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In basketball Little Milan is the new capital of Indiana.

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Spring fever will not hit you until the breezes warm up.

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Coffee was selling for about 99 cents a pound when congress started to investigate the high price. Now coffee is quoted at \$1.04 to \$1.24 a pound. Probably the investigation should be turned over to the McCarthy committee.

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Practically every person would like to help a crippled child. Purchase of Easter Seals enables you to pool your gift with others and build a fund that can be used directly to help the unfortunate child. The Seals are available now.

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The post office department will issue an Americanized, eight-cent stamp next week. Designed primarily for overseas mail, the stamp will be printed in red, white and blue, bearing the Statue of Liberty and the American motto: "In God We Trust". Philatelists will also get another stamp for their collection.

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The census bureau estimates that our population increased 2,708,000 in a year ended Feb. 1, and places the total at 161,331,000. This is an increase of more than 10 million over the 1950 census. Despite all the deaths in war, on the highway, airplane accidents and fires, the country is rounding out a steadily growing family.

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This is Indiana Library week, so proclaimed by Gov. Craig. The Decatur library joins in the observance and invites citizens to visit the reading rooms and storehouse of interesting books. An added feature of the local observance of Library Week is the display of the unusual and artistic Egg Tree, created by the librarians and library patrons.

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Anderson Is Named As County Chairman

David Peters of Fort Wayne, fourth district chairman, has appointed Decatur attorney Robert Anderson to serve as the Adams county chairman in a state-wide campaign to memorialize Bernard C. Gavit, the late dean of the Indiana University school of law, with a scholarship fund.

Anderson pointed out the need

Trouble in Learning to Read Harms Child Psychologically

By HERMAN N. BUNDESEN, M.D.

IT is estimated that 10 to 15 per cent of the American school children have trouble with the reading part of the three R's.

They are unable to read at their proper school level, yet they perform adequately in other tasks where reading is not involved. Many children are taken to their family physicians because of this difficulty in order to determine whether or not they are backward.

"Sight" Method

There are those who believe that the "sight" method of teaching reading that is currently used in the school must be held partly responsible for the increase in poor readers.

The normal child learns to read more quickly by this method, in which he is expected to grasp the meaning of whole words. However, a child with a reading difficulty is at a disadvantage and usually needs additional teaching in sound word elements or phonics. In fact, in certain countries where children are taught to read by the sounds of the letters which make up the words, reading disorders are far less common than in those countries that do not use this teaching method.

Dangerous Psychological Effects

A reading difficulty makes a child appear mentally backward and it may have a profound in-

Dairy Meeting At Ossian High School

The Pet Milk company of Garrett will sponsor a dairy meeting with the Ossian high school vocational agricultural department March 30 at 8 p.m. in the Ossian school.

The meeting, open to any one interested in rural youth and dairying, will include a program showing how sound dairy practices assist in achieving better production. Movies will be shown at the close of the meeting.

20 Years Ago Today

March 23—Governor Fred Balzer of Nevada dies at his mansion. The automobile industries will receive the same pay for 36 hours as they now get for 40 hours.

Father Ryder of Fort Wayne gives the talk at the American Legion meeting here. He is the state chaplain.

The state rests in the case against Russell Clark at Lima on a charge of complicity in the murder of Sheriff Barber. He is the third man.

The seven high schools in Adams county, outside Decatur, will give an Easter cantata at Berne tonight.

Congress has approved a resolution to name a new Public Health and Engineering Center in Cincinnati in honor of former Sen. Robert Taft. The resolution also asked that the building be dedicated to the memory of the former Ohio senator in recognition of his many years of outstanding public service. Mr. Taft deserves this recognition and more, for he was one of the most able and sincere statesmen the country ever had. It would not be out of line for congress to dedicate a monument to the memory of the man who served so well on Capitol Hill.

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Rivers are causing trouble in two widely separated parts of Asia. The division of the Indus River water between India and Pakistan is one of the most important causes of the present mutual bad feeling. Engineers are trying to work out a satisfactory settlement. Many hundreds of miles West, division of the waters of the Jordan River is a prime cause of the ill will existing between Israel and her Arab neighbors. In Europe the Danube River, which runs through or touches Austria, Hungary, Servia, Bulgaria and Roumania, creates so many problems that for many years an international commission has regulated river traffic. In the United States, also, rivers create problems. California and Arizona do not see eye to eye over the use of the Colorado River for irrigation. Water is precious and it should be possible to use rivers sensibly and amicably.

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For such a fund to be administered by the I.U. foundation in assisting future lawyers. The fund will provide for scholarships as well as loans to outstanding students. There is no such fund at present.

Gavit, who had been dean of the I.U. school of law for 18 years, died Jan. 15. The scholarship fund campaign is being directed by the law school alumni association, headed by Claude M. Warren of Indianapolis.

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