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Through the Editor's Spectacles

By GEORGE

The following editorial from the Spokesman-Review of Spokane, Washington, appears in the column to adopt a fundamentally sane viewpoint on the question of aid to Britain which is agitating American opinion now more than any other single issue. It is reprinted in the place of the column's own comments today, and with the one comment that it is not to be taken as unequivocally expressing the column's opinions, regardless of the extent to which there is a coincidence of thought on the question.

"Appeals from Britain for aid from the United States have reached the point that was predictable from the time our government announced and the public generally approved a policy of all help short of war.

"As was inevitable from the outset, we are faced with a request for credits to enable Britain to finance purchases of planes, ships and munitions of war. At the same time a member of parliament, voicing what is bound to be pressed upon us more formally before long, urges that the United States 'help patrol trade routes of the Atlantic with her own navy' because the fight that Britain is making 'is just as much to the benefit of America as for our own empire.'

"That has a familiar ring to all who remember the process of events that led to our involvement in the World war. First it was production of our factories that was wanted in those days. Next a small token expeditionary force to strengthen allied morale, and finally all the armed forces we could send, because 'it was our war they were fighting as much as theirs.'

"For reasons of sentiment, based on mutual political ideals and cultural ties, Americans want Britain to win this war as she wanted Britain and her allies to win the World war. We believe the world will be a safer place for us and for all people if Britain does win, and we are deeply stirred by the wonderful gallantry of the British people in the face of terrific odds. There are reasons why we are willing to give all aid we can short of war to enable them to carry on.

"But sentiment and emotion should not alone govern our course. We were not consulted in advance about the moves when brought about the World war, but we hoped to rescue the allies from the penalty of their diplomatic blunders which precipitated it. Our participation was to avert a repetition of that calamity.

"Can we be held responsible now for the shortsighted statesmanship and the national selfishness and jealousies that permitted Hitler and Mussolini to build and consolidate their power until strong enough to dominate Europe?

"It is not our fault that England refused to support France's desire to prevent Hitler's recapture of the Rhineland; that later in turn France refused to help England check Mussolini's Ethiopian adventure; that both permitted Mussolini and Hitler to rehearse their war plans in Spain and in the process make Czechoslovakia at Munich; that they committed the incredible folly of letting Russia swing into the axis orbit, and that they waited for the unpropitious moment to make a stand, in giving a guarantee to Poland they could not fulfill.

"These blunders were made by statesmen who hoped to avert war, but who had neither the callousness to enforce the harsh terms of the Versailles treaty nor the vision to make early concessions that might have saved liberalism in Germany and satisfied Italy, when either course

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Today's War Map



Diplomatic sources reported today that Germany is boosting her "garrison" force in Rumania toward 500,000 men, possibly to aid Italian troops bogged-down in Albania or to bulwark her own position in the Balkans. Today's map shows German troop positions and possible extensions of move into Rumania.

FD EXPECTED TO PROPOSE SHIP PROGRAM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—President Roosevelt will propose shortly, an authoritative source said, that the United States construct a great number of merchant ships at high speed to offset the heavy inroads by Nazi planes and submarines on Britain's "lifeline."

The program, reminiscent of the one under which ships were built in record time during the World war, may be outlined by the chief executive in his "fireside chat" to the nation Sunday night.

Its announcement may await the convening of the new congress next week, however. Details were not disclosed, but a reliable informant said the program would be "extensive" and that it would fit into the plan which Mr. Roosevelt has discussed for leasing or loaning equipment and supplies to the besieged country.

To avoid a "bottleneck" in marine engine production, this source continued, reciprocating engines would be used in the ships instead of turbo-electric equipment. The reason given for this was that some unused facilities for the production of reciprocating engines were available, whereas plants to turn out the more modern equipment were loaded with work and could not be expanded quickly.

It is not disclosed whether the proposed ships would themselves be made available to Britain or vessels now coming off the ways for the American merchant marine would be released to the British and replaced in this country's fleet with the subsequent production.

That maritime commission has since the beginning of 1938 started the construction of 179 new trans-oceanic craft, comprising the first major addition to the merchant fleet since the end of the World war. Of these, 54 have been completed and are now in service.

Mayor Ill, Expected Home This Week-end

Mayor J. T. Berry, who became ill Tuesday evening during a Christmas visit with his son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Berry, at Stanton, Texas, will return to his home here Saturday or Sunday, a message from Mrs. J. T. Berry to friends here said.

He has been confined to bed since the attack, but his condition was improving at the time the message was written.

Beauties to Date Victors at Cotton Bowl Dance



Gene Foley, left, and Carmen Bailey, right, as well as five other starlets entertaining in the Adolphus Hotel's Century room at Dallas, Texas, have promised to date members of the winning team at the Cotton Bowl dance. Gene roots for John Kimbrough of the Aggies and Carmen cheers for Jim Noble of Fordham.

Is Recovering From Pneumonia

Mrs. L. H. McCrea is reported recovering satisfactorily after having been seriously ill with pneumonia. Her condition today was reported as much improved.

POSTAL RECEIPTS

DALLAS, Dec. 27 (Sp)—The postal receipts dropped 10 per cent from October to November, but remained 5.7 per cent above November, 1939. University of Texas business statisticians report.

Weather

East Texas—Partly cloudy over west portion, considerable cloudiness with occasional rains and somewhat cooler over east portion Friday; Saturday generally fair, little temperature change. Fresh to strong northerly winds on the coast, diminishing Friday night.

West Texas—Fair Friday, Saturday increasing high cloudiness. Little change in temperature.

Ranger Negro Under Assault Charges

RANGER, Dec. 27 (Sp)—Johnny Battles, Ranger negro, was being held in the city jail at Ranger Thursday morning on a charge of assault with intent to murder. His bond was set by Justice of the Peace J. N. McFatter at \$1,000.

According to Patrolmen Johnny Boyd and M. M. Scott, who made the arrest, two shots were fired at long range with a shotgun by Battles, the charges striking, but not injuring, Henry Wylie, colored.

Cause of the trouble between the two negroes which broke out on the afternoon of Christmas day, was not immediately determined by the arresting officers, who are conducting an investigation of the case.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Cotton and daughter, Barbara, left yesterday for their home in Beaumont after spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Cotton's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCall.

INJURED IN AUTO CRASH DOING WELL

Blood Transfusion Administered to One of Six

All of the injured in the automobile collision which late Wednesday evening took the life of 3-year-old Eva Nell Park of Forsan, were reported doing well at Graham sanitarium here today.

Mrs. Henry Park, mother of the child and the most seriously injured of the six who survived the crash, was given a blood transfusion this morning. Her condition is still serious. She is suffering from three major fractures and numerous minor hurts.

John Arms of Perrin, driver of the second car involved in the collision at 11:30 Christmas night, was likewise in a serious condition with a head injury, but was expected to recover.

Others hurt were Mr. Park, father of the dead girl, a broken left shoulder, cuts and bruises; Johnny Park, 5-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Park, a broken left leg; Mr. and Mrs. Onis Rogers, cuts and bruises. Mrs. Rogers sustained possible back injury and severe face lacerations.

The collision occurred at the intersection of A avenue and East Eighth street. Mr. and Mrs. Park were on their way to Gorman to visit relatives. Mr. Arms and Mr. Rogers were driving to Brownwood where the two men are employed in the construction of Camp Bowie.

One Is Killed, Several Hurt Near Ranger

RANGER, Dec. 27 (Sp)—One man was killed and at least six other people, were injured severely enough to be placed in hospitals or were given medical treatment in a series of holiday traffic accidents in or near Ranger.

Wade, Price of Gorman was fatally injured in an automobile accident, in which two cars were involved, Tuesday night on the highway east of Ranger. Price and his son, M. H. Price, also of Gorman, were taken to the West Texas hospital, where the elder Wade died Wednesday night. M. H. Wade was released after receiving medical attention. His injuries consisted of bruises and cuts about the head, which were not serious.

