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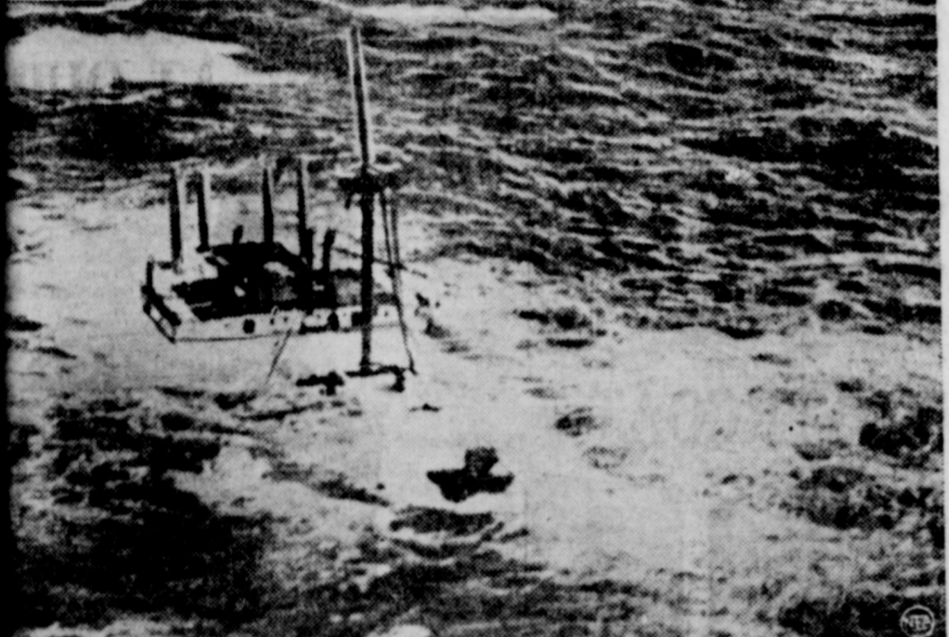
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Finish Refugees Flee in Snow From Red Army



Peasants trek over the barren wastes to keep out of the way of the Russian invaders.

ziss and Davey Jones, Inc., Bag Another Ship



Showing the final plunge of an unidentified ship, presumably an allied vessel, was a German scouting plane. No information was released as to whether the ship was mined, torpedoed or bombed by the plane.

Returns To After Stay Western Front

Dec. 27.—Adolf Hitler visit to the West—back in Berlin today.

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s Winners Suit for Taxes

of \$774.89 has been 88th district court in of the Eastland Free oration and others and J. C. Welch. Judgment was for District, the City of e and Eastland com—were plaintiffs in the volved back taxes on 10 feet out of block Eastland.

TS DIVORCE as been granted by court in the case of vs. Howard Harbin. T's maiden name, Ireland, was restored judgment.

RUSSIANS ARE STILL MASSING MORE TROOPS

HELSINKI, Finland, Dec. 27.—Russian troops are being massed in two of the principal battle areas, in apparent preparation for a major drive, which is expected to follow soon upon the heels of recent reverses suffered by the Soviet armies invading Finland.

North of Lake Ladoga 400,000 troops, with large quantities of supplies are reported to be massing, and the same number is reported being concentrated on the Karelian Isthmus. In both sectors the Red army has been having serious trouble making any progress in their mid-winter war.

The two troop concentrations are apparently planned in retaliation for the defeats suffered in the sub-Arctic regions of northern Finland, near Petsamo, where 51 miles of ground previously occupied by Russia has been retaken by the Finns.

In the past 48 hours 35 Russian planes have been shot down by Finnish anti-aircraft guns, 4,000 troops have been killed and every attack made by the Russians has been thrown back.

Shelling of Viipuri (Viipuri) continued today with big guns, 25 miles away, bombarding the city. Since all but about 6,000 of the citizens of Viipuri, second largest city in Finland, have been evacuated, few casualties have been reported, though the huge shells have made large holes in the city's streets.

Congressman Asks All Writing Him Give Their Address

Congressman Clyde Garrett of Eastland has asked the aid of this paper in warning people who write to him to be sure that their full address is contained on all communications, as he often has letters returned for proper address and has trouble in getting his replies to letters to the right people. "Inasmuch as many of these people cannot be contacted in any other way," Congressman Garrett writes, "I would appreciate your making some announcement in the columns of your paper to the effect that any person writing either to me or my office without receiving the proper answer, to direct another card or letter to me, giving complete address and I shall endeavor to trace their correspondence and forward same to them.

