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CISCO, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1937

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NORTHER SENDS MERCURY BELOW 23 HERE

LOWEST POINT IS REACHED AT 9 O'CLOCK

Temperature Is Due to Rise, Says Weather Forecast

Coldest weather of the season swept over Cisco early this morning as a stiff north-west wind followed Christmas day's delightful snow. Melting snow congealed in icicles on the eaves of buildings and shrubbery and in puddles that had not soaked into the soil. The thermometer, placed below the freezing point shortly before midnight when the thermometer of the Cisco Gas Corp. read 29 degrees.

The decline continued until after daylight when the lowest point, just under 23 degrees, was reached at 9 o'clock. The gauge registered 23 degrees at 8 a. m.

There was some comfort in a weather forecast which promised fair and warmer today for west Texas and slightly warmer for east Texas. The Cisco district, although within the east Texas weather zone, is so near the western extremity of that zone—bounded by the 99th meridian—that it is a sort of "betwixt and between" area.

COLDEST WEATHER OF SEASON

By The Associated Press. The coldest weather of the year swept down on the Texas panhandle last night with the thermometer at 8 above in Amarillo at 10:30 p. m. and expected to dive below the zero mark.

Snow, sleet, rain and freezing temperatures were general over the northern section of the state, while near-freezing readings were recorded southward to the Gulf coast.

A mild flood threat at Liberty added to the weather picture. Stockmen were warned to move their livestock from the lowlands of the Trinity river as the waters reached flood stage and were expected to exceed the mark Wednesday.

Snow blanketed the panhandle section and parts of west Texas. At Odessa old timers said the fall was a little more than 10 inches, the heaviest in their memory. Lubbock, Amarillo, Electra, Childress, Wichita Falls, San Angelo, McKinney and Big Spring all reported snow ranging from a trace to more than two inches.

The mercury dived to 19 degrees at Lubbock at 7 p. m. and was expected to go to 10 by morning. There was no further snow there Tuesday but the ground was still white.

The forecast for Wednesday offered some hope of relief. Fair and warmer was the promise.

Brother-in-Law of O. L. Duckett Dies

E. C. Fowler, brother-in-law of O. L. Duckett of the Cisco Gas corporation, died in an Austin hospital last night. Mr. and Mrs. Duckett left early today for Marble Falls, home of Mr. Fowler, where funeral services will be held. Arrangements were not known here this morning.

Mr. Fowler succumbed to a heart trouble which became serious a few days ago, when he was taken to Austin for treatment.

In Denver county court he received one of the largest presents ever recorded here, \$1,763,477.25. He became 21 years old last month. Tuesday he was given control of the estate left by his father, who died seventeen years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Thornton and daughter, Dana Jane, have returned from a visit with relatives in Childress.

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Can Spring Be Far Behind?



If winter comes, can spring be far behind? Not in Rochester, N. Y., at least, where pretty Alice Page brushes off a street sign to find a reminder that behind the December snowdrifts lies spring—at least Spring street.

Red Assaults In Karrelian Sector Repulsed

HELSINKI, Finland, Dec. 26 (AP)—Heavy Russian forces, supported by tanks, airplanes and artillery, were reported Tuesday to have left 700 dead on the ice of Lake Suvanto, when repulsed in a series of fierce assaults against Finnish positions on the Karelian isthmus.

The main attack, a Finnish communiqué said, occurred on the eastern side of the isthmus, where Russian columns struck simultaneously at Haattermaa, Sakkola, Kreija and Voloskula.

Finnish fire took a heavy toll of the attackers as they attempted to cross the frozen surface of Lake Suvanto in bitter cold.

The Finns said twenty-three Russian planes were shot down in a day of fighting.

The communiqué said the Finnish troops captured fifty prisoners, disabled two tanks and had taken quantities of war materials, including sixteen machine guns, in the Lake Suvanto sector.

Fighting continued farther north, to the east of Lieska, from which the Finns previously were reported driving across the so-called Murmansk railway. The Finns said they destroyed twenty enemy lorries there.

Activity also was reported at Suomasalmi, near the middle of the eastern frontier, where the communiqué said two Russian tanks were destroyed.

Norwegian Firm Seeks U. S. Ships

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26 (AP)—The eight ships the United States lines sought to transfer to Panamanian registry three months ago will be sold to a Norwegian corporation if the Maritime commission gives its approval.

Application for permission to sell them to the North Atlantic Transport company was filed with the commission Tuesday. The vessels have been tied up since the neutrality law barred American ships from operating in war zones.