Miss Maud Moore, of Fort Worth, was severely injured in another automobile collision in Ranger, on Highway 80, when the car in which she was riding and another collided. Miss Moore sustained severe cuts about one eyebrow and eyelid, and when first received as a patient at the hospital it was feared she would lose one eye. Doctors said this morning that the sight of the eye would be saved, however. T. J. Brown, also of Fort Worth, who was in the car with her, sustained cuts and bruises which were not serious.

Also slightly injured were J. B. Stallings of Strawn and W. H. Hutcheson of Caddo, who were slightly bruised and cut when their car collided with the one in which Miss Moore and Brown were riding.

Vera Reed, a negro, from Decatur, was given medical aid for cuts and bruises she sustained in an automobile accident, and was released from the hospital.

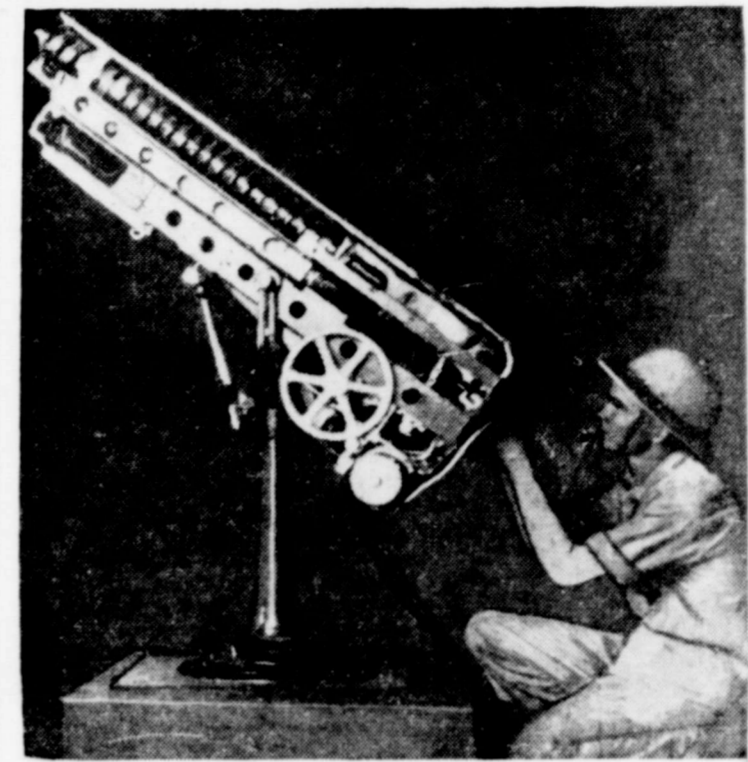
64 New Firms Get Charters Last Month

AUSTIN, Dec. 27 (Sp)—Only 64 new firms received charters during November to operate in Texas, University of Texas business statisticians said today.

This number was off 31.9 per cent from the October total and down 36.6 per cent from November, 1939.

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Electric Anti-Aircraft Gun



Virgil Riesby a native Texan has invented an electric anti-aircraft gun that fires projectiles by means of successively energized electro-magnets placed along the barrel without the use of explosives, according to data made public here. Shown operating the new gun is Coy Riesby, son of Virgil, who helped in the construction of the operating unit.

Abbott Well Being Cemented Today

Casing was being cemented in the Danciger Oil company's No. 1 Mary Abbott, five miles southwest of Cisco today preparatory to drilling into the Caddo lime early next week. The hole was standing about 200 feet in oil this morning.

There was considerable gas. The well topped the Caddo at 2,980 feet last Tuesday. Operations were suspended over Christmas day and yesterday rain forced further postponement of work. The formation was drilled about five feet.

The Abbott is 2,900 feet south of the Groover and Rose No. 1. McElreath completed last summer for good production.

In the South Carbon field Gallagher and Lawson resumed operations to clean out about 80 feet of plug remaining after the well blew in last week following a shot. Considerable difficulty has been encountered because of high pressure. The well promises to be the biggest brought in the new district.

The South Carbon field also produces from a Caddo lime.

BRITISH KEEP GUARD ON DOVER CLIFFS

By the Associated Press
On the misty cliffs of Dover, British troops kept a suddenly doubled guard against any stealthy approach of Adolf Hitler's invasion armadas last night as German bombs ended the 3-day Christmas truce.

Meanwhile, the war's biggest riddle remained unsolved: "Why has Hitler decided to shift 300,000 more German troops into Rumania?"

While the vanguard of this huge mass movement sped by train through Hungary into King Mihai's little Balkan kingdom, speculation arose that it might be a feint to dull British vigilance on the home front—setting the stage for a lightning invasion of England.

Hitler himself was touring the "Big Bertha" and talking to the troops. "A better and more beautiful Germany" is coming out of this war, he told them.

On Christmas eve Field Marshal General Walther von Brauchitsch, commander-in-chief of the German army, told Nazi troops on the channel he knew they were "just burning" to fight the English.

With the straight of Dover calm and befogged, the British took extra precautions. The beaches and white-chalk palisades surrounding the channel bristled with machine-guns and automatic weapons manned by picked troops.

Balkan capitals excitedly discussed the possibility that the new influx of Nazi troops into Rumania—raising the total to nearly half a million—might presage a showdown between the Rome-Berlin axis and Soviet Russia over control of the Danube river.

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RUSSIANS ARE BEING MASSED UPON BORDER

Possible Showdown in Rumanian Area Is Seen

BUDAPEST, Dec. 27 (AP)—Concentration of Russian forces along the Rumanian frontier was reported under way as Germany poured 300,000 fresh troops into Rumania and ordered a speed-up in the Balkan kingdom's production of war materials.

A spurt of diplomatic activity in southeastern Europe capitals accompanied this military activity, believed by some observers to presage a possible showdown between powers with conflicting interests in the Balkans.

The Russian concentrations were reported along the Prut river, which became the dividing line between Rumania and the Soviet union after Moscow obtained Bessarabia and northern Bucovina from the Bukharest government by ultimatum last June 27.

German troops moved across Hungary in special trains with artillery and other motorized vehicles. The Hungarian railway administration announced passenger service would be "specially restricted" to clear the way for passage of 1,160 troop trains by Jan. 31.

Two Plants Turned Over
Under the German-ordered speed-up in Rumania's war production, two large Rumanian industrial plants will be devoted to the manufacture of warplanes for Germany, diplomatic dispatches from Bucharest said.

A submarine building yard already in operation at Galati, these advices added, has been ordered to increase its production.

Diplomatic reports from Bucharest said the Germans were prepared to take over complete control of Rumania's civil administration.

The German troop movement became known following news that a stalemate had been reached at the Russian-German-Italian-Rumanian conference called to decide which nation or group of powers should control the all-important mouths of the Danube. Germany's supply line to the east.

Informed quarters declared there was a wide gulf between the axis delegation on one hand and the Russian representatives on the other.

On the diplomatic front, the Turkish minister to Bucharest, Hamdullah Submi Tanriover, arrived in Ankara to confer with Turkish officials. Simultaneously some members of the Soviet legation in Bucharest prepared to leave for Moscow.

Russian Minister Lavrentiev was said in reports from the Rumanian capital to have been engaged in important conferences for the past week.

Charles Conley of Ranger Succumbs

RANGER, Dec. 27 (Sp)—Chas. A. Conley, 57, of Ranger, died suddenly at his home at 4:30 Thursday morning after being ill but a short time. He became ill in the early morning, after being in apparent good health all Christmas day.

The rosary was said Thursday night at 7:30, with requiem mass held at the St. Rita's Catholic church at 10 o'clock Friday morning. The body was shipped to Sapulpa, Okla., at noon Friday, for burial there.

