

MAN GUNS WARD TOWN NOW SETS IN

Dec. 26.—Russian planes began a heavy bombardment of Viipuri, Finland largest city, today. The city is reported to be under heavy attack, with indications that the Russian planes might be increased. The attack came to Helsinki today. It was reported that the Russian planes were making submarines in Russian territory, and to cut the Murmansk railway, chief transport of Russian supplies in northern Norway reports received that heavy fighting in the vicinity of the Finnish-Finnish frontier, moving eastward over the Arctic regions deep into northern Norway.

Continued bombardment of northern cities, which is hard to bomb. One Russian plane was shot down and Finland was reported to be seeking reindeer, regarding the bodies of eight in the north sector, ap- outpost, who had with Russian tanks and units are all frozen in the weather and are

Traffic Deaths Near 600

Heavy traffic and accident counted today to near 600 as reports came in from the nation of many deaths. The nation with 53 reported, while Texas each reported more expected to be. The weather over prac- tically the state, with snow and western portions, giving hazards in Texas for a number of days. Snow was reported in Texas Panhandle to Woodward and Gold- wood in Clovis, N. M., to Dallas, with rain in other parts of the state.

Court Term Start Monday

Term of 88th district court, January term, will be held January 1, it has been selected. The commission selected the petit jury composed of J. F. McEastland, C. E. May, George Boyd of Cisco and Morton Val-

New Taking In Ship Back To English Port

Canal Zone, Dec. 26. Prize crew, aboard the lighter Dusseldorf, from through the Panama entered the Caribbean to England. The prize was seized by the British placed aboard to England as a prize

Marketing Are Favored

by counties of the 1939 referendum on marketing quotas shows total vote in Texas for cotton market- ing 30,653 votes were

Loses Three Western Front

Dec. 26.—Three soldiers have been killed fighting on the Western front, it was reported officially

No Errors With These Erasers



Ordinary pencil erasers are shipped over handles of casting reels in Pacific northwest, as illustrated by Evelyn Nelson of Eugene, Ore. They provide a firmer grip and act as shock absorbers when a big salmon or steelhead suddenly starts on a run.

No Peace Hinted By Europe's Rulers In Their Messages

No peace for Europe was hinted, or forecast, by rulers from the principal capitals of Europe on Christmas. King George of England stated in an address that Britain was fighting a war "against the wicked" and would not seek a peace until the war was won. Premier Daladier stated that "France must fight on" and from Berlin it was reported that only a German victory would be acceptable to Germany. Meantime Adolf Hitler was reported to have spent Christmas Day at the Western Front, personally visiting soldiers and partaking of their regular rations. He distributed gifts to many of the soldiers. On Christmas night he was reported to have stood on French soil, under a clear, starlit sky. This was his first visit to France since 1918. The sector he visited lies between the French and German lines, just within the French border, in a village that was evacuated at the beginning of hostilities.

Two Men Are Found Killed At A Ranch In Cameron County

COMBES, Dec. 26.—J. B. White 58, of Combes and John Bunch, 50, a visitor from Arkansas, were found shot to death today on the El Indio Ranch in Cameron county. They left here Sunday for a hunting trip. John Blanton and his son, Luther, disappeared three years ago while hunting on the King Ranch, which is nearby.

Goes Route 11 Greater Game



Taisto Maki, world distance record-holder, fights with Finns as non-commissioned officer.

Budget Message Being Prepared By The President

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—President Roosevelt has begun work of preparing his budget for the coming fiscal year, which he will present to congress when it meets in January. In preparation for his work on the budget message the president conferred with Budget Director Smith and Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau. In 1933 when Mr. Roosevelt took office the national debt stood at \$21,000,000,000 and today it is \$45,000,000,000, making a deficit of \$25,000,000,000 in the eight years he has been in office. It was considered here unlikely that the budget for the next fiscal year could be balanced.

Rugged Section To Be Inundated At Mineral Wells Soon

By RICHARD M. MOREHEAD
United Press Staff Correspondent
MINERAL WELLS, Tex.—A rugged section of Texas, rich in history, will be inundated next year when engineers begin filling up the lake behind Possum Kingdom dam, on the twisting Brazos River 18 miles northwest of here. Eight hundred men are building the giant dam now and their work is to be completed next spring, although 12 other dams are planned to harness the Brazos, largest and most destructive river in the state. The lake behind the dam will cover 28,800 acres in Palo Pinto, Stephens and Young counties. Pickwick, a pioneer village five miles northwest of the dam will be 25 feet under water when the reservoir is filled. Work of removing inhabitants and re-interring the dead will be completed long before the Brazos waters start pounding against the dam. Pickwick was a trading post half a century ago for Sul Ross, the ranchman-Texas Ranger captain who is almost a legendary figure of Indian-fighting days. The river valley to be inundated is so inaccessible in most places that Indians and Southwest "bad men" were among its most frequent inhabitants. Sam Bass, noted Texas desperado, hid away in a cave along the river in Palo Pinto County. Archeologists have discovered relics of at least three Indian tribes who lived in the region to be covered by water. A University of Texas group has been digging for evidences of plains Indians culture of a tribe of mound-building Indians, and of Aborigines similar to those found in East Texas. The Brazos was named, according to legend, by a group of Spanish conquistadores who made an expedition into the section 200 years ago. The small band of adventurers, accompanied by Franciscan friars, encountered a large number of Indians who set out to kill the intruders. The Spaniards came to the banks of the Brazos and crossed it. On the opposite side, a friar knelt to ask divine assistance as the Indian hordes started across the river toward the Spaniards. When most of the Indians were in the water, a sudden flood swept down and engulfed them. The friar gave thanks for the rescue and named the river "Los Brazos de Dios"—The Arms of God. The new dam was started in the spring of 1933 under a \$4,500,000 grant and loan from the Public Works Administration. It will create a lake 67 miles long, with a 310-mile shoreline. The dam, on a bend in the river, will be 3,000 feet long and 220 feet from riverbed to spillway. It is designed primarily for flood control and generation of hydro-electric power, but will be used also for municipal water supplies and as a recreational spot for hundreds of thousands who live in West Central Texas. New roads already are being built to make the lake accessible to tourists.

