

## Bauer-Smith Low Bidders On Bridge

### Commissioners Let Contract For New Bridge On Puerto Bay; Work To Start Soon

Bauer-Smith Dredging Company of Rockport and Port Lavaca was awarded the contract for construction of a new bridge over Puerto Bay Monday, when bids were opened on the project.

Their bid was \$37,705.39. Only three bids were presented, Heldenfels Brothers of this place being the next lowest bidder, at \$38,825.00 Austin Bridge Company put in a bid of \$46,435.00.

Under the terms of the contract, work will start about the tenth of this month. The bridge proper will be 410 feet long with a fill of about the same length at each end. The first work will be done by a dredge building up the fills.

The contract calls for completion of the project within 60 working days.

Some of the preliminary work on the road leading to the new bridge has already been done and since the sale of the road bonds has made funds available, work on the roads will be pushed so as to have them complete by the time the bridge is completed.

The new road will give connection with the Rincon settlement, which has been practically cut off from communication with this place for the past several months, since the old Puerto Bay Causeway was condemned.

## Oil Prospects Look Good For New Year

Aransas county's oil prospects for the year 1941 are bright, with the opening of one new field practically assured on the southeast of Rockport and another potential field opener nearing completion on the north.

The Gulfboard Oil Corporation's No. 1 well on state tract 239 is reported to be a producer and the opener of a new field, but work is still going forward on it and its status is not known generally.

The Humble Company's test in St. Charles Bay is nearing probable production, having passed the 7,200 foot level the first of the week. If it coincides with the Burnsdall wells about one mile to the south it will reach the level of about 7,800 feet.

A few miles further north Continental Oil Co., is reported to be past 9490 feet on their No. 3 well, while two or three wells are being completed in the McCampbell Field in the southern part of the county.

All in all the prospects for oil developments in the county are very encouraging.

## PILOTING

Happy New Year!

We extend our good wishes to everyone of our readers in Rockport and throughout the land!

The year just closed brought many improvements to Rockport and we believe that the new year will see a continuance of progress, probably in greater proportions.

It is our belief that Rockport's winter tourist business is increasing rapidly. The improvements on the waterfront are no doubt largely responsible for this.

We hope 1941 will bring a large tourist hotel to Rockport, then we will begin to get the winter tourist business in a big way.

During the year 1940 over \$121,000 was sent out of Rockport in Postoffice Money Orders, probably as much more was sent out by checks. A large part of this went to mail order houses for things needed by the people here. Other thousands were spent direct in other towns. Much of this money could have been spent right here at home and just think what it would mean to our business houses, and the extra wages they would have been unable to pay.

## Hunting Season Closed Wednesday

### Declared To Have Been Best Season On Record For Recent Years Despite Rains

What has been declared the best hunting season in history, at least during recent years of restricted shooting closed Wednesday. The last day's shooting was under par on account of weather conditions, yet quite a few ducks and geese were killed.

J. H. Mills, who operates the largest open hunting club at Lamar, stated that the kill this year for exceeded any season he had seen since coming here more than a dozen years ago, and that the number of hunters coming here was probably the largest of any season.

He declared that the rainy weather during the season interfered with hunting to a great extent and kept many hunters from coming here. Nevertheless many more ducks were killed than for many years, and altho heavy rains made it impossible to get into the goose territory at times several times as many geese were killed this year over last year.

Cafes enjoyed a good trade during the season and other kinds of business were greatly benefited.

## Tourist Swarm Rockport Fishing Wharves

Rockport fishing wharves are proving to be a real attraction for winter tourists and every day many cars may be seen lining the driveways adjacent to the breakwater and the yacht harbor, with concrete-capped barriers and the railroad fishing pier.

The Pilot drove out to the pier Tuesday afternoon about 3:30 and counted about 30 cars and 50 people fishing with others in the cars.

Many of the cars bore out-of-the-state license plates. We noted cars from Kansas, Illinois, Oklahoma, Colorado, Missouri, Minnesota, Washington and California.

Sheepshead were the principal fish being caught and some of the fishermen had nice strings.

On Wednesday afternoon there were more than 100 people fishing, the large increase probably being due in part to the fact that it was a holiday. The weather was ideal for fishing but it was too warm and calm for sheepshead and not so many were caught.

