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EDITORIAL

Here it is the 2nd of January, 1948, the beginning of a new year. The prospects for Hope and the Penasco Valley are very bright. We may have an oil well brought in early in 1948 and if that happens Hope is due for a boom. The Southern Union Gas Company, who is drilling the test about 10 miles southwest of Hope, is now down better than 6000 feet. They are scheduled to go 7500 and may go further. Prospects look good. Oil men are saying much, but they admit that in this test reaches 7000 feet or over, look out, anything might happen. By this we don't mean that anybody with a few dollars saved up could immediately go out and buy a lot of Hope property on the length of an oil well in the near future. They MIGHT bring in a dry well, it has happened before and it will happen again in a new field.

Our surest bet in 1948 is State Highway 83. Contractors are now working on the biggest portion of this road. Henry Thygesen and Co. have moved in equipment and are blasting out a roadway from the end of the present oil to the top of Reeves Hill. D. D. Skousen & Co. have been working for several months on their project in the vicinity of Elk. Both of these projects should be ready for the oil as soon as weather warms up in the spring. With Highway 83 blacktopped by early summer as far as Cloudercroft, we will be sitting on top of the world with a downhill pull. And while we are congratulating ourselves on the early completion of this highway, let us not forget that the man that is responsible for all this road work on Highway 83 is none other than Thomas J. Mabry, Governor of New Mexico. If it hadn't been for the Governor putting the pressure on the state highway department, this highway would have been under construction 50 years from now.

With the highway blacktopped to Cloudercroft, summer visitors from Texas and other states will be coming through here in droves to enjoy the hot summer months up among the pines 8000 feet above sea level.

Cloudercroft will boom as well as Mayhill and Hope and Artesia too. All of us will benefit by this road construction on Highway 83.

Reports from the mountains west of here inform us that there is an unusual amount of snow for this year. That sounds good. With an increased water supply for the summer of 1948 we will be sitting pretty in the Penasco Valley. Last year we were pretty low on water, but in 1948 this might all change.

Politics will soon be warming up. Politicians will soon be coming around shaking hands and kissing all the babies. Henry Wallace has announced that he will be a candidate on an independent ticket for the office of President of the United States. His platform will be "Peace and Prosperity." As yet, he has not selected his running mate for the vice presidency. From the viewpoint of a man out here in the sticks, Henry has as much chance to get elected as a snowball in Halifax. He might help in defeating Truman, but even that is doubtful.

Some wise guy writing from Santa Fe for an Eddy County newspaper, says that Hal Gage, warden of the penitentiary, might be induced to run again Governor Mabry in the June primary. Whoever wrote that is not up on New Mexico politics, and he don't know Hal Gage. Hal is too smart a man to oppose Governor Mabry at the primary election. He knows that Thomas J. Mabry has made a good governor and he also knows who appointed him warden. Hal Gage may be a candidate for governor in 1950 and if he does he has a mighty good chance of getting elected.

County politics have not begun to warm up as yet. Bill High will not be eligible to run for County Treasurer again. It is rumored that Harry Christian will run and if elected, of course Bill High will be his chief deputy. In a month or so the county political pot may begin to boil and it might make interesting reading.

In March there will be a town election. There will be a mayor and

several board members to be elected. This might develop into a hot political scrap. One can never tell.

The recent blizzard in New York was pretty bad. 25 inches of snow on the level just about paralyzed the big city. If there had been some way to sidetrack about half of that snow for New Mexico it would have been appreciated by all of us. But the weather is one thing we have no control over.

The Big Four meeting in London was a flop, due to the fact that Joe Stalin refuses to cooperate with the Western Powers. At any rate, we have found him out and it will be our own fault if we do not get prepared for what may happen.

O. E. S. District Instructor Official Visit

The next regular stated meeting of the Eastern Star will be on Tuesday, Jan. 6th. All officers are urged to be present for the official visit of our own District Instructor. Meeting time 7:00 p. m.

A Little About This And A Little About That

Bobby Barley of the A. & M. College at Las Cruces was in Hope Tuesday . . . D. W. Carson and son were in Tuesday after drivers' licenses . . . Mary Jane Hardin went out to the Anderson ranch to spend New Year's week . . . Lee Glasscock was in Hope Tuesday . . . He is feeling better than he was . . . Bill Watts went through town Tuesday bound for Artesia . . . Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cope went to Pinon Tuesday to spend New Year's with Mrs. Cope's brother . . . Irving Cox was in Hope Tuesday . . . Mrs. Felix Cauhape was in Hope Tuesday after the mail . . . Rush Coates and one of the Harrison twins went fishing Tuesday.

Hope News

"Meet the Million Dollar Baby." Begin the fascinating story of Barbara Hutton, her titled husbands and her famous grandfather. It's in the American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Musgrave and two children of Ratan, Okla., and Mrs. Hambright and daughter Lucile of Artesia were here last week and visited for a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Jess Musgrave and Mr. and Mrs. Brantley Nelson. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson are returning to Las Vegas, N. M., by Jan. 5, where Mr. Nelson is attending Highlands University.

The Hope Independent, basketball team defeated Lake Arthur Independents Monday night by a score of 62 to 53.

Mrs. McCormack and three children from Eunice, N. M., were here Christmas week visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hatler. Mrs. McCormack is a daughter of Mrs. Hatler.

Hoyt Keller was here last week visiting old friends. He has been fortunate to win a farm at Riverton, Wyo. We are glad to see that the service boys are given a farm, especially the ones who were prisoners of the Japs.

Rush Coates and Frank Melton went to Artesia last Saturday after a package that dropped from Santa's sleigh.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Ivans and children and Mrs. A. A. Smith and Pilar Ordunez ate Christmas dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Penn Trimble and family.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fisher were here last week from the Sacramento Mountains, visiting relatives.

Bertha Hall, who is taking a business course in Albuquerque, was down Christmas week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hall.