The Maritime commission at one time approved the Panamanian registry request, but withheld a formal order at the suggestion of President Roosevelt. The application finally was withdrawn.

The ships covered by the application are the President Harding, American Trader, American Merchant, American Farmer, American Banker, American Shipper and American Importer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Lawrence had as their Sunday dinner guests Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lawrence and children, Sweetwater; Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Bolinger and Mrs. Dorothy Smith of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. Bob Key and daughter, Margaret Laverne; Mr. and Mrs. Swan Elliott and Bob Elliott, all of Cisco.

STALIN, IRED, MASSES MEN AGAINST FINNS

300,000 Reported Sent Under Dictator's Personal Friends

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 27 (AP)—Joseph Stalin has massed 300,000 of his best soldiers on the eastern fronts under command of some personal friends, it was reported from Finnish northern army headquarters early today. This action came after reverses which have forced a red army retreat of 50 miles in some places.

Provoked by the setback administered by the Finns under the bitter conditions of Arctic winter, Stalin was believed by Finnish commanders to have determined upon a vigorous return blow.

The Finns estimated the red army has lost 4,000 men in fighting in the extreme north alone in the last three days.

Other dispatches from southern Finland, said citizens of Finland's second city, Viipuri, were leaving their homes after intermittent long-distance shelling of the port city by Russian artillery.

Population Evacuated. Only about 5,000 regular residents of the city's 40,000 population remained.

The city is near the Karelian isthmus.

Some of the troops reported moved up for a counteroffensive in the north were said to be veterans of the Polish campaign.

General Wallenius, commander of the Finnish northern forces, was quoted as saying he expected the red army drive to come in the vicinity of Salla, near Finland's "waistline," and said his information indicated the Russians had massed 300,000 men on the eastern front from Lake Ladoga in the south to the Arctic ocean.

(Oslo dispatches said Norwegian observers near the frontier of the Finnish Lapland had noticed large quantities of Russian war materials arriving, and that a new Russian offensive was expected.)

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Garrett Wants Addresses to Send Replies

Cong. Clyde Garrett today asked the Cisco Daily Press to say that any persons writing either the congressman and his office and failing to receive an answer should direct another card or letter to the congressman's office giving a complete address. The office will then endeavor to trace the correspondence which did not arrive and forward it.

Due to errors or omissions of proper addresses, the congressman's office frequently receives requests which cannot be answered or, in the event they are answered, have the replies returned for lack of proper address, it was explained.

"I make it my duty to my constituents to see that all of their requests and letters are properly answered," said Cong. Garrett. "Only those which have been returned to me keep this duty from being fulfilled to the minute, and I desire to round out all correspondence."

Weather

East Texas: Fair to partly cloudy; slightly warmer Wednesday; Thursday generally fair. Gentle to moderate mostly northerly winds on the coast.

West Texas: Fair and warmer Wednesday; warmer in north portion Thursday.

Straphangers Get a Break---Hostesses and Coffee



Hostesses for street cars have been put on duty by the Birmingham Electric Co., a new departure in trolley transportation. The girls, attired much as airline hostesses, serve coffee, as shown above by Hostess Virginia Hitt. They also help passengers with bundles, mothers with children and generally look after comfort of the humble straphangers.

Couple Observe 49th Wedding Anniversary

By R. W. H. KENNON

What may be styled the "eve" of their golden wedding was celebrated at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Garrett, of Carbon, last Sunday, December 24, 1937. This, the 49th anniversary of their wedding. With the exception of three grandchildren and one great-grandchild of the honorees, all of their descendants were present and did honor to this venerable couple.

The occasion was featured by a great turkey dinner, and a glad-some day it proved to be to the couple, surrounded by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Those present to do honor to Mr. and Mrs. Garrett were the following:

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Garrett and children, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Garrett, their children, Wanda and Bobbie; Mr. and Mrs. Wilton Hudson, Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Harris and children, Bettie May, Mr. and Mrs. William Harris, Willis, Margaret, and Annie Pearl, Eastland; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Duncan and children, Obie and Othar, Gladewater; Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Garrett and children, Lucille, Glendolyn, Billie and Zebulun, of Coahoma; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Berry and Rosemary, of Hubbard; Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Montgomery and children, Billie Ray, Jack and Veima, Cisco; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Whisman and Dot, Breckenridge; Mr. and Mrs. Z. W. Cook, and Stanley, Gorman; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Garrett and Cloeta Sue, of Flatwood; Mr. and Mrs. Blanton Garrett and Ouida Blanch, of Carbon; Tom L. Garrett and Garland Garrett, of Carbon.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Garrett were born in Sumpter county, near Gallatin, Tennessee, he in 1873 and Mrs. Garrett in 1874. They were married there Dec. 24, 1890, and came to Texas about 33 years ago, locating at their present home near Carbon where they have lived continuously ever since, and where six of their 12 children were born.