The above does not represent by any means the number of people coming here to fish during the day, as they come and go all day long.

## Col. Echols Made Brigadier General

Col. O. P. Echols, formerly stationed at Dodd Field, Dayton, Ohio, has been elevated to the rank of Brigadier General and is now stationed at Washington, D. C.

He is the son-in-law of Mrs. Louis F. Bailey, formerly of this place, who is now residing with her daughter in Washington.

## Commissioner's Car Takes Dive Into Bay

Commissioner Tom DeForest is being accused of trying to make a pontoon of his car, since it ran into the bay at Fulton last week. Stopping his car near Kouquette & Wendell's fish and oyster house, he went in and conversed a few minutes and on returning to his car he found it had taken a nose dive into the bay.

He had neglected to set the brakes and it had rolled off the embankment of its own accord. The car was damaged but little, except being saturated with salt water.

## Mrs. Joe Johnson Undergoes Operation In Beeville Hospital

Mrs. Joe Johnson underwent an operation in a Beeville hospital last Thursday and her many friends will be pleased to know that she is recovering very satisfactorily.

## Our Newest Bomber in Flight.



The newest and best of the U. S. medium bombers is B-26, shown here taking off (above), and in the air (below), during a test flight at Baltimore, Md. Product of the Glenn L. Martin factory at Baltimore, this high performance bomber of destruction will soon be rolling off the production lines at mass production rate.

## No Information Yet On Boat Contracts

A. M. Westergard, of the Westergard Boat Works, returned last Friday from Washington, where he had been to submit a bid on two boats for the Navy, but so far the successful bidders have not been announced by the Navy Department.

Westergard and other officials of the boat works are optimistic and confident that they will be awarded contracts for the boats on which they entered bids. They are showing their confidence by going ahead with their plans and making improvements to their plant so that they will be in shape to get the "go" order.

## Postoffice Does Big Christmas Business

The local postoffice experienced a record-breaking business during the past Christmas season, and the quarter ending Dec. 31 showed quite a heavy increase over the same period last year.

Both incoming and outgoing mail was exceptionally heavy, especially heavy, especially during the four or five days just prior to Christmas, and stamp sales mounted to unexpected heights.

Comparative figures furnished by Miss Ethel Friend, postmaster, for the last three-month period give some idea of the volume of business handled, and are as follows: For 1940, the receipts were \$2,325.79; For 1939, \$1,956.26, an increase of \$369.43. The money order business is not included.

The money order business for the year 1940 amounted to \$121,637.47, being \$5,143.26 over the year 1939, when it amounted to \$116,496.21.

Considering the large volume of business handled during the Christmas season, very good service was maintained even with the handicap of having one clerk out with the flu.

## R. P. McCracken Dies At Floresville

R. P. McCracken of Floresville died at his home there Sunday. He was one of the influential citizens of that place and grandfather of Bob McCracken of the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

Ralph Finckley, who is attending school at Alice, spent the Christmas holidays here with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Finckley. Mr. and Mrs. Finckley and son Lawrence accompanied him back to Alice, Monday.

## J. H. Mills Mother Dies At Illinois Home

Mrs. Nora B. Mills, mother of Commissioner J. H. Mills of Lamar, died at her home at Ridge Farm, Illinois, last Friday evening at 7 o'clock, her funeral being held on Monday, December 30.

She resided at Lamar with her son for the past three years, leaving for Illinois last June to be with her daughter, and had been enjoying good health. She was 82 years old.

Besides her son here, she leaves a daughter, Mrs. Walthal, who resides in Illinois. Mr. Mills was unable to attend the funeral, but Mrs. Mills was present.

She was known to many here and was held in high esteem.

## Fire Department Wishes Traffic Rules Observed

Sunday afternoon at about 2 o'clock the Rockport Fire Department answered an alarm. A vacant house near Fulton was afire. However, when the truck got there the house was so near gone that nothing could be done except keep the flames from spreading.

However, the truck was hindered considerably by traffic. One car in particular got in front of the truck and slowed it down. That was an absolute violation of the law, an extremely dangerous thing to do, and a breach of highway etiquette. In case of an emergency, such a thing might cause many lives to be lost and hundreds of dollars worth of property. Therefore, the Fire Department asks the cooperation of the people of Rockport in complying with the traffic laws during fires. When you hear a siren coming your way, pull over to the side of the road and wait until all trucks are safely past. Do not follow the truck at a distance of less than 100 yards and drive at a moderate speed.