Man Shoots Wife And Then Suicides

MONAHANS, Dec. 26.—H. B. Stead, 30, of Wink, called his estranged wife from a Christmas dinner late yesterday, shot her in the arm then committed suicide, police reported today.

Body Of Sailor Is Located By Police

PORT ARTHUR, Dec. 26.—The body of Walter Clemmons, 46, a sailor was found in the mud on a vacant lot here today. Police said he apparently had died of exposure.

Sen. Norris Is To Retire From Senate

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Sen. George Norris, veteran senator from Nebraska, has announced that he will retire at the end of his present term, in 1943, to go back to private life.

Oklahoma Traffic Deaths Below 1938

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 26.—The Oklahoma Highway Patrol office here announced that traffic deaths in Oklahoma, for 1939, had reached 460 for the year. Traffic deaths for 1938 totalled 496.

Australians Land In England Today

LONDON, Dec. 26.—The first contingent of Australian forces landed in England today. They were from the Australian air force.

Ruby Keeler Gets Divorce From Her Singing Husband

HOLLYWOOD, Calif., Dec. 26.—Ruby Keeler, dancing star of the movies, today obtained a divorce from her singer-husband, Al Jolson, on grounds that he humiliated her until she had an inferiority complex. The divorce was uncontested by Jolson.

Red Strategy in Central Finland



Surging into north central Finland on three fronts, the Russian army reveals the strategy of its attack centered on control of Tornio, key city on the Gulf of Bothnia. Heavy arrows indicate extent of Red advance and broken lines show routes Soviet troops seek to follow in their drive to cut Finland in half.

New Officers For Society Are Named

Officers for the coming year have been elected by the Eastland Callahan Medical Society. The meeting at which the officers were elected was held recently at Rising Star. Dr. F. C. Payne of Rising Star was chosen as president of the society and Dr. C. C. Cogburn of Eastland was re-elected as secretary.

Man Wanted In California Found

Charles McKay, wanted in Tulare, Calif., on a charge of grand theft, was arrested Monday by Sheriff Loss Woods and Deputy E. W. (Tug) Underwood west of Desdemona at a relative's home. McKay was arrested by the officers after California authorities had wired a warrant for McKay's arrest. Grand theft in California corresponds to a charge of theft over \$50 in Texas, the officers explained. McKay has refused to waive extradition and the California authorities are expected to come to Texas within a few days and go through the necessary procedure to return McKay, it was stated. According to information received by the Eastland county officers McKay had been in this section for two weeks.

Local Home Burns Tuesday Morning

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Ogr, in the 600-block on Young street, Ranger, was destroyed by fire which was discovered at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning. The Ranger fire department answered the call, but the blaze had gained considerable headway before being discovered. No cause of the damage was immediately determined, it was reported by the Ranger Fire Department this morning.

Hoover Pleading For More Relief To Be Sent to Finland

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Former President Herbert Hoover, head of the Finnish relief drive, stated today that \$200,000 had already been sent to Finland, but that much more was needed. Today he will take his campaign to the midwest, conferring later at Chicago with other relief officials.

Burglar Robs A Stephenville Store

STEPHENVILLE, Dec. 26.—Sheriff Carl W. Turnbull of Erath County today sought aid of state police in identifying fingerprints left by a burglar who robbed a Stephenville hardware store and rifled the safe of \$450. Tools which he took from the store were used by the burglar in the robbery.

Christmas Season Provides Impetus To Marriage Totals

The Christmas season has provided the impetus for a large number of marriage license issuance in the office of County Clerk R. V. Galloway. From Friday through Monday a total of 16 licenses were issued. On Friday a total of 13 licenses were issued. Included in the licenses issued was one by the clerk to his son, Reuben Jackson Galloway, who will marry Mary Elizabeth Bunnell Wednesday noon at her home in San Angelo. The clerk's son is a school teacher in San Angelo.

Christmas Brings Dinners And Cheer For Nazi Seaman

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—There were 11,000 free Christmas dinners served in New York City yesterday, and no one had to go hungry. Also furnished with Christmas dinners were the members of the crew of the German liner Columbus, who were landed on Ellis Island after their ship was scuttled. In Florida crewmen of the German steamer Auraca, who number 53, sang Christmas carols of "peace on earth, good will toward men" from the deck of their ship, as sailors on the British cruiser Orion, waiting outside the Florida territorial waters for the freighter, sang similar carols as they waited for the ship to leave harbor so they could sink it.

