

SOUTH TEXAS LOOKING FOR FLOODS TO END

By United Press
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 29.—South Texas residents hoped for a break in the weather today as rains continued to fall and streams to rise going out of banks and disrupting highway traffic.

Junction, 120 miles northwest of here, virtually was isolated after nine inches of rain in five days swelled the Llano river. The Llano overflowed in several places, inundating highways.

The U. S. Weather Bureau reported that roads in all directions, except to the north, would be opened shortly. The highway department reported several other highways closed due to high water and mud.

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McCarthy Visiting Eastland Father On Holiday Trip

Employed as a staff writer on the New Yorker, weekly magazine published in New York City, read principally by residents of the metropolitan city through distributed throughout the nation, offers Milburn McCarthy, Jr., of Eastland frequent opportunities to interview international celebrities.

McCarthy has been in Eastland this week to visit his father.

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Others interviewed recently by McCarthy, working on special assignments and subjects of his discovery, include E. Phillips Oppenheim, the writer of stories of international intrigue and espionage, and Helen Hayes, actress.

He stated that there are no special working hours on the publication, not being a daily publication with deadlines throughout 24 hours.

An editorial staff of 40 is employed on the publication. McCarthy formerly was employed in circulation work on the New York Herald-Tribune. An acquaintance with Stanley Walker, Texas, former editor of the magazine, celebrated newsmen and author, lead to the position on the magazine.

Just Another Trick



Byron (Whizzer) White tries the trick of balancing a tea cup and fingering a wafer, as he will have to do when he arrives in England to attend Oxford as a Rhodes scholar. The University of Colorado's All-American back plays his last game of American football against Rice in the Cotton Bowl, Dallas, Jan. 1.

County Home Head Expresses Thanks

W. L. Wood, superintendent of the county home near Eastland, Wednesday expressed appreciation of residents of the home for Christmas courtesies.

Jackson Criticizes Business Attitude

By United Press
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—Assistant Attorney General Robert Jackson, chief of the anti-trust division of the department of justice suggested today that big business advocates of a "Nazi-like anarchy" are fostering a strike of capital in America to coerce political action.

Roosevelt Receives No Encouragement On Monopoly Plan

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—A source close to the administration reported today that President Roosevelt had expressed approval of licensing interstate corporations, but has encountered strong opposition from his cabinet to such a method of curbing monopolies.

Paris Transportation Crippled by Strikes

By United Press
PARIS, Dec. 29.—France's left wing government clashed directly with powerful labor unions today as the result of a strike by transport and municipal workers that forced hundreds of thousands to walk to work.

A government spokesman, hinting that it suspected political movement, that the government had decided to break the strike, but the government had issued an appeal for calm.

Filippino Kills Three at Oakland

By United Press
OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 29.—Three Filipinos were killed and nine injured when a fellow countryman, Bonifacio Aranda, 38 year old dish washer ran amuck with a revolver, a pool cue and a pair of scissors yesterday.

Groesbeck Negro Is Stricken Fatally

Ophelia Sullivan, 41, was stricken fatally at noon Tuesday in Eastland with a heart attack, while enroute in an automobile with other negroes from Groesbeck to Artesia, N. M.

Tsingtao Electric Plant Is Dynamited

By United Press
TSINGTAO, China, Dec. 29.—The main electric substation in the great German-built seaport was dynamited tonight, Chinese refugees reaching the waterfront at midnight said.

Convicted Miners to Appeal Sentences

By United Press
SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 29.—The 36 men convicted of terrorism and bombings in South Illinois coal fields prepared today for immediate appeals from their maximum sentences of four years each, imposed by a federal judge who regretted he could not make their terms longer.

Famous Humorist Dies at New York

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—Don Marquis, 59, author who created the characters of Archie the cockroach and Meithel the cat, died today after a long illness which started from a hemorrhage.

Richard Tullis Will Become Candidate

By United Press
SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 29.—Richard Tullis, former federal housing administrator for Texas, said today he would enter the Democratic primaries in July for candidacy as state railroad commissioner. His opponent will be C. V. Terrell.

Detective Is Freed In Slaying of Negro

By United Press
HOUSTON, Dec. 29.—City Detective Roxie Simmons was freed today in the killing of James Bradley, 30-year-old negro, during a battle last night.

As Two Died in Train's Dive



Puffing into the yards at Pittsburgh, a Pennsylvania passenger train struck a boulder which had rolled into the tracks, leaped the rails and plunged 30 feet over the retaining wall shown at the left to shatter into the wreckage pictured here. Engine, tender and diner went over the wall, killing Engineer Oscar E. Rhoades and Fireman William H. Strous. Several porters were injured.

RANGER APPROVES OIL BELT DIVISION

At the meeting of the Ranger School Board, held Tuesday night, a resolution urging that the Oil Belt football district, which has become too large, that the district be divided.

Railroad Company Asked For \$55,000

Damages of \$55,000 from the Texas and Pacific Railway company are asked in a suit filed in 88th district court by the widow and five children of F. W. Brown, 42, who petition stated died when his car was stalled on a track near Ranger.

Old Buffalo Hunter Dies at Sweetwater

SWEETWATER, Dec. 29.—Israel Shell Focht, 87, Nolan county pioneer, who died last night, was to be buried here today. Focht was the fifth white man to settle in the county. He came here in 1886 to hunt buffalo and established a home here in 1888. At the time of his death he owned considerable property in the city and county.

