



(Additional pictures on pages 4 and 5)

**DEDICATE NEW ELKS HOME SATURDAY**—The new home of the Decatur B. P. O. Elks lodge, North Second street, will be formally dedicated Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock as the feature of the three-day event scheduled to open Thursday evening. To the rear of the new building may be seen the top of the large residential type home which housed the fraternal organization from 1925 until December 29 of last year. The old home is now being razed.

## Dedicate Elks Home Saturday

Formal dedication of the new Decatur Elks lodge home will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock as the highlight of the three-day celebration of the fraternal organization's occupation of the new building on North Second street.

The dedication celebration will open Thursday evening, with registration at 4 o'clock and a smorgasbord served throughout the evening, starting at 6 o'clock. A variety of entertainment is planned for the opening night, which will be a stag affair, limited strictly to members of the Decatur lodge and visiting Elks from other Elks lodges in Indiana and Ohio.

Friday will be Decatur fraternal organizations day. Members of various fraternal organizations in the city have been invited to visit the new home Friday evening for entertainment and to inspect the new Elks facilities. Registration Friday will open at 1 p. m. A smorgasbord will be served from 6 until 8 p. m., and a dance from 9 p. m. until midnight will conclude the day's activities.

**Ladies Party Friday**  
As a special feature for the ladies, the Emblem club will hold a card party Friday afternoon, starting at 2 o'clock, and all Elks ladies are invited to attend. A light lunch will be served and prizes will be awarded to the winners of the various card games. There will be no admission charge and all Elks ladies are invited to be present.

**Dedication Saturday**  
The formal dedication program will be held at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon, with George Blair, Sr., exalted ruler, and his staff of officers conducting the ceremony.

Guest speaker for the dedication will be Robert L. Dehority, of Elwood, special representative of the grand exalted ruler of the Elks lodges of the United States. There will be special entertainment for the ladies immediately after the dedication ceremony. A cocktail hour will be held following the dedication ceremony from 5:30 to 6:30 p. m. The dedication banquet will be served at 6:30 o'clock Saturday evening, and a dance from 10 p. m. until 1 a. m. will conclude the three-day dedication ceremonies.

## Lenten Meditation

(By Rev. Vernon Riley, Monroe Friends Church)

### "God - Hunters"

Psalms: 42nd chapter, verses 1-9

As the hart, "The animal called a deer, longs for water, after a long run pursued by hunter and dogs, searcheth for the flowing stream findeth rest and satisfaction from thirst."

As the soul of man, longed for the living God. As the soul of man, breathed in him the breath of life and man became a living soul, made in the image of God. Genesis, Chap. 1. Needless to say, since God made man in His own likeness, stamped on his soul His own image, man is not fully satisfied outside the will of God.

Humanity may seek pleasure and many things of this life but always there is a longing for fellowship and a higher power with God.

Those who minister to the heathen tell us that those who have never heard of God and salvation, long for a noble, higher life than that found in their idol worship. May we still be God-hunters finding God satisfying the soul.

In His presence is fullness of joy and at His right hand there are pleasures forever more.

## Historical Society To Meet March 29

The history of Root township and its schools will be featured at the March meeting of the Adams county historical society at the Monmouth school at 8 p. m. next Tuesday, Gerald R. Durkin, president, said today.

The history of the school and township will be related by students of the senior speech class, under the direction of their instructor, Mrs. Huguette Andrews.

**Dan Shields MC**  
The story will begin with the early Indians who were residents of the area, the French, and will name each original purchaser in four of the sections.

Dennis Shields, Monmouth senior, will be master of ceremonies for the meeting. The public is invited to attend. There is no charge for the meeting. Part of the history will deal with the early one-room schools, another with the churches, another with the taverns.

**First Schools**  
A plywood map of Root township will be shown on which the location of the early schools, cabins, Piqua road, etc., will be marked. A map of Monmouth in 1890 will be shown.

An exhibit of local relics, including an Indian pipe of French design, and a copy of a newspaper published in Monmouth in 1870, entitled "The Cyndian," will be open for inspection.

A brass sextet will furnish several selections of music during the evening.

The students themselves have brought in a large amount of historical material. It has been gathered as a class project, and they will receive credit both for their composition and for its delivery. They have been most interested in tracing the families of students back to their early arrival in the community. Several families have been residents of the same farm for over 100 years.

**Late Bulletins**  
COV. Ala. (UPI)—A freight train hit a school bus at a crossing here today and a hospital report said at least eight were killed.

A spokesman at Wilcox Memorial hospital in Camden, 20 miles away, said one of the children — all Negroes — was dead on arrival and "I understand seven others were killed outright."

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# United States Rejects Demand For Liquidation Of U.S. Overseas Bases

## Six Power Outages Here This Morning

High winds and cold weather caused six power outages in Decatur early this morning varying from a few minutes to several hours in the different sections of town.

