





### City Ownership Rejected by Year-End Voters

The value of taxes paid by investor-owner light companies and their ability to render a superior modern-day service due to experienced personnels and the liberal political influence had widely recognized by American voters as the year 1939 ended, according to a national survey of November elections which were the quietest in recent years on the question of municipal ownership of electric utilities.

Results of the survey, received here this week by O. J. Russell, local manager of the West Texas utilities, through the Public Service magazine, announced that "the question was before the people on only a handful of ballots"—and only one in Texas, which was defeated by almost 5 to 1.

In elections held throughout the country, it was learned, municipal ownership "was defeated a all but one instance, and, on the whole, defeated so resoundingly as to squelch promoters in the respective cities and communities for some time to come."

An overwhelming defeat of municipal ownership was dealt by voters of Arlington county, Virginia, when they defeated a proposed \$1,475,000 bond issue by a ballot of 6,139 to 1,080—more than 5 to 1 against the proposal.

"The fact that Arlington county is adjacent to the nation's capitol and many of its citizens are federal employes working in Washington gave significance to the outcome of this election," the survey comments.

For the third time in 14 months, Ogden, Utah, voters defeated a plan which called for a \$3,500,000 bond issue by a ballot of 9,507 to 5,780. In Montrose, Colo., voters also turned down a municipal electric system for the third time this year. By a vote of 4,575 to 1,482, the people of Ventura, Calif., defeated a proposed \$1,200,000 municipal ownership bond issue and also defeated a revenue bond charter amendment.

The single Texas ballot was at Texarkana, where "the people rejected a municipal electric plant scheme by a majority of almost 5 to 1," the survey states. Details of the election disclose that the plan was sponsored by the city's mayor, whose closing arguments "are reported to have been so heated that he was cut off the air for a short time." Despite the fact that the federal government had offered a \$245,000 grant and a \$350,000 loan at low interest, the Texarkana vote was 1,190 against to only 245 for the plan.

The sole municipal ownership election to carry was in Provo, Utah, where voters refused to re-verse a 1936 vote authorizing \$350,000 in revenue bonds for a generating plant now under construction, and for which the city received a PWA gift of a substantial proportion of the total cost.

The only other municipal election was at Puyallup, Wash., where voters defeated by a small margin a \$350,000 bond proposal for the city to acquire the investor-owned light system. "Ten years ago," the survey points out, "a 7 to 1 majority favored the plan but the city was unable to market the bonds."

"The support given investor-owned utilities in these elections," says the survey, "indicates that the public realizes that when tax subsidized municipal electric projects take over investor-owned utilities, tremendous sums of taxes are lost to the community, county, state and nation. These taxes must be made up by increases in the levies on the remaining taxpayers. Apparently the people are aware that the matter of tax losses is much more important than any promises made of slightly lower electric rates, which a municipally-owned plant could never effect except through tax exemptions and devious book-keeping practices whereby expenses are transferred to other departments."

**BUILDING PERMITS**  
AUSTIN, Dec. 30.—While slumped more than a third from the \$10,542,263 total of October, building permits in 35 Texas cities for November surpassed the November, 1938, figure by 3.7 per cent, the University of Texas bureau of business research has announced. Permits for last month totaled \$6,654,156 in the 35 cities.

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### Troops Mass on Sands of Syria



Strategic military position of new allied "pool" of reserve troops, quartered in modern camps on the ancient sands of Syria, is shown by map. Heavy arrows indicate the fields of action into which the "pool troops" might be thrown, to participate in possible Balkan action, to protect allied interests in Turkish oil fields, and to help guard the Suez Canal.

### Here's What You Need to Know About the New Old-Age Pensions

By AP Feature Service  
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The new year brings the first monthly benefits under the federal government's old age insurance plan, a part of the social security program.

From 30,000 to 35,000 claims are expected for January, the first month. These claims are being filed by retiring workers, widows, dependent children and dependent parents. Payments for January will be made February 1.

The number of recipients will increase each month as more become eligible under the law. Before the year ends, it is estimated, 912,000 men, women and children will be eligible for some \$144,000,000 in old age insurance and survivor benefits.