"Suspicious Wife." Read how a wife's suspicions, a checkroom stub and a mysterious piece of luggage led Scotland yard to a vicious killer. Read the album of famous mysteries in the American Weekly, that great magazine distributed with next Sunday's Los Angeles Examiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Bonnie Altman entertained Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Buck-

ner and family and Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Buckner at dinner Christmas Day. Orland Parker has been hauling hay for Young Bros., J. P. Menefee, Tom Harrison, W. E. Rood, and Leonard Akers.

Mr. and Mrs. Emit Potter went to Roswell Monday after a new truck. B. L. McElroy is working every day in the Altman building. They intend to have the cafe in operation by the first of May.

Buck Wilburn is improving his property by constructing a new garage. Ray Hill is doing the work.

Mrs. Wasson has been down with the flu the past two weeks.

Supt. Moore and family spent a few days in Douglas and Tucson, Ariz., during Christmas week.

Again we say thanks to J. W. Mellard for the Christmas tree and the string of colored lights.

The county graders were up last week improving the roads.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Durham have moved back from Bronco, Tex., and are occupying the Stegall residence. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stegall and family have moved to Bronco, Tex., where they will farm this coming year. We will miss the Stegall family very much, they were a good people for a community.

W. B. Durham will farm east of Hope this coming year. He traded his farm in Texas for Stegall's residence property. We are one good family and get another good family to take their place.

Dance in the Hope Gym Dec. 27 and Dec. 31. Bates Fisher Music. Admission 75 cents per person.

Mr. and Mrs. Dick Stebery of Hobbs were here last week visiting relatives.

Ray Hill of the Ray Hill Cafe was in Hope Saturday afternoon.



AMONG other things, New Year superstitions are designed to aid the lovelorn.

Unmarried women are advised to peek out of the window on New Year's morn. If they see a man, it's a sign they will be wed before the year ends. If they see a horse, they can make a wish, which is sure to come true. But if they see a cat-hump, watch out!

If a young lover wants to speed up his—or her—courtship, there's a superstition to cover that, too: Put on the left stocking before the right. And just to make sure of progress, do as many things with your left hand as you can during the day.

Do not make a wish soon after New Year's Day or you will have bad luck.

Just before midnight on New Year's Eve set a tub of water out in the yard and drop a penny in it. You will be lucky in money matters for the next year.

Sweep the parlor backwards on New Year's Eve while looking into a mirror, and in the latter you will see your future husband.

Always have food cooked in your house on New Year's Day, or you will lack something to eat before the year is out.

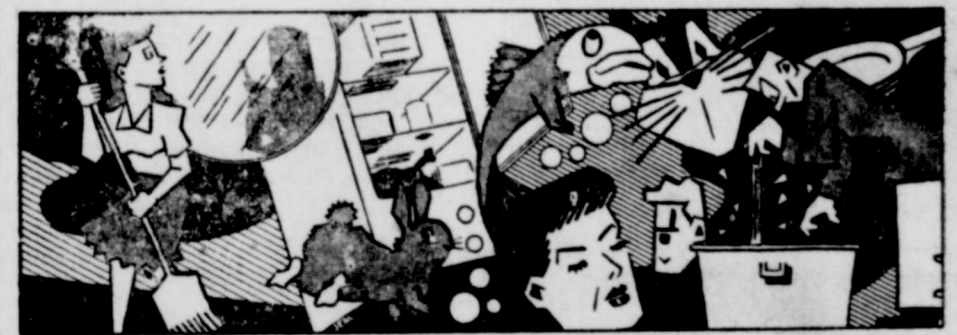
Cook white beans on New Year's Day and you will not be "broke" during the year.

Fry cabbage for breakfast on New Year's Day and you will have money all year.

One must eat fish on New Year's Day to have luck for the coming year.

If the first person you see on New Year's Day be a female, you will have bad luck throughout the year.

Young brides also can resort to a magic formula to satisfy hubby's discriminating taste: They should say "Rabbits" as the first word when they wake before anyone has a chance to speak to them.



HOME FOR SANTA CLAUS . . . Many cities in the United States, even those which do not have names associated with Christmas symbols, erect Santa Claus villages during the holiday seasons.

EACH year, thousands of letters in the U. S. are mailed from Bethlehem—Bethlehem, Pa.; Bethlehem, Md.; Bethlehem, Conn., and Bethlehem, N. H. These towns were named many, many years ago, and imaginative Americans the country over send in letters to be remailed bearing the symbolic postmark of Bethlehem.

The story associated with the naming of Bethlehem, Pa., is especially moving. On Christmas Eve in 1741, it is said, Moravian pioneers who had come to the new world in search of religious freedom gathered in a log cabin in the snow-swept Pennsylvania countryside. Thankful for their new refuge, they sang carols joyfully; then Nicholas Louis, Count Zinzendorf, took up a taper and led the gathering into the stables where a few cows and horses stirred.

"Let us call our village also Bethlehem," he said, and all agreed. From a humble beginning over 200 years ago, Bethlehem, Pa., is now a thriving industrial city of 62,000.

Santa Claus also has been honored in the naming of American cities. The story of the christening of Santa Claus, Ind., contains an awesome note in keeping with Christmas Eve.

The government had turned down the request of a little settlement in southern Indiana 100 years ago because an older town in the state bore the same name of Santa Fe. As the villagers gathered in celebration of Christmas Eve, they pondered a new name, finding each suggestion unsuitable as they turned it over in their minds in order to select the right one.

In the midst of their deliberations, a blinding light was seen outside. Rushing to the window, they saw a flaming star crash against a distant hill, leaving a crater that still can be seen today.

Awed by the spectacle, the residents of the settlement considered the event as a special omen, and they gave their community the name of Santa Claus to commemorate Christmas.

"Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
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—Alfred Tennyson

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A grouch is a man who thinks the world is against him—and it is.

Some busy men are never too busy to talk about how busy they are.

Most misinformed people are anxious to help the uninformed.

A lot of people don't know what they think unless they read it in the newspapers.

Don't ever cry over spilt milk; it's less upsetting to call the cat.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

To make ripe olives shiny and bright, roll them in a few drops of olive oil or salad oil and cover until ready to use.