FSA Report Shows Coleman County Loan Repayment Figure Is Highest

The Farm Security Administration District No. 11 office Wednesday made public a report on loans for the year, as of Dec. 23, which showed Coleman county had highest percentage of repayment in the area.

Coleman county's percentage of loan repayments was 90.99.

District average for percentage collected was 51.74, in contrast to last year's 23 per cent average.

The figures.

Brown	106	\$19,380.55	\$ 3,489.79	48.96
Coleman	69	11,680.31	10,627.99	90.99
Erath	126	24,300.25	10,272.30	42.2
Comanche	106	22,797.65	12,983.37	56.9
Hood	137	26,787.29	14,919.06	55.7
Somervell	30	4,971.16	3,779.87	76
Callahan	139	26,624.88	13,297.38	49.94
Scurry	166	52,968.44	30,884.68	58.3
Mitchell	72	19,723.45	10,567.39	53.6
Hamilton	125	32,471.99	9,343.95	29
Bosque	110	28,369.15	8,415.15	29.7
Fisher	273	40,354.88	29,485.75	73.06
Nolan	159	22,538.62	12,199.53	54.1
Eastland	294	74,110.00	34,471.16	46.51
Taylor	109	28,442.85	14,968.61	52.8
Jones	99	26,235.00	13,242.92	50.42
TOTAL	2,120	\$461,756.47	\$238,948.90	51.74

Oil States Asked To a Conference

By United Press
AMARILLO, Dec. 29.—Invitations were sent today to 27 oil producing states to attend a meeting of the interstate oil company commission in Oklahoma City, January 18.

40,000 Will Die In 1938 Accidents

By United Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—At least 40,000 persons will die in traffic accidents during 1938, setting an all-time high for the nation, the National Safety Council predicted today.

Disappearance of Couple Is Probed

By United Press
NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—State Department and Justice Department investigators today examined, intensively, the trails of the Donald Robinson and the Adolph Reubens in an effort to determine whether they were the same persons, or had switched passports or were not connected.

Sixteen Counties Are Captured by Chinese

By United Press
SHANGHAI, China, Dec. 29.—Chinese troops have recaptured 16 counties in Shanxi province as the result of removal of Japanese troops for a drive on Tsingtao, Chinese sources said today.

Mrs. Roosevelt Is Grounded by Fog

By United Press
CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Northwest Airlines said today that the plane carrying Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, wife of the President, had been grounded at Fargo, N. D., because of weather conditions.

Collecting of Indian Relics Pays Dividend

By United Press
TEXLINE, Texas, Dec. 29.—W. S. (Bill) Wilson several years ago decided to indulge his hobby of hunting Indian artifacts and collecting old relics, and now finds that his fun pays dividends.

Religious Work In Rural Areas Will Be Started July 11

By United Press
STEPHENVILLE, Texas, Dec. 29.—Church leaders from all denominations were invited to appear here July 11-14 for a conference to discuss religious work in rural Texas communities.

Rush for Payment Of Polls Is Seen

A January rush for poll tax payments is inevitable, it was seen Wednesday in a report from Assessor-Collector C. H. O'Brien that only 800 have been issued thus far.

Boy Is Freed, Hunt Kidnapers



Indiana state police followed a cold trail and meager clues in the search for two kidnapers of laughing 3-year-old John Bryan, Jr., top photo, snatched from his Centerville, Ind., home on Christmas Eve with his nurse, Norma Schroy, lower right. The kidnapers released their victims when Banker John Bryan, lower left, organized a fighting-mad posse instead of complying with a demand of \$35,000 ransom for his son's return.

The navy made hurried plans today to convert its Pearl Harbor base into an impregnable outpost in the Pacific. The date for a scheduled flight of 12 powerful bombers to Honolulu was moved forward from February to "about mid-January."

It was also hinted the flight might involve a total of 18 of the planes, two squadrons of the big bombers having been ferried across the Pacific during the last 12 months, giving Hawaii at least 36 long range bombers.

NAVY RUSHES TRANSFER OF HUGE BOMBERS

Officers refused to discuss whether the decision to advance the date of the "routine transfer of personnel and equipment" came as a result of the tense situation in the Orient.

Toolhouse Entered But Nothing Taken In Ranger Tuesday

Chief of Police Jim Ingram of Ranger reported today that a lock on a toolhouse belonging to the Texas and Pacific Railway had been broken in an apparent attempt to burglarize the house, but that a check up today failed to reveal any of the tools missing.

Courthouse Is No Place for Gambling

By United Press
CLEBURNE, Texas, Dec. 29.—Two young men will think twice before they decide to shoot dice in the courthouse basement here again. The players looked up to find that Deputy Sheriff Bill Hickman was "kibitzing" the game. Hickman confiscated the dice and filed charges against the pair for gambling.

Azzett Joseph Hurt In Car Accident

Azzett Joseph, 10, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Joseph of Ranger, was painfully, but not seriously injured in an automobile accident Tuesday afternoon when the car in which he was riding with his father, collided with another automobile eight miles east of Weatherford.

DEFENSE PLAN IS APPROVED BY PRESIDENT

By United Press
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Roosevelt rushed plans today for increased national defense on land, sea and in the air.

These inquiries revealed that Mr. Roosevelt expects to ask congress to appropriate well over \$1,000,000,000 for national defense during the 1938-39 fiscal year.

