







Editorial--

You Can Render Service By Recording Tire Numbers

One of the most sensible suggestions made to date on a matter that might soon become serious unless action is taken to avert it is that of making a record of the serial number on your automobile license.

Local officers are wise in coming forward with this suggestion. First of all, they are performing a service to the public in advancing this idea. Secondly, they are increasing the possibility of efficient solution of tire theft cases in the future.

It may as well be admitted that there is going to be considerable tire stealing unless something is done to stop it before it starts. Thieves steal those things which are most valuable and which at the same time involve the least risk of being caught.

Washington Daybook-- Roosevelt Still Eats Up Crises In His High Place

By JACK STINNETT WASHINGTON -- President Roosevelt's ninth year in office eclipses all that went before. The dark days of national recovery; the battle for labor legislation; the bitter court fight and the unmerciful political purge that followed; even the third term nomination and election seem insignificant in the light of events of 1941.

So far as the president is concerned, the year began on that bitter cold day in late January when he took office for the third successive time; and watched Washington's biggest military parade which was no more than a hint of the great mechanized war machine that would be rolling and soaring into world conflict a little more than 10 months later.

There followed the great lend-lease appropriations; the mammoth tax bill; the congressional battle for extension of the draft; the sad death of the president's mother; that dramatic and unprecedented secret meeting of the president and Winston Churchill on the high seas; and at last a great nation double-crossed at its own peace table and plunged into the holocaust that now rages in every part of the world.

good humor, a little quieter than it used to be but no less present, has risen unflinchingly to lighten the load in hand. Even when the congressional delegation came to the White House offices to discuss the declaration of war on Germany and Italy, they found the president chucking over a clipping of "instructions for air raid wardens" that had gotten grotesquely garbled in the printing.

These little outbreaks of humor throughout the day seem to what his appetite for the grueling work which he now is putting in from almost dawn to midnight. To most of his intimates, however, the president's traits most often referred to is his unswerving optimism. When he took his brief message to congress calling for the declaration of war on Japan, he was surrounded by army and navy and government officials who were stony, funeral stances. But not the president, he already was looking ahead.

A little more than 24 hours later, when he spoke over the radio to an estimated 90,000,000 people, he spoke words and phrases, on which he had no opportunity to spend hours of deliberation--yet official Washington almost unanimously called it his greatest speech and pointed out that although he pulled none of the punches about the seriousness of what had happened or what was to come, he left no doubt about his confidence in ultimate success.

Man About Manhattan-- "Escape" Respectable In Entertainment

By GEORGE TUCKER NEW YORK--The war is going to make a respectable word of "escape." For the past decade the stern critics of life and letters haven't found a harsher word to call anybody than "escapologist." Those who preferred the lighter forms of recreation, either in the library or the theater, were accused of ignoring the world's downhill spin. They shirked a duty by remaining light-hearted.

Now, suddenly, because of the war glooms, the gay trifles of the stage, screen and bookshelves have assumed a useful place in the world. The mind needs release from the news of the day, and such such as "Let's Face It," "Billie's Spirit" and "Best Foot Forward" are joyous antidotes for care. So are the thriller movies like "Suspicion" and "The Maltese Falcon," and novels like "Saragoga Trunk" and "Wild Is The River," far removed from the present.

Defenders of "escape" works always charged discrimination. They argued that the taunt of "running from life" was never flung at persons who pampered other appetites. Let a man buy himself a good dinner, they pointed out, and nobody accused him of numbing his mind with rich food. But let him try to digest that dinner over a light book, or at a frivolous play, and the arrows of scorn poked his poor hide.

Hollywood Sights and Sounds-- Acting Dumb Pays Off Best For Ed Brophy

By ROBBIN COONS HOLLYWOOD--Just for a variant on the movie villain who spends his spare time hoing his pany or puning his rose, there's the strange tale of Edward Brophy.

You know Eddie. He's a tough mug and he talks the lingo of New York's lower East Side. All taxi drivers call him by his first name. His intelligence, as projected in most of his hundreds of movie roles, scarcely would wow a Neanderthal man if the two met for tea some fine afternoon.

When the peddlers saw the film, they thought he was funny and they didn't know he was a production man. They thought he was an actor and demanded more Brophy. So Brophy began acting a bit here and a bit there, and pretty soon he was an actor so much he didn't have time to manage.

Our Mr. Brophy almost became a lawyer. He attended a snarky eastern prep school and was sent to the University of Virginia by his father, a New York cotton broker, who yearned for the law for his son. Eddie did his duty, took a degree, and acquired something like a soft southern accent. The law bored him, however, and he wangled a trip to California where he was drawn to the lode-stone rock of the floozers: first as an extra for the fun of it, then as a cameraman, a location expert and a production manager in turn.