A noted authority on flowers and flower arrangement advises the use of glass or white pottery vases bowls as these go well with the colors of all flowers and the decorative colors in all rooms. Vases of faded color, unless bought especially to go with a particular color scheme or period room, distract attention from their contents.

After washing your face with warm water and rinsing with cold, pat on witch hazel. This will close pores and make your skin smooth and soft.

Sagging floors often are caused by wood shrinkage or the warping of a joist. A fairly satisfactory correction can be made by driving wedges between the top of the joist and the floor. Rubber wedges cut from an old automobile tire often will reduce the creaking.

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Valley OF REVENGE
BY JACKSON COLE



Michael Valdez, known as "El Caballero Rojo," finds and kills two men responsible for the murders of his mother and the parents of Juanita, a Spanish girl disguised as a boy. The brother and father of young Straw Aldman are also killed and Valdez vows vengeance for these killings, also. He is angered, however, when Aldman dresses up as "El Caballero Rojo" and bursts into a meeting of cattlemen, who have been blamed for the reign of terror sweeping the tobacco section. The boy is wounded when the men open fire, but escapes. In a saloon, Valdez inadvertently discovers a third murderer. He kills him and realizes then he has only to find the "big boss." He visits Aldman.

CHAPTER XIV

"You won't wear those Mex clothes and the red trappings again," Valdez said with gentle firmness. "Stealing my brand is not so good."

"What made you try such a fool move, amigo?"

"I—er—well, Russ Bartle was saying you might be hired out to beefmen," Straw Aldman said hesitantly. "So I went there to their meeting knowing they would welcome you—me—if that was right."

Valdez laugh was short and icy. "I see. But don't you see there must be a reason for that man Bartle to lie like that?"

"You mean he lied on purpose?" Young Aldman frowned. "Not Mr. Bartle. You're wrong there. He's a fine man. He—"

"He'll have a chance to prove that—pronto."

The old man stepped forward. "I'm Dan'l Nelson, a friend of the Aldmans—a tobacco farmer myself," he said. "You've got no reason to quarrel with Bartle, unless you are in cahoots with beefmen. Bartle's all the boy claims he is, and more. He brought us here to this valley, gave us plenty of credit for tools and things to build with."

"Have it your way, Mr. Nelson," Valdez shrugged. "But if this man Bartle should by any chance be responsible for what I saw on Don Attero's Cross, and for what happened on this farm last night, then it's certain that some other Good Samaritan will have to stake you folks to things—somebody who will not want to be repaid with blood."

He sank upon the bed and brushed the sandy hair back from Straw Aldman's eyes.

"Now," he said, "tell me what you know, son. Everything—from the day you first knew you were going to settle here in Deep Water Valley until the minute you saw me come in that door."

Young Aldman's face changed, as if life and confidence had flowed back into him. He even smiled a little. Sheriff Bill Lande ended a long vigil, spat a wad of tobacco into the cold stove and banged down the lid.

"No fool like an old fool," he said aloud. "What in thunderation ever made me think that Pete Haskell or Tim Callan would try and kill Russ Bartle? Should have known that plenty of smoke means danged little fire."

More for Money Than Justice

He strode across the rambling shack that served as home, office and calaboose—in the rear—slumped wearily on the bed and kicked off his boots. He had peeled off his shirt and pants and had started to get under the blankets when he stopped short, listening.

Was that a rider pulling up outside? At this hour? Lande snorted.

The stranger at the door was a man in store clothes. Though unknown to Sheriff Lande, he was Clark Weber, newly arrived settler.

"Well, sir?" he snapped. "I thought maybe you'd give me a little official information," Weber said guardedly.

"You wanting it so bad that you can't hear at three o'clock in the morning?" the sheriff growled. "Information about what?"

"Rewards," Weber's grin was wise and boastful. "I want to know where I stand if I deliver to you a man worth money in several states—say five thousand here, and ten thousand over in New Mex, and fifteen thousand down Texas way. Exactly what would I get?"

Lande's temper was testy. "What in tarnation you want to know that for? Or maybe you're figuring to try to deliver this gent where he's worth most—unless everybody pays for the one delivery?"

"Yes. I think it's good business to—"

"So do I—to get your man first. Who is he?"

"I'd rather not say right now." For a second Lande's rage blazed in his eyes. This settler was siding with the law only for profit, and avidly set on wringing out the last dollar of profit, at that.

Suddenly Lande, with a growl deep in his throat, darted behind Weber. He pushed the man away from the outer door and twisted the key in the lock. Then he sprinted to throw open the

iron-barred door of the single cage-like cell.

"Come on, you ornery, itching-palmed weasel," he ordered. "Get yourself in there."

Until Lande had blown out the light and returned to bed, Weber was undecided what to do. He could see gold dollars sliding through his greedy fingers, and the thought pained him.

"Sheriff!" he finally called in the chilly darkness.

"Yeah?" growled Lande.



Weber leaped as a mountain lion leaps on the back of a fat calf.

"It—it was El Caballero Rojo I was talking about," Weber stammered reluctantly.

Cornering El Caballero Rojo

"El Caballero Rojo!" he roared. "And you worrying about how much you'd collect on his scalp! Why, you simple-brained squirt, if you lifted a finger against that red-headed hombre he'd eat you alive—saltless—before you could sneeze. You just better thank me for locking you up. I'm saving your life, you poor dumb weasel."

"But I did see him," Weber insisted. "I did have a gun on him, too. I'm a good shot, but—"

"I know. He's a better one." Lande swung his feet to the floor. "He shot your iron away, huh? That why your paw is bandaged?"

"Yeah," Weber admitted. "I came upon him just after he had finished firing a tobacco drying shed. And I also believe he hung a young fellow on Don Attero's Cross."

The sheriff sat reflectively on the edge of his bed, not answering. Then Weber could hear the stamping of feet getting into tight boots.

"If you're lying, hombre," the sheriff growled, "plenty of skin will be missing from your hide shortly after I get back here."

Clark Weber was left alone with his thoughts when the sheriff stalked out, and it was long after daylight before the disgruntled lawman returned. He had not found El Caballero Rojo—he had not much expected he would—and there seemed no advantage in longer keeping his prisoner in the *jugado*. More than likely the Easterner did not have as much to go on as the sheriff himself, at that.

