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Friday, February 26, 1937

### KROGER DEPARTMENT HEADS

The Kroger Grocery and Baking Co., is realizing a long felt need for a modern meat market in Decatur in the opening of their newly remodeled store on North Second Street, in which has been incorporated a new, modern, meat department.

C.F. Bobilya, branch manager of the Fort Wayne branch of the Kroger Co., of which the Decatur store is a unit, states-"This new Kroger meat department embodies every new feature in the modern merchandising of meats. Completely electrically refrigerated, this new meat market assures the proper keeping of Kroger meats at all times and under all weather conditions. The Decatur store now ranks with the finest food markets in northern Indiana."

"This modern Kroger meat market is the result of years of research by Kroger's own experts and scientists, who have been diligent in their efforts always to maintain the highest standards in the keeping and retailing of meats and meat products."

The latest type electrically refrigerated coolers and meat display counters, not only afford complete protection for Kroger meats, but offer a new convenience in the selection of meats and lend a beauty to the store that is pleasing to the eye.

"The entire Decatur store has undergone complete renovation-new fixtures have been installed throughout-every nook and corner is bright with new paint-a new and larger produce department has been installed which now affords a greater selection of fresh fruits and vegetables-with modern appliances to keep them fresh and with the "just pickled" condition."

Harmon Kraft, manager of the Decatur store welcomes Walter Bodey to his store as the manager of the new meat market.

Frank Bodell, district manager of the Kroger Co., says, "In my selection of Mr. Body as manager of the new meat market in our Decatur store, I knew this market would be in the capable hands of a man of long experience in the proper ways of selling and caring for meats, Mr. Bodey has been with the Kroger Co., for 10 years and has proven his ability. His personality makes him liked by all who meet him."

Mr. Kraft, manager of the Decatur store, needs no introduction to the food buyers of Decatur and vicinity. He has served these friends for 11 years. Mr. Kraft, who entered the service of the Kroger

Co. in 1922 has served his many friends in Decatur for (...cut off) years, having been appointed (...cut off) manager in 1926.

Mr. Kraft, who recently purchased his home in Decatur has been a resident for 11 years. Mr. Kraft's four daughters all attend the Decatur public schools. Mr. Bodey has recently made Decatur his home.

A greatly enlarged sales force will be on hand Friday and Saturday to care for the crowds that will attend the opening.

M.C. Steiner, sales manager of the Fort Wayne branch, F. Bodell, district manager, and his assistants, W. Wolf and H. Body, have spared no efforts in presenting this new store to the people of Decatur and vicinity and have prepared an outstanding array of special features. (PHOTO PROVIDED)

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March 27, 1937

CLAIMED BY DEATH

MISS Alma Cecile Girard

Miss Alma Cecil Girard, aged 20, 1115 ½ Lake Avenue, died unexpectedly of quinsy and stropococcic infection of the throat Sunday about 3:45 p.m. at the Methodist Hospital. She was a bookkeeper and stenographer in WPA offices here, and had been ill about five days.

Miss Girard was rushed to the hospital after her physician had found her suffering from strangulation about 2 o'clock in her apartment. He made an emergency incision in the girl's windpipe to permit her to breathe.

The deceased was a lifelong resident of Fort Wayne and was graduated from St. Augustine's Academy in 1934. She was a member of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Surviving are the father, and stepmother, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Girard, of this city; a sister, Miss Bernice Girard, and three brothers, Ralph, Richard and Robert Girard, all of this city. The body was removed to the Getz & Cahill Funeral Home. (PHOTO PROVIDED)

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Saturday, 1937

VICTIMS OF SCHOOL BLAST BURIED WHILE COURT PROBES CAUSE

Steady Stream of Hearses Carries 455 Bodies To Texas Cemeteries

Gas Accumulation Blamed For Tragedy

Investigation Is Made In The Hope Of Preventing Similar Accidents

NEW LONDON, Tex, March 20.-(A.P.)-Burials of its 455 school blast victims occupied the village of death today while the full force of a military inquiry sought the cause of the worst catastrophe of its kind in modern times.

Soon after sun-up the great procession of funerals began. From churches, private homes and funeral chapels, hearses streamed to burial grounds. Volunteer ministers from over the vast East Texas oil region performed continuous services with almost clock-like precision.

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