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Remember Mother, for never  
has she forgotten you!

If automobiles some day should  
scoot faster than the speed of  
sound, what would become of the  
back-seat drivers?

Only a little while ago people  
were wondering how long it  
would be before they could have  
television. Some, of course, still  
wonder.

When falling down the cellar  
stairs why not take along those  
odds and ends which long have  
been waiting to go to the base  
ment?

Tentative figures on Decatur's  
1950 population may be released  
next week, the census office an-  
nounces. What is your guess of  
the number of Decatur citizens?  
The preliminary reports will not  
include college students and  
those registered while traveling.  
Later these names will be added  
to the local list.

Plans are going forward for  
the annual convention of North-  
ern Indiana Volunteer Firemen  
in this city, June 9 and 10. The  
two-day event will bring hundreds  
of firemen and visitors, so we  
should be getting ready to wel-  
come our guests. Decatur is not  
ed for its hospitality and friendly  
spirit and these civic virtues  
should be showered in abundance  
on the firemen.

Indiana's two U. S. senators  
voted against President Truman's  
government reorganization plans,  
which followed suggestions out-  
lined by the Hoover Commission.  
These men talk economy and vote  
to maintain outmoded practices  
which increase the cost of govern-  
ment. In the case of Capehart  
and Jenner, their opposition no  
doubt stemmed from the fact that  
they did not want to give Mr. Tru-  
man credit for reducing costs.

The title of most popular profes-  
sor has been bestowed by even-  
ing session freshmen at City  
College in New York on an in-  
structor who deals with sleepiness  
and inattention with such varied  
aids as cap pistols, feats of magic  
and live mice. This might raise  
some question as to the seriousness  
of the instructor's mind. But  
perhaps he is merely recognizing  
that the most learned of lectures  
has difficulty in penetrating the  
mind when the student is asleep.

## A Disorder of the Elderly

By Herman N. Bundsen, M.D.

PARKINSON'S disease is one of  
the most incapacitating of the  
disorders which affect the elderly.

Beginning with a trembling in the  
fingertip and thumb, it progresses  
until the arms and legs are in a  
constant state of tremor. Mean-  
while, the face loses its normal  
wrinkles and assumes a masklike  
expression. As the patient walks,  
he shuffles along with his back  
bent forward and often with the  
tendency to take several running  
steps forward or sometimes backward.

These patients have a degree of helplessness which is out  
of proportion to the loss of muscle  
power.

It would appear that certain  
causes of this condition can be  
helped by an operation, though it  
has no value in the fully developed  
case. In many patients, practically  
the only symptom of any  
severity is the trembling. Now and  
then this trembling may be limited  
to just one side of the body. These  
are the cases that may be helped  
by operation. If there is a great  
deal of muscular weakness, with  
awkwardness of movement or dis-  
turbances of the emotions, opera-  
tive treatment will only make the  
disorder worse.

The operation which has been  
employed consists in cutting cer-

tain nerve tracts in the brain, or  
even removing portions of the  
front part of the brain or cere-  
brum.

In a group of 48 patients, the  
trembling was reduced to a neg-  
ligible degree in half of them, and  
the usefulness of the arm was  
also improved in about the same  
number of cases.

It seems that as experience  
with this same operation in-  
creases, the results of the opera-  
tion are better. The operation is  
successful in only a small num-  
ber of patients who have trem-  
bling on both sides of the body. It  
must be remembered that the  
operation cannot be employed if  
there are other symptoms present.  
In addition to the trembling,  
Moreover, most surgeons will not  
undertake it unless the trembling  
is so severe as to make life intoler-  
able.

When the tremor exists on both  
sides, two operations are neces-  
sary, one on each side of the  
brain. There must be an interval  
of several months between the  
operations.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS  
J. H. Can you tell me where I  
can get Unna paste for an itching  
sore?

Answer: Any drug store can  
make up Unna paste for you.

Notes From Conservation Clubs  
in And Around Adams County

To be erected at a cost of \$242,  
068, the new conservation building  
soon will take its place along side  
other modern building at the In-  
diana state fairgrounds.

