same  
total.

Erroneous information, prob-  
ably with a political slant in its  
inception, was spread in regards  
to who would pay the soldiers'  
bonus. One statement that went  
the rounds, was that the veteran  
himself would pay most of it. A  
columnist has compiled figures re-  
futing this statement. By taking  
an average income of \$2,552.38,  
the extra tax of one-fourth of one  
percent, will amount to only \$3.88  
a year. If the average bonus is  
\$300, the veteran with the above  
income would pay only \$298.76 in  
77 years toward his payment.

While the heavy snows and  
sub-zero weather brought death  
to nearly 500,000 cattle and sheep  
on the western plains, the Agri-  
cultural Department reports a  
quirk from the weather. The  
deep snow protected grasshoppers'  
eggs and the prediction is  
made that west from Michigan to  
California, and south from Cana-  
da to Texas, the summer will  
bring the worst grasshopper  
plague of a decade. In 1938,  
grasshoppers damaged crops to  
the extent of nearly two hundred  
million dollars. So far Washing-  
ton hasn't 'viewed with alarm'  
what the boll weevil might do  
this summer.

The memoirs of Mrs. Eleanor  
Roosevelt, widow of the late  
President, will appear in a well  
known monthly magazine, begin-  
ning next June. The 125,000  
words of "This Is My Story,"  
will cover a quarter century of  
the country's most interesting  
history and will reveal intimate  
details of family life in the White  
House. Much has already been  
written about Franklin D. Roose-  
velt. City Attorney Anderson has

## Condition That Baby May Have

By Herman N. Eundesen M. D.  
THE canal carrying tears from  
the eye to the nose is open at birth  
in about two-thirds of the infants  
born. In most of the other infants,  
this canal opens up spontaneously  
by the end of the first month of  
life. If it does not open by the end  
of the third month or if the tis-  
sues become wasted before the for-  
mation of tears starts, which is or-  
dinarily before the end of the first  
month of life, dead tissue cells and  
tears will collect in this duct. Then  
infection of this material in the  
duct will occur and, unless proper  
treatment is carried out, a chronic  
or long-continued infection may re-  
sult.

The mistake is sometimes made  
by parents of trying to treat the  
condition with massage and putting  
antiseptics into the eye.  
It would appear that the proper  
treatment, according to Dr. James  
V. Cassidy, of South Bend, Indiana,  
is for the doctor or eye specialist  
to put a narrow dull-pointed in-  
strument into the duct to open it. As  
this is carefully done when the  
child is about three months old if  
there is no infection and sooner if  
infection is present, there is no dan-  
ger in the treatment.

In order to make a diagnosis of  
the infection and blocking of this  
duct and tear sac, the sac can be  
washed out by the doctor with a  
salt solution. If the solution does  
not go through into the nose, the  
doctor knows that the duct is block-

ed and the famous men of his  
day, along with highlights of the  
war period, but without doubt  
Mrs. Roosevelt will be able to  
give the reading public some-  
thing new and decidedly differ-  
ent in the historic years cov-  
ered in her memoirs.

The Indiana state highway  
commission has a serious prob-  
lem facing it, in regards to road  
and bridge repairs this year. A  
survey shows that of 3,640 miles  
of hard surfaced roads, 1,392 are  
so badly chopped up that they  
need immediate replacement. The  
condition of U. S. highway 224,  
east of Decatur, would fall in  
this category. In addition there  
are 229 bridges labeled as un-  
safe and 1079 listed as substand-  
ard. Governor Schriker is con-  
fering with the highway commis-  
sioners, about the state's prob-  
lem, hopeful that income will per-  
mit restoration of the highways  
and bridges. The legislature de-  
feated the proposal to increase  
the gas one cent a gallon, and  
in the months ahead Hoosier  
motorists will no doubt realize  
that it was a "pound foolish"  
policy to follow.

## A 4-H Home:

The city government will in-  
vestigate the possibility of us-  
ing the northeast 20 acres in  
Hanna-Nuttman park, as a site  
for a permanent home for the 4-H  
Clubs in the county.

The suggestion that this tract  
of land be used for this purpose  
is very commendable. The field  
lies east of the park proper and  
is accessible, either from the  
park driveways or the Archbold  
road, the latter an extension of  
Washington street.