Ranger Stores to Close On Saturday

Announcement was made today by J. F. Killingsworth, president of the Ranger Retail Merchants' association, that the members of the association had voted at a meeting Tuesday afternoon to have their stores remain closed Saturday, Jan. 1, in celebration of New Year's day. All the grocers, at the same time, voted to remain open all day.

New Principal of Young School Is Chosen by Board

Announcement was made today by W. T. Walton, superintendent of the Ranger public schools, that L. C. Thomas had been elected as principal of the Young school, to succeed T. H. Hill, who resigned recently.

Thomas received his B. S. degree from the Arkansas State Teachers College and has had 12 years' teaching experience in Tarrant and Lamar counties. He comes to the Ranger school from Keller, where he was principal of the ward school there.

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RANGER TIMES Has Gone Tickets THURSDAY for Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cooper To See TYRONE POWER in "SECOND HONEYMOON" AT THE ARCADIA Call at Daily Times Office



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Wasted Life Worse Than Wasted Money

Every once in a while the erratic progress of city life turns up someone like that aged recluse who died in New York the other day, his apparent poverty contradicted by bank accounts totaling \$92,000.

This man was 80 years old and for 16 years he had lived alone in a \$10-week hall bedroom. He had no friends, no relatives and no evident pleasures; to all appearances he was simply an old drifter who had just enough money to cling to his obscure little niche and drowse away his remaining years.

But when he died, people began to find out things about him.

They found out that he was rich—rich, at any rate, by comparison with his senny-pinned surroundings. He had a past, of some kind; his rooms contained the sort of books that are read only by persons of culture and education, and apparently he had at one time been an active business man whose recreation was big game hunting in the far-off parts of the world.

But something had made him burrow into his shell, in the last 16 years of his life. And when he died he presented his fellow-citizens with that familiar but ever-baffling puzzle of a man who has money but does not know how to turn it to any sensible use.

There have been a good many people like that; aging misers who lived timorously and doled out their pennies, fearfully, denying themselves the comfort their money could buy them and carefully hoarding useless dollars in bank or strong box. They always leave us perplexed, and vaguely irritated. Their lives seem so pointless, their desperate frugality so wasted.

Yet this old chap wasted that \$90,000 hoard of his just as truly as if he had played ducks and drakes with it like the youth in the fairy tale. Yet a waste of money is not, after all, one of the principal crimes; if a man happens to have ascetic tastes and wants nothing that his money can buy him, living like a miser is only a minor eccentricity.

The real riddle lies in the old gentleman's retirement from life. It was what he did with his last 16 years, rather than what he did with his concealed wealth, that constitutes the mystery.

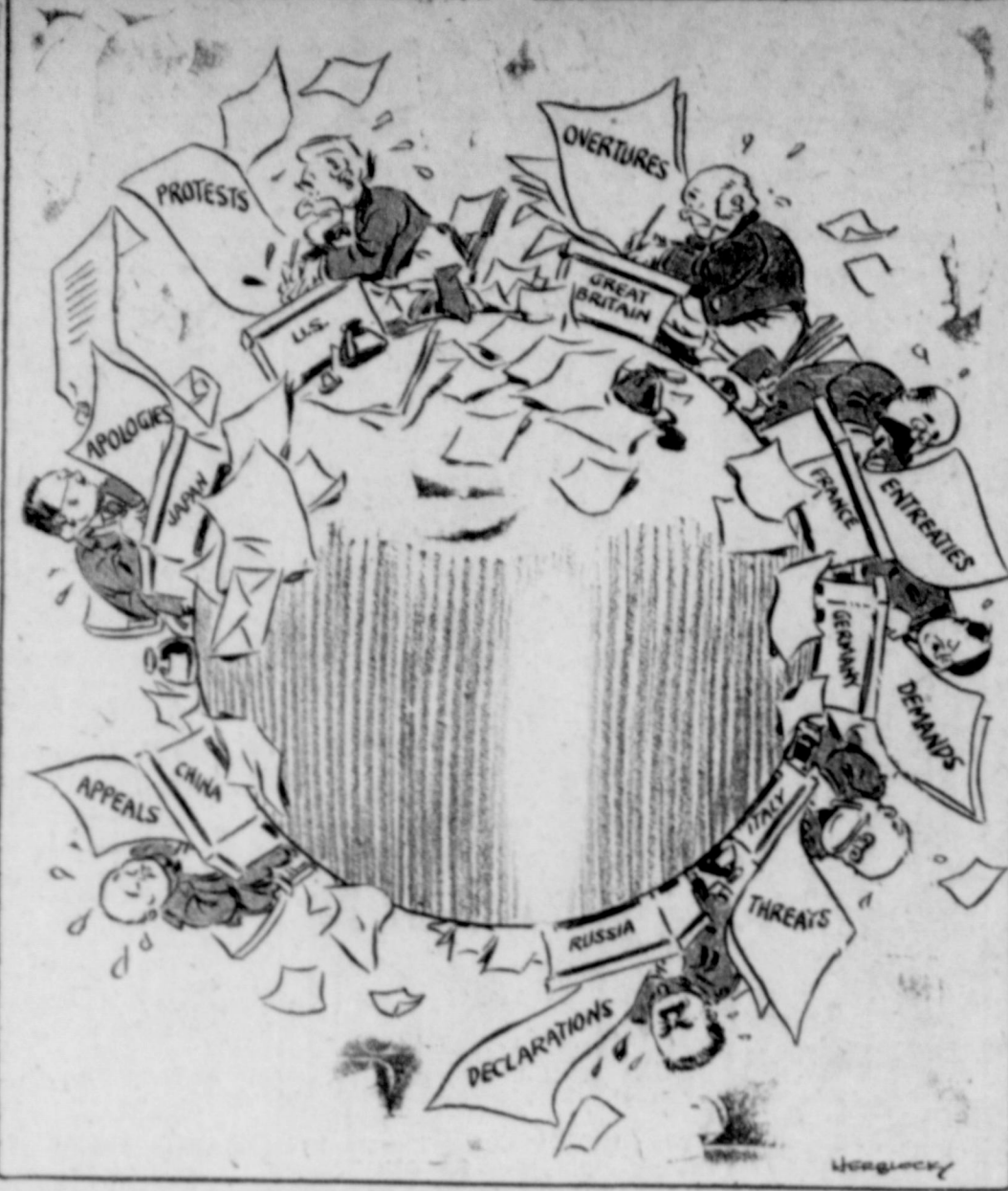
Some of us may be a little confused about what happens after we quit this world, but we are all tolerably certain that we have but one life to live here, and that it behooves us to invest it in the best way possible. There is no return any richer than the return one year of a well-invested life can give. Its values cannot be expressed in terms of cash, for they are beyond money and beyond price.