Here, taken from official records, are answers to questions most often asked about old age benefits:

**Q. When do monthly benefits begin?**  
A. January, 1940, is the first benefit.

**Q. Do checks go out January 1?**  
A. No. Benefits are paid at end of month. First payments will be made February 1.

**Q. Who will get benefits?**  
A. Wage earners who have reached the age of 65 and retired.

**Q. Any other requirements?**  
A. Yes, wage earners must have worked in employment covered by the social security act, and must have earned at least \$50 in each of six quarter-years since 1936.

**Q. What is covered employment?**  
A. Virtually all types of wage-earner work except farm labor, domestic service, federal government, state, county and city employment, religious, charitable and casual work (odds jobs).

**Q. Does retired worker's family get extra benefits?**  
A. Yes, worker's wife, of over 65, and each dependent child under 16 (or under 18 if attending school) gets a separate benefit, equal to one-half of the worker's annuity.

**Q. Do benefits come automatically?**  
A. No, application must be made.

**Q. Where does the person apply?**  
A. To the nearest field office of the social security board. If he doesn't know where that office is, he can obtain the address from the local post office.

**Q. What action will field office take?**  
A. It will give information concerning benefits, provide application forms and forward applications to Washington office of social security board for approval.

**Q. What is the next step?**  
A. Letter from board to applicant will tell him that his name has been placed on benefit rolls and will disclose the amount of his monthly payments.

**Q. Must he call some place for his money?**  
A. No, United States treasury will mail benefit check to his home at the end of each benefit month.

**Q. How much will beneficiaries get?**  
A. Monthly benefits are figured according to a formula which takes into account average wages and the number of years of work in employment covered by the program.

### In Bizarre Auto Death Mystery



Miss Bertie DeVos, 27-year-old Mishawaka, Ind., divorcee questioned here in connection with the bizarre death of a friend, Stephen Melkey, who was struck by an auto when he staggered, bound and gagged, onto the highway.

according to a formula which takes into account average wages and the number of years of work in employment covered by the program.

**Q. What is this formula?**  
A. A basic amount equal to 40 per cent of the first \$50 of the average monthly wage plus 10 per cent of the next \$200 of average monthly wage; to this is added 1 per cent of the basic amount for each year in which the individual earns at least \$200 in covered employment. (A worker with an average monthly wage of \$50 will get a monthly benefit of \$20.00; his wife, if over 65, a supplementary \$10.30 and each dependent child \$10.30. A worker with an average wage of \$200 monthly will get \$36.05; his 65-year-old wife will get \$18.03, and each dependent child \$18.03. These figures apply to benefit payments which start February 1.)

**Q. What will be the smallest monthly benefit?**  
A. The law provides that no benefit be less than \$10 a month.

**Q. What will be the largest monthly benefit?**  
A. The highest total of monthly benefits which may be paid is \$85.

**Q. What happens if a wage earner dies?**  
A. Monthly benefits will be paid to survivors of wage earners.

**Q. How much will survivors get?**  
A. A widow over age 65 will get a monthly benefit equal to three-fourths of her husband's annuity. A younger widow

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### STORIES IN STAMPS



Frederic Remington, 'He Knew the Horse'

FREDERIC REMINGTON is no newcomer to U. S. stamps. Two of his paintings have already been used for the designs of stamps of the 1898 Trans-Mississippi series, "Protecting a Wagon Train" on the 8-cent stamp and "Mining Prospector" on the 50-cent value. Remington's portrait will appear on the 10-cent stamp of the Artists group of the U. S. Famous Americans series.

Canton, N. Y., where Remington was born in 1861, bids for the first-day sales of the new stamp but Remington really belongs to the West, whose wild and woolly history he depicted so faithfully. After brief art study at Yale where he starred in football, Remington went west, lost his money to a swindler in Kansas City, wanted to settle the affair with guns.

He traveled widely living with soldiers, cowhands and hunters. Captured by Indians at the battle of Wounded Knee, he was released unharmed because the Indians liked his sketches. His passion was horses and no other artist has ever succeeded in getting the perfection in painting a horse that Remington attained.

Skinned dead animals to study muscle structure. . . . His epitaph: "He knew the horse"

### Area Meeting of Adult School Educators Held

EASTLAND, Dec. 30 (Sp.)—An area two-day conference of teachers of the education section of the WPA was concluded Friday afternoon at the courthouse in Eastland.

Thirty teachers and officials attended. It was one of three area conferences of teachers in the Fort Worth district of the WPA this week.

Counties represented were Eastland, Haskell and Stephens. Dr. R. Lee Clark, of Cisco, is senior supervisor for the area education section of the WPA. Three counties in the area were not represented.

