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## COFC INAUGURATES YEAR WITH BUSY SESSION

### COMMITTEE OF AA DISTRICT SUMMONED

Schedule for Next Season to Be Made Out Early This Year

The executive committee oferscholastic league District AA will meet in Cisco tomorrow afternoon for the purpose of making out a football schedule for next season. The committee was called by its chairman R. N. Cluck to the Cisco schools to convene at the Laguna hotel at 5 o'clock. Breckenridge, Brownwood, Cisco, Mineral Wells, Ranger and Phenixville are the schools embraced in the district. The meeting was postponed on a date immediately before Christmas holidays. Ordinarily, it was pointed out, the district schedule is not made out until early in the spring. The meeting of the committee called for tomorrow will represent an innovation, purpose of which is to give the schools an opportunity to fill in their schedules with the best non-interference games they can match. They cannot negotiate games with this character until the conference schedule is known, it was planned.

### Rev. Elwin Skiles Conducts Services

The Rev. Elwin Skiles, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Skiles of Cisco, will conduct the mid-week services of the First Baptist church this evening at 7:30. It is announced today by the Rev. Skiles that he is a graduate of Baylor university and the Southern Baptist theological seminary, Louisville, Ky. At the present time, he is working on his doctor's degree at the seminary. He is teaching in addition to his pastoral work out of Cisco. The Rev. Skiles and Mrs. Skiles are guests of his parents this week.

### Bids to Replace Plaster at P. O.

Bids for replacing plaster on sections of the interior of the Cisco post office, cracked when the building settled, are being received now. Postmaster Luther McCrea announced today. Bids will be received until January 17.

### Big Carryover Wild and Tame Hay in Country

With 9,000,000 tons of wild hay and 76,000,000 tons of tame hay harvested in 1939 and a farm carryover of 16,000,000 tons of old hay from previous years, the total supply is 13,000,000 tons larger than the 10-year average and only 3,000,000 tons less than the very large 104,000,000 ton supply for the 1938-39 season.

Production of wild hay was only 8,800,000 tons in 1939, compared with 10,483,000 tons in 1938 and a 10-year average of 9,414,000 tons. The yield of wild hay per harvest-

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### Weather

EAST TEXAS: Fair, not quite so cold in the interior Wednesday; Thursday partly cloudy and warmer. Moderate northeast and east winds on the coast.

WEST TEXAS: Mostly cloudy Wednesday and Thursday with rain in north portion Wednesday night and Thursday. Warmer north portion Wednesday night.

### They're Screwballs--Nuts, to You



First off base move for the new decade is made by Superior, Wis., group in organization of Honorable Association of Amalgamated and Exonerated Screwballs of America. Pledged to the promotion of crazy antics, members wear official button of ball with screw inserted and when in public must always smile, leer or grimace happily. Currently eluding their keepers are, from left: Aquinas Fitzgerald, "Doc" Conway, Gus Carlson, founder, and Sam Chernof, stand-in for movie star Stan Laurel.

### Ed. T. Cox Named Enumerator For Eastland County

Abilene, Jan. 3 (Sp.)—Federal census enumerators for the 17th Texas district were announced here today by J. C. Shipman, district supervisor. Thirteen workers, one for each county, except Taylor, which will have two enumerators, start canvassing the sector Tuesday in obtaining business and industrial statistics.

Taylor county's enumerators are: J. R. Hollis and George W. Tate, both of Abilene. The others are: T. A. White, Baird, Callahan county; Frank M. Allen, DeLeon, Comanche county; Ed T. Cox, Eastland county; J. O. Blakey, Stephenville, Erath county; Hitson Green, Rotan, Fisher county; E. B. Pruitt, Hamilton county; Ed H. Layne, Stamford, Jones county; Sterling T. Kendrick, Sweetwater, Nolan county; R. N. Neatherly, Mineral Wells, Palo Pinto county; Will Townsend, Moran, Shackelford county; and D. H. Fry, Breckenridge, Stephens county.

"The bureau desires to stress the fact that all information obtained for the census is strictly confidential and is not, and cannot be available to any other government agency or private business."

Shipman announced that the general census will not begin until April 2, at which time about 50 additional enumerators will be given jobs in the district. Selection of these additional workers will be made around the middle of March.

"Anyone desiring to make application," declared Shipman, "for a place as enumerator should write me. No formal application is necessary and no competitive examination will be held. Persons who are citizens of the United States and who are 21 years of age are qualified for the work."

### City of Flint Was Said En Route Home

BERGEN, Norway, Jan. 3 (AP)—The United States freighter City of Flint, seized by a German prize crew last fall, is expected to leave the Norwegian port of Narvik for the United States today.

Mr. and Mrs. Elwin Skiles of Louisville, Kentucky, are guests of Mr. Skiles' parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. I. Skiles.

### FINNS BOMB ICE TO TRAP RED TROOPS

Whole Russian Division Trapped by Dramatic Maneuver

HELSINKI, Jan. 3 (AP)—The disclosure that Finnish planes dropped bombs to smash the ice at Lake Kianta and trap a whole red Russian division in what probably was the greatest battle of the war was made by reliable sources early today as the Finns mopped up in that sector and converted other soviet attacks into Finnish victories.

The battle, fought on December 29 and 30 at the eastern edge of Finland's narrow "waistline," resulted in the virtual annihilation of the Russian 163rd division—at least 15,000 strong.

First-hand reports of the battle began to trickle into the capital today, although the victory itself was announced in a New Year's eve communique.

Today's reports told how the Finns first surrounded some 4,000 Russians on the ice of the lake several days ago, killed more than a thousand of them, and drew a tight ring around the lake.