Besides the 12 children there are 24 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren, all living. A feature of this family is the fact that there has never been a death in the family since Mr. and Mrs. Garrett were married, and counting the in-laws their connections number 54, all of whom were present Sunday at their 49th wedding anniversary except four.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Michael had as their Christmas guests Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Scoggins of Gorman.

CERTIFICATE LAW NOT CITY REGULATION

By W. P. LEE

City Health Officer. I wish to correct a misunderstanding concerning the Texas health certificate law recently passed by the legislature.

It is believed by some that this is a local measure and that the money received from the health certificates comes to me as city health officer. This is not true. The city health officer is paid a salary which is not affected by the number of health certificates issued.

It is the opinion of the city and the city health officer that some aspects of this law are "unreasonable" and this opinion is shared by the state director of the bureau of food and drugs, as shown in the following letter:

"Dear Dr. Lee:

"Replying to your letter of December 2, we wish to advise that this department considers that filling station operators who handle cold drinks, even though they are in capped and sealed bottles, are required to have health certificates under House Bill 142. This is just one of the many unreasonable angles this law has taken. Since the passage of the law is solely a prerogative of the legislature, we can do nothing but enforce it as it is written.

"Trusting this is the information you desire, we are yours very truly,

"F. D. Brock, Director, Bureau of Food and Drugs."

As the above letter shows, if a state representative calls and finds certain individuals without health certificates, they will be liable to a fine, although the City of Cisco does not insist on health certificates in some cases.

Most of those concerned have already been personally informed of the situation, but we wish to be sure that no one is misled to pay a fine because he did not know the provisions of the state health certificate law.

Flames Damage Residence Here

Flames, believed to have originated from a gas bathroom heater, did an estimated \$100 damage to a house at 801 West 12th street last night. The residence, owned by Mrs. Carrie Tipton, was insured by Ervin Wilson, was in the fire department at 10:15 p. m. The flames were quickly extinguished by the department.

Injunction Suit Blocks Sale of O'Daniel Home

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Dr. F. C. Payne New President of Medics

At the Rising Star meeting of the Eastland-Callahan Medical society, Dr. F. C. Payne of Rising Star was elected president. He succeeds the late Dr. Britain of Putnam. Other officers named by the society were Dr. C. C. Coggburn of Eastland, re-elected secretary; Dr. Cockrell of Baird, vice president, and Dr. Edward Blackwell of Gorman, censor.

Through the Editor's Spectacles

By GEORGE

The first duties of Warwick, new secretary of the Cisco chamber of commerce, has been the announcement of an inquiry conference of the Cisco chamber of commerce dinner-forum, organized by Mullens, Virginia, sent an inquiry to the Cisco chamber of commerce requesting information on the Cisco forum to be used in organizing of their own at Mullens, remarking that the institution had been through Holland's, published at Dallas, which announced Cisco magazine has given a award of Merit for

begins to look as if the chamber of commerce intentionally developing of genuine and value in these dinners, at which community gathers and are brought leaders industrial, agricultural and enterprise to in problems or opportunities affecting the interest of the community and. By the decision of the chamber the dinners suspended during November and December because of the pressure of holiday celebrations and business.

the three which have add much can be creditable, indeed, are results in attracting to leaders in the development of agricultural resources and the interest which has aroused here in that movement. This is but one several tangible accomplishments that have achieved, and it does include the apparently publicity which we, but by no means effort of local people and improve their

ideal of the community is democratic. It method of bringing into and harmony and interests of to contribute to the welfare. In these the process of conciliation and common purpose common effort. There is nothing so reactionary as chance. There is nothing so reactionary as chance. There is nothing so reactionary as chance. There is nothing so reactionary as chance.

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BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

These things which ye have both learned and received, and heard of our fathers, and the God of peace shall be with you.—Phil. 1:12

Remember:

- One step more, and the race is ended.
- One word more, and the season's done.
- One toll more, and a long rest follows.
- At set of sun.

If your faith in God is stronger for every humble task in which you need and set His aid, then that humble task is necessary in the fulness of your faith in God. It will make the music of your life more firm and solid.—Phillips Brooks

Shortage of Skilled Workers in U. S.?