Silently Sheriff Lande turned Clark Weber loose, and as wordlessly the man made all haste in getting away from the jail. But he did not leave the cow town. All day he stalked it, making every acquaintance he could, until he was certain he had tapped every source of information there—true or fancied—regarding El Caballero Rojo.

Shortly before dusk he ended his quest with a visit to Russ Bartle. When that was over, Weber was convinced of two things—that the banker-tobacco farmer was a firm believer in law, order and justice; and that he was a most generous man.

For Bartle had cursed the scarlet-sashed, scarlet-masked rider heartily, and had promised Weber that if he succeeded in capturing El Caballero Rojo, the balance due on the Maxon-Weber tract of land in the north end of the valley would be wiped out.

Dusk found Weber patrolling between Don Attero's Cross and the Aldman tobacco farm. He rode a borrowed Pinto that gave promise of being as fleet as El Caballero Rojo's gallant blue roan. He wore two Colts, and in the saddle holster reposed a Winchester.

Yet he knew that he was not armed with the all-important weapon of courage. He dared not meet his quarry face to face and attempt to shoot it out. So he itched for a chance to shoot El Caballero Rojo in the back under cover of night.

The silence mocked him as he strained eyes and ears. Twice, and again, he mopped the cold sweat from his forehead, trying to force himself to believe that what he intended to do was easy, and the reward sufficient to take any chances for.

At last he tensed, his head cocked to one side, his heart pounding. He heard the sound of a grazing animal. He located a mount, saddled, bridled and ground-hitched. The saddle-skirts were decorated with metal studs that suggested Old Mexico.

"That Burr Aldman told Mr. Bartle about a visit he'd had from a Mexican peon!" Weber mused. "Must be the same—but why is he prowling so close to the Aldman house again, and afoot?"

He dismounted, led his horse behind a shaft of rock and began to inch toward the house. Fear inspired him to move with such super-caution that it seemed hours before he reached the house and looked through a window into a dark room. The door to the adjoining room was open—a.d framed in the rectangle of light stood El Cabellero Rojo!

Once in any man's life luck may smile on him so broadly that his brain is paralyzed momentarily by his good fortune. For that moment in his own life Clark Weber crouched spellbound. Then both his hands sagged to the cold butts of his Colts and he began to lift the heavy weapons. As suddenly he let them drop, as a spasm of terror sped along his tingling nerves.

Behind him sounded the soft pad of cautious feet.

The strange Mexican! Pancho clutched Weber's throat. Was this Mexican by any chance in cahoots with El Caballero Rojo? From everything Weber had been able to learn the red-headed avenger was a lone wolf. But now it certainly was true that a strange Mexican was on guard outside the Aldman home, while the outlaw was inside.

The Mexican's footsteps were moving closer and closer. Chills did a hornpipe down Weber's spine. He did not even dare fire toward those creeping footsteps, for he was recalling, only too well, how El Caballero Rojo could move like pronged lightning and shoot straighter than a warrior's arrow.

In the next split second Clark Weber decided where his one chance to sidestep his grave lay. He tried to run silently, but broke into reckless flight when he heard any angry sound behind him.

Panting, he reached his horse and flung himself into saddle.

He dug his heels into his horse without mercy, expecting any moment to hear the ping of a bullet. With his slight lead, fast horse, and the inky night, if he could hold out another mile! To a spot he had noticed when on patrol!

And he did. There he flung himself from saddle. Even as he rolled in dust and stones he dragged out both Colts, then climbed up the side of a rock where centuries of storm and erosion had carved many footholds. He heard the beat of his own horse's hoofs as it ran on riderless.

He halted, guns cocked and ready. "If I can get him here," Weber panted, "I can get El Caballero Rojo in a spot where I can pick him off as I would a blind crow."

Clark Weber did not have long to crouch on the rock where the trail was narrow. Juanita came, wildly chasing the riderless horse. And the moment she was opposite him, Weber leaped as a mountain lion leaps on the back of a fat calf.

Juanita Does Some Fast Thinking

The shock sent both of them to the ground in a tangled mass of arms and legs, Juanita fighting with surprised fury until solid blows with a gun butt set off the shooting stars before her eyes and dropped her in a senseless heap.

Gasping for breath, Weber worked frantically to bind his prisoner's wrists and ankles. Then he straightened, to recover his breath. He was himself again before the girl in the boy's clothing stirred, struggled to rise, but relaxed in the face of a gun.

"Why do you do this to me?" she demanded angrily, enraged more at herself than at Weber.

"Dios! What a fool she had been to let the heat of the chase blind her to this trap! And back there in the Aldman house, Michael—probably in danger!"

"I think maybe you can guess," Weber drawled, and laughed triumphantly. "I'm going to use you to bait a trap for your friend, El Caballero Rojo. His pelt is worth real money." Juanita trembled with fury. After all their efforts at secrecy someone at last knew of her connection with the scarlet-masked rider!

She was thinking swiftly. Somehow she would have to convince him he was in error.

"El Caballero Rojo?" she repeated plaintively. "Senor makes the mistake. I know no such person."

"Humph!" (TO BE CONTINUED)

A Striking Story

An American League umpire named Jack Kerns had a phobia against calling games. No matter how dark it got, Kerns felt that a ball game was nine innings or more. One day when Kerns refused to call a game, the pitcher in desperation huddled with his catcher and whispered, "Listen, you keep the ball in your mitt. I'll wind up and pretend to throw it. You pop it into your glove as though you'd caught it."