If you must chase the fire truck, don't drive like you were going to a fire!

## Jack Sanders Makes Unusual Kill

Jack Sanders, out duck hunting a few days ago, found that he had made an unusual kill. When he took stock of his ducks, he found one of a very dark color with a vari-colored bill and sensed that it was something out of the ordinary. Not being able to identify the specie he asked Mrs. Jack Hagar, local authority on birds, to classify it.

Mrs. Hagar identified it as a White-Winged Scoper, and stated that it was the first on record to have been killed on the Gulf Coast. It breeds in Alaska and Canada, principally, but sometimes as far south as North Dakota, but winters on the upper coasts of the Atlantic and Pacific.

Mr. Sanders presented the duck to Mr. J. H. Mills, who is having it mounted and will add it to his collection.

## Hearing To Be Held on Bombing Range

### War Department Will Hear Those Who Object To Bombing Range On Matagorda

A hearing will be held at Victoria on January 10 on the Matagorda bombing and machine gun range which is contemplated by the government, along the Gulf of Mexico from San Luis Pass to Aransas Pass.

According to a map furnished the Pilot, the area covered will extend from the south end of Galveston Island to Port Aransas, covering Matagorda Peninsula and Island and the Eastern shore of St. Joseph's Island, and extending out into the gulf for from 10 to 30 miles.

Fishing in the gulf will no doubt be interfered with, but bay fishing will probably not be affected.

The notice of the hearing given by the War Department appears below:

## Notice Of Public Hearing

A public hearing will be held by the undersigned in the COUNTY COURTHOUSE at Victoria, TEXAS, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Friday, January 10, 1941, for their views on regulations governing the use of a portion of Matagorda Island and Peninsula, and the waters adjacent thereto, as a bombing range for the United States Army Air Corps.

The portion of Matagorda Peninsula and Island which will be used for this purpose is the same as that condemned by the United States on a recent date. The adjacent waters consist of a strip along the Gulf extending from San Luis Pass to Aransas Pass from the shoreline Gulfward about 10 nautical miles, except in the portion between the Colorado River and a point about 5 miles southwest of Panther Point, where the strip will be 30 miles wide. The area also includes a strip about 1 mile wide, on the bay side of Matagorda Peninsula and Island, extending from the mouth of the Colorado River to a point about 5 miles southwest of Panther Point. Any portion of this area may be used by the Army for small arms and bombing practice.

It is probable that, weather permitting, the ranges will be used from 7:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. daily. Vessels entering the area may come under fire accidentally. Any large vessels entering this area will be visible from the air. However, small fishing craft cannot be seen from high altitudes, and it will be dangerous for them to enter the areas during the time when the ranges are in use.

All interested parties who may be affected are invited to be represented at the above time and place. They will be given an opportunity to express their views.

Oral statements will be heard, but for accuracy of record all important facts and arguments should be submitted in writing, in quadruplicate, as the record of the hearing will be forwarded for consideration by the War Department. Written statements may be handed to the undersigned at the hearing or mailed to him beforehand.

F. S. Besson  
Col., Corps of Engineers, U. S. A.,  
District Engineer

## Sees Fascism's End



Count Carlo Sforza, former Italian premier, who is credited with the statement that the Italian people are dissatisfied with Fascism. He is now an exile in the U. S.

## Mrs. Thomerson Appointed As Sheriff

### Chief Deputy Under Former Sheriff Is Appointed To Fill Two-Year Term

Mrs. Alice Thomerson was appointed to serve two years as sheriff, tax assessor and collector by the county commissioners Wednesday morning, filling the vacancy caused by the death of J. A. Brundrett, former sheriff, and sheriff-elect for the ensuing two-year term.

The selection was made after several ballots were taken by the commissioners in an effort to make a decision from among the names of several applicants, it is reported. Mrs. Thomerson did not make a formal application for the place.

