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Table with 3 columns: Subscription Rates, Mail, Carrier. Rows for One Year, Six Months, Three Months, One Month.

about Age Pensions

The new year brings the first monthly benefits under the Federal government's Old Age Insurance plan, a part of the Social Security program.

From 30,000 to 35,000 claims are expected for January, the first benefit month. These claims are being filed by retiring workers, wives, widows, dependent children and dependent parents. Payments for January will be made February 1.

The number of recipients will increase each month as more become eligible under the law. Before the year ends, it is estimated, 912,000 men, women and children will be eligible for some \$144,000,000 in old age insurance and survivor benefits.

Here, taken from official records, are answers to questions most often asked about Old Age Benefits:

- Q When do monthly benefits begin?
A January, 1940 is the first benefit month.
Q Do checks go out January 1?
A No. Benefits are paid at end of month. First payments will be made February 1.

Q Who will get benefits?
A Wage earners who have reached age 65 and retire.

Q Any other requirements?
A Yes, wage earners must have worked in employment covered by the Social Security Act and must have earned at least \$50 in each of six quarters-years since 1936.

Q What is covered employment?
A Virtually all types of wage-earner work except farm labor, domestic service, federal government, state, county and city employment, religious, charitable and casual work (odd jobs).

Q Does retired worker's family get extra benefits?
A Yes, worker's wife if over 65 and each dependent child under 18 (or under 18 if attending school) gets a separate benefit equal to one-half of the worker's annuity.

Q Do benefits come automatically?
A No, application must be made.

Q Where does the person apply?
A To the nearest field office of the Social Security Board. If he doesn't know where that office is, he can obtain the address from the local post office.

Q What action will field office take?
A It will give information concerning benefits, provide application forms and forward applications to Washington office of Social Security Board for approval.

Q What is the next step?
A Letter from board to applicant will tell him that his name has been placed on benefit rolls and will disclose the amount of his monthly payments.

Q Must he call some place for his money?
A No, United States Treasury will mail benefit checks to his home at the end of each benefit month.

Q How much will beneficiaries get?
A Monthly benefits are figured according to a formula which takes into account average wages and the number of years of work in employment covered by the program.

Q What is this formula?
A A basic amount equal to 40 per cent of the first \$50 of the average monthly wage plus 10 per cent of the next \$200 of average monthly wage; to this is added 1 per cent of the basic amount for each year in which the individual earns at least \$200 in covered employment. (A worker with an average monthly wage of \$50 will get a monthly benefit of \$20.60; his wife if over 65 a supplementary \$10.30 and each dependent child \$10.30. A worker with an average monthly wage of \$200 will get \$36.00; his 65 year old wife \$18.00 and each dependent child \$18.00. These figures apply to benefit payments which start February 1).

Q What will be the smallest monthly benefit?
A The law provides that no benefit will be less than \$10 a month.

Q What will be the largest monthly benefit?
A The highest total of monthly benefits which may be paid is \$85.

Q What happens if a wage earner dies?
A Monthly benefits will be payable to survivors of wage earners.

Q How much will survivors get?
A A widow over the age 65 will get a monthly benefit equal to three-fourths of her husband's annuity. A younger widow who has dependent children receives a similar benefit. In addition, a dependent child under 18 (or 18 if attending school) receives a benefit equal to one-half of father's annuity. If wage earner leaves no widow or children but leaves a parent over 65 wholly dependent upon him, then the parent receives one-half of his annuity.

Q How are benefits financed?
A Insured workers are taxed 1 per cent a month on their wages. The employer similarly pays one per cent a month.

By comparison, the late Calvin Coolidge's "I do not choose to run" now seems crystal-clear.—Pittsburgh Post-Gazette.

A person is fortunate to have an open mind if it isn't open at the bottom.—Thomaston Times.

The head of the German-American bond, explaining why it wasn't necessary to fix his ball so high, says that he loves the United States too much

The Timid Soul



One Is Beloved BY LOUISE PLATT HAUCK

Chapter 21 DAILY PROBLEMS Sue wondered that her brother, who had been wont to praise her taste in clothes, did not realize that never would she have chosen Pats' present outfit. But Allen, she suspected, if he allowed himself to think of them at all, believed Pats' wishes had prevailed over her sister-in-law's.

think of me, you may be interested to know! I've wanted to say this to you for a long time," she went on with deep satisfaction. "And now I've done it, and if you want to go sniveling to Allen about it, go right ahead. I guess even Allen won't take your part against me now!"

light-hearted gaiety which had made him so liked suffered a temporary eclipse now. He alternated between a determination to stay away from the Country Club, to give up his daily game of golf, to frequent those places where Cecily was more than likely to be found with a stubborn decision to hold his own ground where she was concerned.