They come like insignificant things—friendships, loves, the little unrecorded human contacts that drive away life's unbearable loneliness, the chances to do things for others, the comradeship that gives one a feeling of being part of an infinite and splendid progression. We pay for them by taking our chances in the hurly-burly of life—and though the cost is often bitter, they are well worth the price.

The man who turns his back on all of this presents the deepest of all mysteries.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD... ABOUT TEN MILLION SQUARE MILES OF THE EARTH'S SURFACE STILL ARE UNEXPLORED BY MAN. THE AVERAGE AMERICAN HOME CONTAINS 34 ARTICLES MADE IN JAPAN.

NEW YEAR GREETINGS



Gasoline Use Reaches Peak

By Astell J. Byles President, American Petroleum Institute.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—The nation's approximately 30,000,000 motorists in 1937 used their vehicles to a greater extent than ever before, consuming more than 22,000,000,000 gallons of motor fuel.

Prices of petroleum products continued low, government indices indicating a level of nearly 40 per cent below normal, against an advance in the general commodity price level within 31 per cent of normal.

Employment and pay rolls improved. Generally speaking, the industry's employes continued to be among the highest-paid industrial workers.

Bootleg Oil Plant Found by Officers

By United Press HOUSTON, Texas.

HOUSTON, Texas.—Texas oil regulation officials discovered a well equipped bootleg oil plant at Texas City and arrested the operator who had tapped nearby pipelines and reduced the crude oil to high-powered distillate which he sold to filling stations as gasoline.

The operator skimmed off the lighter end of the oil, "cooked" the distillate, and then returned the bottoms to the pipeline from which it had been taken. There was no accumulation of waste oil which might have aroused suspicion.

On the outside of the barn were his storage tanks, six gasoline drums buried in the ground and covered with concrete slabs.

Vegetable Juice Is Now Being Canned

By United Press MISSION, Tex.

MISSION, Tex.—Commercial production of canned vegetable juice in what was believed to be the first plant of its kind in the United States has been started here.

Juices of carrots, beets, spinach, celery, garlic and onions are being packed in the new \$20,000 plant, a unit of one of the large citrus canning and packing plants.

Wedding Ring Surety 32 Years for 75 Cents

By United Press SYLVESTER, Ga.

SYLVESTER, Ga.—A wedding ring served as surety for a 7-cent loan for 32 years and then was returned to its owner without any demand for interest.

NEANDERTHAL CAVE FOUND

By United Press MOSCOW.

MOSCOW.—Remains of one of the most ancient camps of man in Russia have been discovered in the Chagarak-Koba cave in the Crimea.

Burglar Makes Six Trips to One Home

By United Press FORT WORTH, Dec. 29.

FORT WORTH, Dec. 29.—I. Schwartz hopes the burglar who's visited him six times within two years will take his word for it that a locked dresser-drawer has nothing of value inside.

Schwartz reported the sixth attempt to pry open the drawer to police. He said the drawer contained nothing of value except to himself.

MARKETS

Closing selected New York Stocks:

Courtesy D. E. Pulley Phone 629 - Ranger

Table of stock prices including Am T & T, A T & SF, Chrysler, Cons Oil, etc.

Chicago Grain

Table of grain prices including Corn, Wheat, Oats, etc.

Watch Buried For 21 Years Still Runs

KERRVILLE, Texas, Dec. 29.—Buried in a field near here for 21 years, a watch lost by Millard V. Stephens of Kerrville was recovered and found to be still useful.

Stephens was sowing grain on a farm in 1916 when he lost his wife's watch. The farm was purchased in 1929 by Andrew Brandon and Stephens mentioned the loss and asked that Brandon look for the watch when he plowed.

Crippled Youth Work Summarized

B. E. McGlamery, Eastland district supervisor for the crippled children's division, State Department of Education, has summarized his 1937 work.

The summary covered activity since July 1. Prior to that time he was supervisor of crippled children's work and vocational rehabilitation until that work was separated.

- 1. Visited 181 families in which there were new cases of crippled children, which might be benefited by hospitalization. 2. Visited 328 families in which hospitalization had been provided by the Crippled Children's Division. 3. Visited 97 families in which there were crippled or deformed children for whom no hospitalization could be provided or who did not need help.