The deceased was born in Pennsylvania and had resided in Ranger for the past 20 years, having been engaged in the oil well contracting business. For the past few years he had been spending a good part of his time in the west Texas fields, but maintained his home and his headquarters in Ranger.

Charles Conley and Miss Alice Lawler were married in 1912 and moved to Texas about 20 years ago.

Survivors included his widow, two sons, Frank and Richard Conley, one daughter, Miss Catherine Conley; his mother, Mrs. Charles Conley, of Sapulpa Okla., three sisters and one brother.

Time for Issuing Licenses Is Changed

A change in the time for issuance of drivers' licenses at the state highway patrol at Eastland was announced today.

Patrolman T. A. Rowland told the Daily Press that beginning Thursday, January 2, licenses would be issued from 1 p. m. to 5 p. m. on Thursdays instead of during Thursday morning as has been the schedule.

The bureau is located in the tax collector's office at the court house.

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Better Americans Coming Up

NOT long ago Professor Merriam of the University of Chicago raised considerable speculation by a series of lectures in which he said we are just entering a period when life and people are going to be consciously improved by scientific means not available before.

To a small extent these techniques are already being practiced; enough to suggest their future course and effectiveness. An "annual report" on the nation's children by "Parent's Magazine" indicates what is already being done, in reports by Katharine F. Lenroot, chief of the U. S. Children's bureau and by Surgeon-General Parran.

MISS Lenroot reports:

The baby death rate has dropped 20 per cent in the five years from 1934 to 1939, but 50,000 babies still die each year between the second and twelfth month of their lives; 70,000 before they are a month old.

The maternal death rate dropped 32 per cent between 1934 and 1939, yet nearly 10,000 maternal deaths were registered in 1938, at least half of them preventable.

Such things show how much has been done, how much remains to do. Improvements in both are attributed by Miss Lenroot to maternal and child-health services in states and counties.

DR. PARRAN joins in the hopeful preview of the future. "We have a new generation of children," he writes, who are both taller and heavier than their parents; whose chances of going through the first years of life without attack by the communicable diseases of childhood are greater; whose general health care is far superior to that of a generation ago.

Scientific discoveries (and their application) did it. Improved city sanitation and milk supplies; prevention of certain diseases; new knowledge of nutrition, have largely come into effect within one generation. The word vitamin came into the language in 1911. The cause and cure of pellagra was announced 24 years ago. The same for rickets, 15 years ago. Nutritional science is even today in its mere infancy.

NATIONAL defense means that in 1941 additional attention will be devoted to the health of youth, military and industrial. Mass production of yellow fever vaccine, for instance, means likely security against exposure to yellow fever areas as defense zones move south.

"New horizons are ahead of us in the attainment of national health," Dr. Parran believes.

New horizons are ahead of us in every field, and the builders of better health are only one group among builders who must address themselves to the task of building a better world.

In Miami the Professional Golfers' association is planning a match in which they hope to include the Duke of Windsor. Make it polo and he'll fall.

As long as a country has its revolutions, it'll keep on going around in circles.

Pull won't open the door to success nearly as well as push.

News From the Ark

PAUL SATKO has earned the right to be heard whenever he speaks.

Satko is the unemployed Virginia welder who built an ark, trucked it across the country, and sailed it from Tacoma to Juneau, Alaska, with his numerous family.

That was last spring. Now Satko's back on his first trip to the states, his wife and seven children snug aboard his ark while the log cabin in the 122-acre homestead tract awaits completion.

Satko came to the states to urge that the whole region of the Eagle River valley, 30 miles north of Juneau, be opened for homesteading. He wants opportunity for "people like myself who want to give their children a better chance, who want to build for the future on something substantial." He wants the fertile bottom-lands of the Eagle and Herbert rivers thrown open for settlement (they are now a forest preserve), confident that dead-in-earnest settlers like himself "would find the ways necessary to make a living better than you could plan for them."

CERTAINLY this is worthy of the gravest consideration. Alaska, almost totally undefended a few months ago, now has three navy and two army bases under rapid construction and many supplementary airfields and posts. It is assured of a growing military population for many years.

The higher percentage of the food and supplies of such soldiers than can be produced in Alaska itself, without the necessity of the long water haul from the Pacific northwest, the better.

Russia is not stupid about such things. When she found it necessary to establish a huge army in eastern Siberia, she sent with it settlers to farm the land so that the area would be as far as possible self-supporting.

True, Russia had the advantage in that she could ship anybody out there at will, whether they liked it or not. But the principle remains the same, and the mere offer of opportunity might produce almost as great and far more solid results for the United States in Alaska.

FURTHER, six months have gone by without measurable progress on the overland road projects to Alaska.

Canada is in the mood to co-operate. And money spent on such a highway is one of the few proposed defense expenditures which would remain of equal or increasing value under normal peace-time conditions.

Thanks again, Paul Satko, for reminding us of a big job that still remains undone.

Monday is one of the seven days it is foolish to let slip by without accomplishing something.

Cheer up! The first thing you know, this will be last winter!

There are some who will say that Tom Harmon ran Francis Schmidt right out of his job as Ohio State coach.

The first shipment of 1941's first headaches has arrived in N. Y. from Argentine—5800 cases of champagne.

When you have a wife and family on your hands, you can't keep them in your pockets.

Franklin D. Roosevelt got his diploma from the Electoral College but will continue to attend classes for four more years.

Hitler gives certain individuals the Iron Cross and most any country the double.

Some husbands will have just as much fun buying Christmas presents as their wives will have returning them.

Statistics show that most college classes are led by girls. So are most of the male students.

The latest dope is that Hitler will start his English invasion the middle of February, at which time he is expected to change his mind again.

You can keep the baby's fingerprints off your wall paper by having it all pasted on the ceiling.

Oh, Surely Not That!



21 Per Cent of Texas Banks Loan Half Billion

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—Twenty-one per cent of the commercial banks in Texas made more than 424,000 loans totaling \$570,000,000 to business firms and individuals throughout the state during the first six months of 1940, according to the semi-annual survey of bank lending activity made by the American Bankers' association.

The A. B. A. loan survey was participated in by 178 Texas banks, or 21.2 per cent of the 840 commercial banks in the state. These 178 banks reported that they made between January 1 and June 30, 1940:

245,026 new loans totaling \$253,849,050.
177,874 renewals of loans totaling \$311,795,279.
1,510 new mortgage loans totaling 4,764,263.
424,410 total loans totaling \$570,408,592.

The survey showed that business firms in the state used only 39 per cent of the "confirmed open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of banks. A total of 27 banks in the larger centers of the state reported that they carried on their books \$49,813,000 in "open lines of credit" offered to and kept available for regular borrowers for use as needed by

them. Of this amount \$19,857,443 or 39.9 per cent was used.

The average number of new loans made per bank during the six months period under review was 1,377 and the average size of loan was \$1,036. The average number of loans renewed per bank was 999 and the average renewal was for \$1,753.

The average number of new mortgage loans per bank was 8 and the average new mortgage made was for \$3,155.

The Texas survey was part of a national survey of bank lending activity made by the American Bankers' association. For the country as a whole 6,203 banks, or 43.3 per cent of the nation's commercial banks reported that they made between January 1 and June 30, 1940:

A. B. A. Bank lending survey: 7,331,097 new loans totaling \$12,253,628,581.
6,134,178 renewals of loans totaling \$8,246,301,835.
177,398 new mortgage loans totaling \$453,653,612.
13,642,673 total new loans \$20,953,584,028.

This is a total of 13,642,673 credit transactions amounting to \$20,953,584,028, reported for the first half of the year by less than half the country's banks.

The root discharged into the atmosphere of England every year represents three days' coal output of the entire country.

Industry in Greece is hampered by lack of native coal.

