

Vast Benefits of Weather Data Are Traced In U. S.

By United Press
WASHINGTON. — The United States has developed the most advanced weather forecasting system in history, Dr. W. R. Gregg, chief of the weather bureau, disclosed today.

The weather bureau this year has saved millions of lives and hundreds of millions of dollars worth of property through advance warnings of floods, freezes and storms, Dr. Gregg said in a report to Secretary of Agriculture Henry A. Wallace.

Most notable of the advances made in weather forecasting during the past year was made, Dr. Gregg said, in weather-reporting for airway services. The bureau added 120 airway reporting stations, bringing the total to 782 stations.

The public, he said, hears much of the few airplanes that crash, but nothing of the hundreds of crashes which probably were averted through advance warning of unfavorable weather conditions. A new airway general supervising and forecast center was established at Arlington, Va., during the year.

Hurricane-warning service of

the bureau was strengthened by establishment of an improved reporting system in the Bahamas. Twenty stations on the islands now supply daily information of vital importance in forecasting the approach of hurricanes toward the mainland.

"The year afforded some forceful and dramatic examples of the important, at times tragic, part that unfavorable weather plays in human affairs and of the highly constructive role than an efficiently organized weather service can assume in mitigating the effects of such weather," Dr. Gregg said.

The weather bureau was of "inestimable value," Gregg said, "in day-to-day reports of the 1935 drought and the floods of last spring. Economic losses from the floods were enormous, he said, but would have been infinitely greater but for the timely warnings of the bureau.

Advance news of high river crests kept down the death toll and economic losses, he said. They

and government agencies to plan and work more efficiently in relieving suffering and in effecting rescues, he said.

Without the bureau's timely warnings of extremely low temperatures, Dr. Gregg said, virtually the entire citrus fruit industry of Southern California would have been wiped out by the record-breaking freeze last January.

"Other life and property losses that would have reached the public ear were prevented — and so never noticed — by holding ships in port when the bureau's storm warnings were hoisted; by special provisions for heating or cooling perishable fruits or truck crops when a cold or hot wave was forecast; by concentrating fire fighting forces when the weather favored destructive fires in national forests," the report said.

Dr. Gregg said that long range forecasts still are not practical, but that during the past year the weather bureau has definitely strengthened its service by more frequent reports of surface atmos-

Camera Study Is Made of Land of Little-Known Tribe

SAN FRANCISCO. — Nicol Smith, young San Francisco explorer and adventurer, has returned to his home here from a six-month exploration trip to lonely Hainan Island, off the southeast coast of China.

Smith brought back hundreds of photographs, botanical specimens and maps of the remote island. He recorded native life on more than 4,000 feet of sound film.

Hainan Island is northeast of Indo-China, off the southeastern China coast. It is 190 miles long and 95 miles wide. Until Smith's recent explorations in the interior of the island no white man had ever penetrated inland. The island is populated by primitive natives of Malay origin who still hunt with poisoned arrows.

Smith had several "close shaves" with death on his latest trip, he said. On one occasion his car was attacked by a huge water buffalo and at another time, he said, an airplane in which he was flying from Hainan to Canton, to get permission to take photographs in the island's interior, was forced to land in the wild tiger district of Liu Chow in South China, miles from civilization.

In the heart of the wild Hainan country Smith almost died from the effects of a severe sunstroke. On another occasion quick action of a companion saved him from drowning in a swift mountain river.

Smith made the only motion pictures ever made of the Loi aborigine tribes of Hainan and obtained recordings of their native music. He made the first inland maps for the National Geographic Society and obtained botanical specimens for the American Museum of Natural History.

A rare Hainan bear, captured by the expedition, died before it could be transported from the interior and the animal was stuffed. It was the only bear of this species ever seen by a white man, Smith said. Among other trophies was the skin of a 14-foot python killed by a member of the exploring party.

At the completion of his Hainan Island exploration Smith traveled to Yunnan on the Burma-Tibetan border. While there, he was the first white man to visit Kocubi, the "mystery city of Asia," in more than 20 years. In Kocubi, Smith said, 25,000 children have been sold into slavery.

enabled the American Red Cross pheric conditions from a closer network of stations; a more complete program of sounding the upper air, and by expanding its research.

Channel City Gets Britannia Statue

By United Press
BOULOGNE-SUR-MER, France. — A vast statue of Britannia will become the "statute of Liberty" of the English channel when it is unveiled early next spring at the entrance of the inner harbor of Boulogne. Nearly 100 feet high from its base to the tip of a trident held aloft, the statue will be visible for miles around and will greet travelers between Britain and France as the Statue of Liberty greets visitors to the United States.