Behind the Scenes in Washington

WASHINGTON.—To a greater degree than many of the President's advisers find comfortable, present administration policy in the face of business recession and rising unemployment, consists of sitting tight and waiting for something to turn up.

The "something" for which Mr. Roosevelt hopes most, naturally, is a change in the business trend which will indicate that the country has come out of its spiral or tailspin.

Next, the President would be most gratified at evidence of a reaction against a fumbling Congress and a business world which he thinks is unable to save itself.

He would also like an accompanying demand for assertion of White House leadership to pull the country out of a hole.

Roosevelt hasn't made any clear choice between the business-minded group and the "spenders," who believe the only salvation is through stimulation of purchasing power by revival of federal spending.

On the one hand, he has refused to yield to the first group at any point where he feels it demands a retreat from advanced ground taken by the New Deal.

On the other hand, to date he has disappointed the purchasing power-spending school which holds that prompt action should have been taken some time ago.

The liberal group believes that the pressure of events will overcome the conservative arguments and cause the President to declare boldly for a program of increased expenditure for relief, public works and government-built housing.

But it also fears that some small business pick-up, which may appear early in the year, might seem to prove the conservative theory that clearing of inventories and "natural forces" will lead into another recovery period.

SISTER MARY'S KITCHEN

By Mrs. Gaynor Maddox NEA service staff writer

HAM is to some men what locusts and honey are to propens. Every so often every one gets a yen for a bit of ham that simply must be satisfied. So look up a few new ham recipes and you'll never let your menfolk down.

Ham Butt With Sour Cream

(4 to 6 servings) Two pounds smoked ham butt, 1-2 cup clear vegetable stock, 2 tablespoons cider vinegar, 1 tablespoon heavy molasses, 1 cup sour cream.

Soak ham butt in cold water for 2 hours. Dry carefully, and place in large baking dish. Mix vegetable stock, vinegar and molasses thoroughly, then pour over the meat in the baking dish. Cover and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for 1-3-4 hours, basting with the molasses mixture every one-half hour. When ham butt is done, remove and slowly add sour cream to liquid. Stir over a low fire until blended, about 2 minutes. Then pour over the cooked ham butt. A roasting appetite will settle down to do things to a ham cooked with this gypsy recipe.

Gypsy Ham

(4 to 6 servings) One and one-half pounds ham

the interest of crippled children in the particular section in which he worked. 9. Held conference with not less than 250 city and county officials in an effort to get the best results from the crippled children's program in each city and county. 10. Talked with at least 300 other people who were interested in the work of the Crippled Children's Division. 11. Attended both State and District Social Welfare meetings in 6 places. 12. Maintained District headquarters at Eastland and carried on the office work necessary to carry out the program in his territory. This required the writing of something like 1500 letters and reports. 13. Traveled something like 15,000 miles by automobile over 65 counties in doing this work.

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THANKS TO OUR FRIENDS and CUSTOMERS We close the year with a warm feeling of gratitude for those who have shown their confidence by favoring us with their business the past twelve months. For the New Year... We are hoping that 1938 will be a bountiful one... and that you and yours will enjoy unusual prosperity and success. Strawn Merchandise Co. STRAWN'S BIG DEPARTMENT STORE!

"OUT OUR WAY" - - - - - By Williams



Rambling With The Rambler BY WAYNE WALLACE

Despite the present business slump the outlook for 1938 is very promising according to the publishers of the trade magazines. This is certainly good news, especially coming from such a source, as it offers encouragement to those who have business enterprises. It gives us something to look forward to, besides helping to relieve the uncertainty which has played such a big part

in past depressions. According to a recent report, membership in the Communist party in the United States is now some 40,000 having risen to this number after a mid-depression low in the neighborhood of 7,500. It might be well to note that membership in such organizations increases during times of depression. There are four classes of people who offer a fertile ground for the teachings of Communism. The first class is composed of men who do not want to work and think that Communism will offer them an easy living; the second, of men who find it hard to get work and are discouraged; the third, of men with small jobs but who are dissatisfied with their lot in life; and the fourth, of men who may be well off financially but who are ambitious for power. The first, third, and fourth classes are, for the most part, trouble-makers who feel that a change in government would be to their own selfish advantage. The second class consists of men who feel that such a system might work out for the benefit of all. They fail to realize that while Communism teaches that all men shall share alike, it does not guarantee that living conditions shall be better than they are now or, even for that matter, that they will be as good. It could just as well make slaves out of everybody; that is every-

body but the leaders. Common sense should teach us that those who control such a movement are going to see that the best is reserved for themselves. Which statement, itself, shows how impossible Communism is. If every man is equal, what right has anyone to tell anybody what to do. Either everybody would be their own leader or there would be no such thing as a leader.

According to those who make a study of population trends, the death rate will soon equal the birth rate. They claim that they can prove this will soon be true. While this has more reference to birth control; still another angle might be considered. And this is war. Judging from the numbers being slaughtered in Spain and China another world war would probably put the death rate far in advance of the birth rate. Dr. Ernest Albert Hooton of Harvard university's declaration that the machine age is producing a race of morons is something new. Before this the human race was confronted with the question as to whether or not they were descendants of the ape family. Now we must worry for fear we may become like our ancestors. To even think that the ape family may have been our progenitors was degrading enough, but now to have someone try to tell us that we are returning to the status of our supposed ancestors is quite another thing. While the human race does at times evince feeble-minded inclinations, on a whole it can be said that such a condition has existed since the birth of man. It is true that the machine age has made many things simpler to accomplish; still it has also speeded up the world to such an extent that a moron can hardly be expected to cope with the keen competition that exists in the world today, at least, anymore than at any other time.