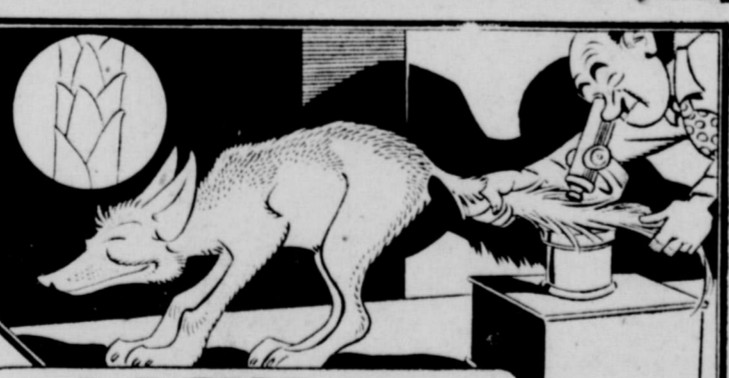
Teachers in attendance elected J. F. Connell, Sr., Ranger, to preside at the conference.

Those on the program today included: Mrs. Mattie Lottin, Cisco, "Time in the Workshop More Effectively"; S. J. Boyd, senior supervisor at Fort Worth, "Development of a System for Effective Use of Curriculum Materials"; Gerald H. Blackburn, teacher at Cisco, "Listening of Worthy Outside Activities"; Miss Ethel Patterson, Eastland teacher, "How These Activities May Be Carried Out Best"; W. J. Fraker, San Antonio, state supervisor in the program, "Coordination of Professional Time Activities"; Scott J. McGinnis, also a state supervisor from San Antonio, "How to Conduct a Community Study and How to Make Effective Use of the Study"; Mrs. Anna Woodfin, Breckenridge teacher, "The Use

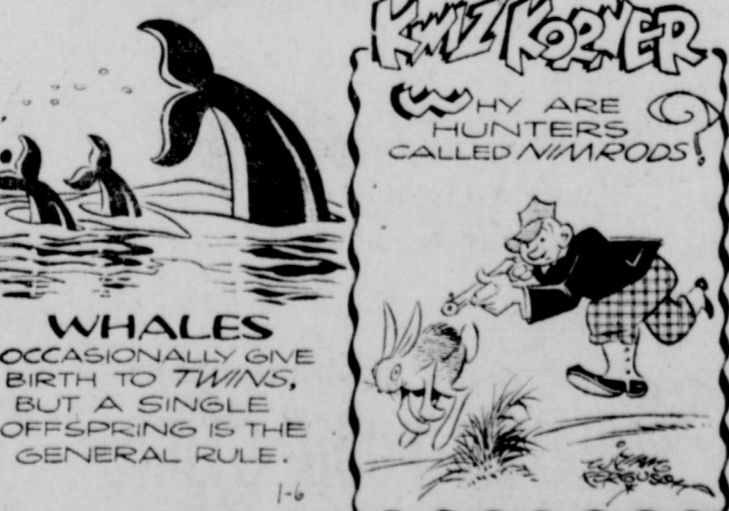
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### THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



AN EXPERT CAN IDENTIFY A FUR BY EXAMINING THE SCALES ON A SINGLE HAIR UNDER THE MICROSCOPE.



WHALES OCCASIONALLY GIVE BIRTH TO TWINS, BUT A SINGLE OFFSPRING IS THE GENERAL RULE.

ANSWER: Ham's grandson, Numrod, referred to in the Bible as "a mighty hunter before the Lord."

# A New Year's Message

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We have learned that stability of employment with every possible security for the worker is one of the most desirable things that can be achieved. We want to keep all our 120,000 men at work throughout the New Year if it is at all possible. And we have planned our production schedules

accordingly—to level out the peaks and valleys of production and employment.

Our payrolls are now the largest in recent years. Because the increased business of last year permitted it, we raised the wage rate of thousands of our men. We also put into effect a \$150,000,000 insurance plan for the benefit of our employes.

A lot of other things have resulted from the success of the low-priced automobile. The roads that have been built. The oil and gas and tire and service businesses that have grown up. The new markets that have been built up for farm products to be used as raw materials in industry. The freedom that people have to move around and see their country.

But the most important thing we have found in these thirty-seven years is that this country is always good to a business that never sells the country short—a business founded on the belief that this country is going steadily ahead, and is willing to invest everything it has in the future.