Charges Are Filed In Fatal Accident

MINERAL WELLS, Dec. 27.—Murder charges have been filed against James Korasek, 22, of Irwin, Pa., in the fatal automobile accident in which E. Cranfill, 74, of Texaco, N. M., was killed near Lovers Retreat on Highway 80-A Sunday. Korasek allegedly took a car at Mineral Wells and was fleeing with it at the time of the accident. He had served three years of a six year sentence for car theft in Pennsylvania, officers said.

Agent To Outline Work for New Year

Elmo V. Cook, county agent, said Wednesday that he will spend the majority of this week in making a plan of work for 1940.

AT GRANBURY Dick Weekes, manager of the Southwestern Peanut Growers Association, Wednesday was at Granbury on business.

Cotton Saved In a Fire At El Paso

EL PASO, Dec. 27.—El Paso firemen today saved \$1,000,000 worth of government-loan cotton from a fire which destroyed an adjacent railroad machine shop. Damage to the railway property was estimated at \$10,000.

Princess Mary Dons Khaki



Titular head of uniform" who the "women in make up Britain's "home guard" is Her Royal Highness, Princess Mary, above, in her uniform and at right, in the crown and ermine robe which the uniform supplied.

Mussolini And Pope May Move For Peace Soon

ROME, Italy, Dec. 27.—Reports from unofficial quarters have been received that Pope Pius XII and Premier Benito Mussolini may soon cooperate in a movement for peace throughout Europe.

Both have urged, individually, that peace be established, but to date no concerted effort has been attempted, though it has been expected that they might pull together for peace.

With the unofficial announcement it was expected that the long delayed peace movement might get underway in the near future, though there was some doubt as to eventual outcome, if started.

Pope Pius has cabled his congratulations to President Roosevelt upon his appointment of Myron C. Taylor as a special peace ambassador to Vatican City, which brought "joy to the heart of the Pope." Taylor has been sent by President Roosevelt as an ambassador without portfolio to aid in any peace movement that might originate in Rome.

Williamson Side Winner in Contest of Pythian Group

An attendance and membership contest of the Eastland Knights of Pythias was closed Tuesday night at a meeting in Castle hall with reports showing that a team led by Frank Williamson, Sr., as victor.

The losing team was led by T. J. Powell. The losing team will feté the other team members at a later occasion.

Earthquakes Felt In Separated Areas

ISTANBUL, Dec. 27.—Authorities here were seeking to determine today the number of casualties in an earthquake that damaged several towns in Central Asia Minor.

Chinese Claim Many Japanese Are Killed

CHUNGKING, China, Dec. 27.—Chinese authorities announced today that between Dec. 1 and Dec. 25 the Japanese had lost, as a result of Chinese army operations, "100,000 casualties, including 43,300 killed."

CLEAR SKIES COLD WEATHER OVER STATE

Clearing skies and colder weather was reported today over practically all of Texas, which had been drenched by rains and snows over the week-end and which continued Tuesday.

Coldest point in the state this morning was Amarillo, with a reading of three degrees above zero. Other temperatures reported were Lubbock 4, Austin 30, Corpus Christi 38, Fort Worth 27, Houston 32 and Abilene 22.

Odessa reported the heaviest snow in the town's history, with ten and a half inches reported this morning. The snow was so heavy there that the roof of one building was reported to have caved in from the sheer weight of the snow.

Threat of a flood was felt at Liberty, on the Trinity River, with a flood crest due there late this afternoon, or tonight.

REPORT MADE UPON WELFARE WORK OF CLUB

The Christmas Cheer Club of Eastland, which this season provided Christmas gifts and clothing for many in Eastland who might have gone without, Wednesday issued a report on its activities.

Funds were administered through the Chamber of Commerce by the Civic League and Garden Club welfare committee which was composed of Mrs. Phil Russell, Mrs. B. E. McGlamery, Mrs. Brice Taylor, Mrs. Carl Springer, Mrs. Joe Stephen and Mrs. Frank Castleberry.

The club distributed 164 boxes to children and negro families. White families were provided boxes of used clothing. The club noted that the Civic League organization's members had "adopted" many families and provided each with their needs.

Dresses, shoes, suits and coats were given children who did not have sufficient clothing to attend school but who will be able to do so now.

Purchased by the club and distributed were 10 pairs of overalls, 59 pair of socks, 47 pair of shoes, three caps, 11 sweaters, 44 pair of underwear, nine dresses and four slips. Material for 17 shirts and material for 16 pair of trousers also was bought by the club. Eighteen yards of material for dresses and underwear also were bought for distribution.