Washington Daybook

WASHINGTON—A rumor, backed most of all by a perfectly logical deduction, is that President Roosevelt ordered the navy to give up its priority, so that the Finns could get those 44 spanking new model Brewster pursuit planes.

GARBO THE PROPAGANDIST

And we can add that if the Swedes never strike another blow at Russia they have already done plenty through the agency of one Greta Garbo, actress.

HULL, THE STYLIST

Secretary Hull hasn't published his official papers yet. The State Department will release them officially in 1954. When they are published they will be liberally sprinkled with the word "phases" if Hull follows his press conference style.

TWO SHIP INCIDENTS

The Maritime Commission chuckles at the whimsies of public sentiment. A German ship is scuttled a few hundred miles off shore and we go into ecstasies of hullabaloo and head-line writing.

Hollywood Sights And Sounds

HOLLYWOOD—The music goes round and round. Hollywood is on a "grind" policy. When one show's over, the next one starts.

Schedules

Table with columns: Arrive, Depart, T&P Trains—Eastbound, T&P Trains—Westbound, Buses, Eastbound, Westbound, Northbound, Southbound, Planes Eastbound, Planes Westbound.

Daily Crossword Puzzle

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down. Includes a solution for Saturday's puzzle and a list of words used.

Political Figures Dominate The Biggest News Stories In Texas, According To AP Staff Poll

By DAVE CHEAVENS Associated Press Staff Editor Politics and personalities dominated the front pages of Texas newspapers during 1939.



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**BARTENDERS AT CHIHUAHUA CITY GO ON STRIKE**  
CHIHUAHUA CITY, Jan. 1 (UP)—It was a dry, decorous New Year's day in Chihuahua City. All bartenders and other employees of drinking establishments struck at midnight, protesting a new state law against sale of hard liquors. Wine and beer are permitted under the law, also effective at midnight, but the strike enforced an early "blackout" of public celebrations.

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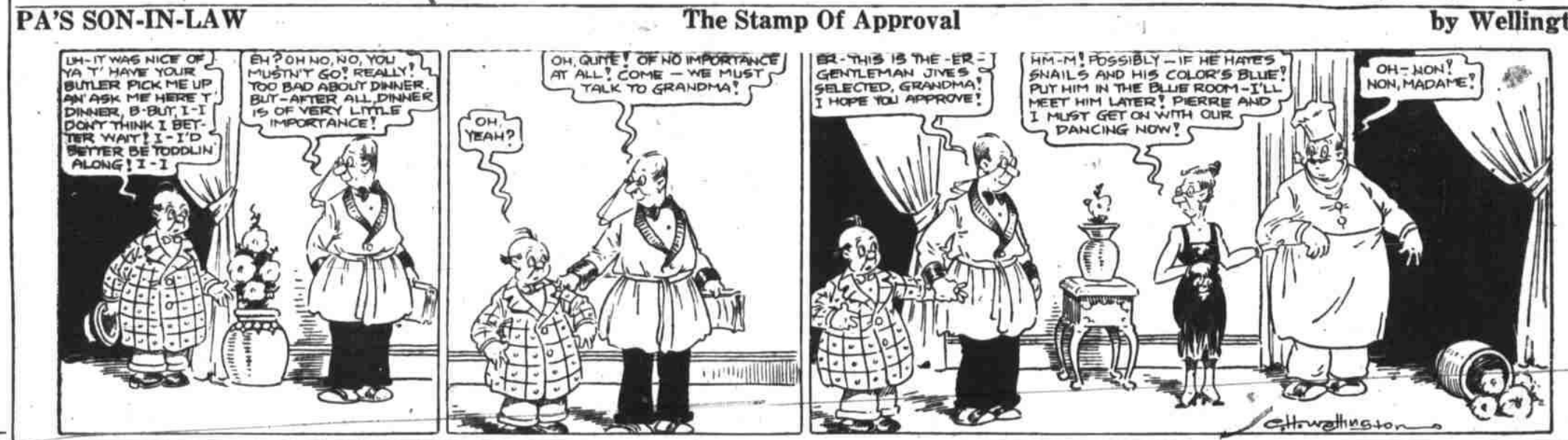
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—LYRIC— TODAY —QUEEN— TODAY TEX RITTER In WESTBOUND STAGE DREAMS ON ICE Cartoon

LOOKS AT NEW BOOKS

Among the new books that have appeared and are to appear the first of the year is William La Curre's next book, "Southward Ho!" scheduled to appear January 15 (\$3.00) and published by Doubleday, Doran and Co., Inc.

Morrison A. Candidate For Co. Judge



Walton Morrison announced Monday that he would be a candidate for the office of county judge, subject to the action of the democratic primaries.