Infantile Paralysis Campaign Opens

DALLAS, Dec. 26 (SpC)—The 1941 campaign in the fight against infantile paralysis was launched this week when the Texas State committee for the celebration of the president's birthday opened headquarters in Dallas. The president's birthday will be observed on Thursday, January 30, and the celebration will be nation-wide for the purpose of raising money to combat the wide-spread disease of which so many children are the victim. Almost every county in Texas will have a president's birthday party, most of the celebrations being in the form of dances. In January, 1940, Texas raised the sum of \$4,000 for this cause—half of this sum remaining in the various Texas communities—and in 1941 the birthday parties are expected to produce an even larger sum. More than 50 Texas counties have already been organized for the celebrations and letters have been sent to men and women in all 254 counties of the state, who are interested in the fight against infantile paralysis, asking them to organize balls and parties on the president's birthday next month. Many responses are coming in daily.

W. L. Clayton of Houston is chairman of the Texas State committee and vice chairmen are Geo. Waverly Briggs, Dallas, in active charge of all organization work; Mrs. Geo. H. Pittman, Dallas, in charge of women's work; Mrs. Clara Driscoll of Corpus Christi and Ima Hogg of Houston, W.

reductions granted by the Venezuelan trade treaty. Thereby hangs quite a tale. The Venezuelan trade treaty granted a 50 per cent reduction in the excise tax of 21 cents a barrel levied on crude oil imports, this reduction to apply to a quota of oil imports equal to 5 per cent of the total amount of oil refined in the United States in the previous year. Other nations having favored-nation treaties with the United States were entitled to share in this reduction, and just a year ago the President allotted the percentages of low-duty oil shipments for each one.

Says Industry Will Do "Impossible"

LANCASTER, Pa., Dec. 27 (AP)—H. W. Prentis, Jr., president of the National Association of Manufacturers, called on the National Defense commission Monday night to define the term, "terrible urgency," in terms of production needs.

Industry, he said, "will do the impossible." Until William S. Knudsen of the commission appeared before the manufacturers at their New York convention on Dec. 14 and told them defense production was lagging, industrial leaders had had no reason to believe, Prentis said, that the government was dissatisfied with the production rate. Prentis said that overnight there

Marion Newman is secretary and John E. Owen is treasurer.

was injected the word "urgent" into the defense setup, which had been described to industry in June as doing "business as usual, plus defense."

Building Permits Drop in November

AUSTIN, Dec. 27 (SpC)—With dropping nearly 10 per cent last October's total, building permits issued in 45 major Texas cities during November totaled \$7,027,928, according to the University of Texas bureau of business research.

This total was 6.8 per cent above November, 1939, however.

There are three times as many cattle in India as in the United States.

Canada has a steadily growing radium industry on the edge of the arctic circle.

We Should Meet Each Day With Same Attitude We Reserve for New Year

Text: Luke 12:35-48

BY WILLIAM E. GILROY, D.D.
Editor of Advance

THE topic of this lesson for young people and adults is "Girded for the New Year." It is essentially a New Year's lesson, and its theme is faithfulness and watchfulness.

It is our custom at the turn of the year, in the very hour of the transition, to hold "watch-night services." But more important than watching the old year out and the new year in is watchfulness all through the year. There is no good lesson for New Year that is not good for every day.

Almost inevitably we make good resolutions at New Year. Too often we forget about them, or fail to keep them. But if they are really good, and if they ought to be kept, we should make a far better job of keeping them if we could meet each dawning day with the same attitude and psychology with which we meet a new year. After all, it is not a New Year that is dawning, but a new day, and the New Year comes to us a day at a time.

THE lesson of faithfulness and watchfulness is given here by the Great Teacher in the parable of the lord returning from the marriage feast, with his servants not knowing the hour of his return. Will he find them wakeful, ready to open the door straightway when he knocks? Blessed, says Jesus, are the servants whom their master will find watchful.

The parable might be applied to the return of Jesus himself, as Lord and Master, but it is not clear that Jesus told it originally for any reason but to teach and emphasize the lesson of watchfulness.

The parable shifts to that of

the master of the house guarding against the possibility of house-breakers. The lesson is of the need of being constantly prepared and on guard. If the master of the house knew just when the thief would come, and at what hour in the night, he would have been ready. But that is not the safe way of guarding against thieves. One must be always prepared.

Here the application is specific, though it may not be altogether clear. Jesus warns His disciples to be also ready. "For in an hour that ye think not the Son of Man cometh." What did Jesus mean by this? Was He referring to some future coming, or to impending events in His own Messianic mission? Was it a preliminary warning, such as He was to impress upon His chosen disciples in the final hour of their watch in Gethsemane, when He came not once, but three times and each time found them sleeping?

THESE speculative questions regarding the situation have only secondary interest for us today. What about ourselves? How does God come to us? How does He knock at the door of our homes, and at the door of our hearts? He knocks with words that we may fail to hear, and with opportunities that we may miss.

We must be as alert in spiritual attitudes and way as good servants serving an earthly master. God comes again and again to us. Will He find us alert and ready, or as slothful, neglectful servants, scamping our work, lazy, and faithless, when we think no one is watching.

God is always watching. Thou God seest me!

BRUCE CATTON'S AMERICAN ROUNDUP

DAVIES' DEPARTURE MAY TIP OFF MEXICAN SETTLEMENT—OIL SQUABBLE RE-EXAMINED

BY BRUCE CATTON
News Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON—Forthcoming departure from the State Department of Joseph Davies, wealthy former ambassador to Russia and Belgium, is believed by oil men in Washington to foreshadow a friendlier attitude by this government toward Mexico and Mexico's oil problems.

For nearly a year Davies has been serving as special assistant to the secretary of state. Of late he has been devoting his time to making arrangements for the third term inaugural ceremonies, and his resignation at the State Department goes into effect Jan. 20.

Point of all this is that Davies is Donald R. Richberg's law partner. Richberg has been representing Standard Oil in Standard's controversy with Mexico over the expropriation of oil properties. Davies has exercised considerable influence in the State Department, and is generally credited with having supported policies which would not be unfavorable to Standard.

Coincident with his resignation are two important developments in the Mexican oil situation.

MEXICO WORKS QUIETLY

IN the first place, the whole question of the expropriation matter is being re-examined. No decisions have been made, and the new hearings have not gone far enough to give a definite line on what will be done. It can be said, though, that friendly conversations held in Mexico during the Avila Camacho inauguration are beginning to bear fruit.

Secondly, Mexico is quietly attempting to get an improved status in regard to shipments of low-duty crude oil to this country under the

reductions granted by the Venezuelan trade treaty. Thereby hangs quite a tale. The Venezuelan trade treaty granted a 50 per cent reduction in the excise tax of 21 cents a barrel levied on crude oil imports, this reduction to apply to a quota of oil imports equal to 5 per cent of the total amount of oil refined in the United States in the previous year. Other nations having favored-nation treaties with the United States were entitled to share in this reduction, and just a year ago the President allotted the percentages of low-duty oil shipments for each one.

In fixing those percentages, it was decided to give each nation a share proportionate to the amount of oil it shipped into the United States in the first 10 months of 1939.

HIGHER QUOTA ASKED BY MEXICANS

THAT was where the shoe pinched Mexico, for because of the expropriations and general stoppage of production, Mexico's oil exports in that period were very low. As a result, Venezuela—whose oil properties are largely Standard's—got 71.9 per cent of the quota. Holland and its possessions got 20.3 per cent, Colombia got 4 per cent . . . and Mexico and all other nations had to split 3.8 per cent among them.

New quotas must be set for next year, and Mexico is now being heard on its plea for a higher quota.

If Mexico could persuade the State Department to ease next year's quotas on 1940 imports, her position would be vastly improved. In the first 10 months of this year, for instance, Mexico shipped in 9,852,000 barrels of oil, compared with Venezuela's 24,000,000.