Those who assisted by donations or in other ways were the 949 Class of the First Methodist Church, the Dance Club, Delphin Club, Fidelis Matrons Class of the Baptist Church, Las Lenas Club, Rip and Sip Club of Eastland High School, Martha Dorcas Class of the Methodist Church, the Music Club, Home Makers Class, Sub Deb Club, Church of God Young People, C. W. Geue, Booster Club, Thursday Club, West Ward P.-T. A., Y. W. A. of Baptist Church, Susan Steele Class, Young Peoples Department of the Baptist Church, Eastern Star, Civic League, Wednesday Bridge Club, Rotary Club, Judge B. W. Patterson, R. A. McDaniel, Mrs. Clyde Grissom, Mrs. Karl Page, A. Friend, First Baptist Church (colored), Little Flock Baptist Church (colored), A. M. E. Methodist Church (colored), Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harden, missionary societies of the three colored churches, Judge O. C. Funderburk, Lions Club and J. C. Penny Company.

Actual cash contributions to the Christmas Cheer Club amounted to \$146.37, of which \$82.52 was given by the Civic League.

The Christmas Cheer Club expressed its appreciation to the Lions Club which has voted to provide for the needs of a boy in Eastland for one year.

Japanese Cabinet Now In Trouble

TOKYO, Japan, Dec. 27.—The Japanese cabinet was reported in trouble today, with a movement underway to attempt forcing the cabinet to resign.

Service Held

Comunion services of the Eastland County Episcopal Church were held Tuesday morning at the Woman's Clubhouse in Eastland with Rev. John E. Bauknight, priest-in-charge of the Episcopal Church in Mineral Wells, presiding.

Rancher Named to Farm Post



Grover B. Hill of Amarillo, Tex., takes over his desk as assistant secretary of agriculture. A rancher, he has been in AAA work since 1934.

List of Donors To Tree Issued

A list of all who donated to a fund which made possible the Eastland Annual Memorial Christmas Tree for poor children Sunday evening was issued Wednesday by committee members.

Donors, according to the listing were: R. L. Kinnaird, Mrs. Karl Page, Chamber of Commerce, M. Baldwin, C. D. Breedlove, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Harden, Judge O. C. Funderburk, Mrs. George Brogden, Mrs. Joseph Weaver, K. B. Tanner, Mrs. Joseph Perkins, Juanita Daniels, Jim Whittington, C. W. Hoffmann, Jack Muirhead, Judge George L. Davenport, Mrs. Curtis Hertig, Mrs. Earl Woody, Phillip Russell, Mrs. John Turner, Mrs. C. B. Frost, Mrs. Clyde Grissom, A. & P. Grocery, Piggly Wiggly.

Donations also were made in memory of the following late citizens: Frances Moss, George Crutcher, Mart Hill, C. U. Connelley, H. P. Brelsford, Belle Wilson, Frank Miller, W. K. Jackson, Dr. and Mrs. H. B. Tanner, Mrs. Thomas Butler, George Brogden, J. F. Little, Judge T. J. Powell, Major Theodore H. Low, John D. McRae, Tom Downtain, J. H. Chestham.

Officials To Visit At Royal Arch Meet Thursday at 7:30

The new grand visitor for this area will pay an official visit to the Eastland Chapter of Royal Arch Masons Thursday night, Dec. 28, at the Masonic Temple in Eastland.

In addition to the visit of the official, a communication from the new grand high priest of Texas to members of the organization in Eastland will be read.

The meeting will begin at 7:30.

Woman Hunter Kills A 400-Pound Bear

PECOS, Tex.—Mrs. Alex D. Haynes of Pecos, probably will not forget her recent hunt for a good many years. She returned with a trophy of a 400-pound bear, but not before she had more than her share of thrills.

Hunting with her husband in the Davis Mountains, Mrs. Haynes saw a huge bear and fired her 30-30. The shot hit Bruin in the foot and he turned suddenly and started toward the huntress. Mrs. Haynes fired twice more before bringing the bear down with a shot which pierced its heart.

Quality Of Canada's Army Food Rapped

WINNIPEG, Man.—Highest quality of foodstuffs should be assured for Canada's defense forces, Sen. H. A. Mullin declared here.

The senator, who was inspector of supplies during the World War, remarked that "some of the things he saw wouldn't bear eating."

"When the government is paying the best prices," he said, "the supplies should be of the best quality."