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### OUT OUR WAY . . . . . By Williams



### BLACKOUT BY RUTH AYERS

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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, The Moravia sails before Mary can get ashore. She is bewildered by Vincent's failure to sail. Anna Winters tries to comfort her. Walking on the deck at night, Mary sees a dark figure lurking in the shadows of the companionway.

CHAPTER V  
Mary drew back at the sight of strange eyes staring from the shadows.  
Fear paralyzed her for an agonized second and then, bracing herself against the lash of spray, she ran along the darkened deck. Her beret blew off in the wind. Her shoes slipped on the wet floor. And all the time, staccato sharp behind her came hurrying steps. If she could reach the salon door she would be safe.

Pausing, she came to the door and swung herself against it. In the muted light of the room, the dinner hour, she breathed a quick prayer of relief. The safety of the room gave her courage. Cautiously, she opened the door a crack. Leaning against the deck rail directly opposite was a man's slouched figure, hat pulled low on his forehead. In the darkness he was nothing more than a silhouette.

Mary waited no longer. When she reached her cabin, her maize hair tumbled over her shoulders and her blue eyes were wide.  
Anna, awaiting her, looked up with a shy smile of greeting, then asked quickly, "What's wrong? You're trembling."  
"It's nothing," Mary answered. "I'm imagining things. Ever since the boat sailed I've been on edge."  
"But something must have startled you. You're white as a ghost." Mary took off her tweed coat slowly. "You'll probably think I'm crazy, but it's true something did startle me. I could have sworn a man was crouched behind the companionway watching me. And I'm almost sure he followed as far as the salon door."  
Anna's hand flew to her mouth in a gesture of fear. "Oh—I wonder what it means. So many strange things are happening in this war that it's enough to make you lose your mind. Spies are everywhere. You don't know when you're being shadowed or why. No one is safe." Then, her gentle voice growing bitter, "I hate war—I hate it. Why must people torture and kill each other?"  
She broke into sobs. Mary, sorry at once that she had startled the frail Anna, reached out a comforting hand. "I probably imagined the whole thing. Most likely it was what we call in Yankee slang a 'pipe dream.' Let's

had a chance to make myself properly alluring."  
The English girl's eyes suddenly brimmed with tears. "I want you to know," she began in a muted voice, "that you've made me happier tonight than I've ever been in my life."  
For a minute, the two girls looked at each other—the gentle governess and the American stylist. So unlike, and yet at this minute, so strangely the same. Same slim, graceful figures—same smart coiffeurs, and more—hidden grief in their hearts.  
Mary Carroll knew then that this minute would be stamped in her mind for all time. Nothing could ever blot it out. In a lifetime, she would never forget Anna Winters standing before her like a bright red flame—tragic and beautiful.

But that was in Paris in September. This was now, aboard the Moravia, plowing through winter seas to New York.  
Mary turned to Anna with the red dress. "This is what you're going to wear."  
Anna Winters touched the crimson dress. "Oh, no, I couldn't," she protested. "It's too beautiful for me. I'd be out of place in it, I couldn't."  
"But you will," Mary said firmly, "and we're going to start right now to make you a knockout."  
Anna's brown hair was brushed into a swirl with clusters of curls pinned over her ears to give breath to the pinched face. All the tricks of the trade Mary had learned as a fashion designer were brought into play.  
The new flag-red lipstick, the tawny pale powder, the alluring eye shadow paste—there came out of a kit to make Anna blossom from drabness to charm.  
Mary's own shimmery lingerie, sheer stockings, and gold slippers went on her cabin mate. And lastly, the Robin Hood scarlet dress.

Anna Winters gazed as she stared at the mirror. She was lovely!  
"There," said Mary, "while Rome burns you're going to dance, Anna. You look like something out of a fairy tale—a beautiful damsel waiting for a Prince Charming to claim you. And who knows, maybe one will."  
Anna glowed with an inward, radiant happiness. "I'll wait for you," she said.  
Mary shook her head. "No, you're to make your entrance alone. I'll be in you later after I've