The ring was opened, however, to permit soviet reinforcements to reach the lake. Then the Finns surrounded the reds again, and set up machine guns on the shores.

In the dead of the night the Finns began their attack and when the Russians tried to retreat they found the way cut off.

For two days Russian tanks circled the lake, attempting to protect the troops marooned on the ice with their full equipment—heavy guns, trucks and field kitchens.

Finally the Finns sent for the bombing planes. They blasted great holes in the ice and soviet trucks, cannon and men tumbled into the water.

In utter panic, the survivors sought to fight their way off the broken ice. They refused to surrender.

The Finns, however, were reported to have taken a great number of prisoners and large stores of equipment, including 27 guns, eleven tanks, two armored cars, four anti-aircraft guns, hundreds of trucks and horses, a dozen field kitchens and much arms and munitions.

Today the Finns were following up their victory while the soviets were believed to be preparing a tremendous push on the Karelian isthmus to the south, to crack a four-week stalemate.

Seven red divisions (about 105,000 men) were reported concentrated on the isthmus. icy blizzards checked the war in the lead, leading to unofficial reports that many Russian bombers had been forced down in Finnish territory. Finnish fire was reported to have downed seven red planes.

Smashed by air bombings, large areas of Turku, historic seaport in southwestern Finland, lay in smoking confusion, the result of yesterday's raid.

All day long, said a Finnish army communique, Russian legions supported by tanks, attacked near Lake Lavajari, on the eastern front, but the defenders held out and drove back all as-

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### Soviet Upset Black Bread in Captured Truck



No, those aren't bricks, but loaves of hard, black bread spilled from a soviet commissary truck overturned when captured by Finns. Two Finnish soldiers, garbed in characteristic white robes to camouflage them against the background of snow, examine the bread bricks. Exclusive NEA photo by Staff Photographer Eric Calcraft.

### LIONS HEAR STUDENTS AT CLUB MEETING

A reading by Patsy Jim Putnam, a play by Miss Putnam and Bob Donohoe, and an accordion solo by Miss Putnam formed the program for the Cisco Lions club today noon. C. J. Turner, principal of the grammar school, presented the young entertainers, who are students of the grammar school.

### Many From Cisco Attend Eastland New Year's Party

The glamour event, ushering in the new year, was the New Year's party at Eastland, beginning early last Monday morning, when the streets and court house square, brilliantly illuminated with varicolored lights, and evergreen decorations, welcomed the guests of the party to the city.

The setting was the new club house of the Duin-Dowlin post, American Legion, at the City park, with Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Hoffman and Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Lucas, hosts. A considerable number of Ciscoans, representing the John William Butts, the VFW posts and auxiliaries of Cisco, were guests on this most glamorous occasion.

Over 400 guests were on hand for the gala affair, which was enhanced in enchantment and inspiration by the beautiful decorations throughout the hall. Whistles, horns, hats for the ladies and men, serpentine rolls, confetti, etc., were passed out to the guests to add to the delight of the evening.

Balloons were everywhere from the side walls and covering the ceiling. Guests from Abilene, Midland, Ranger, Cisco, Breckenridge, Eastland and other points arrived for the affair at 11 p. m. Sunday and were entertained with several

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### Secretary



MISS MILDRED YEAGER

### Putnam Editor to Serve as Sec'y to Congressman

Miss Mildred Yeager, editor of the Putnam News, will take a leave of absence from her newspaper for the next few months, and will serve as secretary to Cong. Clyde L. Garrett of the 17th district, during the coming session of congress. Miss Yeager is a graduate of Hardin-Simmons university and completed business administration courses at Draughon's Business college, Abilene, and Nixon Clay Commercial college of Austin. She established the Putnam News, a weekly newspaper, in 1933, and has been publisher since that time. Miss Yeager took a leave of absence from her work to serve as secretary in the Texas legislature in 1937 and again to serve in the same capacity in the Texas legislature in 1939. Miss Yeager is Hardin-Simmons' only woman graduate to become an editor. She is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. J. S. Yeager, pioneers of Putnam and Callahan county.

### MINOR OPERATION

Wanda, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Rosamond underwent minor surgery at Dallas last Friday. She was reported doing well at home this week.

### DAVE GORMAN TO BE BURIED THURSDAY AT 2

Funeral services for Dave J. Gorman, well known Cisco World war veteran and auditor, will be held at the First Methodist church tomorrow at 2 p. m., with the Rev. Joe I. Paterson, pastor of the church, officiating. Neil Lane is in charge of arrangements for burial in Oakwood.

Mr. Gorman's death occurred at his home on West Sixth street at 12:25 this morning after a long illness, which became so serious six months ago that he was compelled to relinquish his duties as auditor for the A-G Motor company and enter a hospital. Six weeks ago he returned to his home here to which he was confined until his death.

Born on August 31, 1892, Mr. Gorman was 48 years, 4 months and 3 days of age at death. He served overseas with the American armed forces in the World war and after returning to America was married on May 21, 1921, to Mrs. Gorman, who survives him. They were the parents of two children, Jimmy and Betty Jean, who also survive. Mr. Gorman's mother and a half-brother also survive.

Mr. Gorman was auditor for the Bleasie Motor company, and for the past ten years served in the same capacity with the A-G Motor company, management of which is the same as that of the old Bleasie Motor company under whom he had served—A. D. Anderson. He is the second of the staff of the A-G Motor company to die within the past few weeks, the first being C. O. Pass, veteran Cisco automobile dealer whose death occurred last fall.