PERSISTENT rumors relating to the deficiency in the numbers of skilled workmen available to step into industrial openings culminated recently in the report issued by the United States chamber of commerce.

The chamber started out to make a survey of the effectiveness of state employment services. It concluded that employment services were operating as efficiently as possible. But it also discovered that there is something to the reports of a skilled labor shortage.

Particularly accurate, according to the report, are conditions in the metal and building trades industries. The chamber also concluded that the shortages appear to be most noticeable in the east and middle west.

WHAT alarmed the chamber particularly was the fact that the average age of skilled workers in the building trades was 45; in the metal trades, 47. If this is true, they ask

what will happen in another few years? From where can industry expect to get its new workers, trained in their trades?

Breakdown of the apprentice system and restrictions of vocational training in schools as a result of the depression are blamed by the chamber as being responsible for the present lack of skilled workers. The report also speculated on the effects work-relief programs may have had on skill. In many cases, it was said, employers are hesitant to accept men who have been on relief projects for the past several years because they have lost the skills of their trades.

The report of the chamber of commerce has not been calmly accepted. No sooner had the figures been published than the C. I. O. countered with a vigorous refutation of any and all arguments that skilled labor was nowhere to be had. On the contrary, said John L. Lewis' union, the labor market is glutted with all kinds of skill and the problem is, as always, a shortage of jobs.

The C. I. O. set the unemployment figure at 9,500,000 with 5,500,000 registered at the U. S. Employment Service offices. In addition, according to C. I. O. figures, more than a million WPA workers are available for private industry.

DESPITE present conditions in the ranks of the skilled, the fact that a future shortage is impending cannot be overlooked. Apprentice systems were hit during the depression for the valid reason that it seemed futile to train new men for jobs which didn't exist; and because apprentices would have been used to take over the duties of trained workmen. It is also true that vocational training programs suffered in the schools because of shortage of funds.

There are about 5,000,000 young people out of work. It is believed very few are trained for industry. Many have had university educations to fit them for business and the professions, most of the others have received no training at all.

With the average age of the skilled worker getting higher, the shortage of skill may soon become too evident for any one to deny.

Students in a California high school wrote, rehearsed and produced a one-act comedy in two hours. Hollywood will probably hire the lot of them next time it takes over a whizz like "Gone With the Wind."

A railroad ticket was turned in for refund after 62 years. Someone apparently hadn't been able to make up his mind to take the trip.

A Cleveland man has a cat he taught to box. When being pursued by the neighborhood dogs, pussy will probably come home and demand its gloves.

The tattooing business is booming, with orders for American flags coming in fast. This is an age when no American wants to be mistaken for an enemy gunboat.

"Ja, Britain Was Trying to Encircle Us"



First Australian War Pilots Arrive

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Australia's contribution to the British empire's war effort took tangible form in the mother country Tuesday with the landing of a trained air squadron in England.

Arrival of the tanned airmen, little more than a week after a division of Canadian active service troops debarked at an English port, was regarded as a demonstration of empire solidarity.

Under command of Wing Commander L. V. Lachal, the Australian contingent is made up of pilots, gunners and observers and has a ground staff of mechanics ready to take over their duties with the royal air force immediately.

However, the squadron will undergo brief active training in this country before going into action. It is the first fraction to arrive of the Australian air expeditionary force, which totals 3,200 men.

Empire war co-operation calls for the establishment of a great pool of trained fliers from the dominions and the mother country in Canada, where training will be centered in sixty-seven schools and where eventually it is hoped to turn out 25,000 pilots, gunners, observers and radio operators annually.

British engineers are studying western United States reclamation projects to determine if such projects can be adapted to areas of low rainfall in the Union of South Africa.

Davies Named As Assistant to Sec'y Hull

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—President Roosevelt Tuesday named Joseph E. Davies, American ambassador to Belgium, as a special assistant to Secretary of State Cordell Hull to handle war emergency problems and international trade questions.

Davies will assume his new post about Jan. 10. He is now in the United States, having been recalled to report to the president on the trade agreement negotiations with Belgium.

Davies will retain the rank of Ambassador until a new envoy to Belgium is appointed and sworn in.

The secretary of state already has two special assistants, Lynn R. Edminister and Leo Pasvolovsk, both experts in trade agreements. An official connected with the department expressed the belief that instead of dealing with trade agreements at a desk in the state department, Davies might be used by Secretary Hull to lead one wing of the defending forces when the trade agreements are under attack in the next session of congress.