forget it."  
Anna looked up uncertainly. Mary, aware again of how strangely drawn she was to this wisp of an English girl, continued, "I was considered a clever stylist in Paris before the war started. I know what clothes can do to people. We'll dress gorgeously tonight and forget the war."  
"That would be fun," Anna's eyes lighted for a second and then sobered. "I'm sorry, but I can't go. All I have are my uniforms and the plainest clothes. I haven't anything for a party."  
"But—look! I have trunks full of clothes. I'll pick out a frock that will do exactly for you. You're just about my size and height. When I've dressed you up, you'll be ravishing."  
Mary began shuffling through the closet where the beautiful gowns had been hung. Her eyes glinted when she came to the Robin Hood red frock, almbodied and with a skirt that fell in rippling cascades of chiffon. In the darkness of the closet she pressed its folds to her face. This was the dress she had worn the night she had first met Vincent. Suddenly, all the rapture of her romance came flooding back.  
She remembered Vincent's first words after they had been introduced. "Is it you or the dress that's so gorgeous?" he had asked with that intriguing uplift of his left brow.  
Demurely she had answered, "It's the dress." And all the time, of course, she was trying not to show her breathlessness at meeting this gentleman soldier.  
Vincent had answered: "Why, to be sure. Probably when I meet you for lunch tomorrow I'll ask myself how I could have thought you were the most beautiful girl I'd ever seen."  
It had been like that. Swift, inevitable, a love that had thrown them together in the midst of a war-mad world.

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Bridge Club Meets Friday Party

With Mrs. Ira Mae Taylor and Miss Bess Munn as co-hostesses, the G. S. Bridge club met for its regular party Friday evening at the Taylor home.

Circle Six Meets With Mrs. Farquhar

Mrs. C. A. Farquhar was hostess Thursday afternoon to the Elizabeth Truly Circle of the First Baptist Women's Missionary Society.

Rebekah Lodge Members Honored

Mrs. W. S. DeRossett was hostess Thursday evening at a social honoring members of the Goodwill Rebekah lodge.

The Notebook

Tuesday The Cecilia Singers will meet at the First Methodist church at 6:45.

Cisco Chapter 461, Order of Eastern Star, will meet at the Masonic Hall at 7:30.

All Circles of the First Baptist Women's Missionary Society will meet at the church at 3:15 in a business session.

Circles of the First Presbyterian Woman's Auxiliary will meet at 3 o'clock as follows: Circle One with Miss Willie Ward; Circle Two at the church; Circle Three with Mrs. F. D. Pierce.

Wednesday The First Baptist Junior G. A. will meet at the church at 4 o'clock. Delphian Study club will meet at the clubhouse at 9:30.

Hollywood Goes Peasant With Pig Tail Fashions



California designers have found inspiration for colorful resort clothes in the horse-and-buggy era, adaptations of European peasant costumes and even the American farmer's bandana neckerchief.

Personals

Mr. and Mrs. Hagen McMahon of Encino are visiting with Mrs. McMahon's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Chitt, and friends in Cisco over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Alan Withee of Kermit are guests of Mrs. Withee's parents, Dr. and Mrs. N. A. Brown.

Mrs. Retta Cunningham was returned to her home in Houston after visiting her small son, Charles, and her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Kleiner.

Dr. and Mrs. Howard Brown of Mineral Wells have been visiting relatives and friends in Cisco.

Miss Gladys French left Saturday for Austin college, at Sherman, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. French.

Mrs. T. A. Graves, Misses Martha and Deava, and Thomas Graves have returned from a trip to points in California.

Frances Ruth Halstead of Comanche is spending the week-end with her mother, Mrs. Thelma Halstead.

Miss Dorothy Mayberry of Athens is spending two weeks with her sister, Mrs. Jack Anderson, and Mr. Anderson.

Howell Moore has returned to the U. S. air corps at Kelly field in San Antonio, after spending the holidays with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. John Kleiner, and others.

Miss Kathleen Alexander is spending the week-end in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bob Winston and daughter, Sylvia, have returned to their home in Corpus Christi after spending the holidays with relatives here.

Lee Thetford, who has been seriously ill the past week, was reported resting well Saturday.

Miss Ruby Lee Blanton of Roby is visiting her aunt, Miss Ruby Love.

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Stamey and son, Joe, are spending today in Wichita Falls.

Cathryn Shepard is visiting relatives in Brownwood.

The daily production of the Texas panhandle natural gas field is 1,700,000,000 (billion) cubic feet from approximately 1,500 wells.

The United States leads the civilized world in homicides. The only country approaching ours in this matter is Finland.