A member of the Cisco Masonic lodge, that fraternal body will have charge of rites at the graveside tomorrow afternoon. He was also a member of the Cisco posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

Only three American colleges—William and Mary, Harvard, Yale—are older than the University of Havana.

### LARGE NUMBER OF PROJECTS ARE TAKEN UP

Plans Are Made for Monthly Forum Late in January

The Cisco chamber of commerce board of directors inaugurated a new year of activities in a busy session last night which was, incidentally, the first meeting within the term of the new secretary, P. R. Warwick. The Award of Merit given the chamber by Holland's Institute of Town Building, in recognition of the chamber's achievement in developing an outstanding town forum, was presented the board. The certificate, nicely framed, has been hung in the chamber offices.

The board directed that the forum committee, headed by H. H. Monk, set the date and arrange the program for the next community dinner late in the month. Tentative forum plans include appearance here of leading chemurgic research and industrial figures and officials of the Holland's Institute of Town Building.

Twenty-five pounds of sweet potato flour, to be used in cooking has been received from the Pilot plant at North Texas State Teachers college, Denton, and this will be used in the preparation of pies for the dinner this month, it was announced. The flour, packed in one-pound bags, was opened at the meeting.

The board named a committee to purchase several tons of sweet potatoes to be taken to Denton for dehydration, the product to be fed to cattle, under the supervision of T. G. Caudle, agricultural secretary. The potatoes will be purchased by the committee during the next few days with a special fund released to the chamber by Cisco merchants, who had accumulated it in the course of a trade's day promotion. Only a portion of the money will be used, remainder to be devoted to other phases of the sweet potato and other chemurgic programs.

Sweet Potato Plants The Laurel, Miss., starch plant, which manufactures starch from Triumph sweet potatoes, a special variety developed for the purpose, has agreed to furnish the chamber with the Triumph sweet potato slips it needs for experimental planting, it was announced.

The board voted to raise \$200, to be used in paying premiums and expenses of the annual livestock show to be held here in March under the supervision of Mr. Caudle, and the agricultural committee. The show is confined principally to FFA and 4-H boys exhibits and cash prizes are paid for winning exhibits. A committee to raise the fund was appointed.

Ed Huestis was elected representative of the board on the proposed Cisco Rodeo association.

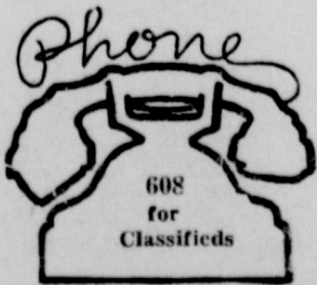
The board also voted to assist the Cisco recreational program, directed by Joe Clark, in securing accommodations for community recreational and athletic programs here.

The names of 18 business and professional men were submitted to the city commission from which the commission will name eight to serve two-year terms as directors beginning at the next meeting.

### Brownwood Orator Speaks at Schools

Dr. Ben M. David, executive secretary of Howard Payne college in Brownwood, was guest speaker at the chapel at both high school and grammar school today.

Dr. David is an outstanding orator, and his addresses were enthusiastically received at both schools.



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### BIBLE THOUGHT FOR TODAY

The kingdom of God is not meat and drink, but righteousness and peace and joy.—Rom. xiv. 17.

Gather the sunlight  
Aglow on thy way;  
Gather the moonbeams,  
Eager, not silver ray.

Bury thy sorrow,  
Let others be blest;  
Give them the sunshine,  
Tell Jesus the rest.

Is not making others happy the best happiness? There is a sort of religious joy in helping to renew the strength and courage of noble minds.—Amiel's Journal.

### New Houses for the American Public

ENTHUSIASTIC over a 36 per cent increase in the number of building units erected in 1939 as compared with 1938, representatives of the building industry are confidently predicting that home building in 1940 will exceed that of 1939.

America needs new homes—millions of them. It is encouraging to note that the nation is getting them, even if some housing experts have said they can't be built fast enough to take care of the needs. Nearly 475,000 homes (excluding those on farms) were built in 1939 at an aggregate cost of \$1,900,000,000. In 1938, the total was about 350,000 homes at a cost of \$1,300,000,000.

It is forecast that new building units in 1940 will total 600,000, or nearly 100,000 more than in 1929. While the prediction is en-

couraging, it may also be deceptive, unless one understands that the year 1929 was by no means a "peak" year in building.

A BIT of folklore is springing up around the year 1929. Looking backward, we are likely to regard this year as the golden moment in American history. As a matter of fact, it was a peak year in very few respects. It was rather the year in which the expiring bubble of finance suffered its final and explosive pin prick.

As far as the building industry is concerned, the best year in the past two decades was 1925, when 937,000 new urban dwelling units were put up. After that, the industry began to slump. Up to 1923, the decline was more or less gradual, but in 1929 the number of units dropped from about 750,000 in 1928 to a little more than 500,000. This was a greater decline than that recorded in 1930.

Building of non-rural family dwellings in 1929 was at its lowest since 1921. In 1933, it nearly expired altogether with less than 50,000 new units in the entire country. Even if 600,000 new homes are built in 1940, there will still not be enough construction going on to solve the housing problem.

THE builders concede that, without the benign influence of the Federal Housing Administration, much of the present construction wouldn't be underway. The FHA has made it possible for financial institutions to extend their credit and has made the home-ownership field accessible to thousands of persons who have otherwise been eliminated.

But even the FHA hasn't solved the problem entirely. Assistant Attorney General Thurman Arnold attacked it from another approach. Arnold suspected the presence of termites within the industry, both among unions and contractors. He has begun a ruthless assault upon the corrupt element that is threatening the industry and has already returned indictments in a score of cities.