Norwegian Steamer Sunk In North Sea

LONDON, Dec. 26.—One Norwegian steamer, bound for England, was reported sunk by an explosion in the North Sea today. It was not indicated whether the explosion was caused by a torpedo, a mine, or was internal. All members of the crew were reported saved.

Nazi Raids In The West Are Repulsed

PARIS, Dec. 26.—Two Nazi raids east of the Moselle river today were reported to have been repulsed by French troops. It was reported that the German offense was not in operation on Christmas Day.

Cherry Turns Down A Coaching Offer At Amarillo High

AMARILLO, Dec. 26.—Blair Cherry, former coach of Amarillo High School, and also former coach of Ranger High School, now assistant coach of University of Texas, said today he had refused an offer to return as head coach of Amarillo High School, where he developed three state championship football teams.

Rules Governing Political Column Of Paper Listed

With the political year approaching, this paper wishes to call attention of all candidates and prospective candidates to the following rules concerning announcements in the political columns of the paper: Names of candidates for the various offices will be inserted in the political announcement column in the order in which they are received. Candidates placing their names in this column will be extended the courtesy of a free introductory story, not to exceed 250 words, which must be inserted in the same issue in which they place their names in the announcement columns. All subsequent statements from candidates will be charged for at the regular political rates. Rates this year will be the same as on previous years, which are as follows: Congressional, district and county offices, \$15. Commissioner, \$10. Precinct, \$5. Cash must accompany each order for inserting a name in the announcement column, and no combination rates with other papers will be made. No exceptions will be made to the foregoing rules.

Held in Hacksaw Murder of Baby



Mrs. Tilly Irelin, 35-year-old Philadelphia governess, was held without bail after the torso of her 22-month-old son, wrapped in newspapers, was found in a cemetery. The child's head, arms and legs were discovered in her room. Authorities declare she confessed smothering the child and dismembering the body with a hacksaw because "he was a nuisance" and "interfered with my dates."

Take Inventory Of Your Health Is Urged By Doctor

Stock-taking or inventory time will be at hand in a few days, and Dr. Geo. W. Cox, State Health Officer, urges every one to visit his family physician and have a thorough physical examination. Each year merchants take an inventory of their assets to determine the condition of their business. Personal health is a big business for every one, and they should take stock of their physical condition at least once a year. Perhaps it is a lack of persistent warning, but it seems to be mere carelessness that permits one of the greatest life-savers yet developed by science to be neglected by the majority. For, in spite of repeated statements concerning the advantages of early discovery and treatment of conditions which are only possible by way of a physical examination at a time when one looks and feels well, the antiquated idea of forgetting the physician until pain and illness overtakes one still rules. Cancer, tuberculosis, nephritis, diabetes and heart ailments are below the belt hitters. Being master criminals, they attack silently, and frequently have their victims in their power before they are aware of their presence. It is urgently recommended that those who wish to live throughout the year and other years to come, as healthy and happy as possible, should have a complete physical examination. The correction of any defects in their early stages will save much time, suffering and money.

San Antonio Store Manager Robbed

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 26.—J. M. Goodwin, manager of a San Antonio store, was held up by two hijackers this morning, and robbed of his car and \$4,000 in receipts of the store. Goodwin reported to police that one of the men was heavy set, of medium build, and flourished a gun. The other was reported as being baby faced, of medium height and about 35 years of age.

Ship Sends Out An SOS Call Today

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—MacKay Radio reports having received a message from the British cruiser Exminster, stating it had intercepted a wireless message, apparently from a freighter in distress, apparently British. The message as relayed by the Exminster said the SOS read, "Ship going down. Lifeboats gone. Need help badly."

Baby Girl Is Born As Car Travels At 60-Miles Per Hour

A baby girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Manning of Eastland, in an automobile going 60 miles an hour, Sunday morning at 1 o'clock, between Eastland and Ranger. Both the mother and daughter were reported today to be doing nicely. Mrs. Manning, who is a daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Manning of Ranger, was being driven to a Ranger hospital by Mrs. Lee Stewart, a sister-in-law, when the baby was born as the car drove through Olden.

THE WEATHER

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Rehabilitating the Wagner Act

After eight days of testimony by the special investigating committee of the House of Representatives, it has become generally apparent that some reforms in the Wagner Labor Act are desirable if the law is to serve its prime function of molding better relationships between employer and unionist.

Until Jan. 5, the five members of the House committee will recess to study the 300 pages of testimony thus far garnered from unreticent witnesses. Almost from the first day of the hearing, it appeared that all was not functioning smoothly on the National Labor Relations Board, which is the statutory enforcement machinery of the Wagner Act.

Most vociferous criticism of the board's functions was implied in the reports of unharmonious intercourse among the board's personnel. From some of the testimony, it would appear most of the NLRB employees, from executives down, were employed largely in writing caustic memoranda concerning the shortcomings of their colleagues. Where there is that much smoke, there must be at least a small fire.

Principally inherent in all of the voluminous testimony that has so far been offered is the articulate demand for changes in the law itself. The Wagner Act defeats itself if neither labor nor the employer trusts it. If the administration of the act is incompatible with the best interests of those for whom the legislation was designed, then Congress should take from the board some of the powers of discretion it now enjoys and should substitute a strict course of procedure.