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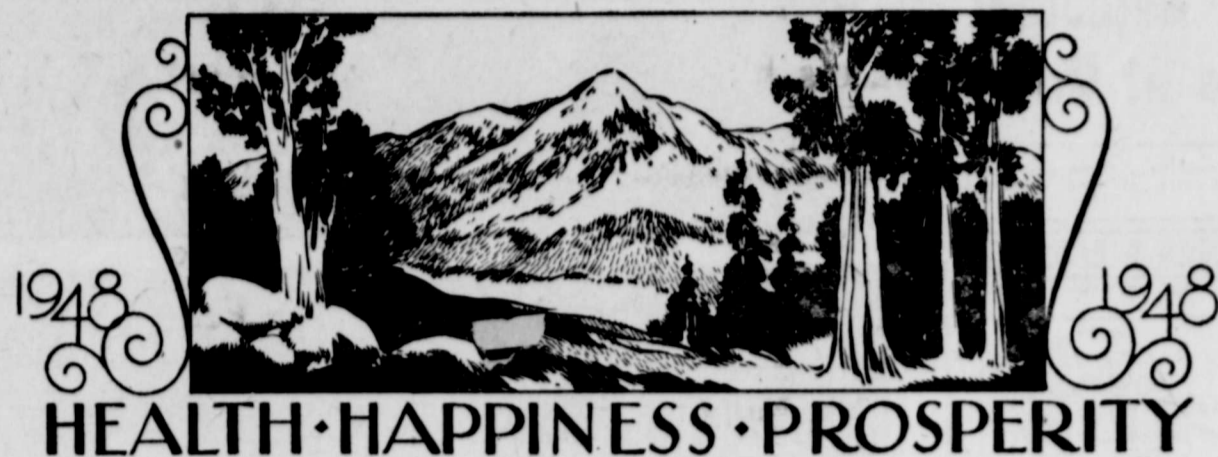
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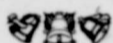


Once Again we greet the New Year in the traditional manner—with pealing bells, with fun and gaiety, laughter and music.

Despite his ingenuity, man still persists in "watching the old year out and greeting the new year" in almost the identical manner of his forefathers.

In that same identical manner, we extend our traditional New Year's greeting to you:

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DISUNITY:

Big Four Fail

The lethargic, uninspired ending of the Big Four foreign ministers' conference in London was reminiscent of nothing so much as the rather dreary business of tossing out the Christmas tree after the holidays.

There was a small amount of nostalgia and regret expressed over the abrupt finish of the unsuccessful discussions, but there was also a thinly veiled feeling that perhaps, after all, it was a good thing the affair was over.

As seen dimly through clouds of futility and frustration, what the wind-up of the German and Austrian peace treaty talks amounted to was this: The western powers had failed utterly to reach any kind of agreement with Russia on the fate of Germany, and the failure leaves Europe more firmly divided than at any time since the war ended.

Although the delegates were unable to agree on any single issue on their agenda, the point upon which the conference balloon burst was the problem of German reparations.

To the inevitable question, "What now?" diplomatic authorities were answering with a prediction that the United States, Great Britain and France would begin negotiations soon among themselves concerning the unification of western Germany. Russia would be out of it, and there was no prospect of another four-power meeting in 1948 or in any other year.

CONGRESS:

'Straw Man'

Of the two pressing reasons why President Truman called congress into special session in November, one had been disposed of but the other kept hanging around like an evil spirit as the year drew to a close.

The senate and house had voted strongly in favor of authorizing up to \$97 million dollars for emergency winter relief for France, Italy, Austria and China, but no such accord was displayed in dealing with the problem of inflation at home.

Rejecting President Truman's 10-point proposal for fighting inflation by imposing wage and price controls and selective rationing, house Republicans offered an anti-inflation bill based upon voluntary agreements for price reductions.

With a two-thirds vote needed for passage, the Republican measure went down to defeat 202 to 188. The house split almost exactly along party lines over the bill, not one Democrat breaking ranks to vote in favor of it.

"The President has asked for bread and you have given him a stone," said Rep. Brent Spence (Dem., Ky.) in summing up the debate for the Democrats. Rep. A. S. (Mike) Monroey (Dem., Okla.) dusted off another bromide when he charged the GOP majority with "setting up a straw man to combat the menace of inflation."

That was the swan song for any anti-inflation legislation during the special session. Although the senate was preparing to act on the house-killed bill, there appeared to be little likelihood that the Republicans would be able to put through their proposals.

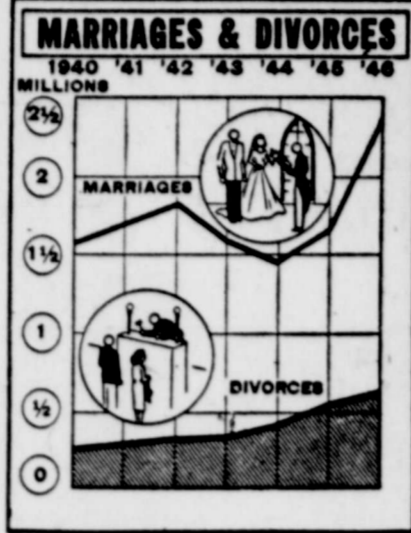
Thrift Plan

Meanwhile, although congress had given its approval to the proposition that interim relief should be rushed to Europe and China, the emergency aid issue continued to send forth echoes.

This time the struggle arose over the actual bill to appropriate the \$97 million dollars previously approved by congress. The house appropriations committee, showing the same cutting ways it had exhibited earlier in the year toward budget requests, knocked 88 million dollars off the original figure in preparing the bill for floor action.

Thus, the bill carried only 509 million for winter relief. The appropriations committee, headed by Rep. John Taber (Rep., N. Y.), said the cut was represented by items which would have been used by France and Italy for payment of interest on their foreign debts and for making payments on commercial accounts.

Aroused at the Republican display of economy, Democrats labelled the committee's action as an "undercover" attempt to hamstring the aid program. They served notice that they would attempt to restore the cut.



World conditions sharply influence the number of marriages in the U. S., an Investors Syndicate survey shows; but the number of divorces continues to increase steadily. In fact, divorces increased fastest during the wartime slump in marriages. There were 2.3 million weddings in 1946 and 622,000 divorces.

APOLOGY:

Doublecrossed

The Japanese sneak attack on Pearl Harbor was a doublecross in more ways than one. Shigenori Togo, Japan's wartime foreign minister, told the international war crimes court.

He explained that he himself was a victim of double-dealing on the part of some of his country's leaders in the Pearl Harbor event.