Recently the National Association of Houston officials and the American Public Welfare Association formed a joint committee to tackle the matter of housing for the lowest income groups. Perhaps, as more and more bodies of people, both official and private, become interested in the housing dilemma, there will be a movement toward final solution. Until this question is solved, there cannot be much serenity for the nation.

The United States is considering building battleships larger than any in existence. Why not just put the whole continent on pontoons?

The New Yorker didn't marry the hatcheck girl after he was arrested for cashing a bum check and for posing as a millionaire. All that trouble, probably, just to avoid a tip.

## The 1940 Census Is About To Be Taken



### Navy Dreams a Nightmare of Great Big Ships

BY PRESTON GROVER  
WASHINGTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Every time we think of 65,000 or 80,000 tons of Yankee battleship shouldering its way into Chesapeake bay or through the Golden Gate we shiver. There ain't no such animal.

But the navy apparently doesn't shiver. There isn't any official word on the thing, but somehow you get a feeling that the idea of a super-colossal stupendous boat like that doesn't save the navy. To them it is a sort of dream boat, like the dreams one has of returning to one's home town in a car so long it has to be backed twice to turn the corner into Main street.

You might suspect that even Acting Secretary of the Navy Edison Lee dreamed such a dream. He remarked at a press conference in a sort of moaning undertone that a ship which contained all the features of which the navy dreams would be something bigger even than the super-colossal 45,000-tonners now being planned. There is evidence, too, that the navy may have even more magnificent ideas in mind. The old Panama canal—the one we have now—will handle an 80,000-tonner. It would

### Red Rose Girl Slayer Hunted



Alice (Gertrude) Burns, Fort Worth, Texas, girl, was found slain in Los Angeles, where she was a night club entertainer. An official red rose was placed beneath her nude body by the killer.

which the war department engineers are building for the navy to use will be big enough even for a fairly manly, full-busted 80,000-tonner—a ship with hips, and maybe a bustle.

Lots of Room  
The new canal—parallel to, but a short distance away from the present two channels—will have locks 1,200 feet long. The present limit is 1,000 (The Bremen had to squeeze to get through on a trip she made shortly before she shied past the British mine blockade.) The new locks will be 135 feet wide. And they will handle a ship dipping 45 feet below the surface, against a 37-foot draught limit in the present locks.

Imagine a ship mounting a round dozen guns shooting shells as big around the base as a fruit basket and taller than a man. It doesn't seem right and it isn't fair. It would make "pocket battleships" out of all our present crop of peanut-pushing 25,000 and 30,000 tonners. It could carry destroyers as life boats. It would absorb airplanes such as a tired dog tolerates a fly.

And a slimy, barnacled 1,000-ton submarine, living in wait in the deep shadows of the sea, could put the monster down with a trio of well-placed torpedoes. Havana stood as a city fully 100 years before the first houses were built in what was to become New York.

## U. S. Wage Earners Provided With Old Age Security

ABILENE, Jan. 3.—Effective January 1, 1940, the amended Social Security act provides aged wage earners and their families with greater protection than they have ever known before against insecurity in old-age, according to W. O. King, manager of the Abilene Social Security board field office. He cited the following hypothetical example of how the plan will work.

Bill Jones works only three years in covered employment, averaging \$100 a month in wages. Bill, who is 65, retires on January 2, 1940. He files an application and receives a check for \$25.75 from the United States treasury every month for the rest of his life.

Bill's wife, Martha, who is also 65, receives a check for \$12.82 every month as long as Bill lives. When he dies Martha's check increases to \$19.32 each month for the rest of her life. In the event of dependent and unmarried children under the age of 18, they, too, would receive \$12.82, although the benefits payable may not exceed twice Bill's original benefit.

Under the original old-age insurance plan a wage earner reaching age 65 between 1936 and 1942 received a single lump-sum payment of 3-1-2 per cent of his taxable wages; monthly benefits were not payable before January 1, 1942. The amended Social Security act, in addition to bringing more people under the program,

increases the size of monthly benefits and advances the maturity date two years, to January 1, 1940, instead of 1942. King explained that showing monthly benefits on an average monthly wage years of employment are in printed form at the Social Security board field office, Alexander building, Abilene, Texas.

Manager King stated that and his staff will advise any person as to his eligibility under the program and assist anyone who is eligible in preparing his application for benefits.

### Fine Work--But Long After

HOUSTON, Jan. 3 (AP)—Thomas, 34-year-old negro, fined for aggravated assault, years ago. While the case was pending he disappeared.

Deputy Sheriff E. J. ... checking over some old ... ran across the delinquent ... Curiosity got the better ... and he checked the list ... Thomas was languishing ... of that very moment, as ... of domestic trouble. ... Buckley went upstairs ... sent the 10-year-old ... inmate.

Japan's leadership in the reduction of commercial ... fibers was made possible ... patent agreements with ... interests and the importation ... manufacturing equipment. ... Daily Press Want Ads will ... the job done.

## BRUCE CATTON'S AMERICAN ROUNDUP

BY BRUCE CATTON  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—The isolationist bloc in Congress emerged from the last session bloody but unbowed. They are right back this winter to serve notice that all issues defining American relations with the European war are by no means settled.

For one thing, there is the matter of taxation of war profits. During the neutrality debate of last year, the isolationists said bluntly that if the embargo were repealed they would demand adoption of the Bone bill.

This bill originally had the sponsorship of 50 senators, and would practically tax war profits out of existence. There is an alternative war profits proposal, the Lee bill, but this is expected to lie dormant because of Senator Lee's closeness to the administration.