From the criticisms so far recorded in the hearing, it appears that already a number of reforms are suggested. The "red tape" in handling cases might be trimmed, definition of a bargaining unit might be formulated, strict duties for examiners and prosecutors should be laid down so their jurisdictions will not overlap, employers should be given an opportunity to confer with NLRB representatives before they are haled before examiners, and the entire conduct of cases should be handled with a regard for due process of law and the common courtesies allowed in a recognized court.

Other suggestions will probably become apparent before the hearing is over. Already the National Association of Manufacturers has proposed a 12-point reform program, which would outlaw the closed shop and check-off system of collecting union dues and would set up six restrictions against strikes. The result of the proposed amendments on strikes would be to remove almost completely this potent labor weapon.

The manufacturers' proposals are far too drastic. When Congress considers changes in the Wagner Act, it must bear in mind that neither labor nor the employer should be strangled. The law has no motive if it does not operate to the eventual benefit of both.

If the Idea Could Be Carried a Little Further—



Clyde S. Karkalits Announces For Assessor Collector

This issue of the paper carries the announcement of Mr. Clyde S. Karkalits for the office of Assessor and Collector for Eastland County.

Mr. Karkalits needs no introduction to the voters of this entire county as he has been associated in business and civic affairs throughout the county practically all his life. He is efficient and fully qualified for the office he seeks and is worthy of consideration of those who are interested in his candidacy. The following statement from Mr. Karkalits speaks for itself and we gladly pass it on to the voters of the county.

To the Voters of Eastland County:

I want to courteously submit my candidacy for the office of Assessor-Collector to the voters of Eastland County, and, first of all, I want to express my sincere appreciation for the splendid vote you gave me nearly four years ago.

Most of you, probably, will remember that I came within only 24 votes of winning the nomination, and knowing the democracy of the citizenship of Eastland County as I do I have confidence to believe they will be willing to honor me this time with that important office.

To those who are not familiar with my family history I will say that my father and his mother and sister came to this county as pioneers in 1875 and my mother's father and his family moved here in 1876. I was born on a farm near German, Texas, and have been reared in this county and married a daughter of an Eastland County pioneer.

I have had several years' experience as a deputy in the Tax Assessor-Collector's office and I believe that, in addition to my 25 years' experience in the business world, 20 years of which was as an accountant, properly qualifies me for the duties of the office and the rendering to you the kind of service required for the proper administration of its affairs.

I invite, and request, a close investigation into my character, and as to whether or not I am capable and efficient, and if my investigation reveals the fact that I meet



the requirements necessary to successfully administer the affair of this important office, then I earnestly solicit your vote and influence, and if you elect me your Assessor-Collector I will appreciate it more than I can tell you and will show my appreciation by keeping in mind the fact that the office belongs to the people and not to the office-holder and will render you the best service of which I am capable.

Sincerely,
CLYDE S. KARKALITS.

"OUT OUR WAY" - - - - - By W



ALLEY OOP - - - - - By



SUPER SLEUTH

Horizontal Answer to Previous Puzzle

1,8 Most famous detective of fiction.

13 To wander.

14 To relinquish.

16 Orient.

17 To rent.

18 Tedium.

19 Onager.

20 Small tumor.

21 Accorded.

25 Half an em.

26 Uncooked.

29 Trial ending with no decision.

34 Mineral spring.

35 Being.

36 Seaweed.

37 Female fowl.

38 Indefinite article.

39 Entrance.

40 Sun.

43 Measure of area.

44 Peaceable.

48 He is more famous than his —, or

52 Witticism.

53 Turning machine.

55 The Supreme Being.

56 Front hall.

57 Opera melodies.

58 Persia.

60 He is the chief — in a series of stories.

61 He was created by Conan —.

15 Unfilled cavity in a — lode.

20 Religious homage.

22 Insect.

23 An accuser.

24 To dub.

27 Monkey.

28 Paie.

30 Wayside hotel.

31 Melted.

32 Sick.

33 Epoch.

39 Wrath.

40 Oriental guitar.

41 Preposition.

42 Purple flower.

43 God of war.

45 Indian nurse.

46 African tree.

47 Light wagon.

48 To scorch.

49 Money changing.

50 Conservative.

51 Land right.

54 Cravat.

56 South Carolina.

59 New England.

Vertical

1 Senior.

2 Pit.

3 Opposed to odd.

4 To soak flax.

5 To be indebted.

6 Food container.

7 Relative.

8 Female heir.

9 Thin.

10 Spar.

11 Existence.

12 Street.

Sibelius Says Fate Of Finland Rests On Other Countries

NEW YORK.—Jean Sibelius, Finland's world-famous composer and author of "Finlandia," one of his best known works, today called the American people, through Herbert Hoover, national chairman of the Finnish Relief Fund, that the sympathy displayed by the American public "electrifies the civilized world and has convinced more and more people of the justice of Finland's cause."

While he realized that how Finland emerges from the struggle, "depends in the first instance on ourselves," he declared that Finland's "fate depends also in a large measure on what those nations which prize liberty do." His cable read:

"You Americans wish to hear what I think of the fate of Finland now that she is being attacked by a great power. I need hardly say that I have only one thought, to see the Fatherland defended. My anxiety for its welfare and my desire to act fills my heart night and day.