The figure is intended as a symbol of the past and present friendship between France and England, and in it Felix Desruelles, the sculptor, has shown his conception of a Britannia completely armed and ready, but calm, serene and confident in her strength and right. The sculptor draped a scarf, emblem of her command of the seas, about her shoulders. "My Britannia," declared M. Desruelles, "is intended to be an artistic embodiment of the robust and gallant British race, modest in heroism, unhesitating before the great sacrifice, and prepared to give lawfully her gold and her life."

Britannia's shield will be nearly 10 feet in diameter and will be of beaten brass, gilded with gold leaf. The whole of the figure has been made out of six enormous blocks, that used for the head weighing 23 tons before carving. A stone from each of the British Dominions has been included in the base.

Love Meets Love In A Head-On Crash

KANKAKEE, Ill.—Love caused a mixup on a downtown street here.

Deputy Sheriff Gene LaFontaine saw two autos collide. "What's your name?" he asked one driver. The answer was "Love." "What's yours?" LaFontaine asked the other motorist who replied "Love."

"What the—" said LaFontaine. He finally learned that the

PHONE-TELEVISION NEAR
By United Press
LONDON. — An experimental telephone - television service may be established by the British post office early next year. Post office experts are extending their research work, and cables capable of carrying both phone conversation and television are being laid from London to Northern cities.

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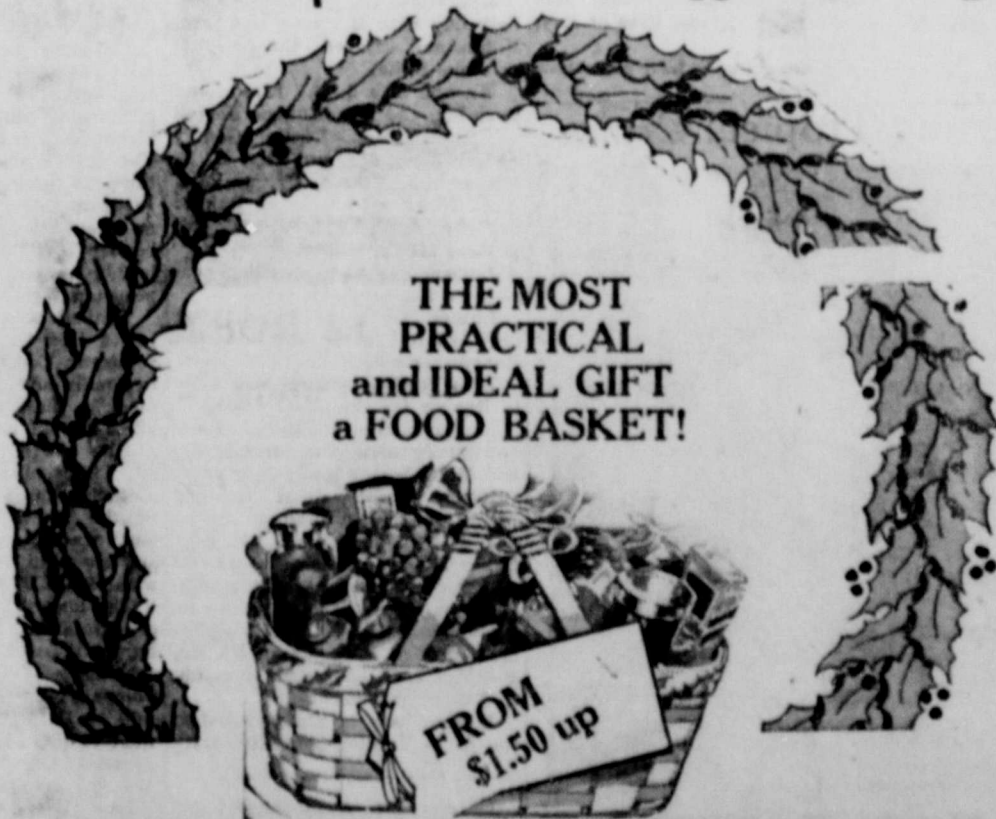
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Belated Holiday

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CAST OF CHARACTERS
 LINDA BENTON—Hostess
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 CAPT. BARRYMORE TRENT—
 Hero, flying "Reddevil."
 MIRANDA TRENT—Barry-
 more's grandmother; a "strong
 woman."

Yesterday Barry asks Linda if she would marry him. Later Barry comes home that night, more drawn, and Miranda is worried for him. Linda ponders the situation.

CHAPTER VI
 FOR what seemed an eternity to Linda, old Miranda and her grandson faced each other in silence, the old lady's hands very tight on the handle of her cane. "When?" demanded Miranda Trent at last.

"Probably not until early day after tomorrow. . . . An extra few hours of preparation may add more to my chances of getting them out alive than the delay can possibly add to their immediate danger."