### CLASH FORESEEN ON SHIP TRANSFER

THERE is also the chance that any attempt to dispose of American merchant vessels made idle by the neutrality law's cash-and-carry section will raise a rumpus. The proposed transfer of eight of these ships to Panama a month or more ago, raised a great deal of dust, and later proposals to sell them to Great Britain or Norway will be scanned equally closely.

hids loans to any country now in default of obligations to the United States. That includes most of countries now at war, and various dodges have been proposed to around it.

### ARNOLD REQUEST BRINGS PROTEST

ASSISTANT Attorney General Thurman Arnold's request for more money for anti-trust prosecutions will meet loud opposition. The American Federation of Labor feels that Arnold has trodd heavily on its toes in his anti-trust prosecutions and threats of prosecution, and the A. F. of L. job is still strong.

It will probably put up a fight to reduce Arnold's appropriations rather than increase it, strangling an investigation in building costs that might embarrass Arnold also.

### STATES MAY TASTE HATCH BILL

HAVING swallowed the Hatch (clean politics) bill more less against its will last winter Congress may pass the same deal along to the states this winter. Senators Hatch and Neely have proposals to bar political activity to state officials in the same way in which the Hatch bill now it to federal office-holders. This proposal is in for a rough landing, because many congressmen are beneficiaries of the work of state machines, and will twice before throwing a wrench into them.

### Ranger Physician Is Buried Tuesday

RANGER, Jan. 3 (Sp.)—Funeral services for Dr. Thomas LeRoy Lauderdale, prominent Ranger physician, who died New Year's day after a long illness were conducted from the First Methodist church of Ranger Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock, with

burial in Evergreen cemetery. Burial arrangements were by Killingsworth's.

The body lay in state at the church from noon until the hour of the funeral. Services were conducted by Father Bauknight of Mineral Wells, assisted by Rev. H. B. Johnson, Dr. G. Alfred Brown, and Rev. S. E. Byrne.

Survivors include his widow, his daughter, Miss Martha Jane Lauderdale of Ranger; one son, Dr. Tom Lauderdale of Shreveport, La.; three brothers, Will Lauderdale, Yale, Okla., N. O. Lauderdale of Cushing, Okla., and one sister, Miss Emma Lauderdale of Cushing.

Dr. Lauderdale had been a resident of Ranger for 21 years and had been a surgeon in the army, stationed at Kelley field. He and Dr. C. O. Terrell founded and built the West Texas clinic and hospital in Ranger and was recognized as one of the most outstanding surgeons in this part of the state.

Dr. Lauderdale had returned only a few weeks ago from El Paso, where he spent several months, hoping to improve his health and was at home only a few weeks previous to his death. He was also an ex-president of the Eastland County Medical society, previous to that organization's becoming the Eastland-Callahan society.

### Political Announcements

The Cisco Daily Press is authorized to announce the following as candidates for the offices under which their names appear, subject to the action of the voters in the democratic primaries of 1940.

For County Tax Assessor-Collector  
CLYDE S. KARKALITS  
For County Clerk—  
R. V. (Rip) GALLOWAY

### THE MAILS COME THROUGH

LEXINGTON, Ky., Jan. 3 (AP)—R. M. Fesse was lucky. He won one of the ten tickets offered by the Kiwanis club to its members in an attendance contest for a football game. But Fesse wasn't present when the winners were announced to his ticket was mailed to him. It was delivered the day after the game.

### RED RYDER



### ALLY OOP



By Fred Harman

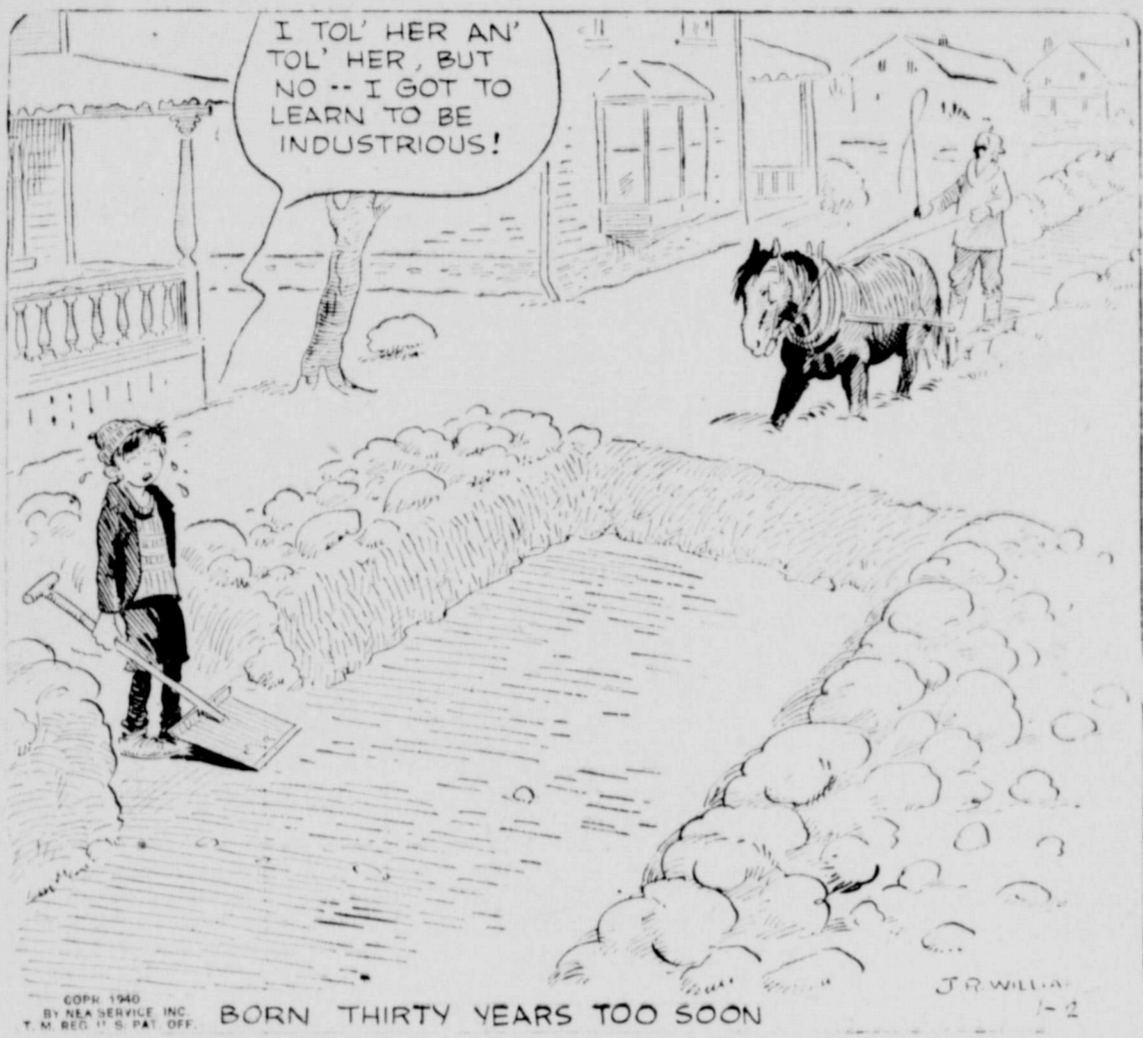
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BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON

### SERIES STORY

## BLACKOUT

BY RUTH AYERS

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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:** The Moravia has been torpedoed. Passengers rush for the lifeboats. Mary sees her mysterious visitor slip over the side. A second torpedo strikes. Mary is hurt. She revives in a lifeboat.

**CHAPTER VIII**  
The stab of pain in her face made Mary Carroll open her eyes.

Instinctively, she reached out one hand to grip the edge of the rocking boat. Instead, her hand touched something soft—a sheet. The pain was momentarily forgotten as she looked around her. No longer was she staring at rolling black waters. She was in a long room where beds had been packed closely together. A row of muslin-gowned women met her eyes.

Leaning toward her was the occupant of the next bed. "I've been watching for you to come to," a nasal voice said. "I'm Mrs. Tully, one of the survivors of the Moravia. You wouldn't know anything about it, but we were brought into this London hospital two days ago. And lucky to be alive at all."

Mary leaned back against her pillow, her lashes fluttered like tired butterflies.

She was alive then—she, Mary Carroll—and in London. What blessedness! Her first thought was of Vincent Gregg. Vincent was in London, too. No doubt he was in the hall outside the ward right now, his long vigil for her to awaken ended at last. To be alive—to be in Vincent's arms. The pain in her face meant nothing.

Right now, she was too weary to move. When a gray-garbed nurse appeared, she tried to smile. Her lips were stiff and numb. She opened her eyes again as a figure stirred beside her.

"Hello," said a reassuring voice. "I'm Dr. Lenox. Feeling better now?"

As he reached for her wrist, Mary saw his towering figure and a thatch of red hair. The doctor went on, "You've been suffering from shock. I think the worst is over. You must be very quiet for a long time. I'm going to give you medicine that will make you doze off again. This won't hurt. Steady, please."

Mary tried to struggle up. There was something familiar in the doctor's voice—an obviously Yankee drawl. His red hair caught her eye. "Why, I remember you," she tried to say. "You were the doctor in the restaurant during the air raid."

Dr. Lenox was smiling pleasantly, but there was no flicker of recognition as he looked at her. Mary tried again. "It was so dark in the blackout that you've probably forgotten rescuing me." She

stopped. It was too difficult to make the words come from her stiffened lips.

Dr. Lenox was shaking his head. "You'll feel much better after some more sleep. I want you to relax and try not to think of what happened. There'll be time enough for that when you are well again."

With the nurse at his side, the red-thatched American doctor expertly administered the hypodermic and walked away. Mrs. Tully had been waiting for him to go, so she might lean over confidently to continue the conversation.

"That's the doctor who's been here day and night taking care of you. He's very nice, don't you think? All the survivors in this ward are crazy about him. He's an American—very romantic, don't you say?"

Mary made no answer. Mrs. Tully went on in a lowered voice. "Course, none of us thought you were ever going to wake up. But that doctor, he just wouldn't let you die. The rest of us came in here, screaming and moaning and half-crazy. Dr. Lenox was the one who got us straightened up. Kicked us along and said we were all heroines. But you were the one he was most interested in. You mustn't mind anything that's happened, dearie. We're lucky to be alive at all."

She handed a newspaper to Mary. "Seems like I can't read them fast enough with all the news about the sinking of the Moravia. Reporters have been in to interview us. And to think that we're here to read about it instead of being at the bottom of the sea." With this, Mrs. Tully rolled her eyes as if heaven must witness her gratitude.

The hypodermic Dr. Lenox had given was lulling Mary. Through drooping lids, she glanced at the newspaper with its screaming headlines. She saw a black-bordered column headed "List of Dead."

She said, "You look more rested. Perhaps you can have a tray to-night with a light meal."

"My things," Mary began again, almost shouting in her impatience to be heard. "Please—it's so important."

The nurse hesitated. "It's against orders."