Fulfilling a long-time need, the  
building will be located across the  
race track near the Forty-Second  
street gates, amid a series of  
winding paths, shrubbery and  
trees. Around it will be pools for  
the display of fish, and animal  
pens for the proper showing of the  
state's wildlife.

The interior will embrace two  
auditoriums, artificially lighted ac-  
quariums and spacious dormitories  
for conservation officers and others  
employed during the fair. A full  
basement will house fish storage  
tanks, electric pumps and other  
devices necessary for operation.  
Water will be provided from a  
driven well.

Built in the form of a "T" the  
overall length of the building will  
be 200 feet, not counting a large  
porch on the south or main entrance  
end. In width it will be  
approximately 100 feet plus the  
added width of a west porch.

With the exception of the roof  
and roof supports the building will  
be built of Indiana limestone. Laminated  
wooden arches support the roof,  
eliminating the need for up-  
rights.

A note of pessimism follows the  
announcement of the new building  
though: Kenneth M. Kunkel, di-  
rector of the conservation depart-  
ment, fears the new edifice will  
not be completed in time for the  
1950 state fair.

Despite the adverse weather con-  
ditions that have haunted us in the  
past few months, with an over-  
abundance of rain and not too  
much sunshine, indefatigable mush-  
room hunters have been tramping  
the woods. . . . Though it is prob-  
ably a little early for such hunts,  
it nevertheless has been pleasant  
for hikes through the woods . . . .

The top of an old discarded  
straw hat will make an ideal table  
mat for hot dishes. Bind the edge  
with some attractive material.

**Modern Etiquette**  
By ROBERTA LEE

Q. Is it permissible to open and  
read a message or telegram that  
is brought to one while sitting and  
talking with guests?

A. Yes; but be sure you have  
asked to be excused before open-  
ing the message.

Q. On which of her father's arms

Iron the button part of a gar-  
ment face down on a Turkish tow-  
el, and the spaces between the  
buttons will be nice and smooth.

**Straw Mats**

The Union Pals held their sec-  
ond meeting May 9. The meeting  
was opened by group singing and  
pledges were led by Sara Jane  
Frank. The roll call was answered  
by "my favorite hobby." A special  
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The next meeting will be held  
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May 24.

Eggs cause silver to tarnish. Be-  
cause of small amounts of sulphur  
in the egg, which unites with the  
silver to form a silver sulfide, a  
common form of tarnish.

The name of the English royal  
house was changed from Hanover  
to Windsor by a proclamation July  
17, 1917.

**Sheets Cleaners**

PHONE 359

**DRESSES** look smarter-  
stay lovely longer  
after our correct drycleaning



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PHONE 359

HEY!  
TAKE  
IT EASY!

If you're the gent that was speeding past  
our shop with his front wheels wobbling  
the other day—you'd better drive in for  
an alignment job right now! It won't cost  
much, and it may save you a whale of a lot  
of money later. Drive up!

**"Over-all Overhaul Service"**

**BUTLER'S GARAGE**

South First St.

does the bride proceed down the  
church aisle at her wedding?

A. His right arm.

Q. How old should the baby be  
before its christening?

A. Unless the church regulations  
say otherwise, it may be christened  
when two to six months old.

20 YEARS AGO  
TODAY

May 13 — The Catholic high  
school commencement will be held

June 6.

Jean Mermoz pilots first mail  
plane from St. Louis to Brasile,  
South America, establishing regu-  
lar service.

Fridjof Nansen, famous explorer,  
dies at Oslo.

Republicans name Ira J. Wil-  
son of Muncie as district chairman.  
Bishop Noll will confirm a class  
of 23 at St. Mary's church here  
tomorrow.

Adams county had 78 less school  
children than a year ago, 4196.

**Post Bond**

O. Henry Bierly and Hubert Mc-  
Clellan, attorneys for Gretchen  
Smith, who has filed a complaint  
against John A. Young et al to  
contest will and probate a former  
will, appear in court and show the  
receipt for filing \$100 bond ordered  
by the court. On motion of the  
plaintiff, cause set for issues May  
29.

**Inventory Filed**

The first inventory was filed in  
court circuit court for the estate of Lena  
Fruechte by the administrator,  
Walter Fruechte, with the appraiser—  
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