"I have heard of your generosity and gratitude and I have experienced the sympathy with which you in America listened to Finnish music, and I know the understanding shown for the people whose being this music interprets. Recent events show the truly deep comprehension of the situation and state of my country in the American mind. The sympathy displayed for us in all circles of the American public electrifies the civilized world and has convinced more and more people of the justice of Finland's cause.

"You go on insisting that the voice of Finland, in the choir of nations, shall continue to echo freely and Finland's independence given every support against the crushing odds now threatening. During these two weeks, I have

Argentine Rancher Says U. S. Beef Is Best In The World

By United Press
FORT WORTH, Tex.—George Gordon-Davis, beef cattle expert from Buenos Aires, Argentina, is convinced that the United States produces the finest Hereford cattle in the world.

Gordon-Davis, a judge in cattle shows as well as a traveling agent for a Buenos Aires packing firm, spent several days recently in West Texas attending sales of high-grade Herefords. They are the "best I ever saw," Gordon-Davis commented.

Sheep herding done by automobiles gradually getting a spluttering start in the Herefords.

A woman hunter waking a bear on a point of view.

Warship Seen Off Coast Of Mexico

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 26.—A large warship, presumably British, is reported off the coast of Mexico, within the safety zone, apparently waiting for two German freighters, which are now at Vera Cruz.

OPERA STAR

Horizontal Answer to Previous Puzzle

1,4 Pictured prima donna.

11 Circular wall.

12 Pertaining to a diary.

14 Room recess.

16 Actual being.

18 Containing tin.

19 Leg.

20 Trees.

22 Upright shaft.

23 Ankles.

24 Elms.

26 Cows.

27 Idant.

29 To bark.

31 Musical note.

32 Frost bite.

34 Minute object.

36 Roosted.

37 Strong winds.

39 Railroad.

40 Curious inspection.

41 Picture border.

42 Crime.

43 Form of "be."

44 Tumor.

45 Cheat.

46 Peak.

Vertical

1 Peril.

2 Caucasian.

3 Paid publicity.

4 Buckets.

5 Measure.

6 Ninth part.

7 Right to speak.

8 Ell.

9 Lions' homes.

10 Trees, genus.

11 She sang — roles with

17 Weird.

19 Boy.

21 Sutures.

23 Toward.

25 Roof final.

28 Chord which bisects a circle.

30 To coat with tin alloy.

31 Monkey.

33 Scheme.

35 Rotten stone.

36 Gaiter.

38 And.

42 Cotton cloth.

44 Scepter.

45 To accomplish.

47 Flower.

49 Beret.

50 South Africa.

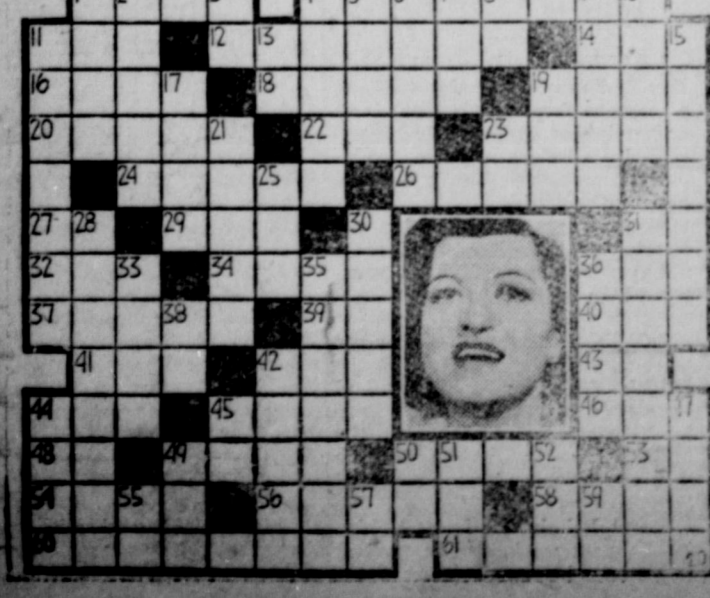
51 The tip.

52 Blue grass.

53 Father.

57 Before Christ (abbr.).

59 Chass.



SERIAL STORY BLACKOUT

BY RUTH AYERS

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CHAPTER I
BLACKOUT in London!
Outside, the shaft in Trafal-
square loomed like a ghost,
g and dim.



Mary screamed as she fell. . . "Steady there!" a strange male voice cautioned. Mary felt strong arms holding her, glimpsed a smiling face above her as the flashlight's beam outlined her.