Mary began to tremble and the nurse, apparently fearing an attack of hysteria, put her finger to her lip in a quieting gesture and disappeared. When she came back she had a package, paper-wrapped, in her hands. "Your dress and your purse," she whispered. "Not that the dress, torn to tatters, will do you much good, but if having your things here quiets you, I'll chance going against orders."

Mrs. Tully still slept. The woman in the bed on the other side had her back turned. It was the privacy Mary Carroll needed. With shaky fingers she unwrapped the paper. She saw a gray dress in mangled shreds and a bulky

water-soaked pocketbook. "This isn't mine," she began. "These belong to Anna Winters, my cabin mate."

The nurse was gone. Mary opened the pocketbook, unmistakably Anna's, and a note addressed—"To Whom It May Concern."

Then, everything was forgotten as the door at the far end of the ward slowly opened and a man came slowly down the aisle.

Vincent!

(To Be Continued)

Engineers believe that in the near future there will be further significant increases in the efficiencies of internal combustion engines, says the publication "Industrial and Engineering Chemistry."

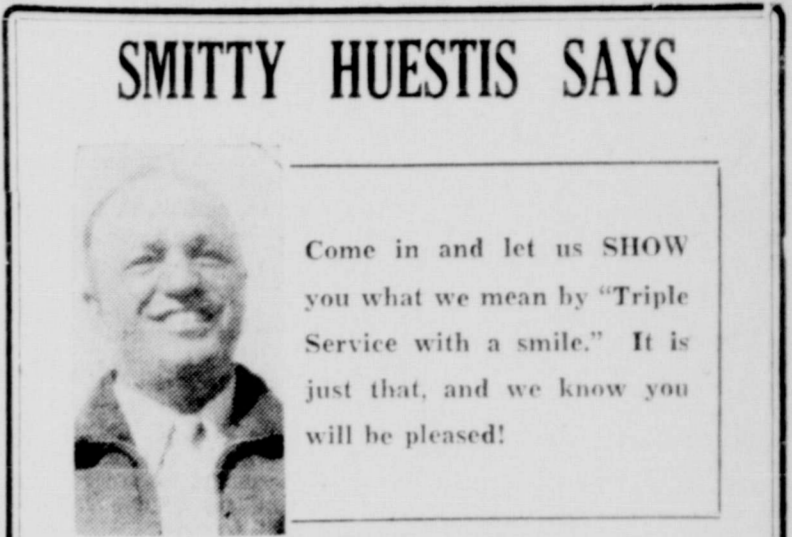
Sewers and sewage are receiving increased attention in Germany. Sewage sludge is being used for fertilizer on farm lands. Scientists are interested in sewer gas as a motor fuel.

### SOUTHBOUND CULTURE

BUENOS AIRES, Jan. 3 (AP)—As fast as their works can be translated, John Steinbeck, Edna Ferber, Ernest Hemingway and Theodore Dreiser are breaking into print in Argentina with books like "Of Mice and Men," "Cimarron," "Farewell to Arms" and "Jenny Gerhart."

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#### Entertain Guests From New York

Mr. and Mrs. Leon McPherson and son, Dick, who have recently returned from a Christmas visit with relatives and friends in New York have been entertaining New York guests and others. Those who have been visiting in the McPherson home for the past few days were: Mrs. Don Parcell, Miss Olga Sherman, Bert Sherman and Warren Teaman of New York City; Mrs. Maud Jordan of Fort Worth; and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Watt of Ranger.

#### Chapter 461 Meets On Tuesday Night

Cisco Chapter 461, Order of Eastern Star, met at the Masonic hall Tuesday evening at 7:30. Mrs. Cleo Huestis, worthy matron, in charge. Most of the officers were in their stations, and routine business was transacted.

The absence of a number of members because of illness was acknowledged. About 20 members were present for the meeting.

Dr. Ben M. David of Brownwood transacted business in Cisco this morning.

#### Circle Two At Church Tuesday

Meeting in the church parlors, Circle Two of the First Presbyterian Women's auxiliary, held regular session Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. Abbie C. Daniel, after which Mrs. F. J. Borman led the devotional. Mrs. Elizabeth McCracken then reviewed the introduction to the new foreign mission study book.

#### VFW Auxiliary Sponsors Dance

The Wanderers of Fort Worth will play for the dance to be given at the V. F. W. hall Thursday evening. It was announced today. The dance, to be sponsored by the auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will be open to the general public. Awards will be given in square dance contests. The public is cordially invited to attend.

#### The Notebook

THURSDAY  
The First Industrial Arts club will meet at the clubhouse at 3 o'clock.

#### Circle Three In Tuesday Meeting

Circle Three of the First Presbyterian auxiliary met Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock with the circle chairman, Mrs. F. D. Pierce. The devotional, "Christ for All," was given by Mrs. A. J. Olson, after which Mrs. Homer Slicker, program chairman, conducted a round-table discussion on the subject, "Our Foreign Mission Family Budget." A short business session, conducted by the chairman, terminated the meeting.

Refreshments were then served to Mrs. J. A. Jensen, Guy Brogdon, John E. Walter, Homer Slicker, H. C. Henderson, W. P. Lee, W. W. Wallace, Joe Clements, A. J. Olson, John E. Moriarty and the hostess, Mrs. Pierce.

#### Frances Brawley Weds Lenora Man

Miss Frances Brawley of the Curtis community and Mr. Garland Williams of Lenora were married at two o'clock today at the home of the Rev. Mart Agnew, who performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Williams is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Brawley. Mr. Williams, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Williams of Lenora, formerly lived at Nimrod, where they were long-time friends.

The young couple will make their home in Lenora.