Special Division
The war emergency problems mentioned in the White House announcement now are being handled by the special division of the state department created shortly after

the outbreak of war. This is directed by Breckenridge Long, former ambassador to Italy, as chief of division, and Hugh Wilson, former ambassador to Germany, as assistant chief. The problems include evacuation of Americans from Europe, representation of the interests of Britain, France, Canada and Australia in Germany, supervision of treatment of allied war prisoners in Germany and obtaining information on Americans or relatives of Americans in war areas.

Davies, who recently celebrated his sixty-third birthday, did special war work for the government during the World War. He soon must give up his salary of \$17,500 a year as ambassador. Nothing was said Tuesday about his new salary, which led to the supposition by one official that he might serve without pay. The salary of a special assistant is \$8,000.

Davies was ambassador to Russia from 1936 until 1938, when he was made ambassador to Belgium.

The chances of eventual death from tuberculosis for the colored baby are virtually two and one-half times as great as they are for the white baby.

For 50 years J. C. Shell of Banner Elk has made pipes from rhododendron wood. He has never smoked.

Hobby Horse Falls Down

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., (AP)—"Just riding a hobby," said a young fellow police arrested after he had tried the door handle of a parked car.

"You see, I go along the street trying the door handles and when I find one unlocked I jot down the license number. Then I go home and listen to the police broadcast of stolen cars.

"It's my hobby keeping track of how many of the unlocked cars are stolen."

Police said they would have placed more credence in the story had it not been just before dawn on a Sunday.

Their prisoner was fined \$10 for loitering.

Should Be Easy To Find

HOUSTON, Tex., Dec. 27 (AP)—Houston police are hunting Mr. X. They don't know his name, so here's the way they filed theft charges against him:

"State of Texas versus one white man, occupant of car Texas license No. 39402, plum, colored sedan; man five feet nine inches, 30 years old, black hair, dark complexion, brown suit and hat; to be pointed out by Henderson Riley (the victim)."

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lems in whole or part, and are vigilant idea or experience that help them to solve. Cisco has started some in these forums that the medium, not me finding solutions to problems or means, is local opportunity of making the community sort of inspiring which will have as its effect at home as else. It looks like it is up now to make good promise.

Chinese consider the bath unparadise, "the written language been invented by a sage, Chieh, is sacred, and is composed after the Great Sage, Confucius, a Chinese columnist, bed, he adds, is also improper, though it is so serious an offense in the bath.

London's newest, small theater, seating 24, opened in the neighborhood. There government experts will see propaganda before they are generated.

BRUCE CATTON'S AMERICAN ROUNDUP

EL BRUCE CATTON
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—The famous 2 per cent transactions tax will be missing when a streamlined version of the Townsend pension plan is offered to Congress this winter.

Dr. Francis E. Townsend and his aides have decided to drop this scheme for financing the pension plan. In its place, the bill which will be presented will provide for a flat 2 per cent gross income tax, exempting wages, salaries, income of dirt farmers and all gross incomes of less than \$200 a month.

Gone, too, will be the flat \$200-a-month clause. Instead the pensions to be paid will be scaled to the income derived from the tax. Townsend Plan headquarters estimate that under present conditions the scheme would provide pensions of \$50 a month for all persons over 60 retired from gainful employment.

Contrary to earlier reports, the Townsend people will fight for action on their bill at this session. It had been expected that they would let the issue lie dormant until after the next election.

REAL issue in the row over whether Secretary Wallace should exercise full authority over the Farm Credit Administration is an argument over whether FCA's policies ought to be coordinated with the policies of the Department of Agriculture. F. F. Hill, governor of FCA, has followed a more or less hard-boiled business policy in connection with loans and foreclosures. Wallace holds that FCA ought not to resell foreclosed land which the department considers sub-marginal, that it ought not to make loans on sub-marginal land, and that it ought not to permit the farms it

lands to be operated proper soil conservation. The Farm Credit Administration was put under the Department of Agriculture last spring. President's reorganization without Wallace's advice. He wasn't very sure about it at the time. He worked out an agreement with Hill under which FCA is as virtually an autonomous organization. But when farm men protested about their policies, of FCA, it was who got the heat. If he to get the heat, Wallace ought to have the authority.

PRACTICALLY every involved is happy over the order which took the Rico's Reconstruction Administration out from under S. Ickes' control and put that of the island's new Governor Leahy.

Secretary Ickes is happy because the PRRA was a couple of years ago to long overdue cleanup, in number of indictments, and various administrative evils had developed which was a branch of WPA, governor of the territory. The Interior Department through its Division of Territories, a public would decide that head of the Interior Department was to blame.