SOVIET CITIES BLACKED OUT ALL NIGHT NOW

Both Moscow and Leningrad are now experiencing nightly blackouts, indicating that the Russians now take the war with Finland more seriously than they have previously.

Schools at Leningrad are reported closed and many of the inhabitants have moved farther into the interior.

Rumors have been heard that many Russians are complaining about the food supplies and the rationing of food as now carried on. These protests have now stopped, temporarily at least, by several executions. Those who complain are lined up before firing squads and are shot down as are spies, the reports state.

Meantime the Finns have turned back still another attack by the Russians, with a new maneuver tried by the Red Army on the Karelian Isthmus being unsuccessful. Finnish machine guns moved down Russian troops trying to cross on the ice and artillery cracked the ice.

A Russian air raid was staged today on Helsinki, and another was reported along the coast of the Gulf of Finland, neither doing material damage.

Oil Is a Factor In European War; Nazi Source Low

Oil is expected to be one of the major factors in the economic war against Germany, with the Allies working to keep her source of supply cut off as effectively as possible.

The normal need for Germany's war machines is 12,000,000 to 15,000,000 tons of oil monthly. Germany produces less than 3,000,000 tons.

New sources of supply are expected to start from Rumania next month, but the supplies expected from Russia have failed to materialize. With the Rumanian supply there will still be a shortage of 6,000,000 to 8,000,000 tons of oil monthly.

Instead of exporting oil to Germany, Russia is expected to be importing oil soon, if her war with Finland continues on a major scale and no oil will be available from this source for Germany. The Allies have available all the oil they will need to carry on the war.

Eastland Stores To Close Monday

It was announced Wednesday that Eastland stores will be closed next Monday in observance of New Year's Day.

The announcement was made by H. J. Tanner, secretary-manager of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, after he had made a poll of merchants.

Government offices are also expected to close for the day.

Eastland school students do not return to school until Tuesday morning, Jan. 2.

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Starting Them on the Right Track

It is inevitable these days that more and more attention should be directed toward the problem of finding something for employable youngsters to do. While legislators and social reformers concern themselves with providing security for the aged, it is unreasonable that the enigma faced by the nation's young people should be entirely forgotten.

A lot of people discovered with something of a shock recently that not only were 5,000,000 of the nation's 21,000,000 young people between the ages of 16 and 34 out of work, but that the roster of employables was increasing by about 500,000 annually. Youth leaders and educators had a pretty fair notion something like this was true for a long time, but they couldn't get much of a hearing. Old age pensions and such were consuming all of the national energy, and the kids who came out of colleges and high schools were left to muddle along by themselves.

As the problems of pensions, compensation for the jobless, relief and unemployment begin to show up in their true perspective, people everywhere are getting interested. They are becoming aware of the fact that all of these things are irrevocably linked—that none can be considered independently of the others.

One of the principal efforts being made today in behalf of youth is to improve present methods of vocational guidance. The American Vocational Association, meeting recently in Grand Rapids, Mich., recognized its responsibility and is energetically fostering co-operation among labor, industry, government and education to find a means of hurdling present-day economic obstacles. The association realizes that within its own field there is room for sound reforms, aimed at finding a definite place in society for every young person who passes through the educational system.

It was natural, in the desperation that accompanied depression, that many persons found themselves doing jobs for which they were not trained and which they didn't enjoy. Readjustment of this condition must begin earlier than the day when the youngster starts pounding the pavements for a job. It must begin back in the schools. Efforts must be made to determine the kind of work for which each student will be best fitted, and then the whole machinery of co-operation among all the agencies must become operative to find him such a job.

Proper vocational guidance is only part of the answer. It will be a good start. But the glaring mathematics of 5,000,000 unemployed youngsters with an annual increment of 500,000 still haunts us. Mere shifting of workers within the present available supply of jobs will not help very much to balance the equation.

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS—



BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

BY BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—If you want an exact picture of the average American, the Labor Department's Bureau of Labor Statistics can fix you up.

Bureau field workers recently made a sample census in 54 cities and invented a mythical "Mr. and Mrs. Middleton" to express their findings.

Mr. and Mrs. Middleton are the average Americans. They're right in the middle: half of the people in America have higher incomes; half, lower.

And what are they like?