Standard has profited heavily by the Venezuelan treaty. One estimate is that her savings in its first year, due to the lowered tax, ran to \$7,200,000. Any increase in the Mexican quota would, of course, injure Standard's position—unless and until Standard's expropriation fight with Mexico is settled.



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23 Texas Firms Fail in November

AUSTIN, Dec. 26 (Sp.)—Commercial failure removed 23 Texas firms from the business scene during November, involving liabilities totaling \$299,000, University of Texas business research officials said today.

This situation compared quite favorably with October, when 25 failures whose liabilities totaled \$585,008 occurred, they added. In November a year ago, bankruptcies numbered only 18, but liabilities totaled \$310,913.

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SERIAL STORY CHRISTMAS RUSH

BY TOM HORNER

YESTERDAY: Christmas day is packed with excitement and surprises. After dinner, Martha notices Jerry appears worried. He calls a family conference, and announces: "I'm not going back to school."

JERRY MAKES A DECISION
 CHAPTER IV
 "YOU'RE not—what?" For the first time in his life Hugh Connelly roared at his son.

Jerry's knuckles whitened as he gripped the mantle. "I'm not going back to medical school, Dad. I'm through. I'm quitting."

"Jerry—Jerry!" his mother pleaded. "Don't say such things. You're tired, upset. You've been working too hard. You can't give up now."

"That's it, son!" The doctor's arm went around his tall son's shoulders, held him tight. "You need a rest. How about a hunting trip? I'll leave things, we'll get away for a few days. Fill you up on good food, and you'll be anxious to get back to work again."

Jerry shook his head. "Thanks, Dad. But it's no use. I like school. I feel awful. It's not that. It's just—well—I'm going to be married."

"What? Hugh Connelly roared again, drawing out Mary Warde's half-filled scream. Instantly she was on her feet.

"I think you want to discuss this alone, Mrs. Connelly," she said. "If you'll excuse me—" She ran up the stairs.

There was a long silence. The doctor left his son, standing alone before the fireplace, and slumped in his favorite chair. "Now, Jerry, let's have the whole story. Maybe this can be straightened out."

"Jerry, you haven't done anything—" Martha hesitated, half afraid.

"No, Mother," Jerry answered tenderly. "Unless I should be ashamed of falling in love."

"It's that Valerie Parks—I hate her!" Sheila broke in.

"Let's hear what Jerry has to say first, Sheila," her father commanded. "All right, Jerry, let's have it."

"It is Val," Jerry began. "I'm in love with her; she loves me. We want to get married. There's nothing wrong in that, is there?"

"But we don't even know the girl—her family, Jerry, how can you do this to us?" Martha sobbed.

"You'll love her, Mother. I can promise that. She's coming tonight. Wait till you see her."

"Not tonight, son," Dr. Connelly counseled. "This has come pretty sudden to your mother and me. We'll see the girl later."

"What about this sudden decision to give up medicine? It means ending your career. Have you thought of that?"

"I've thought of nothing else. I know how you've counted on my becoming a doctor, how you planned on my coming back here, working with you. But you've always promised if I decided not to

be a doctor, you'd let me quit. I want to quit now."

HUGH CONNELLY was silent, hiding his hurt, afraid to trust his voice.

"But this, girl—this Valerie—who is she?" Martha questioned.

"The girls have told you she drives a big car, that she has a bunch of fur coats—That's true. Her family is rich. Her father is the head of one of the biggest corporations in the state. Her mother is independently wealthy, and Val has a large income from a block of oil wells."

"She's a wonderful girl, Mother. She's real, she's true—everything you could ask for in a daughter-in-law." He dropped to his knees beside Martha, pleading. "Please try to love her, Mother—for me."

"I'll try, Jerry. Bring her over tomorrow."

"BUT Jerry, have you considered all the angles?" Dr. Connelly interrupted. "How are you going to live? You have no money—no job."

"I know that, Dad. But I'll get a job. I'll drive a truck, run a filling station. We'll get along."

"How about Valerie? Will she be willing to live like that—as the wife of a truck driver?"

"Val would live in a tent, if we could be together—she said so."

He rose, kissed his mother, and turned to leave. "Then it's all right? I can tell Val you don't object?"

"If you've made up your mind you want to quit school—get married—your mother and I will help all we can. If you're sure—But you'll have to earn your own way."

"Don't be in too much of a hurry to tell Valerie," Martha cautioned. "Let your father and I talk this over. Run along now, I don't want to meet her tonight."

HOURS later, when the shadows of Christmas night had closed in around them, Hugh and Martha Connelly reached a decision. Jerry had gone to meet Valerie, the twins had hurried off to a dance.

They sat before the fire, as they had sat so many evenings before, planning the future for their children. This had not been included in that plan for Jerry, but it was a situation that must be faced.

All of Hugh's hopes had been centered in his son. From the day he had bought Jerry his first book on anatomy, carefully directed his boyish study, Hugh had longed for

the day when Jerry would come into the office, a full-fledged physician, ready to take his share of the burden.

That was Hugh's dream. In its realization, he had promised himself a rest, time to do the myriad things he had never been able to squeeze in. He and Martha could take long motor trips, he could go hunting and fishing without a constant worry that someone at home was needing him.

But that was selfish of him. There could be no thought of that dream now. Jerry was, as always, his first consideration.

"If he is determined to do it, there's nothing we can do to stop him," Hugh said at last. "We would hate us always, if we broke up his marriage. The girl may be as he says. We have to see."

"But he's giving up everything—his career—he's wrecking his whole life," Martha argued.

"Maybe not. His happiness is our first consideration. He might never be happy without this girl. Now it's getting late. I have to drop in at the hospital. You go on to bed. I won't be late."



In these days of little peace on earth, it sort of makes you feel better to know that there still is left some good will to men. The glow comes when you find out about a fellow like Patrolman Frank Williams of North Arlington, N. J. A cop on the beat, he knows about poor kids. That's how came his hobby of collecting broken toys, and devoting days and days of his scant time off to fixing them up for needy youngsters. He's pictured above, in his workshop, where he and his wife have repaired 1500 toys this year.

SAYS SCIENCE HAS FOG ON THE RUN

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so often soothed the pain and troubles of his own daughters. "There . . . there . . . Go ahead and cry it out. Best medicine in the world for you."

Gradually the girl's hysteria passed. Finally she looked up at him, dabbing at her eyes with a soaked linen square, and managed to smile when he handed her his own huge handkerchief.

"Now, what's all this all about? Too much Christmas?" he prompted.

"I guess that was it. Seeing all your family so happy together. I just couldn't stand it any longer. I had to get away . . ."

"We were thoughtlessly cruel—"

"Oh, no!" Mary refused to let him blame himself. "I loved it, all of it. You all have been so good to me, including me in your Christmas. I even imagined I actually 'belonged'—that I wasn't really an outsider. Then, when I realized—"

"What made you—?" The doctor began, stopping abruptly, switched to an entirely different subject. "I've just come back from the hospital and I'm half starved. How about joining me in a raid on the icebox? There's cold turkey, I'm sure."

MARY REVEALS A SECRET
 CHAPTER V
 DR. CONNELLY paused in the doorway, watching the sobbing girl. His heart was full of pity for the lonely child, without a relative near to share the happiness of Christmas.

"Jerry," he spoke softly, so not to startle her. "What's the matter, child?"

"Oh!" the dark head jerked up from the pillow, red-rimmed eyes spilling tears down her cheeks. "Oh, Doctor Connelly!"

He was beside her then, his arms enfolding her, shutting out the hurt, his voice quieting her jangled nerves, just as he had

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"But I look so terrible." He ignored the protest. "There should be a mince pie around somewhere. Ideal for nightmares. . . . Come on, now, I hate eating alone. If you won't join me, I'll have to wake Martha."