If this seems a funny way to begin acting, it is. This is how it happened: he was minding his own business at M-G-M one day when the sales department wanted a short subject to inspire and amuse the film peddlers in the field, and Eddie was drafted as a bit player--mainly because he wouldn't require a salary as an actor.

They obeyed, and kept on obeying after a cameraman had quietly snapped a shot and gone about his business. After quite a bit of "setting still" they caught on. Seven movies later, on "Rio Rita," they weren't fooled again when George Foleys, the lenser, shouted "Pick it up!" They didn't pick anything up, not they--they just gave him the dead-pan stare. Which was just as well, as "Pick it up" is Foleys' personal call for brighter lights.

NO TIME FOR LOVE

By WATKINS E. WRIGHT

Chapter 11 THE BEACHCOMBER "I hope your aunt comes back on her way to New York," Margot got up. "Meanwhile, you must have some fun. Shall we take a dip now?"

"I'd like it," said Lavinia. Margot Linden was nice. She was rather like the two or three girls at Armworth's with whom Lavinia had something in common. They ran down to the beach and plunged in.

ular. Further on could be seen three or four cheaply constructed cottages -- dwellings that were apparently unoccupied. "And there's that young man again," Margot said suddenly. "What young man?" Lavinia asked.

"I don't swim well!" Margot said --when they had been in the water a little while. "You could give me a few pointers."

"There's nothing wrong with your swimming," said Lavinia. "You do it with a lot of ease."

"I don't feel at ease," said Margot. "I tremble inside--you know, butterflies of the tummy." She walked out upon the beach. And Lavinia followed her.



That evening was a gala one at the Inn. The ballroom was decorated with Greek, British and American flags, and a number of guests wore Greek attire. Several small boys and girls were dressed as Greek children, and sold candies and favors from trays suspended about their necks by ribbons.

"Thank you," Lavinia said. "I feel better already." "Don't take it too seriously," Margot told them. "You've only got to play a couple of hours--and then we dance." She waved to them, and moved off. "Anyway, it's for a good purpose--so what?" Lavinia groaned inwardly. "Two hours." It seemed like an eternity. But she gritted her teeth, figuratively, and picked up her cards. She went at it with all she had--and that, alas, was pretty bad.

ON FURLOUGH

There have been gray days when he looked older and wearied from the strain but oddly enough, these almost invariably have been in the lulls between major events. A crisis seems to challenge him physically as well as mentally and from that seemingly insupportable well of energy he draws what is necessary to rise to fresh buoyancy and see it through in the pink.

Remarkably few have been the times in press conferences this year when the president has been sharp or irritable. More often his

Hull Condemns Jap Treatment Of Whites WASHINGTON, Jan. 7. (AP) -- Secretary of State Hull strongly condemned today Japanese treatment of white civilians in occupied Manila, where the war department reported the Japanese had threatened to shoot any white person appearing on the streets.

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And speaking of stills and our Ed Brophy's talk--there's the bewildering experience of the Messrs. Abbott and Costello after their first movie scene when the director called "Set still."

Thief Abducts Sleeping Soldier CLINTON, Okla., Jan. 7. (AP) -- Scout asleep under a pile of overcoats in the rumble seat of a car, Pvt. H. E. Bruuggenyerger, Fort Bliss, Tex., didn't know he had been abducted at nearby Weatherford until the driver was arrested here some time later.



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Last Times Today  
**BARBAIN**  
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THE YEAR'S BEST ACTRESS!



The star who won the Academy Award

# Singer Rogers

**"TOM, DICK AND HARRY"**  
George Murphy  
Burgess Meredith  
Alan Marshal

# LYRIC

Last Times Today  
Tops For Hilarity!  
**"CAUGHT IN THE DRAFT"**

Bob Hope  
Dorothy Lamour

# QUEEN

Last Times Today  
The Most Original Picture of the Year!  
**"HERE COMES MR. JORDAN"**

—with—  
Robert Montgomery

# Midland Housing Project Approved

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—The Federal Works Agency today approved 21 acres lying within the city limits of Midland, Tex., at northwest corner of Illinois avenue and H street, for the site of 126 defense dwellings.

# WHAT CAUSES YOUR CONSTIPATION?

Many people look upon constipation as just a matter of regular bowel movement. But, so varied are its causes that often your needs may be for something which not only relieves constipation but also acts as an aid to wake up the flow of bile.