City Power lines are already  
there and within normal distance  
of extension to the grounds. Wa-  
ter mains lie within an equally  
short distance to the field, and  
may easily be extended to the site.  
been delegated to continue his  
review of the deed from the  
Hanna-Nuttman heirs to ascer-  
tain if any restrictions are stipu-  
lated in the document as to limit-  
ed or future use of the park site.

To our way of thinking, build-  
ings for the 4-H clubs would not  
only enhance the site, but in-  
crease the facilities of the place.  
More people would enjoy Hanna-  
Nuttman park if the 4-H Clubs  
were housed there.

If donor stipulations do not  
prevent the offering of the 20  
acres for this worthy purpose, we  
believe the city government  
should proceed with its intention  
of offering the place to the youth  
organizations to locate there.

We further believe that funds  
could be raised for the construc-  
tion of the necessary, or initial  
buildings and that the project  
could be expanded through the  
years, much to benefit of every-  
body.

These tear sac and tear duct in-  
fections cause redness or inflam-  
mation of the eye, and swelling.  
When the duct is opened, the  
child must be kept from moving  
by means of restraint, and a local  
anesthetic or pain-relieving  
substance is put into the eye. As soon  
as the duct is opened, the tear sac  
is washed out. For a few days af-  
ter the duct has been opened, the  
mother is given a solution of penicil-  
lin to be employed in the eye. This  
helps to overcome the infection pre-  
sent, and usually, within less than  
two weeks, all symptoms of the dis-  
turbance have cleared up. If the in-  
fection in the tear sac continues it  
is necessary to repeat the treat-  
ment. In only about one out of ten  
of the patients treated in this way  
was there failure to clear up the  
condition.

Of course, infection of the tear  
sac should be treated by an eye  
specialist.

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

T. W. K.: What causes heart pal-  
pitation?  
Answer: A common cause of this  
condition is chronic constipation.  
Nervousness is a very frequent  
cause. Sometimes, the condition is  
brought about by overeating or too  
rapid eating, the excessive use of  
tea, coffee, tobacco or alcohol, or by  
certain drugs.

A careful examination by a physi-  
cian is needed to find the cause;  
then proper treatment can be car-  
ried out.

Modern Etiquette  
By ROBERTA LEE

Q. If a man is at a social gather-  
ing and finds himself seated by the  
side of a girl to whom he has not  
been introduced, is it all right for  
him to speak to her?

A. Yes; he may introduce himself.  
Q. Is it proper for a friend to  
make a call of inquiry after receiv-  
ing an announcement of a birth?

A. Yes, and this call should be  
made as soon as possible.

Q. What is the maximum number  
of courses that the fashionable  
luncheon should include?

A. Not more than four courses.

Household Scrapbook  
By ROBERTA LEE

**Fruit**  
Do not allow fruit to touch if you  
expect it to keep well. If you are  
short of space and the fruit must  
be kept close together, keep tissue  
wrappers on the oranges, apples,  
etc., so the skins do not touch and  
cause decay.

**Waterbugs**  
If troubled with waterbugs  
around the sink, make a habit of  
pouring a cup of kerosene once a

week down the drain. Do not run  
the water for about a half hour  
after this. The bugs will disappear  
very soon.

**New Shoes**  
The new shoes will not burn the  
feet if talcum powder is sprinkled  
into them.

20 YEARS AGO  
TODAY

March 18 — Robert Siniff of Fort  
Wayne held on suspicion in con-  
nection with robbery of Linn Grove  
bank.

Governor Leslie has finished  
signing 216 measures, including  
the hard-fought chain store license  
bill.

Dr. O. E. Miller opens revival at  
the Decatur Baptist church.  
Decatur Commodores go to Chi-  
cago to participate in the national  
Catholic basketball tournament.

Frankfort won the state basket-  
ball championship, defeating Indi-  
anapolis Tech, 29 to 23, in the final.  
Bert Harhoff of San Bernardino,  
Cal., is visiting here.

Clarence Spulter is on the honor  
roll at Purdue.

Trade in a Good Town — Decatur

BECKONING TRAILS  
By Emilie Loring

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## CHAPTER NINETEEN

SAM FARR relaxed in the chair  
and laughed. His blue eyes were  
glints of triumph between their  
sleepy lids.

"I didn't know your mother had  
the goods on Henry Lander till  
you confirmed my suspicion by  
that question. My people have  
been connected with this college  
for generations. Always there has  
been a Farr on the Board or the  
Faculty. Things get around. I'm  
not asking what, if any, charges  
against Henry Lander Cobina  
Grant handed on to you, I would  
rather not know, but if you have  
disabling ammunition, for Pete's  
sake use it—and quick." He rose.