Mary hurried to the dressing table, ran a comb through her tangled curls, dusted her cheeks lightly with powder. For the first time, Dr. Connelly noticed that she still had on the dress she had worn at dinner. Evidently she had been weeping, or fighting tears, since she left the family group. He smiled, wisely, as he recalled her sudden departure.

THE doctor had been right about the cold turkey. There was plenty of it, and cranberry sauce, too. Mary fixed sandwiches and he made coffee. He drew upon an endless fund of amusing, personal anecdotes to keep her entertained while they ate, successfully restoring Mary to her normal, happy mood. For the time, at least, the emotional storm had passed.

"That was almost as good as the Christmas dinner," he said as the last of the pie disappeared. "Should keep me awake—coffee and two pieces of pie . . . Never found anything yet that could keep me awake when I had a chance to sleep." He filled a pipe, lighted it and puffed contentedly as Mary cleared the table. "Let the dishes go until morning. . . . They'll only take a minute . . . No, you can't help . . . You look entirely too contented to dry

"WHAT'S wrong with this boy of mine?" the doctor asked. "You know him pretty well, don't you? And this girl he wants to marry. If you were in love with him, Mary, would you want him to quit medicine, with only a little more to go?"

A plate slipped from her hands, clattered into the sink. Mary caught it, laughing at her clumsiness. She kept her eyes on the dishpan. "No . . . If I were in love with Jerry"—she spoke slowly—"I'd never marry him until he finished school and his internship."

"You are in love with him, aren't you?" Hugh Connelly's query was as casual as a comment on the weather. He waited for Mary's answer.

"Yes." She did not look at him. "I've loved Jerry ever since I met him at the spring party last year. He doesn't know. How did you guess?"

Dr. Connelly laughed. "We doctors have a special gift for finding out more than the patient tells us. You have to have it to practice."

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Christmas Rush--

(Continued from Page Four) medicine successfully. . . I'm glad you didn't deny loving Jerry. Mary, I thought I saw symptoms. . .

May Aid Halifax at Washington



Following appointment of Viscount Halifax as ambassador to the U. S., it was reported that Sir Gerald Campbell, above, would be British minister in Washington to help Viscount Halifax with some of embassy's work.

Child No Longer 'Immortal' Being



A year ago the Royal Fraternity of Master Metaphysicians "adopted" infant Jean Gaunt, installed her with great fanfare in Peace Haven, their 110-room palace at Oakdale, L. I., vowing they'd raise her to be immortal.

May Be Chosen Envoy to Britain



Norman Armour, above, U. S. ambassador to Argentina, is reported being considered to succeed Joseph P. Kennedy as American envoy to Great Britain.

would not betray her confidences. She could trust him. Perhaps she could help . . . Valerie is really a very nice girl. I don't know a great deal about her.

"The doctor smiled. 'Nasty stuff.' He went on: 'Sheila and Kathleen don't think so much of their future sister-in-law.'"

"I think that's due to a difference of ideas on how a sorority pledge should be treated. Valerie was a little tough on the girls at first—before she found out they had a brother. But every chapter treats its pledges differently."

"That may be one of the reasons for Sheila's disliking Valerie," she added. "Val told Jerry she made quite a fight to get the girls voted in. Sheila and Kathleen believed it, too, until they discovered that a transfer has no vote in the house until second semester. Then Sheila wanted to tell Jerry."

"And you wouldn't let her—" "It would have hurt him. . . I don't want Jerry hurt—ever."

Mary turned to face Jerry Connelly's father. She was trying to be fair, yet she could not deny her love for Jerry.

"I love Jerry," she said. "I had hoped he loved me, until Valerie came along. I believe Jerry actually is in love with Valerie now. If I didn't, I never would have let him go, without a battle."

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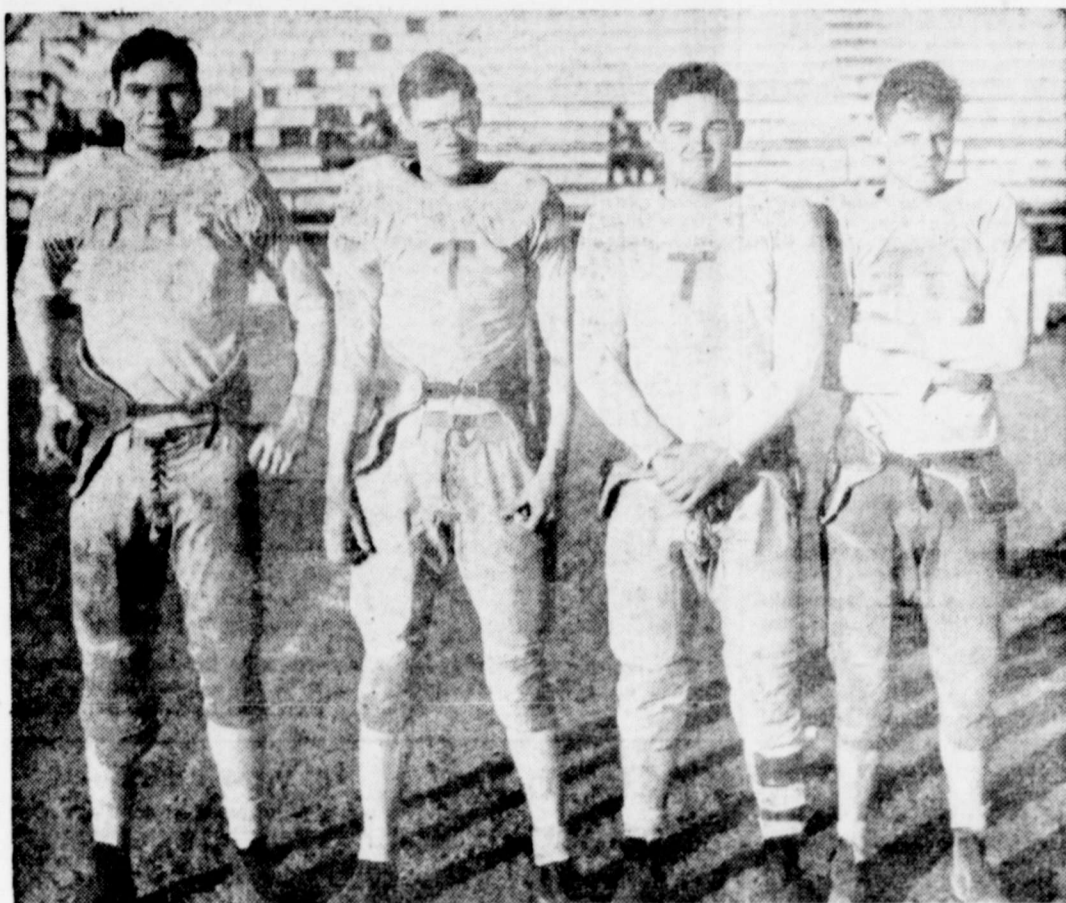
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Japanese Fascist Takes Key Post



Closer co-operation of Japan with Axis partners was forecast following appointment of Baron Kichiro Hiranuma, above, to important cabinet post of home secretary. Baron Hiranuma has been called Japan's leading Fascist.

TEMPLE WILDCATS' BACKFIELD QUARTER



Here is the Temple Wildcat starting backfield which Coach Les Cranfill is expected to send

against the Amarillo Sandies Saturday at the Cotton Bowl. Left to right, they are Ed Dusek, Way-

land Hill, Hub Speer, and Doty McFerran.

Keeping Up With The Boy Scouts



A bridge of honor for members of the Sea Scout ship Texan of Breckenridge will be held in the Burch hotel Friday night, December 27. Sea Scouts and officers of the Fort Worth Sea Scout ship will be guests of members of the Texan. Russell B. Jones, president of the Comanche Trail council, is skipper of the Texan.