1937 in review, with comment: Of interest is Mussolini's statement that the English would fight to the last Frenchman. He might also have added that they will fight to the last American if we will only let them. The Italian dictator's son, Vittorio, can be credited with the most asinine comment of the year in describing the beauty of war. To bad he can't be placed before the firing squad where he could enjoy more intimately the intrinsic beauty of human bloodshed.

Doris Duke Cromwell, tobacco heiress, after receiving several million dollars told the Press she had rather not talk about it. Come to think of it how many of us could have said anything about receiving such a shock, probably would have fainted. To Japan goes the doubtful distinction of having proven that an undeclared war can be just as cruel and bloody as one that has the official sanction of the world. In the show world: Shirley Temple's dimples, smile, and acting still keep her at the head of the list in box office attractions. Deanna Durbin, 14 year old girl, rise from an unknown to be ranked among the first ten sopranos was one of the outstanding achievements of the year. Charlie McCarthy, the Edgar Bergen dummy, simply has become a rave with the multitudes. While even

Belated Holiday

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Christmas is a... my business. And when you get a business of your own, it seems nothing goes right unless you are there. "No, I suppose not," murmured Linda, wondering without interest what his business was. "You have friends in the city, mebbie?" he persisted. Linda wished he would leave her alone; but his bright dark eyes were so full of inoffensive friendliness that she answered, "No, I'm going on-on business. I wonder if you can tell me something about the hotels?" "Of course. On business." He nodded as if it were the most natural thing in the world to plan a business trip for Christmas day; but he shot her a shrewd, appraising glance. "You go to the Somerset," he advised her. "That's a nice quiet place for ladies alone." WHEN they parted at the depot, he slipped a card into her hand. "Well, a happy Christmas!" he said with his puckered, wistful smile. "Maybe you look me up sometime. If there is something I can do, I shall be very happy." Linda paid for her room at the hotel for two days in advance. "That, at least, was secure. But the 'nice quiet hotel for ladies alone' proved unexpectedly expensive, and she had forgotten that taxicabs were not within the limits of her budget. She would need to cash a check; but over the hotel desk she had seen the notice, "No Checks Cashied." Perhaps the little man on the train—his eyes had been very kind. She hunted out of her purse the card he had given her. "Tony Abruzzi," she read on it. "Villa Abruzzi... Floor Show... Fine Wines and Liquors... Select Parties a Specialty." Well, she might as well eat her dinner at Tony's, since she was to ask a favor of him. For suddenly she realized that she had not eaten that day, and that she was fast with hunger. It had not occurred to her that Tony's place could be so pretentious. In its luxurious, sophisticated setting, his round black-clad figure seemed droll and insignificant. Yet Linda, watching from her table, saw that many of the guests seemed pleased and even flattered when he noticed them personally. He discovered Linda just as her order was put before her—a modest one, for Tony's prices were in the upper brackets. "What?" he cried, glancing at her slip. "Salad for Christmas dinner! That will never do... Pietro!" he summoned a waiter. "There is a mistake here." He scribbled an order. "And this lady is my guest, tonight, Pietro," he added. "See that she has every attention." When Linda, annoyed and embarrassed, tried to protest, his round face was droll with disappointment. "Ah, I shall be hurt—but hurt!" he cried, "if you go away without tasting the best we have. If you do, you tell all your friends how super-colossal the Villa Abruzzi is... And are we not all friends on Christmas?" Linda was too numb to object further. She thanked him in her sweet, low voice, and let them place the food before her. It all made the matter of cashing the check a little embarrassing. But Tony made it very easy. He brought the money for her, himself, without question or comment, as if it were all quite in the day's routine. WHEN he had put it on the table before her, he drew up a chair opposite her and sat down. "Miss Benton," he said, glancing about him and lowering his voice, "I am in what you call 'one spot' tonight. You can help me." Linda murmured vaguely, surprised beyond words. "Tonight is a big event for me. I had planned a magnificent show, all in the Christmas spirit—like you see." With a wave of his hands he indicated the elaborately decorated, the Christmas trees reflected in every mirror. "Always I have that," he went on, pointing to the revolving stage where two sleek dancers were going through a complicated routine to the music of a white-costed orchestra. "But Christmas needs something special. People's hearts are warm and soft then. They want to be taken back to the days when they hung up their stockings and believed things... Tonight I was to have real Christmas music. But suddenly the soloist is ill, and I do not know until too late to get another who would be just right... You are very like that singer, Miss Benton—only better. Your voice, your—something about you—how shall I say it?—as if you had come from another world... Sing for me tonight." (To Be Continued)