Governor Leahy is happy because he wanted PRRA jurisdiction from the first. The people of Puerto Rico, always was the chance, protected that PRRA was a separate government based on the island's own

Radio Network To Broadcast Title Game

One of the largest radio networks ever to be assembled in Texas will carry a play-by-play description of the game between Lubbock and Waco on the 1938 Texas interscholastic football championship.

The game will be played at the Cottonwood in Dallas on Saturday, December 30. The kick-off is scheduled for 2 p. m. and the network will be in operation at 1:30 p. m. to give pre-game color and activities. Play-by-play descriptions will be given by C. Leland, one of the outstanding sports announcers in the southwest. An equally well known sports announcer, Charlie Jordan, will describe the colorful activities between halves and at other times throughout the game.

Following are the 26 stations comprising the network, and their numbers on the air.

- KRBC, 1420 kc., Abilene; KGNC, 1410 kc., Amarillo; KNOV, 1500 kc., Austin; KFDM, 960 kc., Beaumont; KNEL, 1500 kc., Brady; KRIS, 1330 kc., Corpus Christi; KAND, 1310 kc., Corsicana; KRLD, 1040 kc., Dallas; WRR, 1280 kc., Dallas; KPJZ, 1240 kc., Fort Worth; KTRH, 1290 kc., Houston; KOCA, 1210 kc., Kilgore; KPRO, 1370 kc., Longview; KFYO, 1310 kc., Lubbock; KNET, 1420 kc., Palestine; KPDN, 1310 kc., Pampa; KGKL, 1370 kc., San Angelo; KTTA, 550 kc., San Antonio; KRRV, 1310 kc., Sherman; KXOX, 1210 kc., Sweetwater; KTEM, 1370 kc., Temple; KGKB, 1500 kc., Tyler; WACO, 1420 kc., Waco; KRGV, 1260 kc., Weslaco; KWFT, 620 kc., Wichita Falls; and KXYZ, 1440 kc., Houston.

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ected from Hoyenjarvi, 60 miles south of the Arctic, despite widespread blizzards and sub-zero temperatures.

1,000 Russians Dead
At Finnish headquarters it was estimated that 4,000 Russians lost their lives in the last three days as their hurried retreat from the southernmost point of their advance, 80 miles south of the ocean.

The Finns had made ceaseless attacks on the retreating Russians in this far northern sector, it was reported, and subjected them to many surprise attacks.

Finnish headquarters believed the Russian withdrawal there was about over, however, and that the time had come to expect a counter assault with fresh men and materials hurried northward to cope with the unexpected resistance despite severe weather in the bleak country.

The Finns said the Russian reinforcements were "elite" troops and that among the officers were some of Joseph Stalin's personal friends.

Stalin was described as being provoked with the reverses experienced in the Arctic fighting, and as being determined upon a vigorous initiative on that front.

16 Divisions
The Finns said they had identified 16 Russian divisions confronting them on the east and north—each division consisting of about 18,000 men.

General Wallenius was quoted as saying the general situation was such that each Finnish battalion (about 600 men) faced a Russian division.

But while out-numbered, the Finns found the difficulties of weather and transport in their favor.

The White sea is frozen so that there is no sea communication to Archangel or Murmansk, and the Russians' main reliance of sup-

plies is the Murmansk railroad, which is supplemented in the far north by tractor-drawn cars on narrow rail lines laid on the highways.

The boiler of the U. S. S. Sheridan, a federal gunboat wrecked during the Civil war, may still be seen above the water line near Bodø, N. C.

ALLY OOP

By Hamlin



Thru Christmas week gather the children around the Christmas tree and call Osborn Studio for appointment to make picture you will always place among your treasures and sovenirs. This large picture 8x10 made at this price through Christmas week \$2.50

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SERIAL STORY BLACKOUT

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CAST OF CHARACTERS
MARY CAROL—American fashion expert, in London during wartime.
VINCENT GREGG—soldier of fortune, in love with Mary.
CARLA MARCHETTA—a mysterious London socialite.
DR. GILBERT LENOX—surgeon, serving with British army.

Yesterday, Mary Carroll and her fiancé, Vincent Gregg, soldier of fortune and adventurer, are in London during the early days of the war, awaiting passage to the United States. Mary is disturbed when a striking, internationally famous beauty recognizes Vincent in a London restaurant. Vincent does not explain a mysterious card brought by a waiter. In the terror of an air raid alarm, Vincent disappears. Mary is swept with the crowd into the air raid shelter, and she almost faints as a stranger grasps her.