Members of troop 43, Brownwood, went to their cabin Monday morning to complete the redecorating work on the building. Scoutmaster H. H. Gilliam and the boys brought fruit and canned goods at this time to be placed in a "Good Turn" basket for needy families at Christmas time.

Scoutmaster Worth Gaines of Grosvenor brought the registration for his troop to the office recently. This troop will receive the 100 per cent Boys' Life banner for the subscriptions brought in with the registration.

Troop 24, Dublin, has been reorganized, with Rev. Robert Le Croix, Jr., as the scoutmaster and Jack Utterback as assistant scoutmaster. At this time work is going forward on the reorganization of the drum and bugle corps in this troop. For several years this corps was very active, and from all indications, it will be again very soon.

Bangs is having a scout organization meeting Friday night, December 27, at the city park. This meeting will start with a winter roast, and will close with a moving picture of Camp Billy Gibbons being shown in the high school gymnasium. David E.

Cement Production Higher Than in 1939

AUSTIN, Dec. 27 (Sp.)—Production at Texas cement plants

during November slackened from October's pitch, but was a third higher than in November last year, University of Texas business research experts report.

Output totaled 648,000 barrels, down 12.8 per cent from the preceding month, up 35.6 per cent over November, 1939.

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The sensational new Chrysler "Thunderbolt" car, which has created a sensation among motorists fully equal to that of the original Chrysler Airflow when it was introduced six years ago, will be in Cisco next Saturday at which time local citizens will have a chance to examine its marvels for themselves.

According to O. S. Carroll, of the Carroll Motor Co., local Chrysler dealer, this remarkable automobile, which forecasts the future automobile, will be on display at the Carroll Motor Co., Cisco, Saturday from 4 p. m. to 6 p. m. It is expected that thousands of interested persons will visit the showroom to give this unusual car their personal inspection.

"Thunderbolt" design is derived from the record-breaking racing cars of the past few years. Chrysler engineers have closely followed the performance of such speed marvels as Sir Henry Seagraves' "Golden Arrow," Capt. George Eyston's "Thunderbolt," and John Cobb's "Railton," and learned much from them concerning the importance of design in increasing speed and roadability.

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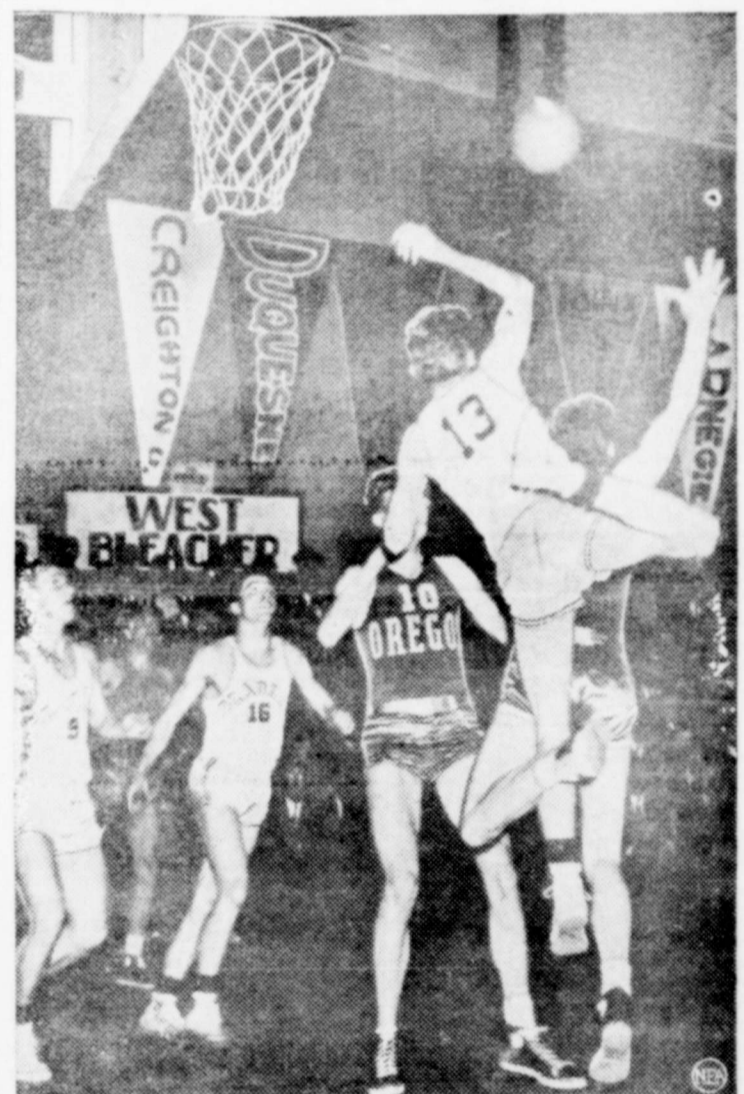
derbolt" is destined to exert as great an influence on the automobile of the future as did the original Airflow, which completely revolutionized design.

Dollar-a-Dance Girls



Dime-a-dance girls are famed in song and story. Here is a pair of dollar-a-dance girls. They're among group of ace models who will sell dances at a "star-spangled" aid-for-Britain ball in New York. Peggy Tippett is demonstrating one of her dance steps for fellow-model Arline Harvey.

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July Wedding of Ciscoan Is Announced

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Ely announce the July marriage of their daughter, LaRue, to Mr. Evan Lloyd of Los Angeles, California.

Personals

Finley Winston of the United States army ordnance inspection service is a holiday guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Winston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Graham of Shreveport arrived Thursday for a visit with Mr. Graham's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. McCallum.

S. H. Nance, Hartman McCall and Garland Nance left yesterday morning on a two-day hunting trip to Kerrville.

Mrs. S. H. Nance and daughters, Mrs. Ford Taylor and Mrs. Hartman McCall and Mrs. McCall's baby daughter, Nancy Carline, left today for DeLeon to visit Mrs. Nance's mother, who is ill.

J. B. Ely and children, Jewel and Julius, arrived Thursday night for a few days' visit from Los Angeles, California. Mr. Ely has been in California visiting his children. Other guests of the Elys this week-end will be Mrs. Sidney Staples and daughter, Margaret, of Austin, and Mrs. L. R. DeBusi, of Mineral Wells.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Herndon of Kilgore and Miss Mabel Herndon of Bonham, Missouri, have returned to their homes after visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Herndon.

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Niece of Cisco Couple Marries At McGregor

In impressive ceremonies performed at the home of her mother, Mrs. F. O. Connally, Christmas afternoon at 5 o'clock, Miss Jane Connally of McGregor became the bride of Mr. Clyde Ernest Cole, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Cole of Dayton, Texas.

An improvised altar of palm and white carnations, lighted by white tapers in wedding candelabra, formed the setting for the rites. The Rev. Stephens, pastor of the First Presbyterian church in McGregor, officiated.

Preceding the ceremony, Miss Summie Martin of McGregor sang "Because" and "I Love You Truly," and Miss Gloria Graham of Cisco, violinist, played Schubert's "Ave Maria." They were both accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Edgar Ibbitt of McGregor.

The bride, given in marriage by her uncle, Dr. H. F. Connally, Sr., of Waco, wore an attractive blue crepe afternoon frock with an ashen of roses hat. Her corsage was of orchids.

Immediately after the wedding a buffet supper was held in the Connally home. The table was attractively laid with lace and centered with white chrysanthemums flanked on either side by white candles.

Mrs. Richards Dyess of Albany, and Mrs. E. L. Graham of Cisco, aunts of the bride, poured coffee. They were assisted in the dining room by Mrs. Tom B. Bailey of Corsicana, Mrs. Miller Reid of Blooming Grove, Mrs. M. C. Graham of Fort Worth, and Mrs. John D. Freeman of McGregor.

