

## SURVEY SHOWS BUSINESS GAINS OVER YEAR AGO

Industrial Employment and Payroll Volume Up in This District.

Six major business indices for the Seventh Federal Reserve District, which includes Indiana, showed increases last month over February, 1938, according to the District report issued today.

Industrial employment and payroll volumes were greater than a year ago, automotive output totaled more than half again as large as February, 1938, wholesale trade was up 6 per cent, building construction was more than double that of a year ago and steel production showed a 28 per cent of capacity increase over 1938, the report said.

Retail trade, packing house production and department store trade were under the February, 1938, figures, and in the furniture industry shipments rose more than seasonally and orders booked fell less than usual, with both items above the 1938-39 February average. Following a substantial expansion in January, activity at district paper mills diminished in February, but remained above a year ago, according to the report.

### More Jobs Than Year Ago

Owing to declines in the metals and vehicles industries in Michigan, aggregate employment and payroll volumes in the Seventh District recorded less than the usual seasonal increase during February, but the number of workers employed was 5 per cent greater than in the same month last year, while wage payments were higher than at that time by 10 per cent, the report showed.

As is usual in the period, the dollar volume sold in February this year by department stores closely approximated that for January, aggregate sales of reporting firms recorded a 1 per cent decline from the preceding month, according to the report.

Indianapolis stores reflected a 3 per cent net sales increase over February of last year and a 14 per cent rise over the net sales figure for the first two months of 1938, figures showed.

### Bank Reserve Balances Up

The local ratio of February, 1939, collections to accounts outstanding was 35.7 per cent compared with 40 per cent for the entire district. Figures for 1938 were 36 per cent and 38.1 per cent respectively. Store stocks were down 11.6 per cent, 7.6 per cent greater than for the entire District, it was stated.

Member bank reserve balances gained 50 million dollars in the four weeks ended March 15, the result of an inflow of funds from other districts through commercial and financial transactions. Loans of member banks expanded 10 million between February 15 and March 15, but a net decline in the banks' investment holdings resulted in only a minor change in the total of these earning assets, the report disclosed.

The survey showed furniture and housefurnishings sales totaling 16 per cent larger than in January, as against an increase of 24 per cent for the 1929-38 average for the period.

New automobile sales declined slightly—by 4 per cent—in February from the preceding month, and used-car sales were about the same as in January, it was stated.

Wage earners and earnings in 10 manufacturing groups surveyed showed a 1 per cent increase in the Jan. 15-Feb. 15 period.

### GROCERS TO ATTEND LAFAYETTE SESSION

A large group of Indianapolis grocers plans to attend the ninth annual convention of Indiana Retail Grocers at Lafayette April 2, 3 and 4.

About 3000 grocers will attend, according to Jesse W. Preston, Marion County Food Dealers Association president.

A play will be presented by Swift & Co. There will be business sessions April 3 and 4. William H. Flanders, Indianapolis, will speak on "Handling of Credits."

Dr. E. C. Elliott, Purdue University president, will be the guest speaker at a banquet to be held April 4.

### DAMAGE TO BRIDGES FOUND AFTER FLOODS

The State Highway Commission today began inspection of highway bridges in areas where flood conditions have prevailed in recent weeks.

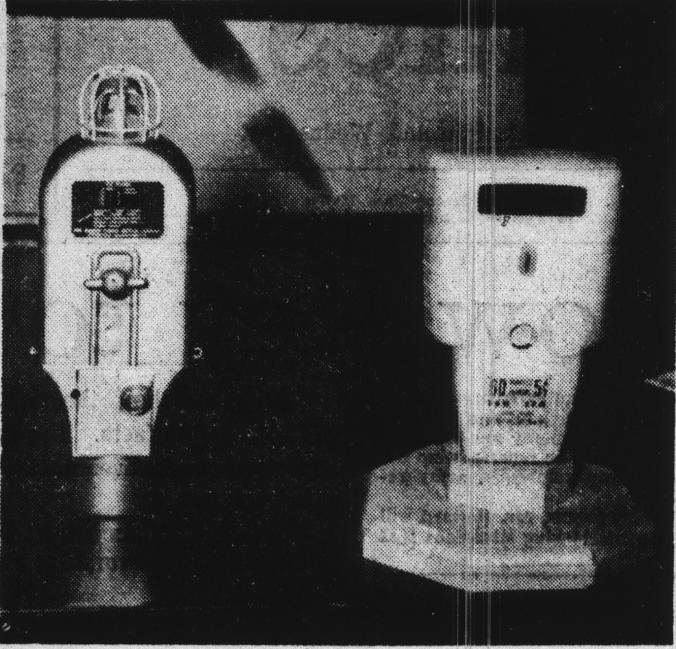
Extent of damages and necessary repairs will be determined, T. A. Dicus, State Highway Commissioner, announced.