HOW REAL MIDDLE CLASS FOLKS LIVE

WELL, they have an income of \$1160 a year, are parents of two children, live in a rented house (pay about \$19 a month) and spend all but a few dollars of their income on food, shelter and clothing. They spend about \$465 a year on food; this will buy an adequate diet, if they follow the tips of the Bureau of Home Economics—a pint of milk a day, a slice of bread, a slice of butter, a slice of meat, a slice of fruit, a slice of vegetable, a slice of cheese, a slice of egg, a slice of fish, a slice of poultry, a slice of game, a slice of nuts, a slice of seeds, a slice of grains, a slice of legumes, a slice of fruits, a slice of vegetables, a slice of flowers, a slice of herbs, a slice of spices, a slice of condiments, a slice of dressings, a slice of sauces, a slice of soups, a slice of stews, a slice of casseroles, a slice of pies, a slice of cakes, a slice of pastries, a slice of breads, a slice of cereals, a slice of snacks, a slice of beverages, a slice of desserts, a slice of sweets, a slice of savories, a slice of salads, a slice of dips, a slice of spreads, a slice of toppings, a slice of garnishes, a slice of accompaniments, a slice of sides, a slice of entrees, a slice of main courses, a slice of soups, a slice of stews, a slice of casseroles, a slice of pies, a slice of cakes, a slice of pastries, a slice of breads, a slice of cereals, a slice of snacks, a slice of beverages, a slice of desserts, a slice of sweets, a slice of savories, a slice of salads, a slice of dips, a slice of spreads, a slice of toppings, a slice of garnishes, a slice of accompaniments, a slice of sides, a slice of entrees, a slice of main courses.

The Bureau points out that share-the-wealth plans wouldn't help the Middletons much. Current earned income in the nation is \$60,400,000,000; divided equally, it would bring each family \$31 a week—just \$9 more than the Middletons now have.

EDUCATION ANSWER TO TRADE BARRIERS

NO new federal legislation and very few new lawsuits are apt to come out of the activities of the new Interdepartmental Committee on Interstate Trade Barriers, which has just rolled up its sleeves and gone to work. The chairman, Paul T. Truitt of the Commerce Department, sees the committee's job as pretty largely educational.

The states, in other words, must be persuaded that in the long run they lose by discriminatory laws. It would probably be possible to get rid of most of the 2000 laws which are classed as "barrier" laws through federal legislation and legal action, but Mr. Truitt figures there's about enough federal law on the books already.

"This is not a federal-versus-state lobbying enterprise," he says. "We hope to point out the laws which act as trade barriers, and to stimulate the states to remove these barriers of their own accord."

It will be a slow process, any way you figure it. Only nine state legislatures are scheduled to meet next year. Committee plans to work with the Council of State Governments and with the interstate co-operative commissions which have already been set up in 33 states.

Turtle-Fed Hogs Bring Top Prices

AUSTIN, Tex.—Turtle-fed hogs recently brought top price on the San Antonio market.

J. M. Allen, caretaker of Cassin Lake, seven miles south of San Antonio carried on an experiment last summer and fall which proved highly successful. He trapped turtles in four traps made to specifications furnished by the Texas Game Department. Being the possessor of twenty pigs he decided to feed them on the turtles he trapped as the corn crop in that section of the state was a failure due to lack of rain.

Mr. Allen daily chopped up and cooked a large number of turtles. At the same time he also fed 200 chickens on turtle meat. After feeding the hogs nearly five months on turtle meat he finished them off on corn for two weeks and then placed them on the San Antonio market as No. 1 mature hogs. They brought top price.

Mr. Allen fed over 1,000 turtles a month to the hogs and chickens, the turtles averaging 6 pounds. The result was 30,000 pounds of turtles destroyed and at the same time 6,000 pounds of good pork was produced.

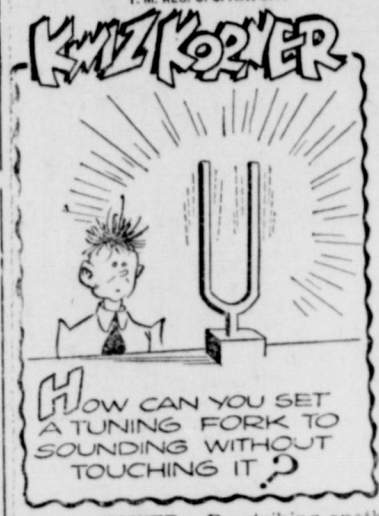
Lord Halifax rebuked a peer who thought maybe Britain ought to co-operate in attempts to end the war. It just isn't cricket, old boy.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



MEN AND APES ARE SO CLOSELY RELATED THAT THEIR BLOOD WILL MIX HARMONIOUSLY.