Men's Overcoats **19.75** up  
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# War

Continued From Page 1  
army bombers on Japanese warships at Davao probably signalled the opening of a systematic allied bombing campaign to prevent Japan from using Davao as a base for an attack on the Indies.

Further supporting the belief that Japan's war lords planned an attack on the Dutch colonies—possibly as a stepping-stone to Australia—was the report that Gen. Sir Archibald P. Wavell, newly-appointed allied commander in chief in the Far East, would make his headquarters in Java, where the Indies capital, Batavia, is situated. At the same time, Lieut.-Gov. H. J. Van Mook disclosed that the Dutch have long been preparing a "scorched earth" plan to prevent the Indies' oil fields and industries from falling into Japanese hands.

Imperial Tokyo headquarters—whose acknowledgement of losses, incidentally, has been meager—admitted today that another Japanese submarine has been sunk in the Pacific and a cruiser damaged in an attack by allied aircraft on Jan. 4.

The Malaya situation continued bad for the British, and Tokyo said British air power in Malaya had been driven to refuge in Singapore, while that of the United States in the Philippines had become "meaningless military."

# Here 'n There

County Judge Walton Morrison has in his office a supply of forms to be filled out by truck and bus owners. The war department has requested owners of such vehicles to fill these out for an inventory being made for emergency use.

It has started—this business of tire stealing. W. L. "Squeaky" Thompson opines that if anyone in the city basketball league wants to know why he doesn't come back, it's because somebody stole a tire off his truck while he was playing Monday night. Besides this case, police have another tire theft case on file.

Some Mexican has a beef coming. He was reported to officers as a Jap—one suspiciously hanging around the depot. Quick investigation revealed he was not a Jap and not suspicious, but he ought to be mad.

Two Policemen Are Added To Force  
Two new policemen have been added to the city staff. They are Carlos V. Warren and L. W. Smith. Both have been assigned to duty as patrolmen.

# Steinhardt To Turkish Post

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Laurence A. Steinhardt, now ambassador to Russia, was nominated by President Roosevelt today to be ambassador to Turkey. Steinhardt would succeed J. V. A. MacMurray, both are presently in the United States.

# Weather Forecast

BIG SPRING AND VICINITY: Cloudy with occasional light snow or freezing drizzle this afternoon and tonight. Colder tonight with minimum near 15.  
WEST TEXAS: Partly cloudy in Big Bend country and El Paso area. Elsewhere cloudy this afternoon and tonight. Light snow in Panhandle and South Plains, snow flurries or freezing drizzles south to border. Colder tonight with temperature ranging from near zero in Panhandle to freezing at Del Rio.  
EAST TEXAS: Generally overcast with freezing rain in north portion this afternoon turning to rain in northwestern portion tonight. Intermittent mostly light rains in south portion this afternoon and tonight. Slightly cloudy northwest and extreme north portion tonight.

# Markets At A Glance

City	Max.	Min.
Ahlens	37	29
Amarillo	38	30
BIG SPRING	38	29
Chicago	15	-11
Denver	11	-9
El Paso	45	24
Fort Worth	30	29
Galveston	39	35
New York	19	15
San Francisco	53	46
St. Louis	31	2

Sunset Wednesday, 5:57; sunrise Thursday, 7:48.

# Social Security Costs Mounting

AUSTIN, Jan. 7 (AP)—In the face of mounting war costs, Texas' social security expenditures, including old age pensions and aid to dependent children and the blind, continued to increase today.

# Livestock

FORT WORTH, Jan. 17 (AP)—(U.S.D.A.)—Cattle 2,400; calves 1,200; active and strong to higher trade in all classes cattle and calves; good fat steers and yearlings 11.00-50, few choice yearlings to 12.50, common and medium grades 7.50-10.50; beef cows 7.00-8.50; canners and cutters 5.00-7.00; bulls 6.50-8.50; killing calves 7.50-11.00.

# Wool

BOSTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—(U.S.D.A.) There was very little trading today in the Boston wool market. A number of inquiries were received but sales consisted mostly of small quantities of spot wools urgently needed for immediate consumption.

# Grain

CHICAGO, Jan. 7 (AP)—Buying that centered in the rye and oats pit today gave grain prices another general advance.



Nimitz Holds Conference—Admiral Chester W. Nimitz, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, poses with his staff during his first press conference aboard a submarine at Pearl Harbor. Left to right (facing camera), Capt. W. W. Smith, assistant chief of staff; Admiral Nimitz, and Rear Admiral T. Withers, commander submarine scouting force.

# Days Will Begin To Grow Longer Faster This Month

Days are getting longer now, but in another week or so they will get down to serious business of stretching their daily length in a hurry.