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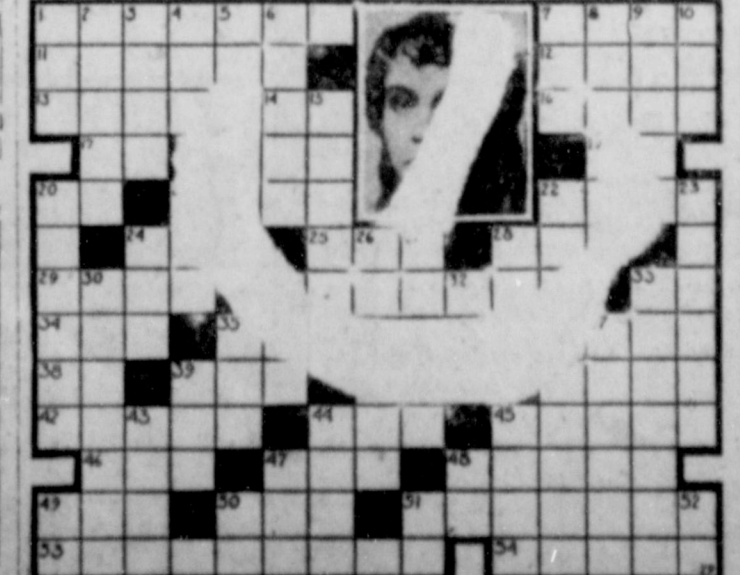
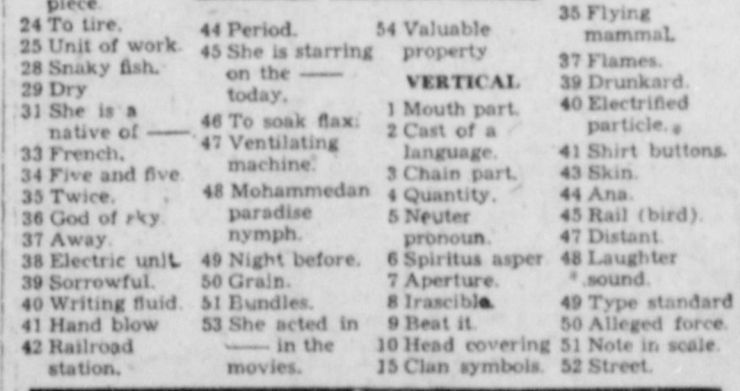
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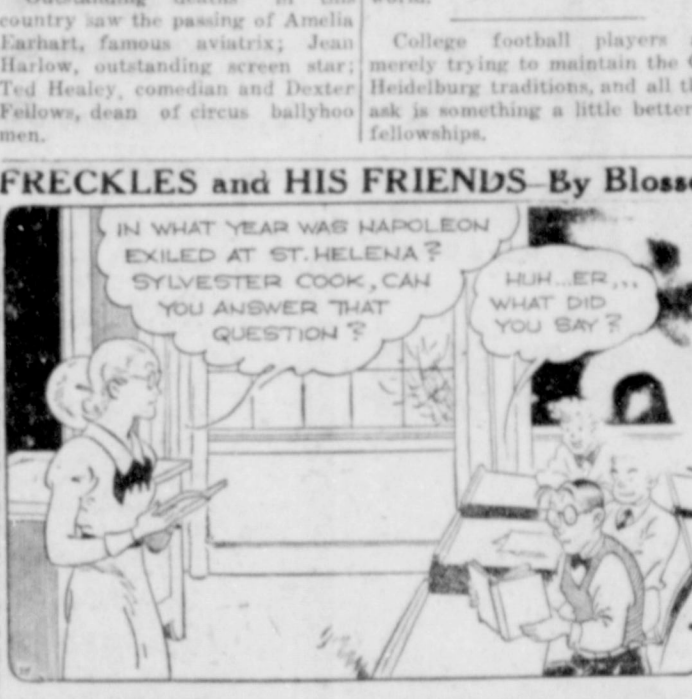
of a singing rodent made a thousand dollars appearing before the mike. Wonder what will be next. As for the sport world, at least as far as the Southwest is concerned, Sam Hough holds top ranking. This former TCU backfield star proved in professional ranks this year that he deserves to be ranked as the greatest passer in football, of all time. Donald Budge, however, is tops as far as the rest of the country is concerned. His outstanding performance on the tennis courts of this and foreign countries won for him

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Federated Clubs To Meet in Early January.
With the holiday season well filled with miscellaneous happenings, the Federated clubs of Ranger, namely, the 1920, New Era and Junior New Era are slated to hold their meetings in early January.

When the 1920 club offers its first program of 1938 the subject will be Texas Music, and Mrs. J. S. McDowell will serve as better speech leader. Mrs. Roscoe Stewart is named leader for the January lesson scheduled for members of the New Era club, and the session will be devoted to the election of officers.

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A Very Hoppy New Year



Popping his tiny nose out for a glimpse of the world and to find out just what this "New Year" stuff is all about, this baby kangaroo was snapped by a patient photographer just a few days after birth at the Kansas City zoo. It won't be long until Mother "Jigger" lets the little fellow out of her pouch for a few hop steps of his own.

Grocery Stores to Be Open Saturday

A survey of the grocery stores of Ranger, made this morning, revealed that all would remain open during their regular hours on Saturday, Jan. 1.

Grocers who were contacted stated that because they had already made orders for perishable merchandise for delivery on Friday and Saturday, it was impossible for them to make adequate arrangements to close at this time.

Grocers contacted in the survey included Piggy-Wiggy, A. & P., Traders, Sig's Nu-Way Store, E. H. & E. F. Mills Grocery, O. K. Grocery and Market, and Fenger's Grocery and Market.

Conscience Debt Is Paid After 40 Years

MELBOURNE—It took the pocketbook of an Australian man just 40 years to catch up with his conscience.

In a letter signed "Old Man," enclosing \$4 and addressed to the State Railway Department, the writer explained that 40 years ago when his little boy was just over the fare age he took him on a rail ride but did not pay his fare. He said he had forgotten what the fare was, but believed that with interest included the \$4 would cover it. He felt that he must send it along, "before he went hence."