The underground cable on Short street behind the steam plant, which contains the main lines for Krick-Tyndall, the Yost line, and several others, went out, causing stoppages at 12:15, 12:30, and 1:40 a. m.

**Same As Jan. 3**  
L. E. Pettibone, light and power superintendent, reported that this was the same cable and the same joint that went out Sunday, January 3. A jump around the break to another circuit fixed the outage.

High winds broke an anchor cable on the single I&M line south from Fort Wayne to Decatur, causing two brief outages at 3:40 and 3:45 a. m., and a 50 minute outage from 4:10 to 5 a. m. On the last case, the steam plant was able to carry the entire load, and the city was out of lights only briefly.

**Three Lines Needed**  
The Indiana-Michigan superintendent explained that only one line has been run into Decatur to provide emergency electricity for the city during the two-year period which it has taken for the city to decide whether it will build a sub-station or sell its plants to I&M. If the electric utility is sold to I&M, three lines, one from the south, one from the northeast and one from the northwest, will guarantee good electric service to the city, the spokesman said.

At present, when an I&M line goes out even briefly, this trips all the breakers at the city plant, because the electric load on the equipment is suddenly increased. It then takes a varying period for the turbines to be synchronized (Continued on page three)

**INDIANA WEATHER**  
Mostly cloudy with snow flurries extreme north, clearing south and central and much colder tonight. Wednesday fair and cold except chance of snow flurries near Lake Michigan. Low tonight 5 to 15 north, 12 to 20 south. High Wednesday 28 to 33. Sunset today 6:59 p. m. c.d.t. Sunrise Wednesday 6:44 a. m. c.d.t. Outlook for Thursday: Partly cloudy and warmer. Lows 12 to 24. Highs 30 to 38.

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**Moss Near Oslo**  
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At 21,000 population, it is the second largest city of Norway, and an important seaport.

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## Increase Insurance On County Buildings

The Adams county commissioners received an insurance survey from agent Ted Hill, of the Leland Smith Insurance Co., at their weekly meeting Monday in the offices of county auditor Ed Jaberg.

The survey showed that the actual value of the county buildings was grossly under-valued. The revisions in the new insurance contract, however, now brings the insured value more in line.

An increase of about \$120,000 in insured property over the old figures puts the county buildings in a better insurance light. The total of the new insured property is about \$885,000, while the old figures were about \$540,000.

Revisions were made to do away with too much insurance on county personal property, and to increase the value on those buildings that required it. And by using an 80 per cent co-insurance plan, the new rate is reduced greatly in all instances.

The 80 per cent co-insurance plan, in effect, is that the county property is insured to 80 per cent of actual value. Should, however, the county not insure any specific building at that rate, it would be penalized by paying a proportionate difference in any loss. Most of the county property will be included in the 80 per cent bracket.

The new contract will cover the next five years as of the effective date, March 7, Leland Smith will act as the agent for all the insurance agents named by the county, giving the fire insurance to one company which also allows for a better rate.

The commissioners also inspected several bridges around the county in yesterday's all-day session.

# Michigan Blasted By Spring Blizzard

**By United Press International**  
A surprise springtime storm dumped as much as 10 inches of snow in the east today.

Up to four inches of snow was forecast for New York City before the storm moves out to sea.

Many schools in northern Ohio were closed when blowing snow made highways slippery. Winds up to 58 m.p.h. piled up drifts two feet high.

In Pennsylvania the snow was accompanied by winds of 35 m.p.h. and weathermen warned the gusts might increase to 60 m.p.h. during the day. A four-mile traffic jam developed on a highway to Harrisburg, and near Lewistown three men were killed when their station wagon skidded into a truck.

**Storm in Michigan**  
The snow set a record for Pittsburgh. The March snowfall there now totals 21.7 inches, 1/2 inch more than a record that stood 54 years. The snow ranged from 2 inches in eastern Pennsylvania to 10 inches in the western part of the state.

In western Michigan a spring storm closed roads and caused widespread damage.

Hurricane force winds of 75 miles an hour blew down trees and utility wires in Muskegon and Grand Haven along the Lake Michigan shoreline.

What some witnesses described as a small tornado flattened a 80 by 40 foot cement block building at Grand Haven. "It was almost completely leveled, with nothing but a little bit of one wall standing," a state police trooper said.

The Muskegon Weather Bureau said the destruction in Grand Haven was probably caused by a "roll cloud" — described as a tornado in a horizontal instead of a vertical position.

The winds reduced visibility to near zero over much of Michigan. Many county roads were drifted closed. Up to four inches of new snow fell on the state during the night.

**Snow Hits Pennsylvania**  
Fresh snow was also dumped on western Pennsylvania. The snow up to six inches in the mountains, was accompanied by 40 mile an hour winds.