HOW CAN YOU SET A TUNING FORK TO SOUNDING WITHOUT TOUCHING IT?

AUTHORITIES SAY: NOAH'S ARK WAS MADE OF CYPRESS.



ANSWER: By striking another of the same pitch near it.

COLD?



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Come During This Sale And Get Yours Before They Are All Gone.

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Young Men and Students Suits
14 SUITS VALUE TO \$25.00
\$10 EXTRA PANTS **2.95**
SIZES AS FOLLOWS
1-13 3-18-34 1-17-33 2-19-35 2-20-36
3-21-37 1-22-38

LOT 2
Young Men's 3-Piece Suits
REG. \$22.50 to \$25.00 Value
\$16.95
The latest styles three buttons single breasted draped model, pleated pants, Talon fasteners

Here's a Bunch of Knockouts
Worsted Cheviots in double and single breasted suits three and four piece from our regular stock.
Prices as follows:
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\$27.50 Suit, Now \$22.00
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\$30.00 Coat, Now \$24.00
\$35.00 Coat, Now \$28.00

20% DISCOUNT ON ALL LEATHER and WOOL JACKETS

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The Men's Shop

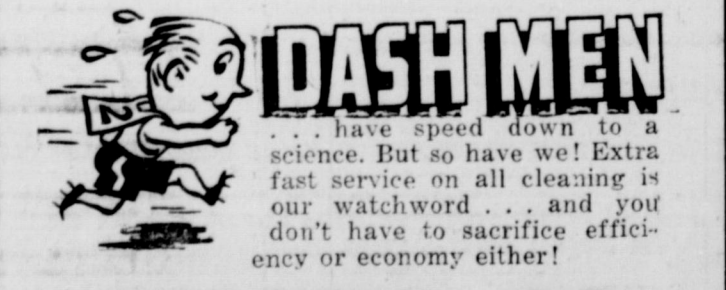
EAST SIDE SQUARE

ORGAN OF HEARING

Horizontal crossword puzzle with clues and answers. Clues include: 'Pictured is an answer to previous puzzle', 'Sherlock Holmes', 'The body of the', 'It is called the', 'Its external part, the', 'Wasps', 'Resembling the rainbow', 'To assist', 'Corner', 'To recede', 'Hops kill', 'Astral', 'Drunkard', 'Street', 'Public taxi', 'Soft food', 'Near', 'Fuel', 'Constant companion', 'Knob', 'Torpid', 'Wine vessel', 'To sink'. Answers include: 'Sherlock Holmes', 'The body of the', 'It is called the', 'Its external part, the', 'Wasps', 'Resembling the rainbow', 'To assist', 'Corner', 'To recede', 'Hops kill', 'Astral', 'Drunkard', 'Street', 'Public taxi', 'Soft food', 'Near', 'Fuel', 'Constant companion', 'Knob', 'Torpid', 'Wine vessel', 'To sink'.

Vertical crossword puzzle with clues and answers. Clues include: 'Indian viceroy', 'Indefinite article', 'Makes lace', 'To harvest', 'Glow', 'Its chain of small bones', 'Supports', 'Redeemed', 'The ear drum', 'Exposed', 'Beat of arteries', 'Diamond', 'Dance step', 'To drink', 'dog-fashion', 'To purchase', 'Stair posts', 'Rugged', 'mountain crest', 'New England', 'Domestic slave', 'Streamlet', '1831', 'Exploit', 'Queer', 'Coffee beans', 'Fish'. Answers include: 'Indian viceroy', 'Indefinite article', 'Makes lace', 'To harvest', 'Glow', 'Its chain of small bones', 'Supports', 'Redeemed', 'The ear drum', 'Exposed', 'Beat of arteries', 'Diamond', 'Dance step', 'To drink', 'dog-fashion', 'To purchase', 'Stair posts', 'Rugged', 'mountain crest', 'New England', 'Domestic slave', 'Streamlet', '1831', 'Exploit', 'Queer', 'Coffee beans', 'Fish'.

WE'LL BE CLOSED NEW YEAR FOLKS!



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If you're going somewhere—Look Nice!
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**SERIAL STORY
BLACKOUT** BY RUTH AYERS

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Yesterday, Mary and Vincent hurried to the hotel as the air raid danger passed. A letter awaited Mary. It contained a message from Vincent. As Mary undressed a card dropped from her dress. It bears only two words: "At midnight."

CHAPTER III

A SHARP rap on the door awakened Mary Carroll. "Seven o'clock!" the maid called through the door.