The young couple, both recent graduates of Baylor university in Waco, left immediately after the reception for Dallas where Mr. Cole is employed by the Price-Waterhouse Auditing company.

Mrs. Cole travelled in a suit of brown wool, and wore her wedding corsage.

Out-of-town guests included: Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Connally, Sr., of Waco; Dr. and Mrs. E. L. Graham, Miss Gloria Graham, and Emmett Graham, and Mr. and Mrs. Graham Connally of Cisco; Dr. and Mrs. H. F. Connally, Jr., of Baltimore, Maryland; Mrs. Clarence Manuss and Clarence Connally of Waco; Mr. and Mrs. Tom D. Bailey of Corsicana; Mr. and

Mrs. Miller Reid of Blooming Grove; Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Graham of Fort Worth; W. E. Graham of Dallas; Mr. and Mrs. Tom Graham of Longview, Judge and Mrs. Richard Dyess of Albany, and daughter, Elizabeth Nell of Texas university in Austin.

Specs--

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could have prevented what has followed.

"These things are not recalled in a spirit of recrimination, but to remind those British spokesmen who early said they did not want our participation that there are many reasons why we feel no obligation to go beyond our promise to give all help short of war.

"We have known that Britain would have to have loans if the war continued and the will to extend credits is here. Those loans should be on a basis that will avoid friction in the future between an embarrassed borrower and an unsatisfied lender. That can be done by transferring to the United States Britain's West Indian possessions at a price which will discharge her delinquent World war debt and provide the funds she needs to carry on this war. Those islands are not important to the British empire, but they are vital to our defense, and they are a menace to us so long as they are in the possession of another country.

"We will hasten production to provide for our rearmament and to make available more war supplies for Britain. There is every desire to make this as great and speedy as possible. But patrolling trade routes to England and our naval ships would mean our entry into the war, and the overwhelming sentiment of the American people, as evidenced by repeated polls, is against our becoming a belligerent."

Roy Brock, employe of the Laguna hotel, is reported suffering from pneumonia at the home of his grandmother.

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STORIES IN STAMPS



King George of Greece Lost, Regained Throne

THE Greeks kicked him out, then called him back to rule them. Thus George II, king of the Hellenes, pictured on the stamp above, is one of few monarchs who has lost and regained a crown.

George fled Greece in 1923, during an uprising against him, a year after his accession. A republic was established by plebiscite in 1924, continued for 10 years. Then the Greeks, following democratic principles which governed ancient Athens, voted again, this time to restore the monarchy. George returned, but Premier John Metaxas in virtual dictatorship.

George II is no Greek, but a Dane. When Greek independence was achieved in 1821-29, Prince Otto of Bavaria was given the crown. He ruled for 29 years, was expelled in 1862. Prince William, son of King Christian IX of Denmark, was elected king, became George I. He was assassinated in 1913, succeeded by Constantine, who was deposed by Allied Powers in 1917. His son, Alexander reigned until his death in 1920. Constantine returned, abdicated in 1922 in favor of George II.

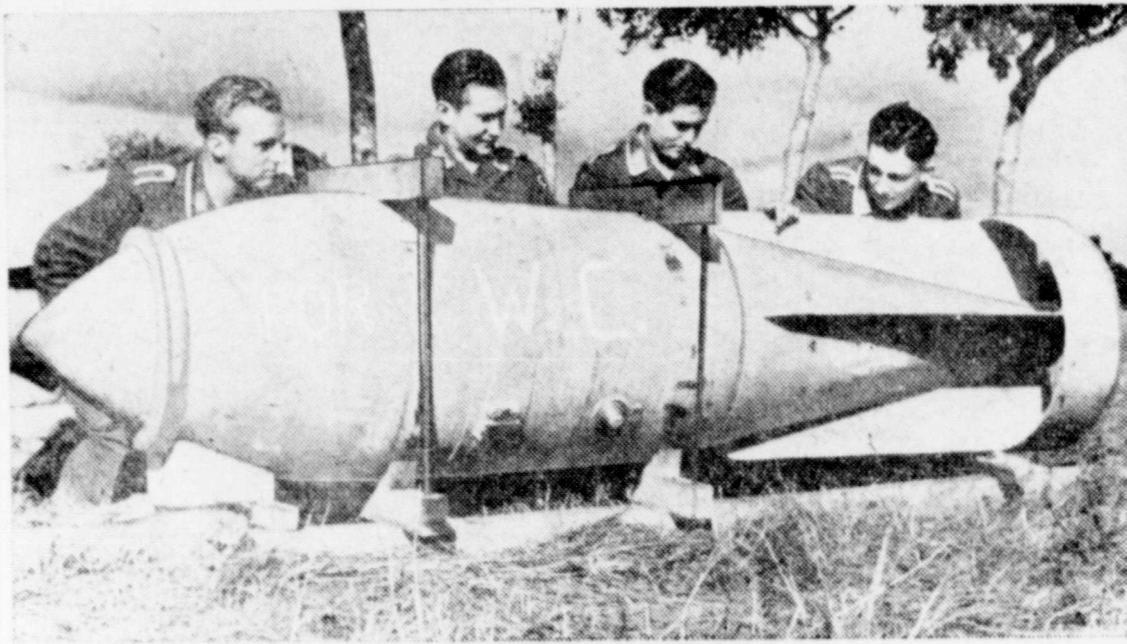


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Germans Prepare a 'Churchill Special'



This monstrous aerial bomb is, according to the German-censored caption, one of the type used in raids on Britain. It's marked "For W. C."—meaning it's a "special," for delivery to Prime Minister Winston Churchill, personally.

It's Only a Tar Looking Around



Somebody might take a pot-shot at this fearsome-looking object thinking it's some kind of weird animal. But it's just a sailor aboard a British destroyer, poking his head through a porthole to see how things are going onside.

Samuel Johnson wrote his celebrated "Rasselas" in a week's time to defray the funeral expenses of his mother.

64 New Firms--

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ber, 1939, records of the University's bureau of business research indicated.

Capitalization of the new firms likewise slumped, from \$1,171,000 in October and \$1,143,000 in November 1939 to only \$790,000 last month.

Ten new manufacturing concerns and 12 new merchandising firms were among the chartered establishments. Twenty-four foreign companies received permits to operate in this state.

Three Are Killed--

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in from a storm center of the upper Texas coast.

Killed in a twister that dipped down on two farm houses near Normangee, in southeast Texas, were Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin and their daughter, Bernice. The tornado, roaring in from the southwest, wrecked two houses, but its effects were not felt elsewhere in the vicinity. The storm struck during a rain Christmas night.

Thunderstorms were reported elsewhere in east Texas, and the New Orleans weather bureau ordered storm warnings raised along the Gulf coast as a disturbance of considerable intensity moved northeastward from Texas.

Compress ratios in engines of 1941 cars show the sharpest rise in five years, averaging 6.66 in 50 new models presented by 17 manufacturers.

STORIES IN STAMPS



Winged God Speeds Thailand's Airmail

IF you're starting the new year with an airmail collection, why not begin with Thailand, formerly Siam? One design, 14 values and your first set is complete.

Thailand's mythical god, Garuda, forms the design of this stamp, above. According to Hindu mythology, Garuda was half man, half bird, with golden body and red wings. The gods made him for Agni, Vedic god of light and fire, and worshipped him.

Thailand is not alone in the use of winged deities in stamp designs. Greece frequently employs Hermes, messenger of the Olympian gods for both postage and airmail stamps. The angel of Christian religion is found on many stamps, including a recent Hungarian airmail issue and El Salvador's Pan American Union anniversary commemorative.

Advertisement for 'Elite Beauty Shop' featuring a woman's face and the text 'LUSTROUS HAIR is Easy to Have'.

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