Mrs. Thomerson has a thorough knowledge of the duties of the office, having served under Sheriff Brundrett during his entire tenure in office for 26 years, and also served three years under H. T. Bailey, Brundrett's predecessor in office. She has had charge of the office with its many details and it was largely through her efficiency that the office has maintained an enviable record and received commendation from the State Comptroller in the past. She made her bond and was sworn in Wednesday afternoon by J. M. Sparks, county clerk. At the time of going to press she had not made her appointment of deputies.

## Mrs. Dorothy Baldwin

News was received here of the death of Mrs. Dorothy Baldwin of Pueblo, Colo., on Christmas Day. She was the wife of H. L. Baldwin of this place but they had been separated for the past eight months. She is also survived by a daughter.

## County-Precinct Officers Sworn In Wednesday

All county and precinct officers except the sheriff, tax assessor and collector, were sworn in Wednesday morning and their bonds were filed. The oaths were administered by County Clerk, J. M. Sparks.

Those taking the oath were B. S. Fox, county judge, Emory Spencer, county attorney, D. R. Scrivner, county treasurer, County Commissioners Ted Little, precinct 1, L. V. McLester, precinct 2, J. H. Mills, precinct 3 and Tom De Forest, precinct 4. Little is the only one of the above group serving his first term.

Other new officers to be sworn in were Wm. B. Priddy, justice-of-the-peace, succeeding Joe Smith; and George M. Harrell, constable, succeeding Dave Caskin.

Soon after taking office for the new term the commissioner's court met in special session to name some one to fill the office of Sheriff, tax assessor and collector.

## Rudolph Woellert Dies At Poth

Funeral services for Rudolph J. Woellert of Poth were held at his home there Monday morning, followed by Requiem High Mass at the Catholic church and burial in the Poth cemetery. He was president of the First National Bank of Poth and for a number of years a leading citizen of that place. He was 62 years old.

He was the father of W. H. Woellert, whose wife is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Bracht of this place. He was a frequent visitor to Rockport and known by many here. Mrs. Bracht and daughter, Miss Genevieve, attended the funeral.

## Mrs. John Haynes In Corpus Hospital

Mrs. John Haynes is reported to be recovering nicely in the Fred Robers Memorial Hospital after an operation a few days ago. Her many friends hope she will have a speedy and complete recovery.



**WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK**

By LEMUEL F. PARTON  
(Consolidated Features—WNU Service.)

**NEW YORK.**—Simultaneously, Chancellor Hitler and Mme. Elsa Schiaparelli renounce gold and extol the fruits of the spirit. Preparing to return to France soon, the famous dress-maker finds that Americans are too much given to money-grubbing to appreciate the beautiful art of couture. "The Paris designer is free," she says, but here in America "in creating a costume you must think about cost." So she's going back to Paris where art is unfettered and nobody worries about money.

Molyneux fled, to make gowns in London, but Lucien Lelong, the new Judge Landis of the French fashion industry, remains in the service of art—not money of course. The latter implication might suggest that Paris as a continuing world style center is somehow geared into Chancellor Hitler's jug-handled economy, and that, of course is a rather gauche idea. In Herr Hitler's new order, it's art for art's sake.

Soon after the occupation of Paris, Mme. Schiaparelli arrived here to begin a national lecture tour. We seemed to be suffering from much misapprehension about France. It was business as usual in Paris, and anyone who fancied that New York might become the world style center had another thought coming. However, she reserved her apostrophe of art against money for the last.

Addressing the Junior League of Los Angeles recently, she said:

"All of us in Paris are impressed by the generosity of American men regarding their women. American men have a world-wide reputation for the money they spend on women. "I say bravo to you! Go right ahead."

I had an idea that the French felt that way a few years ago when I was privileged to see some of the inner workings of Lanvin's establishment in Paris, to talk to the vendeuses and witness the deference to a Texas oil magnate, when he came in to help his wife choose a gown.

Mme. Schiaparelli lived five years in New York. Her daughter, Marisa, was born in her Ninth street house in Greenwich Village. That was before the days of her fame and opulence, and she thought about money a great deal in those days.