Y CARROLL was 23. She'd
been one of the most promis-
style-wise as mannequins she had house in Mayfair, if that's what
sketched in Paris. But no pencil
Mary sensed that Carla's nar-

her, could do justice to the maize-
colored hair or the morning glory
blue of her eyes. Tonight she wore
a gay dress with a saucy bustle
bow. It followed the lines of her
slim body and against the bright
fabric her fair skin glowed like
opal.
"As long as you're real, nothing
else matters," he answered, after
a pause.
Her smile flashed tenderly.
"Something tells me I'm crazy
about you."
To Mary at that moment, it
seemed as if nothing could ever
come between them. Not black-
outs, nor bombing planes, nor
evacuation orders. As she reached
for his hand, she sensed a stir in
the room.
TURNING, she saw a regally
slender woman sweeping in.
Mary watched as the woman slowly
surveyed the diners in the dim
light of the blue-green blackout
bulbs. The stranger's gaze rested,
at last, upon Mary, then Vincent.
Then as her glance met his in
recognition, she bowed slightly
and with a lazy smile, turned and
followed the waiter to a table at
the far side of the room.
The intimacy of the glance she
had exchanged with Vincent gave
Mary a feeling of vague forebode-
ing. She shook it off. She said,
"I think you're going to have a
very jealous wife, Vincent. I'm
seeing at the way that gorgeous
woman looked at you. Who is
she?"
She noticed Vincent lacked his
usual aplomb as he answered,
flustered. "Why, darling, that's the
famous Carla Marchetta."
"Oh—and should I know who
she is?"
"Heavens, yes. You've seen her
picture often enough in the soci-
ety columns. She's a rounder-
upper of celebrities."
"And you, my love—are you one
of the celebrities she's been round-
ing up?"
Vincent's black brows came to-
gether in a frown, but there was
a trace of pride in his voice as
he said, "Well, I've been to Carla's

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CHAPTER II
ANYTHING could happen in a
London air raid alarm. And
what was happening was that
Mary Carroll was being held in
the strong arms of a strange man.
Terror choked her as she struggled
to break free.
But her fears were calmed when
the man spoke again in the same
deep, obviously Yankee voice:
"I'm not going to take any
chance on having you break your
neck on the stairs," he said.
Mary opened her eyes. In the
beam of the porter's flashlight
she caught a glimpse of a rugged
figure and a crest of obviously red
hair above a broad grin and smil-
ing eyes.
She saw the stranger looking at
her. It was only a hurried glance,
but there was something friendly
and kind about it. "You look like
a girl from America," he mumb-
led.
"I am," she said simply. "How
did you know?"
He laughed. "Feeling better?
I'll carry you downstairs."
"Thanks—you're very kind. Did
you just appear from where to
rescue me?"
"No, I'm a doctor on air raid
duty and this is one of my emer-
gency stations. You were just in
the line of duty."
He handed her a gas mask, car-
ried her downstairs. "Thanks so
much," she whispered as he put



Puzzled, Mary stared at the oversize card.

her down.
"Okay—and good luck." The
young American doctor spoke
quickly and then turning, was
swallowed in the gob of blackness
and the hiss of fantastic bobbing
masks around her.
FOR a minute, Mary stood alone
and uncertain. Then the re-
vealing beam of the porter's flash-
light swung around to outline Vin-
cent nearby. She stumbled toward
him.
When she touched his arm, he
wheeled sharply. "Oh," she heard
him say through his mask. "It's
you, Mary. Sorry we got separated
in the jam. Here's your mask!"
Instantly, Mary sensed his voice
was strained. She clung to him
silently.
The porter was barking orders
like a top sergeant. "Everyone
put gas masks on. A. R. P. regu-
lations." In the pitch of the cellar,
people jerked like puppets, the
masks turning them into strange
Martian figures. Fat sandbags
were propped against the windows
and the wine kegs had been rolled
away to give clearance in the mid-
dle of the room. Even so, the jam
was frightening and the wheeze of
breathing in the masks like death
gasps.
Minutes dragged like hours un-
til, as suddenly as it had begun,
the banshee wails of the sirens
stopped. Ears strained for the
awful sound of crashing bombs.
Instead the welcome sound of
the "All Clear" signal.
London's Black Watch had kept
the enemy planes away.
There was a stir in the restau-
rant shelter as gas masks came off
and people went pell-mell to the
stairs.
Mary heard Vincent's voice
whispering, "Let's get out of here.
False alarm."
Hurried along, she went with
him—saw him fling a pound note
on the table for their check and
gather up their coats. Outside,
even the darkness of blackout was
welcome. Gratefully, they drew in
deep draughts of the frosty, foggy
air.
"I hate that sort of thing," Vin-

cent said, his voice still strained.
It seemed odd for Vincent to be
unnerved by the experience, but
Mary could understand his fear.
After all, Vincent had been a pilot
in a bombing plane himself.
"Let's not think about it," she
said. "I might tell you, though,
that I was panicky when I found
I'd lost you. I'm ashamed of my-
self, honey, but honestly, I almost
dove off into an old-fashioned
faint. It was lucky that a doctor
was at hand to scoop me up and
find a gas mask for me. He must
have given me his own." The
thought of the stranger's disregard
of his own safety thrilled her.
"Thank you very much," she
said. "You're a sweetheart."
"Madhouse business—that
air raid stuff. Let's hope
we'll be back in New York this
time next week."
BY the time they'd stumbled
through the darkened streets
to Mary's hotel, Vincent was his
same gay self.
"Thank you," he said as he guided
her through the muffled lobby to
the desk. "There's a message for
you."
Mary's eyes danced. "Ah—at
last!" she cried out joyously.
There could be no mistake about
the envelope the desk clerk hand-
ed her. It bore the stamp of the
American consulate and inside was
a note. Mary stepped to the desk
light to read it.
She came back to Vincent,
drawing him aside so no one
would overhear. "We're sailing on
the Moravia tomorrow afternoon
at 3 o'clock," she whispered. "The
consulate warns us to keep it
secret."
Vincent nodded. "Swell. I'll
rush over to my lodgings and pack.
We'll meet in the morning for cof-
fee and get the first train to
Southampton."
"Your tickets and passports are
safe?"
"Silly, of course. And you hang
on to your pocketbook for dear
life, too."