CHAPTER TWO
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 smiling 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 mumbled.

"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 nowhere to rescue me?"

"No, I'm a doctor on air raid duty and this is one of my emergency stations. You were just in the line of duty."

He handed her a gas mask, carried her downstairs. "Thanks so much," she whispered as he put her down.

"Okay—and good luck." The young American doctor spoke quickly and then turning, was swallowed in the gob of blackness and the blue of fantastic bobbing masks behind her.

For a minute, Mary stood alone and uncertain. Then the revealing beam of the porter's flashlight swung around to outline Vincent 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 she 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. regulations." 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 middle of the room. Even so, the jam was frightening and the wheeze of breathing in the masks like death gasps.

Minutes dragged like hours until, as suddenly as it had begun, the banshee wails of the sirens stopped. Ears strained for the awful sound of crashing bombs, heard 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 restaurant 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," Vincent 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 of a bombing plane himself.

"Let's not think about it," she



Puzzled, Mary stared at the oversize card. On it were scribbled two words—"At Midnight!"

said. "I might tell you, though, that I was panicky when I found I'd lost you. I'm ashamed of myself, 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 for himself thrilled her.

"They keep extra masks in the shelter," Vincent explained. Tenderly, he bent to kiss her cheek lightly. "You're a sweetheart," he said. "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.

"What ho," 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 handed 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 lodging and pack. We'll meet in the morning for coffee and get the first train to Southampton."

"Your tickets and passports are safe?"

Going upstairs in the rusty lift, Mary closed her eyes. Home—home with Vincent.

Europe at war! The juggernauts of two mighty powers that had rolled over Poland. The French massed at the Maginot line. The British fleet prowling the seas. And yet in the midst of all this, she and Vincent had found each other and were going home.

In her room, she put last-minute things in her bags, checked her luggage, tickets, and visa and began to undress.

As she slipped out of the bright frock and into her negligee, something fell from the folds of the bustle bow—something white and square.

Puzzled, Mary stooped to pick it up.

It was a plain, white, oversized card and on it were scribbled two words.

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Rylees Have Reunion On Christmas Day

Mrs. Laura Rylee was honored at her home Monday with a dinner for which all of her children were present. The occasion was the first time in 20 years that the family had been together.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Rylee and children, Fred and Ona Merle, of Hobbs, New Mexico, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rylee of Graham; Mrs. Dewey Williamson and children, Betty June, Bobby and Mary, of Breckenridge; Mrs. David McNabb, of Roswell, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Y. J. Rylee and children, Louise and Bay Gene; Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Tompkins and children, Homer and Myra Jean; Mrs. W. H. Tompkins, all of Cisco, and Mrs. Eta Mae Elliott of Odessa.

AUXILIARY DANCE

The Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will sponsor a dance at the hall Thursday night. It was announced today. The entertainment will feature square dance contests and other dancing. Music will be played by Donald Simmons and his Blue Jackets of Fort Worth.

Miss McDaniel Is Club Hostess

Girls of the Four G club met with Catherine Mae McDaniel Tuesday afternoon. Routine business was discussed and light refreshments served. Those present were Marjorie Jacobs, Jane Moore, Katherine Lottin, Betty Lou Muller, Betty Jane Wilkey, Mildred Kimmel, Myra Jean Tompkins, Alice Slicker and the hostess, Catherine Mae McDaniel.

Bridges Entertain With Sunday Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Bridges entertained Sunday with dinner to their family and close friends. Those enjoying the occasion were Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hibbert and family of Eastland, Mr. and Mrs. Will Barnhill and children, Stanton, M. and Mrs. N. W. Barnhill, Clovis, New Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Boatman and children, Wichita Falls; J. C. Barnhill and family, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Pence and children, Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Barnhill and daughter, Mrs. Pat McGough and children; Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Travis and son; Mr. and Mrs. S. O. Barnhill and children; Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Dolgenor, Jr. and Mrs. Joe Boatman and Lawson Younger, all of Cisco.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Baugh and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Smith have returned to Sweetwater after spending the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. Gary L. Smith.

Misses Lucile Clark of McMurry, Abilene; Miss Betty Elda Clark of TSCW, Denton; Mrs. Carl Siddall and daughter, Gayle, and Mrs. O. L. Griffin of Houston, and Rev. and Mrs. A. J. McCary of Wills Point spent the holidays with Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Clark.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Evans and son, Harry, of Post have gone to Dallas after a short visit with Mrs. Evans' brother, H. C. Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Huffman and sons, Billy and Kenneth, have returned from a visit in Weatherford.