Tom Jones, Joe Slicker, Luther Ponder, Mack McGowan, Snookie Thomas, Howard Tableman, L. A. Harrison, Bill Wallace, Forbes Wallace and James Johnson have all returned to Texas A. & M. after spending the Christmas and New Year's holidays with relatives and friends here.

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### Norvell & Miller Admiration Display



Thousands of pounds of Admiration coffee is sold here through the Norvell and Miller grocery company on South D Avenue. Here is a typical Admiration coffee floor display which the firm uses with Admiration. The display is made up of one-pound vacuum pack cans.

#### Big Carryover---

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ed acre was lower in 1939 than in 1938 and only 10,898,000 acres were cut and the 10-year average was 12,154,000 acres.

Alfalfa hay acreage has continued to increase in parts of the eastern Corn Belt, but the whole country increases are about balanced by decreases and the 13,494,000 acres cut for hay in 1939 is only 16,000 acres more than in 1938. Yields per acre were generally lower in 1939 than in 1938 and total alfalfa hay production of 27,635,000 tons in 1939 is six per cent less than in 1938, but 12 per cent larger than the 10-year average.

Japan annexed Korea in 1910.

Misses Norma Ghormley, Lucy Cole, Dorothy Jean Walker and Bobby Grace McWhorter have returned to Abilene, where they are all students at Hardin-Simmons university.

The filament of a small, 6-watt 115-volt lamp, such as might be used for a night light, is thinner than human hair. Its diameter is less than five one-thousandths of an inch.

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

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

#### That Certainly Should Hold 'Em

CHARLESTON, Miss., Jan. 3 (AP).—Citizens hereabouts now have official court consent to make their customary trips into town Saturday to chew tobacco and talk politics, and they can go in school buses, too.

A bus line recently went into courts asking that folks who own school buses be prevented from giving their neighbors tree rides back and forth to town. "It hurts business," the operator complained.

But Chancellor R. E. Jackson answered:

"From time immemorial citizens have gone to town on Saturday. Once they went by buggy. Now by gravel roads and legislation it is hazardous to be on the highway in buggy or wagon. This court believes it is the right of the American people to go to town on Saturday and chew tobacco and talk politics.

"This court believes, too, those folks have a right to catch a ride with his neighbor who owns a school bus. The court has had that experience and will be the last to take away the God-given right of the people."

#### Many From---

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numbers by the Schulenberg Blue Bonnet orchestra. Dancing began after the old year, represented by a tottering old man with the proverbial scythe, was ushered out and the new year heralded by six beautiful girls flying the banner, "Happy New Year."

Then the fun began in earnest

#### Babes Who Fled War, Fly Back



Homesick "war babies," John Halford, 4, and sister Helen, 6, weigh in for their Clipper flight back to England. They were sent here for safety at outbreak of war, got the trip home as a Christmas present.

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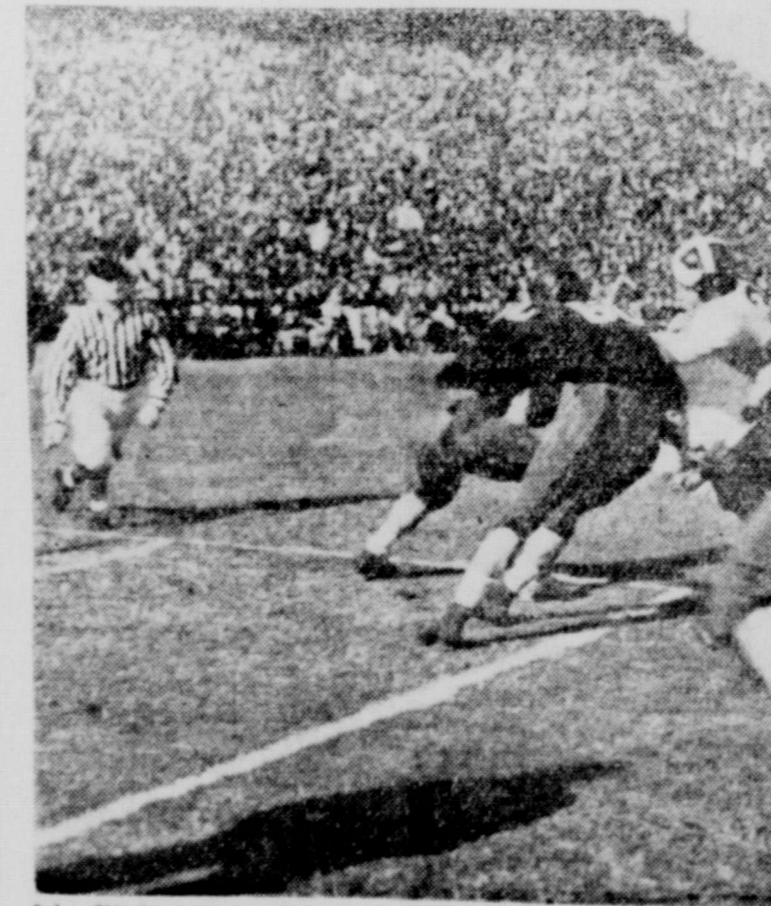
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### Bride Is Victim in Mystery De-



Lying dead or unconscious on tracks of an interurban line, near South Bend, Mrs. Irene Smith, 26, was found six weeks, was run over by a motorist failed to see her. Marks found near her led police to believe she had been dragged onto tracks and murdered.

### Finns Bomb---

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saults. One tank was destroyed. After it had "passed from hand to hand during the day," the Finns took and held a Russian base at Aittajoki, also on the eastern front, the the communique added.

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