Man Has Troubles When His Snakes Get Sore Throats

By United Press
FORT WORTH, Tex.—Harry
Jackson faced a crisis today as his
38 snakes and two Gila monsters
suffered an epidemic of sore
throats.
Knee deep in aspirin and iodine
Jackson tried desperately to treat
the reptiles for this disease and
tried to figure out where they
could have picked it up.
Holder of the snake concession
at the local zoo, Jackson explained
that it could not be the changing
weather which gave his "family" a

cold because an automatic ther-
mometer keeps the temperature
To make matters worse, "Wim-
py," his indigo snake, had six in-
ches of his tail die on him. Jack-
son made a successful operation a
Wimpy, he said, doesn't seem
mind his abbreviated tail at all.
Jackson has been bitten on
once. Last year a moccasin stru-
ck him, after treatment, Jackson to
hourly data on his condition in
spirit of experimentation.
Visitors seldom come to Jac-
son because the snakes "scare"
good many away, I guess," he
said. "But snakes aren't the wor-
company in the world—or the
best."

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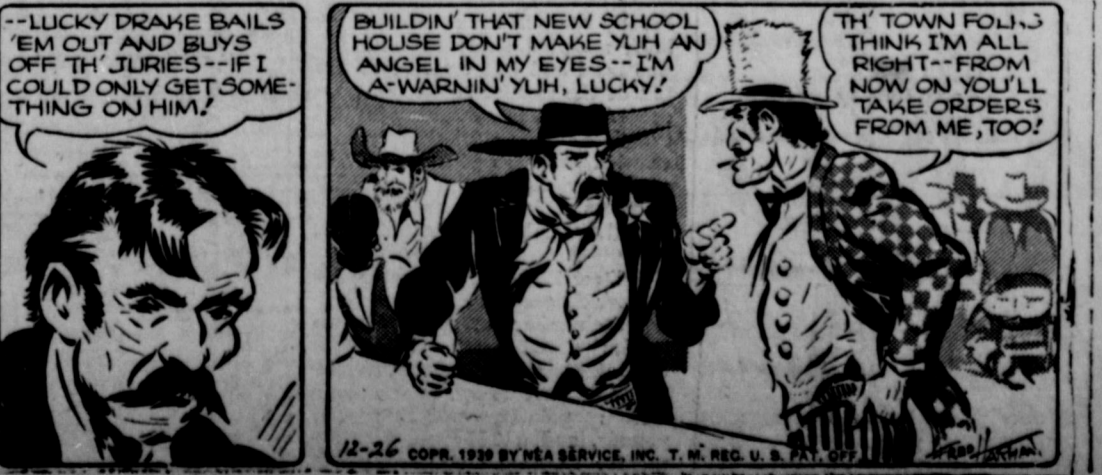
FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS



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BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent
WASHINGTON.—There may have been more than met the eye behind Secretary Ickes' recent assertion that he wasn't taking any stock in the talk about Paul V. McNutt's being the New Deal's pet candidate for the presidency.

Until Ickes made this remark, there had been some rather strong indications the inner circle was looking on McNutt with a good deal of favor. The Hoosier made several very New Dealish speeches in November and seemed a particularly welcome guest at the White House.

Then Ickes spilled the beans, saying bluntly that the "liberal and progressive elements" in the administration weren't for McNutt.

One explanation for all of this—offered here for what it may be worth—is that McNutt served as an excellent counter-irritant while the White House was having its troubles with Postmaster General Farley. Now, it is said, Farley and Roosevelt have come to a harmonious understanding; hence it is no longer necessary to present McNutt as FDR's heir apparent.

ALTHOUGH the New Dealers were quick to criticize Thomas E. Dewey's Minneapolis speech, a number of them feel that Dewey has considerable of what it takes to be a good presidential candidate.

He has a first rate radio voice and some of the same talent for mimicry—call it acting ability, if you like—which Roosevelt himself possesses.

At a press conference here

Dewey got to telling about Fritz Kuhn's trial. In his account of it he mimicked the Bund leader as a witness; held himself in the rigid posture of the Yorkville fuhrer, spoke with his accent, and all in all put on a first-rate one-minute show.

It's a little thing, maybe—but it has been one of the elements in FDR's effectiveness.

THE speed with which the administration accepted the opportunity to blame the difficulties of the Ohio relief tangle on Governor Bricker is not entirely disconnected from the fact that Bricker has for some time been considered the leading dark horse in the Republican presidential race.

Bricker is not an avowed candidate. He is, on the contrary, pretty definitely on the sidelines in favor of the other Ohioan, Senator Robert Taft.

Yet there were a number of important Republicans who believed that no candidate would come to the next convention with a commanding lead, that a deadlock would ensue and that Bricker would then emerge as the likeliest choice.