Slowly Mary sat up in bed. Through her window, she saw the uncertain light of a London morning and the silver balloons guarding the city. This was the day she and Vincent were to sail on the Moravia to America.

The joy of this thought suddenly swept away all the fright and foreboding of the night. Gone was the haunting fear that had kept her awake half the night. She had imagined Vincent in Carla's home—Vincent, completely ensnared by the personal magnetism of this strange woman.

Her blue eyes lighted on the card atop her dressing table. Its terse message—"At Midnight"—no longer frightened her.

"What a ridiculous old Mother Worry I was," she chided herself as she reached for her slippers. Last night, those two words had flooded her mind with nameless terror. But this morning, it all seemed far away and unimportant. The message might have meant the time of a radio broadcast or a train departure or something equally harmless.

"And there I was," she reflected, "thinking up all kinds of mysterious rendezvous and secret meetings."

She had barely closed her last piece of luggage when a knock sounded on her door.

"A letter, Miss." She found a sixpence for the bearer and her trembling fingers tore open the envelope. She read:

"Sweetheart; Sorry—had to dash off on last minute commission. Don't worry. I'll make the boat without fail. All my love.

Vincent."

Mary's lips quivered as she studied the note. Suddenly, all the shadowy fears of last night returned. For the first time since she had known Vincent the chill of doubt struck her. Oh, of course she knew he was a gentleman adventurer and a soldier by profession. He'd never denied it. But until this minute Mary had never questioned. Now she fought back her suspicions.

AT noon, when the boat train from London pulled into Southampton Mary's heart began to beat expectantly. She would soon be with Vincent. She presented her ticket and her passport and followed the steward up the gangplank. The huge bulk of the Moravia loomed like a towering monster up from the water.

"D'eck, three flights below and to the left." The porter knew where he was going. "Here you are, Miss." He swung open a door. "I beg your pardon, Miss," he addressed an unseen person in the cabin. "Sorry for not knocking."

"It's quite all right," a low quaver came from inside the cabin. When Mary stepped in she saw a frail girl in gray. Red-rimmed eyes betrayed recent tears.

"Oh, hello," Mary said. "We're cabin mates, I guess. I'm Mary Carroll."

"My name's Anna Winters. I live in Bournemouth. The boat's so crowded—I hope you won't mind—"

Mary paid scant attention. Only one thing was important—to see Vincent. The girl went on:



She had imagined Vincent in Carla's home—Vincent, completely ensnared by the personal magnetism of this strange woman.

"I've put my things over here. I'll be glad to unpack for you."

Mary smiled absently. "Thanks," she said and tossed her luggage keys onto the bunk beside Anna. "I'm going up on deck to wait for my fiancé."

There was a bustle of goodbyes in the passages and the beating of gongs. Page boys' calls, laughter and sobs all blended together in a confused babel. Beneath all the din came the throb of the engines. With difficulty Mary edged her way to the gangplank. There, pushed and shoved and elbowed by the crowd, she waited for Vincent as the minutes dragged.

Afraid she might have missed him in the jostle, Mary made her way to the purser's office. It was nearly an hour before she moved up to the window.

"Has Mr. Vincent Gregg come aboard?" she asked the harried Britisher. He made an expert search through a pile of documents. "His ticket isn't here, Miss." Seeing her disappointment, he added consolingly. "There's still an hour before sailing."

MARY rushed back to the gangplank, a thousand fears mocking her. When a double blast of the ship's whistle announced only a half hour remained before sailing she realized there was only one thing to do. She was not going to cross the Atlantic on the Moravia alone!

Turning, she fought her way through the swarming crowds. "Look smart there, Miss," a luggage carrier warned as she tripped over a mound of baggage. Picking herself up, she finally gained the companionway and the three flights to D deck.

"Quick!" she cried to the gray clad girl in her cabin. "Give me my bags, I'm not sailing. Hurry!" One glance about the cabin and Mary realized that Anna Winters

had faithfully kept her promise to unpack Mary's belongings.

"Oh, I'm sorry, Miss Carroll. I have everything put away."

"Help me get them together again," Mary sobbed. "I've got to get off this boat."

Then sharp and clear in the passage came the steward's call, "All ashore that's going ashore. Beating gongs sounded louder."

For a minute, Anna Winters was too taken back to make an utterance.

Then, as she flew to the cabin closet, she became all sympathy. "Oh," she stammered, "I'm so sorry. Your fiancé hasn't come aboard?"