**Taking an unheated flat in Patchin place, a dingy little nubb-in of a street off Jefferson Market court, she found a \$20 bill on the floor. It was a good omen. Other money came and she returned to a garret in Paris, to write poetry. A sweater design brought her into her career. For one who scorns money she is a masterful and diligent business woman, her huge establishment turning out around 10,000 garments a year at prices up to \$5,000. Of a distinguished Italian family of astronomers and scholars, she has been described by Edna Le Fevre as "a woman nobody can know, absorbed with books on metaphysics, aesthetics, and philosophy."**

**ELMAN B. MYERS, inventor of the new "jet expulsion" motor which is expected vastly to increase the range, speed and fighting effectiveness of war planes, was a Newburgh, N. Y., boy who just happened to be a self-starter and finisher. Without benefit of any academic seminars, he became a hay-loft radio inventor. This, incidentally, was in the Bronx where there weren't any haylofts; but make it a cellar and the result is the same.**

**After 32 years he appears with his critically important invention. He got a job with a wireless station in Sacramento, and was soon throwing his voice farther than anybody else in those parts. He later worked with Lee De Forrest and by 1932 had brought through a "cold light" radio tube. He started work on his jet expulsion or "rocket" motor four years ago. Engineers say it may increase the speed of fighting planes by 200 miles an hour.**

**IT WAS NOT until they began work in strengthening the roofs of the Capitol at Washington that most Americans were aware that an architect was regularly attached to a structure of which George Washington first laid the cornerstone in 1793. He is David Lynn of Hyattsville, Md. Lynn in 23 years of service had ample opportunity of learning all the ins and outs of the famous building. He served 12 years as civil engineer of the Capitol and in 1927 became architectural supervi-**



**GENERAL HUGH S. JOHNSON Says:**

Washington, D. C.  
**WITCH HUNT?**

Has the witch hunt actually begun? I haven't heard it, but several letters and telegrams inform me that a conspicuous radio news commentator is warning the public to "watch carefully" members of the keep-out-of-war committees because they are "appeasers" and "are trying to make us afraid."

Gen. Bob Wood, who was honored by congress for his work in helping to build the Panama canal, and brought back from an important post in France in the AEF to spark the American war production efforts as quartermaster general, is being put on the pan. Col. Charles Lindbergh, who brought home the greatest honors American aviation ever knew, and who first jolted American and British complacency by revealing the tremendous hidden powers of German air armament, is now under the wand of the professional witch finders. Even his lovely, fearless quietly philosophical wife has taken a dirty dig or two from such professional breast-beating Boadicea's as Dorothy Thompson.

What goes on here? Most of the people who want to dress up Uncle Sam as something more canny than his old role as the world's prize fat boy with the bag of candy in a world of Dead End urchins, were awake long before these tardy tom-tom beaters, witch doctors and Sioux Sun Dancers were even aware that there was a vast, sinister and growing danger in the world.

Some of them had been hammering at the inexcusable indolence of England, the equivocal horse trading of France and, above all, the spineless inactivity of America, long before the "cloud no bigger than a man's hand" became a thunderhead and began to belch lightning. All of them are, and have long been, for all-out defense of this country. All are against hysterical dissipation of it. Who speaks for America—they or their half-crazed critics?

If they were so much more nearly right before, maybe they are more nearly right now, when they question whether we should rush headlong into a gun fight with our gun not even loaded and, as a first act, give away our guns.

Our greatest lack right now is Will Rogers, who said: "America never lost a war or won a conference." We can wonder what he would say about "Let's take the silly fool dollar mark from aid to Britain."

From how many billions have we taken the "silly fool dollar mark" for foreigners it would be hard to say. We took them off from the bill we footed for the last World war to a present total, with interest of about 14 billions.

**BIG FOUR**

The four-man control of industrial mobilization, consisting of the secretaries of war and navy, Mr. Knudsen and Mr. Hillman, may do some good, but it is not, as some have said, the equivalent of the War Industries board plan that worked in 1918 to provide the fastest re-arming ever recorded by a great nation. It violates an essential and basic principle of that plan. It takes nothing from experience. It is an experiment.

There are four great and insistent demands in time of war. They are those of the army, the navy, the allies, if any, and greater than these and just as important, the needs of civilian population. Heads of the army and navy are under heavy responsibilities for two of those needs. With the best intention in the world it is only human nature for them to grab and fight each for their own — to seek in extreme cases even monopoly control of all the best sources and supplies of material, manufacturing, storage and transportation facilities, power and labor.