In a 3,600-word statement involving many of his 24 fellow defendants, Togo gave the fullest version of Japan's secret prewar plot that the court had heard during its 19-month session.

He alone, Togo said, had opposed a Japanese navy proposal to begin the war against the U. S. without giving due warning.

At a conference in December, 1941, Togo related, he had "assumed" that customary warning would be given America.

"I was immediately met, however, with a statement by the late Adm. Osami Nagano that the navy wished to carry out a surprise attack."

Nagano was not around to defend his motives. He died during the war crimes trials.

THE SQUEEZE:

For Arms

Ever since the U. N. action which partitioned Palestine into Arab and Jewish states and the subsequent outbreak of hostilities between the two groups, top U. S. officials have been hoping against hope that this country would not be called upon by the Jews to contribute arms and funds to help them fight the Arabs.

Everyone agreed, however, that such a request was virtually inevitable, and when Moshe Shertok, head of the Zionist political department, arrived in Washington to lay his case before U. S. authorities it was apparent that the nation faced a major crisis on its Palestine policy.

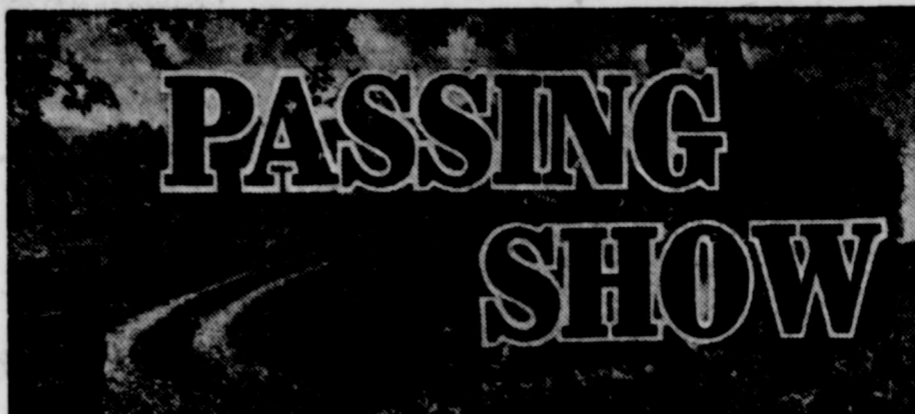
As one state department member put it, administration officials fear that they will be "damned if they do and damned if they don't" agree to Zionists requests.

Zionists believe the U. S. can and should act on its own initiative and help the Palestine Jews without waiting to act through the U. N. They say the Jews are seeking to uphold the U. N. decision on partition while the Arabs are attempting to nullify it.

America, according to the Zionist view, has a twofold obligation to help the Jews—first, as a member of the U. N., and second, as the leading advocate of partition.

Well aware of the moral issues involved, U. S. leaders nevertheless fear that if America intervenes in the Palestine strife Russia is almost sure to make an appearance on the scene also. From such a situation could arise the most dangerous kind of complications with both Russia and the Arabs.

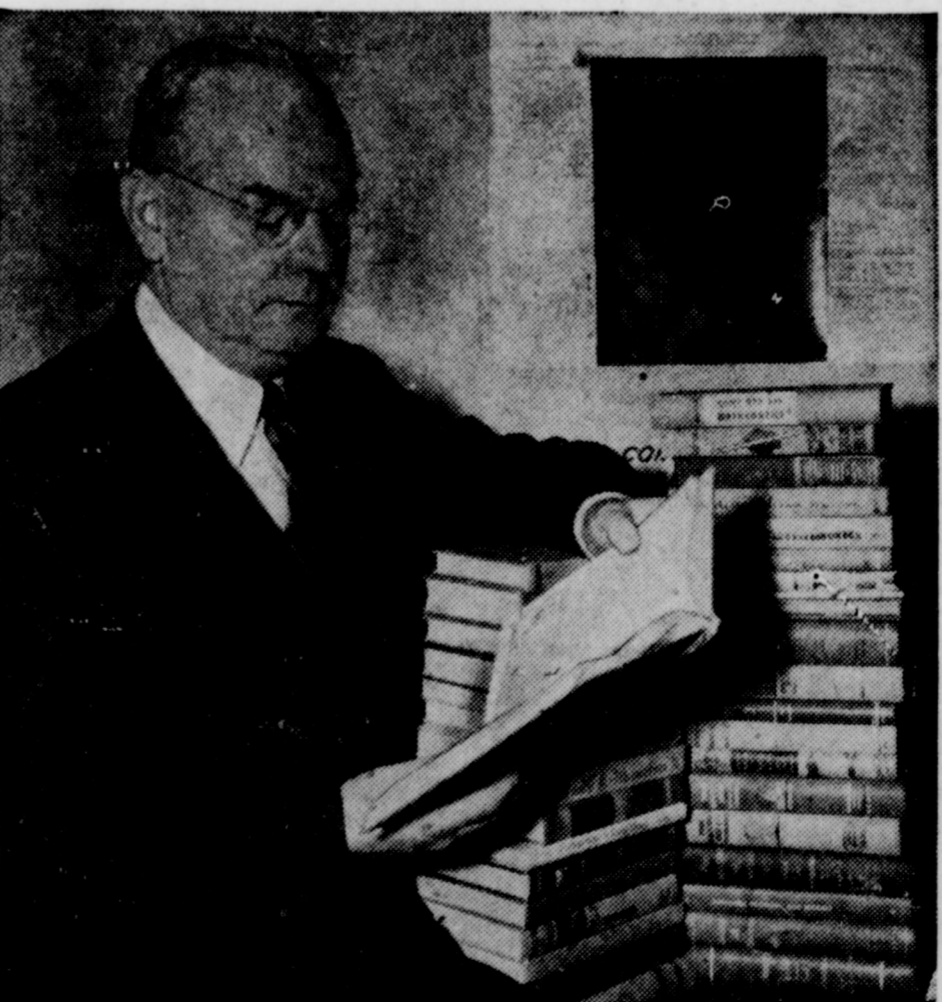
Unless the present trend alters profoundly, circumstances in Palestine will build up to a crisis which will burst upon the world next summer when British troops withdraw from the Holy Land. What the U. S. position in the conflict will be probably will have been made clear by that time, with the November elections playing a big part in forcing a definite stand one way or the other.