One of the world's largest copper deposits is located in Africa, in Cape Province, Northern Transvaal and on the Northern Rhodesia-Belgian Congo border.

Baptist Training union, 6:30 p. m. Evening church service, 7:30. Sermon subject, "A Wild Party." Watch services will begin at 8:45 and continue through midnight. Refreshments will be served during the course of the evening and the public is cordially invited to come and go at will.—Rev. Judson Prince, pastor.

Birthday Club Has Luncheon On Friday

Mrs. John Moriarty was hostess at her home Friday noon to a luncheon honoring Mrs. S. E. Hittson, given by the birthday club.

A delicious menu was served buffet style from a lace-laid table centered with an arrangement of silver and red. After luncheon, the honoree was presented a lovely gift from the club, and other gifts. Members and guests attending were Mrs. S. E. Hittson, W. W. Wallace, J. V. Heyser, Homer Slicker, F. J. Borman, Homer McDonald, E. P. Crawford, P. R. Warwick, A. E. Jamison, Alex Spears, Gary L. Smith, H. G. Foy, A. C. Green, L. E. Richardson of Longview, and the hostess, Mrs. Moriarty.

Quints Merge--

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A brief message by the Rev. Joseph I. Patterson on the subject, "I'll Take the High Road," will complete the evening worship. The public is cordially invited to attend and a special invitation is extended to the young people of Cisco.

Seven tea tasters dictate the tea tasters of America. They meet annually to test tea samples and to decide which teas shall be admitted to the United States.

The bromide-extraction industry uses sea water to obtain the chemical. This sea water averages only 67 parts of bromide per 1,000,000 of water.

Japan's leadership in the production of commercial synthetic fibers was made possible through patent agreements with foreign interests and the importation of manufacturing equipment.

Four G Club Meets With Betty Muller

Miss Betty Lou Muller was hostess Friday afternoon at the meeting of the 4-G club in her Humboldt home. The meeting was called for the purpose of completing plans for the New Year's German dance, to be held at the Country club New Year's eve, beginning at 12 o'clock. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting to Misses Alice Slicker, Jeanne Jamison, Marian Jacobs, Jane Moore, Mildred Kimmel, Catherine Mae McDaniel, Betty Jane Wilkey, Katharine Loftin, Dorothy Slaughter, Myra Jean Tompkins, Dorothy O'Connor of Breckenridge and Mary Ann Simon of Fort Worth.

Churches to--

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First Christian Church Bible school, 9:45. Morning church service, 10:50. Sermon subject, "Seven Great Words of Tomorrow." Young people's meeting, 6 p. m. Evening church service, 7 o'clock. Sermon subject, "Seven Great Words of Yesterday."—Rev. Clark W. Lambert, pastor.

Church of Christ Bible study, 10; preaching, 11. Sermon subject, Requirements. Young People's meeting, 6. Preaching, 7. Sermon subject, Yes and No People. Tuesday afternoon at 3 Ladies Bible class. Wednesday night at 7 prayer service and song drill. Everyone cordially invited to attend all services.

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Group Four Has Meeting Friday

Mrs. George Groseclose was hostess Friday afternoon to members of Group Four of the Women's council of the First Christian church. Mrs. Troy Powell presided over the business session, after which a review of the book, "In His Steps," was given as a devotional.

Mrs. Charles Greenhaw assisted Mrs. Groseclose in serving refreshments to a large group of members and visitors.

Here's What--

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who, has dependent children, receives a similar benefit. In addition, a dependent child under 16 (or 18 if attending school) receives a benefit equal to one-half of father's annuity. If wage earner leaves no widow or children, but leaves a parent over 65, wholly dependent upon him, then the parent receives one-half of his annuity.

Q. How are benefits financed? A. Insured workers are taxed 1 per cent a month of their wages. The employer similarly pays one per cent a month.

Daily Press Want Ads will get the job done.

Forty-two Party At Britain Home

The Thimble Ten club members and their husbands enjoyed a forty-two party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Britain Friday evening. Four tables were arranged for the games.

High score was won by Mrs. Don McEachern, and Frank Bond won low.

At the close of the games refreshments were served to Messrs. Fran Bond, Cecil Adams, Don McEachern, Clyde Walker, Lon Horn, Mimes, H. Niederer of Dallas, Teague, Misses Edith and Margie Horn, J. L. Stafford, and the hosts, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Britain.