"Having fired my shot—which I  
hope will be heard around the  
campus—I will depart." He stopped  
at the door. "Nice place you have  
here."

"It was my father's conference  
room when he was Dean," said  
Tim.

"I've heard of the Dean's Den. I  
wonder what the GIs will call  
my torture chamber. Drop in and  
see it. It's quite nifty. By the  
way, Tilly is agog with curiosity  
to know how Sophy Brandt is  
working out as housekeeper host-  
ess."

"She's a fairy story come true.  
She went to New York and came  
back with a couple who had worked  
as cook and butler for her. They  
had retired from service. She per-  
suaded them that a year or two  
in the country at spectacular  
wages would lengthen their lives  
no end. Then she produced a one-  
time personal maid, Mildred, who  
does what the man and wife don't.  
If there are any creaks in the do-  
mestic machinery I never hear  
them. Tilly will be able to judge  
for herself how the house is run-  
ning. I phoned her this morning  
to ask if you and she would dine  
here tomorrow. Black tie."

"Black tie, says you. There  
hasn't been a white one worn here  
since December 7, 1941. Tilly will  
swoon with envy when she sees  
that butler. We have a GI and his  
missus who have taken over the  
housework in exchange for  
rooms, board and compensation. It  
isn't that we can't pay for experi-  
enced help. We can't get it." He  
cleared his voice, swallowed out his  
chest and said in Henry Lander's  
platform manner:  
"And in closing, sir, think over  
my suggestion as to spiking the  
guns of a certain person before  
he gets a chance to shoot. Having  
said what I came to say, be it for  
better or worse, I will now, like  
the Captains and the Kings, de-  
part."

At the window Tim watched him  
stride along the garden path. How  
he hated Lander. His voice hum-  
ming, "Some day I'm going to  
murder the bugler," echoed through  
his mind and left a curious pre-  
monition of disaster. Was Tilly too  
much of a fool to realize the trou-  
ble she was fomenting? It could  
be trouble without a ceiling. Os-  
tensibly Sam had come to tell him  
of his appointment as Head of the  
Science Center, really to warn him  
that Lander was out to defeat him  
somehow, some way. How could  
he have known what was in Co-  
bina Grant's diary unless he had  
read it? Nuts to that suspicion.  
Sam Farr wasn't a snooper. Had  
someone not so honorable given it  
a once-over and reported its con-  
tents to him?

He glanced at his watch. Time  
to investigate before Mark Taylor  
was due at the airfield in his own  
plane. Grand person, he had been  
a colonel in the Pacific, had been  
hospitalized for months since his  
return. He needed a few weeks in  
the country, this college town was  
the ideal place for him, they had  
decided, over long distance. It  
would be a pleasure to have him  
around and Mrs. Sophy had been  
enthusiastic about his coming.

He unlocked a side drawer in  
the desk. The three volumes of  
his mother's diary were as he had  
left them. He must have put the  
ivory-handled revolver and car-  
tridges in here with the books in  
the hurry and confusion of mov-  
ing. They should be locked away  
upstairs. Emboldened by the fact  
that he—or she—was still undis-  
covered, the safe opener at Molly  
B's might develop a yen to in-  
vestigate this room, with the result,  
violence. As he laid the gun on  
the desk Henry Lander spoke be-  
hind him.

"The porch door was ajar so I  
took it as an invitation to enter."  
Talk of the devil and his horns  
appear. The proverb flashed  
through Tim's mind as he waited  
for the Judge to explain his call.  
He was formally dressed in an ex-  
pensively tailored dark blue suit with  
a white pin stripe, he must have  
come directly from the Board  
meeting.

"I met Dean Farr on my way  
in, Grant. Doubtless he brought  
you the news."

"He did. Mighty nice of you to  
hurry here to second his congrat-  
ulations, Judge."

"Cut the sarcasm. You know  
better than that. To get down to  
business, I want you to refuse the  
appointment to head the Center.  
I have a candidate for the place."

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| Jeffersonson Home Ec.       |       |
| Club                        | 5.00  |

Total \$2,498.46

## Court News

**Denies Petition**  
Judge Myles F. Parrish has de-  
nied a petition filed January 11 by  
Alta Anspaugh and Lemuel Mann  
vs. William Mann for appointment  
of a guardian. The petition was  
heard February 17 and taken un-  
der advisement by the court. The  
ruling denying the guardianship  
was made this week.