HE'S STARTING HIS HERD . . . Youngest bidder at the annual 4-H club—Future Farmers of America sale held at Cary, Ill., was Michael Haverly, 7, of Dundee, Ill., who purchased a Holstein heifer for \$150. Michael is shown explaining to Otto Schnering, president of Curtis Candy company, that he bought his calf, which they are admiring, to "start my own herd."



CATHEDRAL WITHIN A CATHEDRAL . . . Regardless of their food shortages and economic travail, the British people hold lovingly to the trappings of tradition. Here, a skilled artisan is working on the restoration of the famous model of St. Paul's cathedral by Sir Christopher Wren. Recently returned from its bomb shelter in the country, the model now is inside St. Paul's cathedral in London. It was viewed and approved by King Charles II in 1670.



SOMETHING NEW HAS BEEN ADDED . . . John Snyder, secretary of the treasury, is leafing through some of the 80 different school textbooks which now contain material on United States savings bonds. Inclusion of the "plug" for bonds is the result of cooperation of members of American textbook publishers with the savings bond division of the treasury department.



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He is no great heir that inherits not his ancestor's virtues.

Honor is not a matter of any man's calling merely, but rather of his own actions in it.—Dwight.

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Using a special magnet, an Atlanta physician recently removed a 1½-inch nail that had been lodged for six days in the duodenum (first part of the small intestine) of a four-year-old boy. In this case, the first on record in which an object was removed from this part of the body without a surgical operation, nearly six hours were required for the magnet to reach the nail, but only two minutes for the magnet and nail to be drawn back into the stomach and up through the esophagus.

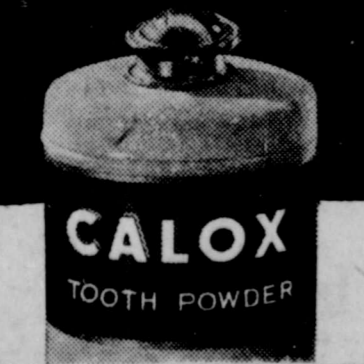
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DIANA LYNN (who is taller than you would think from her pictures—five feet six—and is also prettier) laughed at those reports that she is soon to embark on a concert tour. She is an excellent pianist, but "It would take one solid year of concentrated work to prepare for such a tour," she said. After 8 years in pictures she has her second sophisticated role in Eagle-



DIANA LYNN

Lion's "Dangerous Illusion," but also plays a teen-ager, the sort of part that made her famous. She has been seeing plays on a New York publicity tour; also appeared on "Information Please," for the third time; was as nervous as when she first did it!

Dennis Day would make a fine diplomat. Recently he got into conversation with Mayor Roger Latham of San Francisco, where Dennis spends most of his vacations. The mayor asked why Dennis didn't make San Francisco his permanent home. "What!" exclaimed the tactful Dennis. "And be without any place I wish I were?" Few script writers could have done better.

Cameron Mitchell, soon to be seen with Clark Gable in "Homecoming," was an usher in a second-run movie house about eight years ago. Never could get an opportunity to act. But after seeing Alfred Lunt in "The Guardsman" he wrote Lunt a letter, saying he could act better any day if he had the chance. Lunt answered, let the lad read for him, and a week later he was on the road with Lunt and Fontanne in "Taming of the Shrew." Then came Hollywood. And he never dreamed that Lunt would even read that letter!

Dolores Gillen, who played "Sammy" and "Baby Hope" on "When a Girl Marries," died recently, and radio lost one of its busiest and best-loved actresses. Her unusual voice range permitted her to play people of all ages, from infants to old people. She had also been appearing in "Pepper Young's Family" and "Life Can Be Beautiful."

Walt Disney broke down "Bambi" from 10,000 words of dialogue in the book to 950 for his screen treatment, to be released by RKO. Ever since Emil Jannings' "The Last Laugh," producers have tried to tell a story by action alone. "Bambi" does not do that, of course. But he has come closer to it in "Bambi" than has anyone else in the talking picture era.

Word has gone around Hollywood that practically anything can happen on Groucho Marx's quiz show, "You Bet Your Life." Since the night when Groucho's brother Harpo appeared without warning, equipped with his wig and famous honking cane, and the pre-broadcast show ran forty-five minutes, there has been a six-week waiting list for tickets to Groucho's broadcasts.

The March of Dimes people, after scores of columnists revealed "Miss Hush's" identity beforehand (MGM announced it in a news letter), admit that this reaction may make this contest the last of the series.

Jim Davis, Bette's leading man in "Winter Meeting," once rode a hearse from Dearborn to Liberty, Mo., to see President Truman receive an honorary degree from William Jewell college, Davis' alma mater. — P. S.: Mr. Davis Sr. owned the hearse.

Vera Vague tells that when Bing Crosby's private phone number was changed, and he wanted to call home, and forgot the new number, he sang his theme song to the phone company executive to prove he was himself — and failed to convince him!

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SCRIPTURE: John 20:30, 31; Acts 16:11-15; I Timothy 4:16; I John 3:1-5.
DEVOTIONAL READING: Hebrews 2:1-4.

Beliefs That Matter

Lesson for January 4, 1948

THE first three months of 1948 will reintroduce us to some of the great Christian teachings in regard to God, Man, Salvation and Christian Living. While many of us have studied these great teachings again and again, we shall be greatly profited in the lessons of this quarter, looking at life in today's changing world in the light of these timeless truths.

Dr. Newton "And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this Book; but these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name," John 20:30, 31. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee," I Timothy 4:16.

The Story of Lydia

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Proving Our Beliefs

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Beliefs That Matter

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I meet with business and professional men every day, in widely varying walks of life, who tell me that they are sustained by this belief. During the recent war, men lived in this basic belief. In these trying days at hand and ahead, belief in Jesus as the Son of God is the norm. We cannot face these difficult days without this anchor. And all this quarter we shall be studying, Sunday after Sunday, this great truth and those that grow out of this fundamental concept.