U. S. SHIP TO AUSTRALIA

CANBERRA—The U. S. government has notified the Commonwealth that it will be represented at the festivities which begin in January in honor of Australia's 150th anniversary by the U. S. S. Louisville.

worth while in clean entertainment. A novelty orchestra adds more spice to the show and as a whole there is much to look forward to in the form of high class entertainment. The opening night feature performance is announced elsewhere in this issue.

Sport Glances. By Grayson

BY HARRY GRAYSON
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PHILADELPHIA—The amazing figure that is Connie Mack celebrates his 75th birthday, Dec. 23.

Imagine it, a man who has played a full nine innings every day for three-quarters of a century, not only actively managing a major league baseball club, but running its business office as well. Jimmy Dykes, boss of the Chicago White Sox and one of Mack's many proteges, who resides in nearby Upper Darby, recently visited the venerable leader of the Philadelphia Athletics.

Mack told Dykes, of whom he is very fond, that during the sick spell from which he now is recovering, he feared that he wouldn't reach 75, but now that he is going to celebrate that milestone, he's positive that he'll reach 80.

Mack has no thought of retiring. He couldn't stand idleness. Being in the thick of things keeps him going.

Baseball's Grand Old Man will make the southern training jaunt to Lake Charles, La., and intends to guide his boys, as he calls them, throughout the 1938 campaign, making all trips unless an unforeseen development crops up. His health is the only thing that will halt the tall tactician.

MACK suffered no ill effects from his journey to the major league meetings in Chicago. In fact, he felt better. Baseball and the conversation it develops is life itself to the youngest old gentleman that you'll ever meet.

Mack is getting stronger every day despite loss of weight, and though his family urges him to go to Florida, he will remain in Philadelphia all winter.

There is too much to be done," he beams.
Mack can be reached in the Athletics' offices at Shibe Park daily now, after being confined to his home for two months. He dictated letters and arranged the Athletics' spring training schedule while in bed.
Mr. Mack, as he is addressed by everybody, is willing to spend money, wai not sell stars, and still hopes to obtain some first class athlete.
He wants another winner before his days are concluded, and believes that he'll have a great club in 1940.

MACK'S mind remains as sharp as the crack of a bass hit. His desk sits in the center of a spacious room in the lower of Shibe Park.

Mack sits with his back to the triple window in the tower, so that every line in the visitor's face is revealed by the light. You see that you are being weighed and judged by those sharp eyes, almost invisible under their shaggy brows. For no reason you can think of at the moment, you hope he likes you.
I wanted to ask him something profound, what his advice would be to modern youth, what memories he had stored away.
But I felt that it would make him laugh.
Connie Mack isn't an old man. Years accumulate with the turn of the calendar. Age creeps up on those who wait for it.
Connie Mack isn't waiting. He's out hitting the first good ball. 2

Rancher Finds Out Brazil Is No Place For Elderly Man

FORT WORTH, Texas—William H. (Billy) Lewis, Texas bachelor who gained a fortune ranching in Brazil, believed that country was the "Promised Land" for young men, although he returned to America to find one of his old-time friends was Vice President.

Lewis once was the law partner of John N. Garner at Uvalde. Thirty years ago, Lewis went to Brazil to establish a ranch. Garner entered politics, went to Congress and into the second highest political post of the nation. Despite those and low living costs made Brazil the land of opportunity for young men.

Lewis plans to retire from his 10,000 acre Brazilian ranch shortly and return to Uvalde to spend his remaining years.

"Brazil is no place for elderly people," he said.
His ranch is 140 miles from a postoffice. He lived for 17 years without having anybody to converse with in English. He is unmarried, and has a ranch-house built of bamboo. The nearest American neighbor is a youth living 30 miles away.

Lewis is a brother of Mrs. J. H. Cassady of Fort Worth.

Business Recession Is Rotary Subject

C. B. Pruet, was in charge of the Rotary program today and talked along the lines of the recent business recession.

Pruet said all he knew was what he read in the papers and stated in his remarks that Ford, DuPont and other industrial leaders were not in accord as to just what did happen in the business world several months ago.

Pruet stated that he saw better business in the new year and that any community whose business leaders would stick together and all work together, recession or no recession, that community would build and prosper.

Visitors were F. W. Kettelman of Lodi, California, visiting Lee Walker, Robt. Maddox of Cisco, J. E. Lewis, Carl Springer and D. S. Hood of Eastland and Lee Walker, Ranger.

L. R. Pearson will be in charge of the program next week and announced he would make political prognostications for the 1938 elections.

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Hobbies Help a Fire Lookout on Mountain

TUCSON, Ariz.—With the winter rains, the "Hermit of Mount Bigelow" came into Tucson.

Rotund, good-natured Charles Nolles, who won the cognomen because of his 17-year seasonal vigil as a fire lookout atop the mountain brought with him a carved collection of wooden figures. The objects are copies of every form of animal life to be found in the desolate, wooded region where he makes his home for the major part of each year.

Mountain lions, deer, and even soft-eyed wood rats are represented with natural colors, simulated by inset wood. This, however, is only the work of a single summer.

In previous seasons, the "hermit" has learned many crafts and hobbies. He has carved and beaded belts and ornaments, made smoke stands, light shades and picture frames. He has learned to fashion bird forms from horns and to polish stones until they shine like gems.

Nolles attributes his versatility to the isolation of his post.

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