Preliminary reports from field engineers showed that thousands of dollars in damage was caused by floods which washed out a bridge on Road 30 north of Frankfort and another on Road 55 between Newton and Wingate. Repairs have been made on both roads.

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### GRADUATION AT BUTLER JUNE 12

Senior Head Appoints Aids For Commencement Week Exercises.

The 84th annual commencement at Butler University will be held June 12, it was announced today. Alumni reunion and class day exercises will be held June 10 and the baccalaureate sermon will be given June 11.

Byron Reed, senior class president, announced committee appointments for senior week. The annual Senior Ball will follow the commencement exercises. Co-chairmen are Miss Betty Wangelin and John J. Crawford.

Announcement committee members are Thomas T. Connolly, chairman, and Miss Betty Schissel and Eugene Ward. Senior garb selection will be made by Miss Marie Schubert and Marjorie Kaser and Lowell Gano.

Senior week activities general committee will be headed by Byron Beasley and includes Miss Harriet Randall and Chester Jagers.

Meanwhile distribution of the third issue of *Mss.*, Butler literary quarterly, will be made Thursday. William DeClark, editor, announced.

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The chief experimental center will be a nine-acre plot of ground adjacent to School 72 at 1302 E. Troy Ave. Gardening by pupils has been carried on there since 1932, under supervision of Miss Ida Helphinstine, principal.

Lyle O. Nave, industrial arts teacher at School 72 and at School 46, will be assigned on a full-time basis to School 72 to take charge of the gardening activities. He also will assist in developing the program in other schools, Mr. Morgan said.

Garden plots are to be approved by school officials and pupils will be assisted in planning. Weekly reports are to be made to Mr. Nave. Final reports are to be made to William A. Hacker, assistant school superintendent in charge of social service and special education. Awards and recognition will be given.

"There is nothing that will help boys and girls to spend their leisure summer hours more profitably than a program of this nature," Superintendent Morgan said. "Training in this type of work may mean a great deal in the way of economic returns in the future."

The program also is endorsed by Mrs. Walter P. Morton, president of the Garden Club of Indiana, who said, "Junior garden club work has

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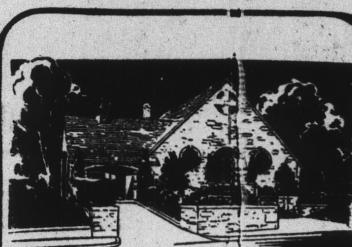
#### WEDEKIND RITES SET

*Times Special*  
LOGANSPORT, March 27.—Funeral rites will be held tomorrow for W. C. (Jack) Wedekind, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Wedekind. His mother is associated with the State Beauticians' Board.

**STATE POLICE LEAVES VOID FOR WEEK-ENDS**

Week-end leaves have been can-

**MONDAY, MARCH 27, 1939**  
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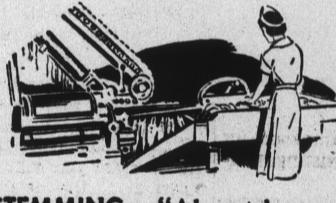
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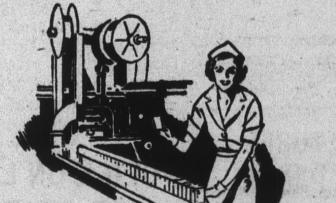
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