Garden Club Not Meet On Monday

The meeting of the Cisco Garden club, regularly scheduled for Monday, January 1, will not be held until the second Monday in January, it was announced today. The meeting will be held January 8 at the clubhouse at 3 o'clock, and members are urged to attend.

Since the turn of the century the average life span of the white boy baby has increased 12 and 1-2 years.

Doe Saved From Death on Ice



Stranded on the thin ice of Lake Au Sable at West Branch, Mich., this doe lay helpless 500 feet from shore, unable to regain its footing because of the glass-like surface. A rescue party working with a boat, boards, pole and leather strap managed to get the animal into the boat and ashore, where after receiving a massage to restore circulation in its legs it was released.

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### "Rip" Galloway Announces for County Clerk

R. V. (Rip) Galloway Saturday authorized the Cisco Daily Press to announce that he would be a candidate for county clerk of Eastland county, subject to the action of the democratic voters in primaries this summer.

Rip and his corps of deputies, has given the people of Eastland county efficient and courteous



R. V. (Rip) Galloway

service, and ask that you re-elect him on the basis of his record for service in the clerk's office.

It will be remembered that Rip used some of the most clever advertising stunts ever used in a political campaign in the county. Being an old newspaper and advertising man, he had some new advertising stunt almost every time he came around to see the voters.

Mr. Galloway's announcement follows:

In announcing my candidacy for re-election to the office of county clerk, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to my friends and the patrons of this office for the many courtesies extended to me during my tenure in office.

I have done everything possible to conduct the affairs of the county clerk's office in a courteous and efficient manner, realizing at all times that the office belongs to you and that I am only a hired hand, trying to carry out your wishes.

In a broad sense, the title to every lot and acre of land in the

county depends on the efficiency of the county clerk and his force, and we have tried at all times to conduct the affairs of the office in a way to safeguard the title to your property and give you the best of smiling service on your every visit here.

It is on the basis of this service and your assurance that the affairs of the clerk's office will continue to be conducted in such a manner, that I ask for re-election.

I appreciate the large vote given me in the past and believe I have justified your confidence.

Sincerely,  
R. V. (Rip) Galloway

### Prehistoric Elephant Skull to Texas

AUSTIN, Dec. 30 (Sp)—A 500-pound elephant skull, uncovered in Henderson county, has gone into the display case at Texas Memorial museum on the University of Texas museum.

First to be assembled of numerous elephant and mastodon fossil discoveries, which university-WPA field crews have excavated throughout the state, the animal was estimated "several thousand years old." Dr. E. H. Sellards, museum director, said the skull was one of the best-preserved ever found in Texas.

### POSTAL RECEIPTS

AUSTIN, Dec. 30.—Though dropping somewhat below the preceding month, postal receipts last month in 35 Texas cities topped those of November, 1938, by 1.7 per cent, to total \$1,335,977, the University of Texas bureau of business research has reported.

Look in the Classified First.

### Golf Prodigy Makes Low Score



Seventy-one—for nine holes—at the age of three-and-a-half. That's the getting achievement of Bobby Dawson, above, son of the professional at Lakewood Country club, Lakewood, N. J.

### Calls Committee Name Nominating Convention Date

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30 (AP)—Chairman James A. Farley today called a meeting of the democratic national committee for Feb. 5 to settle the much discussed question of just when the party should hold its nominating convention.

There has been talk in both major parties of departing from the usual practice of fixing the conventions for June, with some influential members of each advocating a much later date and a short campaign.

President Roosevelt, for one,

### Height's Might in Basketball Game



Henry Anderson illustrates why basketball practically has been taken over by young men of unusual height. The Oregon center stands six feet seven, which leaves the hoop only three feet five inches above his head.

has been represented as believing a late August convention followed by a whirlwind two-month campaign would be preferable to the old practice of a campaign dragging through the summer months and not attaining full momentum until fall.

### Crippled English-- (Continued from Page One)

ascertained from inquiry at the admiralty that the battleship concerned was the same as that referred to in the German communiqué, but that she was "safe and proceeding on her course."

The admiralty would not disclose the name of the vessel nor the time or place of the attack. There are five ships in the Queen Elizabeth class, the Queen Elizabeth, Warspite and Valiant, all of 30,600 tons, and the Barham and Malaya, 31,100 tons.

The oldest battleships in the British navy, they were laid down before the World war and completed in 1915 or 1916.