What a privilege to teach this great truth! The Sunday school teachers of our country are the most important single group we have. By their voluntary service, they are pointing our people to the one sure road that leads to the City of God. My prayer is that they shall daily seek to qualify under the formula of I Timothy 4:16. "Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them; for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."

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4. How often do quintuplets occur?
5. What does mountebank mean?
6. Who was the first woman to land from the Mayflower?
7. Coffee was first introduced into France in what year?

8. For every ten people in the United States there are how many phones?

The Answers

1. In 63 B. C.
2. At Palmetto ranch, Texas, on May 13, 1865, more than a month after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.
3. Pacific northwest.
4. Once in about 75,000,000 times.
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Christmas Held Twice Yearly

If children instead of their parents were allowed to choose the family homesite, the tiny fishing village of Rodanthe, N. C., would become a metropolis overnight. Here's a place they celebrate two Christmases every year.

Santa Claus, his reindeer scampering over the sands of North Carolina's outer banks, makes his first stop in Rodanthe during his annual world tour on the night of December 24. Hardly have the children recovered from their oversupply of candy and wild duck when Santa returns in time for "Old Christmas," which for hundreds of years Rodantheans have celebrated on January 5. This time, however, Santa is accompanied by a menacing ogre, known as "Old Buck,"



who takes care of the bad children while Santa administers to the good. The historical background of "Old Christmas" is uncertain. It may be a throwback to the Gregorian calendar or it may have started as a celebration of the Twelfth Night—when the wise men came to Bethlehem bearing gifts for the Christ child—that somehow got off schedule a day. Elsewhere the Twelfth Night is celebrated on January 6. But those celebrations are far different from Rodanthe's "Old Christmas," which only in recent years has been supplemented by the observance of December 25.

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Scotland

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In Scotland, as in most northern European countries, it is an old belief that spirits, both good and evil, are peculiarly active on New Year's Eve. On the stroke of midnight, according to the ancient superstition, all genii were in motion and could be exorcised by appropriate words. Good genii were called hillmen or "hohmen" in the dialect of Scotland, and evil spirits called trolls. Mummers used to wander about the

Syria

The great day of fun and feasting in Syria is New Years, not Christmas. On New Year's Day they exchange presents, and children go about from door to door giving the greeting of the season, and expecting gifts of candy and money.



Before going to bed on New Year's Eve a Syrian child sets out a bowl of water and a dish of wheat for the refreshment of the camel who is supposed to bring him gifts. According to legend the camel was the youngest of the animals bearing the Wise Men, and it fell down exhausted by the strenuous journey. The Christ Child, seeing this, blessed the animal and conferred immortality upon it. In Lebanon it is a "magic mule" who bears the gifts of the season.

Hungary

One of the quaintest New Year's customs is the visit of the chimney sweeps in Hungarian towns. The sweep knocks at the door with his broom, and the householders snatch a straw or two from it. These are tied with a ribbon and kept as a good luck charm during the year.



To touch a pig on New Year's Eve, brings good luck, according to Hungarian tradition. In the principal restaurants and cafes of Budapest they release a pig at midnight, and there is much merriment as the diners try to touch the squealing animal as it races among the tables.

Czechoslovakia

In Czechoslovakia they forecast the future by little "lightboats"—nut shells filled with wax and floating on water, a wick burning in each shell. If the boat floats toward the center, its owner will take a journey during the New Year. If two boats come together, the owners will be married within the year.



streets, wearing masks and carrying cudgels, reciting this doggerel verse, in an effort to attract the good "hogomanay" and to drive off the evil "trollolay"—

"Hogomanay,
Trollolay,
Gie o' your white bread,
I'll hae nane o' your grey—"

Scotch New Year's Toast
Here's to the year that's awa'!
We'll drink it, in strong and in sma';
And to each bonny lassie that we dearly loo'ed,
In the days o' the year that's awa'!

Here's to the friend we can trust,
When the sorrows of adversity blaw;
Who can join in our song, and be nearest our heart,
Nor depart—like the year that's awa'!

Italy

Celebration of New Year's Day seems to have arisen in Italy in the early Middle Ages. In the year 546 a bishop reproved his people for the drinking, feasting, and general wild time that they were indulging in on a holy day—the Feast of the Circumcision of Christ, eight days after Christmas. He told them to turn their backs on "the old, profane and evil ways of paganism." In the later Middle Ages the observances of the day grew more spiritual, through the efforts of St. Gregory Thaumaturgus and St. Gregory the Great.

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CHRONOLOGY OF 1947



DISASTERS

January
1-Five killed when DC-3 transport crashes near Charleston, S. C.

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18-Twenty-one killed, 128 injured when train plunges over 150-foot embankment in Allegheny mountains near Altoona, Pa.

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25-Worst mine disaster since 1928 takes toll of 111 lives in Centralia, Ill., explosion.

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2-Explosion in fireworks plant in Clinton, Mo., kills 10.

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6-Four die when chartered plane dives into chimney of gas plant in Everett, Mass.

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3-Labor day weekend takes death toll of 456, compared with 457 in 1946.

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4-Gipsy R. Smith, 87, noted evangelist.

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10-Fiorello H. La Guardia, 64, former congressman from New York state, mayor of New York City and director general of UNRRA.

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(As selected by nation's weekly editors in Publishers' Auxiliary poll.)
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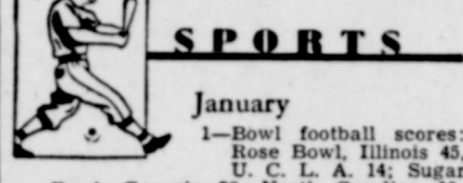


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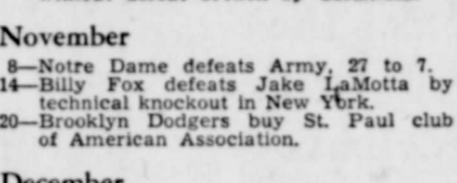
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