# Public Records

Building Permit  
H. B. Arnold to move a house from Cedar Crest addition to north city limits, cost \$45.  
Marriage Licenses  
Panaleon Gonzales and Mangala Valdes.  
L. A. Wren and Mrs. Ila Fisher.  
Pleasant Crenshaw and Cilata Marie Hoover.

# Navy Ship Skipper Nominated For Honor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—President Roosevelt today nominated Lieut. Commander William L. Kabler, commander of the seaplane tender Huron, which beat off 15 Japanese planes, for advancement "thirty numbers in rank" among lieutenant commanders.

# Hereford Brings Record Top Price

FORT WORTH, Jan. 7 (AP)—Reel Silver Domino 22nd, a Hereford bull, was purchased at the Silver Creek farm auctions for \$12,500 yesterday, breaking a 20-year U. S. record.

# Bids Again Asked For Mail Route

With no bids apparently accepted by the postal department, bids have been asked for a second time for the Big Spring-Lubbock mail route.

# Relief At Last For Your Cough

CREOMULSION  
for Coughs, Chest Colds, Bronchitis  
Cremulsion relieves promptly because it goes right to the seat of the trouble to help loosen and expel germs laden phlegm, and aid nature to soothe and heal raw, tender, inflamed bronchial mucous membranes. Tell your druggist to sell you a bottle of Cremulsion with the understanding you must like the way it quickly allays the cough or you are to have your money back.

# May Register Aliens Again

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7 (AP)—Attorney General Biddle said today that the government was considering a re-registration of the 1,100,000 enemy aliens in this country to provide "tighter control" along the lines followed during the first World War.

# Rush Continues For Auto Titles

Applications for motor vehicle titles continue to pour into the county tax collector's office. Thirty-five or forty applications are being received daily, as motorists hurry to get their titles before time to register their cars for the new year.

# Temple Selected For Army Hospital

TEMPLE, Jan. 7 (AP)—Rep. W. R. Poage reported last night from Washington that a general army base hospital costing \$2,500,000 would be built at Temple.

# Big Spring Hospital Notes

Mrs. Ray Cline, Knott, received abdominal surgery this morning. Claudia Reed was admitted to the hospital Tuesday for medical treatment. Mrs. D. M. Senter was admitted to the hospital Tuesday for medical treatment. N. W. Messer, Monahan, was admitted for eye treatment Tuesday. Mrs. J. H. Currie, Stanton, was admitted Tuesday for medical treatment. Mrs. Charlie Hopper and infant son returned home Tuesday. Mrs. J. E. Vest, Colorado City, was discharged from the hospital Tuesday after undergoing minor surgery several days ago. Albert Edens was discharged Tuesday after having been in the hospital for diagnosis and treatment. C. B. Whitefield, Monahan, returned home Tuesday after receiving medical treatment. Neil Allen, negro, underwent major surgery this morning.

# Coat SALE

Untrimmed...  
\$59.75 values..... \$39.00  
\$49.75 values..... \$30.00  
\$39.75 values..... \$26.00  
\$35.00 values..... \$24.00  
\$29.75 values..... \$19.50  
\$25.00 values..... \$17.50  
\$22.50 values..... \$15.00  
Shop Tomorrow

# Few Terracing Machines To Be In Use

Despite a great demand, the number of terracing machines for use in Howard county threatens to be small this season. Thus far four individuals have obtained new-style sugar-type machines for their personal use, and another has obtained one for hire. Another man plans to get two machines for hire within a few days. R. N. Adams, W. W. Lay, E. T. O'Daniel and Ed Martin have bought machines for personal use. Together they are likely to build 100 miles of terraces on their farms. C. H. Devaney has obtained a machine which he will rent out, and W. R. Puckett has ordered two for the same use. County Agent O. P. Griffin says if these three rent machines are kept busy, they can build a mile and a half of terraces daily. The soil conservation service has made conservation plans for thousands of acres of farm land in the county, and is prepared to run contour lines ahead of actual terracing when it is evident that terracing will be done.

# Many Laxatives, but few are Leaders!

Year in and year out, spicy, herbal, BLACK-DRAUGHT has been a best-seller among laxatives in the Southwest. The reasons? It's agreeable and easy to take. When taken as directed, its action is usually prompt, thorough and gentle. The tonic-laxative element which helps tone laxy intestinal muscles is probably its most important asset. Next time, try BLACK-DRAUGHT! —adv.

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Workers, in factory and office, know that a much needed pause, now and then, needs refreshment, too. With ice-cold Coca-Cola near at hand, it's easy to turn to refreshment... taste-good, feel-good refreshment... without turning from work. More work, and better work follows the pause that refreshes.  
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