All five have "blisters" or bulges of armor to protect their hulls against torpedoes, which may account for the small damage reported by the admiralty.

The press association, British news agency, commented: "When it is remembered that the British fleet is always at sea, our losses have been small compared with those of the Germans, who prefer to keep most of their vessels in home waters."

The list of victims of the war at sea was increased today by the sinking of the British fishing trawler Researcho, 238 tons, after striking a mine in the North sea. The crew of nine was rescued.

### Enumerators-- (Continued from Page One)

for anyone to apply for appointment as an enumerator," he emphasized.

The business and manufacturing census will begin Jan. 2. Enumerators for that census have special qualifications and experience.

### Another Old Craft Enters History

FERDINAND, Ind., Dec. 30 (AP)—At 80, Ferdinand Bockting, last of the wooden shoe cobblers who served southern Indiana's German-speaking farmers, has quit work and given his bench and tools to a museum.

His retirement marked the end of a handicraft industry brought from Europe more than a century ago. Bockting, who learned the trade from an immigrant shoemaker, had made wooden shoes for 50 years.

He recalled that when he was young a pair of birch or willow shoes sold for 15 cents. They were the warmest kind of footwear, he said, and everybody wore them. At church, said Bockting, farmers would leave their shoes at the door and hear the sermon in their stocking feet.

### Finns' Artillery Genius in U. S.



Finland's Gen. Vilho Nenonen, one of the world's greatest artillery experts, who is now in Washington with a Finnish military mission. His mathematical genius evolved the secret firing formula said to enable Finnish artillery to register one direct hit out of every three shots.

### Finns Mass-- (Continued from Page One)

approached civil warfare among the Russian invaders, Finnish authorities disclosed Saturday that they expect a major Russian thrust on the Karelian Isthmus against the Mannerheim line.

In the last few days, Finnish military officials stated, the Russians have been intensifying activity on the isthmus. In addition,

## MAY THE NEW YEAR'S DAWN BE BRIGHT AND CLEAR

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Our wish for our friends and patrons is that the New Year will open with bright rays of hope and cheer, revealing new opportunities for people in all walks of life. But bitter than this, we hope for each that whatever the New Year brings we will take it as it comes, making the best of whatever opportunities that are ours—that we will look for the good and shun the bad, that we will be of good cheer and use every faculty we possess for making life worth while for all with whom we come in contact.

**WE EXTEND OUR THANKS FOR FAVORS OF THE OLD YEAR**

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launching local attacks with patrols that reached the proportions of battalions, the soviets have been pounding the Finnish defense line with artillery.

**Major Assault Expected**  
Authorities in Helsinki are convinced that this activity is in preparation for a major assault which may come before the new year.

They expressed confidence, however, that the Mannerheim line can hold off any such attack and withstand months of Russian artillery fire. While Finnish losses on this sector have been numbered in the hundreds, they said, the Russian casualties have soared in the thousands.

The advices of the desperate Russian situation in Northern Fin-

land poured into Helsinki as the Finnish high command announced two victories that cost at least 900 Russian lives.

Mutiny within the ranks of the Red army owing to hunger and discontent was said to have resulted in a pitched battle between Russian forces on the North Central Finnish front.

**Retreat in Disorder**  
Soviet planes and artillery were reported strafing and gunning mutinous soviet regiments to quell disorders resulting from apparent disruption of soviet supply lines.

On the extreme Northern front near Petsamo, Russian forces were reported retreating in disorder, half-starved and nearly frozen. Many were said to have frozen to death. The Russians were said to

be withdrawing from Hoyehen-haervi toward Petsamo.

The Finnish military communiqué, meanwhile, said 600 Russians were killed in fighting in the Kelha sector of the Karelian front, while in the Syskilaervi region north of Lake Ladoga another battle resulted in a Russian defeat and loss of 300 Soviet lives.

Stockholm has 26 parks, where 100,000 tulip and hyacinth bulbs are planted annually, in addition to 65,000 dahlias, phlox and other summer plants, 1,500 azaleas and 300 rhododendrons.

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

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### Church and State Confer on Peace



Religious leaders who conferred with President Roosevelt following his appeal to Pope Pius XII for co-operation in obtaining world peace were Dr. Cyrus Adler, left, president of Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and Dr. George A. Buttrick, president of Federal Council of Churches in America, protestant group. They are shown leaving White House in Washington.

**HOWDY! FOLKS!**

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