## Files Demurrer

In the case of Robert L. Brown  
vs. Virgil Bowers, former surveyor,  
and the present surveyor and treas-  
urer, charging that plaintiff was  
assessed for ditch improvement  
without being advised that the  
work was to be done, defense at-  
torney Ed A. Bosse has filed a  
demurrer on behalf of all defend-  
ants pointing out that the court  
has no jurisdiction over the persons  
involved or the subject matter in-  
volved, and that sufficient facts  
were not stated in the case.

## Marriage License

Roger A. Christener, Monroe,  
and Dorothy High, Decatur.

Alleged Thief To  
Face Charges HereImplicate Dawson  
In County Thefts

Elmer Dawson, Fort Wayne, who  
is being held in Allen county on  
\$10,000 bail, charged with being  
implicated in several robberies in  
this part of the state, will face one  
and probably two charges here, it  
was learned today. A warrant al-  
ready has been issued charging  
grand larceny in Adams county,  
and another charging possession of  
stolen goods may be filed.

Paul Shoemaker, who is con-  
structing a new home west of  
Berne, went to Fort Wayne and  
identified several items stolen  
from the partly constructed home.  
The items were in a garage which  
Dawson had rented.

Fort Wayne authorities are mak-  
ing other investigations in an ef-  
fort to connect Dawson with other  
robberies. Much valuable mer-  
chandise was found in the garage  
at the time of Dawson's arrest,  
it was reported.

Members of Dawson's family  
provided the \$10,000 bond in Allen  
county court to effect his tem-  
porary release.

Truck Driver Fined  
On Traffic Count

A truck driver ran out of gas  
Thursday evening about 5:15  
o'clock east of Decatur on road 224  
and left the vehicle on the highway  
without warning flags or flares and  
went in quest of gasoline. The driver,  
John N. Maudlin, 29, Salem, was  
greeted on his return by sheriff  
Herman Bowman, who arrested him

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for leaving his truck parked on a  
highway with out proper warning  
signals.

Maudlin pleaded guilty to the  
charge in justice of peace court  
Thursday night and justice Floyd  
Hunter fined him \$1 and costs.

Maudlin paid the fine and con-  
tinued on his way.

The 1943 U. S. potato crop was  
grown on the smallest acreage  
70 years, but yield per acre set  
new record of 212 bushels.

## New Plymouth on Display



Plymouth's new special deluxe  
is featured above. Brilliant new  
styling is combined with outstanding  
riding comfort, increased roominess,  
and sweeping mechanical improve-  
ments in the new line of Plymouth  
automobiles.

Completely redesigned, the new  
Plymouth has a longer wheelbase  
for a better ride and more road  
stability, but less front and rear  
overhang for easier parking and  
garaging. While the silhouette has  
been lowered and the width de-  
creased, there is more head and leg  
room and seats are wider. Typical  
of Plymouth's many refinements is  
the ignition-starter combination,  
with which a turn of the key starts  
the engine.

The new Plymouths are sleek in  
appearance. New rear-end styling  
provides a graceful balance with  
the horizontal grille lines which em-  
phasize the broadness of the front.  
Fenders which blend perfectly into  
body lines are nevertheless separate  
and detachable, thus avoiding sheet  
metal panels so costly to repair or  
replace.

The new Plymouth line includes  
nine distinct automobiles. Special  
deluxe and deluxe types are on a  
118-inch wheelbase, one inch longer  
than last year's. Special deluxe  
models are: four-door sedan, club  
coupe, convertible club coupe and  
station wagon. In the deluxe group  
are the four-door sedan and the  
club coupe. In addition, Plymouth  
will build three deluxe models on a  
brand new 111-inch wheelbase: a  
two-door sedan, a three-passenger  
coupe, and a new body type, the  
Suburban.

The 97-horsepower engine has im-  
proved performance and efficiency  
with a new design cylinder head  
which increases compression ratio  
to 7 to 1. A new chrome plate  
compression piston ring reduces  
cylinder wear and provides greater  
protection during the break-in  
period. There are improved oil  
rings for greater oil economy, while  
a newly-designed intake manifold  
induces quicker, smoother engine  
warm-up and produces faster throttle  
response.

Body styling which produces  
greater passenger room without ex-  
cessive bulk also increases visibility.  
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cellent vision without distortion. Wind-  
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