Miss Bessie Lee Lawrence is spending the week in Sweetwater and Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Michael have been visiting relatives in Eastland.

Debs' Deb



With everybody and his brother picking the "No. 1 Debutante of the Year," New York's 300 debs of 1939 decided to elect their own "No. 153 Patricia Plunkett, above, had won the title.

Hickok Employes Enjoy Christmas Party at Country Club



This group of Hickok companies employes were photographed at the Cisco country club last week by A. L. Osborn, Cisco photographer, during the annual holiday picnic and entertainment. Employes from Cisco and Eastland, including those of the Cisco Gas Corp., Consolidated Gasoline Corp., Hickok Producing and Development company, and Consolidated Pipe Line company, were present.

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Train's Last Run on C. T. & W. on Tuesday

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The last motor car of the passenger-mail service arrived off the south end shortly before 9 a.

m. Tuesday and went on the northwestern end of the run to Seymour. That end will continue operation under an agreement between the Rock Island and the Frisco.

The first train to run between Jacksboro and Mineral Wells was March 27, 1913, and more than 2,000 people from this section made the trip. Rain, sleet and snow hampered the spirit of the trip, according to the stories of old-timers who remembered that all of the business houses of Jermyn, roundhouse headquarters of the line, closed for the celebration.

Delegations from Jacksboro, Jermyn, Graham and several other towns made the trip in 1913.

In seven years—1931 to 1937—the homicide rate among the policy holders of a large insurance company dropped from 7.9 per 100,000 to 4.4 per 100,000. The latter figure is 37 per cent lower than the figure for 1931 and 36 per cent lower than the average for the two decades immediately preceding 1937.

The average length of life in the Scandinavian countries, Australia and New Zealand is greater than that in the United States.

LONDON'S Westminster hospital has sunk its supply of radium (six grammes worth \$150,000) in a 50-foot steel shaft.

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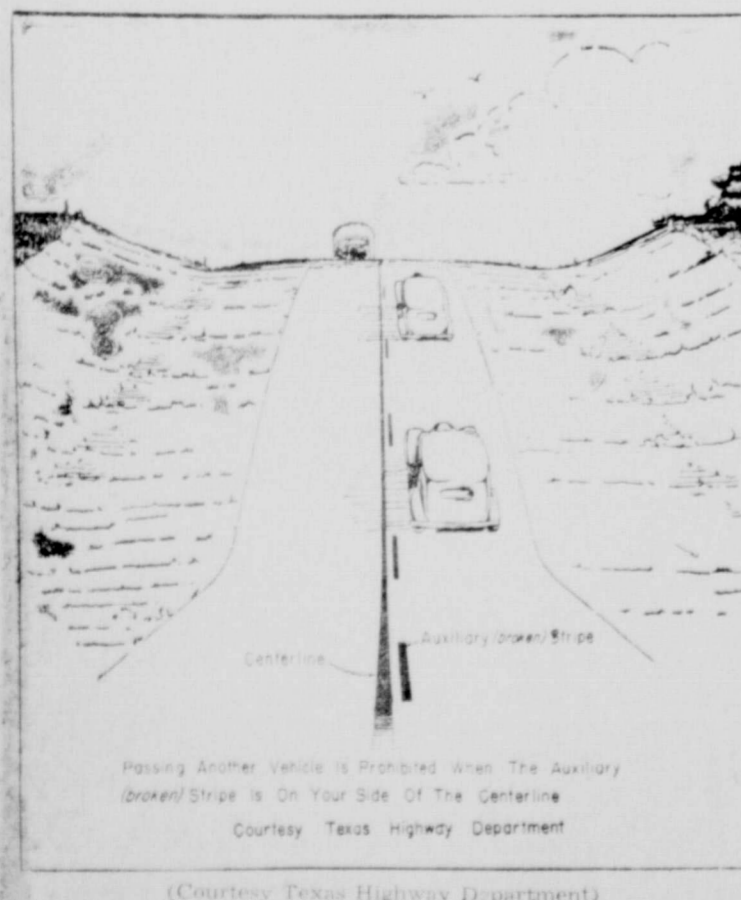
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RED RYDER By Fred Har



Say, folks, next time you raise eyebrows at the wife's bonnet, pull them right down again—for she might walk home wearing something like this. It's part of a Gainsborough costume, worn by Mrs. Fergus Reid, Jr., at a pre-view of the famed Beaux Arts Diamond Ball, held in New York's Ritz-Carlton.

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