ONE of the interesting political twists of the fall is the way the New Deal administration is suddenly emerging as a devoted anti-Communist band.

Two months ago the administration was definitely on the defensive as far as Communism was concerned. The Dies committee was making sensational charges about Communist infiltration into the New Deal.

Now the administration is assailing Russia, giving aid to Finland, and—through Attorney General Murphy—opening a sweeping grand jury investigation of Communist agents in this country.

"OUT OUR WAY"

BY WILLIAMS



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Society Notes

Announce Engagement Of Daughter

Mrs. N. L. Beach of Ranger announces the engagement of her daughter, Doris, to Mr. Orvel Harrell of Eastland. Mr. Harrell is the son of Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Harrell

of Eastland. The marriage is to be held in early June, it was announced.

Booster Class Report

The members of the Booster Class of the First Methodist Church school met in regular session Sunday morning with Mrs. T. M. Collie, president, conducting the business period and opening session. Mr. R. E. Head led the song service with Mrs. Collie at the piano.

A lovely gift, a potted double poinsetta, was presented to Judge and Mrs. W. P. Leslie from the class. A box of linen handkerchiefs were presented Mrs. Collie.

Letters of appreciation received from the little Mexican children the class entertained last week.

Judge Leslie brought a very interesting lesson on Peace on Earth Depends on Peace of Individual. Present: Mmes. G. H. Kinard, Herman Hassell, Claude Boles, W. O. McMahon, C. C. Cogburn, J. C. Stephen, T. M. Collie, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Willman, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Van Geem, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Head, Judge Leslie.

Eastland Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Overand, the former Miss Irene Williams, were holiday visitors in Eastland and Ranger enroute from Overton to their new home in Baytown.

Miss Maxine Coleman, student of John Tarleton, is home for the holiday season.

Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Hale of Lubbock are visiting in Eastland.

Mr. and Mrs. John Harrison had as their holiday guests their son, Gerland Harrison and their daughter, Mrs. Paul Benbrook and husband, all of Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Miller of Corpus Christi are holiday guests in the home of Mrs. J. L. Johnson. They plan to return to their home

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



THE EARTH INTERCEPTS ONLY ABOUT ONE TWO-BILLIONTH OF THE ENERGY SENT OUT FROM THE SUN.



THERE HAVE BEEN MORE THAN 4,000 DIFFERENT MAKES OF AUTOMOBILES SINCE 1868



INDIANS USED THE OSAGE ORANGE FOR WHAT PURPOSE?

ANSWER: They used the wood for making bows.

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BATS FLY EQUALLY WELL IN DAYLIGHT, IN DARKNESS, OR IN THE GLARE OF AN ELECTRIC LIGHT.



WHAT ARE DIAMONDS USED FOR PRINCIPALLY?

TREE BARK IS BROWN AS A RESULT OF AIR AND MOISTURE ACTING ON THE TANNIN IN DEAD CELLS.

ANSWER: Sixty-five per cent of the annual production is used in industry . . . in such equipment as drilling and grinding tools.

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RANGER TIMES

WILD LIFE

By JOHN R. WOOD State Game Warden

Bull Snakes Help Ranchmen Bull snakes are helping W. Albert Richardson, district clerk of Erath county, rid his ranch in Summerville county of rattlesnakes. Shortly after Mr. Richardson purchased the ranch he advertised for bull snakes, obtained fourteen and released them on the place. That was ten years ago. The number of rattlesnakes has diminished since then and Mr. Richardson recently got a graphic illustration of the reason.

While walking through a field he saw a large bull snake rush past an eighteen inch rattler, which struck at him but missed. The bull snake did this repeatedly, and each stride of the rattler was slower than the last one. Finally the bull snake rushed by turned quickly and grabbed the rattler before it could coil again. There was quite a scuffle, but the bull snake began twisting itself around the rattler and Mr. Richardson heard the bones of the smaller reptile crack. Finally the bull snake released its hold, satisfied itself that its foe was dead and he crawled to the tail of the smaller snake and proceeded to swallow it. When he had completed the job, he quietly crawled away as if in search of another victim. Moral Never kill harmless snakes. One may destroy a rattler which might have bit you.

Deer Fight Helps Hunter

Deer frequently are seen fighting each other and one of those battles proved disastrous for both combatants recently. T. A. Wendler of Boerne, Texas, came upon a fifteen pointer, weighing 175 pounds, and a 155 pound seven-pointer fighting on opening day. Wendler bagged them both.

Would You Buy It AGAIN

All merchants—nearly everybody who makes a living by selling something—can be divided into two distinct groups:

GROUP ONE: The merchant whose goods give so little value that he, like the old-time vendor of gold-bricks, cannot expect "repeat" orders. He must make all his profit from the first (and only) sale. Then he must seek buyers not yet familiar with his goods or reputation.

GROUP TWO: The merchant whose goods are sold in the hope of winning the purchaser's continued patronage. He can expect only a moderate profit. Thus, one sale per person is not enough. Each article must be good enough to make the buyer want to buy it again.

The merchants who advertise in this paper belong in Group Two. They could not stay in business unless they earned "repeat" orders—unless they gave you honest value for every dollar you spend with them.

That is why each article they sell you must be so thoroughly satisfactory that you would later answer "yes" to this, the most important question a merchant can ask a customer: "Would you buy it again?"

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