"No—something's delayed him. I won't sail without him. We are going to be married—very soon. If he's had to stay behind, I'm going to stay, too."

From the closet, came armfuls of Parisian frocks—Mary's treasure. There was a sudden interruption in the flurry of this frantic packing with a sharp knock on the door. Brusquely, the steward called—"All visitors ashore."

Mary let the lovely gowns slip from her hands. "There isn't time," she said. "I don't dare wait."

WITHOUT a backward glance or a goodbye, she ran out of the cabin and into the passage. The crowds had thinned. Farewells were over. Even so, the twisting stairs seemed endless as Mary raced the three flights.

When she reached A deck, the gangplank was already in the air pulleys easing it shorewards. For a minute, Mary was so stunned she could only watch as the last tie between her and Vincent vanished. Then her startled cry brought a steward to her side.

"What's wrong, Miss?" "I've got to get off. I'm not sailing."

He understood the emergency at once. "If we're quick, you can catch the third class gangplank before it's lifted. Come with me."

(To Be Continued)

Society Notes

CALENDAR TONIGHT
Midweek prayer services, 7:30 p. m., Baptist Church.
Midweek prayer services, 7:30 p. m., Church of Christ.
Midweek prayer services, 7:30 p. m., Church of God.

Eastland County Texas Tech Club Sponsor Holiday Dance
The Eastland County Texas Tech club will sponsor a holiday dance tonight in the Country Club in Ranger, officials announced. The club was recently organized and has been recognized by the administrative council of the college.

Durwood Boyd of Cisco is president; Jack Mooney of Ranger, vice president; Melba Riek of Eastland, secretary, and Jodyene Greer of Carbon, treasurer.

Miss Sanderson's Marriage Of December 3rd Announced
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sanderson announced the marriage of their daughter, Ouida, to Mr. Malcolm Brennehan of Midland. The ceremony was held December 3rd in Clovis, New Mexico, with Rev. Loris, pastor of Christian Church,

To Attend Wedding In Brownwood
Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Taylor and Miss Anna Jane Taylor, will attend the marriage ceremony of their daughter, Loretta, to Mr. J. C. Kinnaird, Jr., in Brownwood, Texas, on Sunday, December 24th.

tend the marriage ceremony of Mr. Taylor's nephew, Ray Taylor of Los Angeles, California, and Miss Ouida Holley of Brownwood in Brownwood tonight at the Presbyterian Church.

Holiday Visiting Here and There
Mr. R. C. Kinnaird spent the holidays in Norman, Okla., as a guest in the home of his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Smith. Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Kinnaird, Donald Kinnaird, Jr., and Miss Roberta Kinnaird were also visitors in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Smith during the holidays.

Mrs. Luther Bean, accompanied by her son, Luther Bean, Jr., student of N. T. A. C. in Arlington, who has spent several days in Eastland, left Sunday for Everman, Texas, to be the guest of her son, Mr. and Mrs. Curry Bean during the holidays.

Winston Allison, attending Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, is visiting in Eastland this week.

Only friends of the couple were present. Mrs. Brennehan, who is a graduate of Eastland schools, is attending Texas Tech in Lubbock and is in her junior year there. She is a member of Alpha Chi Sorority.

Mr. Brennehan will receive his B. A. degree from Texas Tech this spring. The young couple will then make their home in Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. Brennehan were holiday visitors in Eastland in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sanderson, leaving last Sunday for Midland.

Eastland County Provides 20 At School In Denton
DENTON, Tex.—Twenty Eastland County girls are among the 2700 students now enrolled at Texas State College for Women. Final tabulations show that the school is again the largest residential woman's college in the United States, with students from 208 Texas Counties, 24 states, and three foreign countries.

Eastland County girls include Anne Clark, Loma Faye Hearn, June Hyer, Nellie Lee Miller and Edith Rosenquest all of Eastland;

Loretta Libbie Morris of Carbon Dora Lillian Blackburn, Betty Elda Clark, Hazel Leola Isenhour, Joy Miller, Velsie Pearl Wood of Cisco; Johnny Jolene Arnold Mary Alice Brown, Dorace Pearl Miles of Desdemona; Mary Del Stewart, Evelyn Whitehorn of Gorman; Boulah Irene Bowles Marise Chastain, Mary O'Neil of Ranger, and Mary Ruth Shrader of Scranton.

Returning to school on January 3, students will begin preparations for mid-term examination to begin January 27. The next holiday will be in the spring March 22-29. Annual Self-Development Week and the TSCW Mardi Gras are among major activities of the second semester.

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