After a pause in which she seemed to think this over, old Miranda nodded and asked, "You're trying it alone then?" "It seems best," Barry was standing before the fireplace, lighting a cigarette, his slim, like figure drooping with weariness. "I've got to carry extra fuel in case I have to be out longer than I hope. . . . Not to speak of emergency supplies."

among boa constrictors and crocodiles. I think it's mighty sweet of her. . . . Gosh! he yawned and stretched. "I'm too dog-tired and hungry to care, myself."

"POOR little Titania!" Barry took Linda into his arms as the indomitable tap of Mrs. Trent's cane faded into the distance. "It's a tough world for gossamer wings, isn't it? Now this ties it! We tell grandmother—tomorrow—about us."

"No!" cried Linda into his shoulder. "No!" "Just after lunch," Barry went on, kissing the top of her bright head. "The Duchess is always at her brightest and best then—a bit drowsy, and more inclined to view the weaknesses of the rest of the world with tolerance."

"Not mine. She thinks I'm just an invertebrate worm. . . . But, Barry, how can she just let you go off that way—as if it were nothing?" Barry laughed. "It's a sort of inherited gift," he said, "like second sight, or having red hair. The Trent women—even those who have married into the family—have been the wives and daughters and mothers of soldiers for so long, that the later generations have all been born with cartridge clips in their mouths instead of silver spoons."

floor of the hall outside, he kissed her swiftly, and whispered, "Tomorrow—after lunch." He drew her arm through his, he led her, with his knees shaking in mock terror, in ludicrous pantomime of a wedding procession toward his grandmother's favorite chair.

When old Miranda came in, they were both laughing. "Upon my word, Barry, you look rested already!" she said approvingly, and added with the gracious unbending that often followed one of her vitriolic outbursts, "What have you done to him, Miss Benton? . . . And what are you two laughing about?"

"Titania," said Barry, blandly reaching for the largest sandwich on the tray, "was just telling me the most amazing story about—er—a family of her acquaintances. They were born, she insists, fully equipped with automatic nose wipers and electric refrigeration. . . . Only she found them rather unsympathetic and lacking in the finer feelings about life."

"Indeed," said the old lady, "you can't tell me Miss Benton ever talked any such nonsense! And wondered why they laughed again. Altogether it was a very gay little supper party—on the surface at least—with Barry alternately praising and paying the most extravagant compliments to both of them indiscriminately.

THE SCENES IN WASHINGTON WITH RODNEY DUTCHER

BY RODNEY DUTCHER
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—Dapper Undersecretary of State Sumner Welles has just essayed the role of a fellow who publicly defends his girl friend against local criticism. In this case the gal happens to be Brazil. But Welles really is whistling in the dark.

In rebuking a large section of the American press for assuming promptly that the new system of government established by Brazil's President Getulio Vargas was essentially Fascist, Welles was right at least to the extent that he denied, by implication, reports that the new Vargas regime was intimately or even loosely associated with or promoted by the Italian Fascist or German Nazi governments.

The motive was to say something sweet and pretty which would please Miss Brazil, who admittedly has Hitler and Mussolini among her suitors. Locally, however, the effect was to please the Fascist-minded group in the State Department and to distress those who dislike anything which appears to be an official encouragement of Fascism.

rather than a Hitler or Mussolini pal. Traditionally, relations of the United States with Brazil have been closer than with any South American republic. These two nations and Canada are the only non-Spanish speaking countries in the western hemisphere (Brazilians speak Portuguese).

Brazil, whose vast and loosely controlled territory touches every South American country except Chile, always has feared attack by some combination of Spanish-speaking countries which might result in detachment of some of her outlying states. Hence has arisen what amounts in effect to a Brazilian-American alliance.

Brazil is still anxious to maintain that alliance and so is the United States. The Vargas government is much more pro-Washington than pro-Berlin or pro-Rome. Just the same, Vargas can hardly help but observe the success of Mussolini and Hitler in retaining their places.

Sport Glances. By Grayson
 BY HARRY GRAYSON
 Sports Editor, NEA Service

CORAL GABLES, Fla.—Not the least interesting personality competing in the \$10,000 Miami Biltmore Open here was Henry Clay Poe, Jr.

This tall young man with the illustrious name may well be the new star of the money players. Indeed, his attaining such rank would not surprise Jimmy Thomson and other seasoned campaigners. Poe tied for first money in his initial professional tournament—the Mid-South at Pinehurst.

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TREASURER "CRACKS" SAFE
 By United Press
 OGDENSBURG, N. Y.—City Treasurer M. M. Morse "cracked" the safe in police headquarters vault when he solved the mystery of the missing combination. The safe had been closed since abandonment of T.E.R.A. activities here. Morse worked half an hour before arriving at the proper combination.

MYRA NORTH. Special Nurse - - By Thompson and Coll



THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson



OSPREYS
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