Gas Gas All Time Mrs. Jack Miller says, "Gas on my stomach was so bad I couldn't eat or sleep. One evening I took a dose of Adlerika and I feel as if I wish sleep like never felt better."

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NEW YEAR'S NOTES

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 1 (AP)—Came the wee sma' hours of the new year and this good natured Oklahoma citizen finally got to bed.

MISS LANCIOUS NOTES

Hello, little 1940. Gosh it seems good to see a new face and you are just in time to hear my New Year's resolutions and no smirking, old 1939. Maybe I did slip up a bit on those I made when you were just a baby like 1940 but this year they are going to be kept! So, help me.



TWO LEGS; HIS PRESENT—Homecoming on the farm near Liberty, Mo., was quite an event for Alfred Leon Miller, Jr., 7, who spent nine weeks in a Kansas City hospital after catching his leg in a feed grinder. His same smile led physicians to decide against amputation; eventually, doctors say, he'll regain use of leg. Brothers are Frank (center) and Phillip.

Demonstration Work Proved Value In 1939 In Many Farm Programs

(Editor's Note: This is the second of two articles dealing with agricultural and farm demonstration activities in Howard county during 1939).

CHOSEN QUEEN



Miss Jean Miller, above, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. F. P. Miller of Cumberland Circle, El Paso, and a niece of Mrs. V. Van Gleason of Big Spring was crowned queen of the Sun Carnival being held in El Paso today at a formal coronation affair in El Paso Friday night.

Auxiliary Gives Annual Banquet For Young People

The Young People of the First Presbyterian church were entertained by the Auxiliary at an annual banquet held at 6:30 o'clock Saturday night at the church.

Security Plan In Operation

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1 (AP)—The federal old age security plan, rated as the world's largest insurance system, went into full operation today to provide death and lifetime retirement benefits for elderly workers, their families and survivors.

Formal And Informal Parties Usher In The New Year In Big Spring

Perhaps a little battered and worn looking but still going strong, the year 1939 was pushed into the background last night by the arrival of a brand new year—1940.

Oklahoma May Try To Collect \$50,000 From Texas In Claims On Land Given To This State

OKLAHOMA CITY, Jan. 1 (AP)—No man's land—that 150-mile silver shaven from Oklahoma's west border—may be worth \$50,000 to the state nine years after the U. S. supreme court handed it to Texas.

Methodist Committees To Meet Tuesday

The 1939 local committees and 1939 circle chairmen of the First Methodist Woman's Missionary Society will meet at 2 o'clock at the church Tuesday.

BEFORE A COLD GETS A REAL START VICKS VA-TRO-NOL Use a few drops of Va-tro-nol. It's a wonderful help in preventing colds from developing.

—THE FASHION'S— CLEARANCE SALE IS NOW ON! Clearance Prices On: Printzess COATS Costume SUITS Better DRESSES Dobbs HATS Sport JACKETS Children's COATS Chenille ROBES Silk ROBES Kayser GLOVES Queen Quality SHOES Wooly HOUSE SHOES Evening SHOES This Sale Offers Extraordinary Values! COME AND SEE! The FASHION WOMEN'S WEAR MAX S. JACOBS

WHO'S WHO IN THE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Lewis returned to Pampa today after spending the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Frank Sims and other relatives and friends.

CALENDAR Of Week's Events

- TUESDAY GARDEN CLUB will meet at 3 o'clock in the judge's chambers at the city auditorium for installation of officers and discussion of yearbooks.
- WEDNESDAY DELPHIAN SOCIETY will meet at 9:45 o'clock at the judge's chambers.
- THURSDAY JEWISH SISTERHOOD will meet at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. I. Weiner, 410 West 6th. Mrs. J. Turbyfill is to be co-hostess.
- FRIDAY LONE STAR LODGE will meet at 2:30 o'clock at the W. O. W. hall.
- SATURDAY ALLEGRO MUSIC Club will meet at 2 o'clock in the home of Joanna Winn, 409 Park.

JANE BRYAN MARRIES

CHICAGO, Jan. 1 (AP)—Justin W. Dart, general manager of the Walgreen drug company, and Jane Bryan, movie actress, were on their honeymoon today after their marriage in a surprise ceremony last night.

One Failure

Only conspicuous failure among adult demonstrators was in farm management where none of the 10 signing to serve as demonstrators completed demonstrations.

Forage Crops

In the field of forage crop production, some progress was noted in the attempt to increase sweet sorghum crops since it may be planted on "retired" land under the AAA program.

Ban On Hunting

Game management demonstrations were noteworthy for two things, protecting game birds and excluding hunters.

REA Program

Another phase which might be conceived as a demonstration was that of supporting a projected REA program. In Howard and Martin counties 227 members were secured on 158 miles of line.