That isn't a guess. That happened early in World War I, and continued to happen until it was stopped by the War Industries board. We are rushing into a program of production just as great. To have that happen without any regulation is a very bad thing. It creates unnecessary shortages to the great prejudice not only of all the people but the armament program itself. It unnecessarily tangles and disrupts the whole industrial machine. It multiplies cost, reduces speed and makes doubly difficult the eventual shift back to a peace economy.

For that reason and many others, the director of mobilization should not have to work under the control of the army and navy as he must do if he is one of a committee of four in which a division of opinion would result either in a deadlock or a domination by the purchasing departments.

Our experience in the World war and the experience in every other country indicates that the director of mobilization should be independent of any statutory purchasing agencies. It is his part of the job to co-ordinate all purchasing programs with each other to prevent confusion, delay, waste and loss; but that is only part of his job and not even the most important part. The other part is to co-ordinate, organize, speed, aid and supervise the whole industrial structure for maximum efficiency and production.

**WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS** By Edward C. Wayne

**'More Aid to Great Britain' Problem Faces Opening Sessions of Congress; Tempo of Attacks on Italy Stepped Up; Report 'Heavy' British Shipping Losses**

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)  
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**77TH CONGRESS: Washington Gloomy**

As the new congress comes into being, it meets in a Washington that is marked by a mood far from optimism. There is public talk, which may be nothing more, that Britain has only a 90-day grace period before Hitler strikes hard—and that Britain is far from well prepared and American "aid" has fallen down.

The first job of the new congress will be to stir the public, industry and labor out of that lethargy. Efforts already have begun in speeches by Defense Chief William Knudsen, and Secretaries Stimson and Hull.

The topic of all is the same: It is much later than you think. They hope by painting the defense picture in its true colors to convince workers, employees and the general public that there must be an immediate all-out arms production and all other considerations—labor's right and profits—must step aside until the job is done.

**New Board**

One step in this direction was appointment by President Roosevelt of a new super-production board on defense. It has been given complete executive authority—all the constitutional allows, according to the President—to act in the name of the government. The national advisory defense council which has been carrying on the work up until this time has been pure that, advisory. It lacked authority.

The new board will have authority, probably more than most people expect, and will crack down. Knudsen has been named chairman and Sidney Hillman, C. I. O. vice president and enemy of John L. Lewis, is vice chairman. War Secretary Stimson and Navy Secretary Knox are the other members.

**Job Ahead**

The job is monumental. Army housing is 60 per cent behind schedule with only 300,000 soldiers on active duty, out of a contemplated 1,400,000. Not a single airplane ordered since congress voted money last July has been delivered. If any tanks have been delivered it is a secret. When it was decided to build one munitions plant and work on construction more than 40 hours a week, that was "news."

Most startling of all was the lack of realization on the part of too many that in this war those nations which sensed their danger too late have reached their war potentialities too late—or not at all.

**CHANGED MAN: New U. S. Envoy**

In 1936, British Foreign Minister Anthony Eden asked the League of Nations to vote an embargo against Italy because the Duce invaded Ethiopia. The man who led the fight against such a proposal was a Frenchman, Pierre Laval, at the



**ANTHONY EDEN**  
Personal and patriotic delight.

moment French premier. Laval supported Italy and kept the League's action from being unanimous.

Eden's battle at Geneva aroused the enmity of Mussolini and so bitter was the exchange that Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain, then in the beginning of his appeasement drive, forced Eden to resign. In Eden's place came Lord Halifax, a member of the Cliveden set and sup-

**WOMEN**

**Shopping—Lady Decies, the former Elizabeth Drexel of Philadelphia who married Social Leader Harry Lehr in the gay 90s and moved to Paris, returned home. She told of shopping in occupied Paris. In one store she had decided to buy a coat when a fat, uniformed man reached across the counter, seized it and said, "I'll take this for my wife." Lady Decies walked away. The man in uniform was General Goering.**

porter of appeasement. He laid the groundwork for the pact of Munich, where Czechoslovakia was sold down the river and Hitler gained the idea all Europe would bow to his whim.

But times change and sometimes men change, too. Lord Halifax now is described as one of the most determined men in England in support of the war effort. The death of Lord Lothian, British ambassador to the United States, gives Lord Halifax a new task. He steps down from the foreign ministry, where he directed ambassadors, to become an ambassador himself, being assigned to Washington.

Back into the foreign ministry in London goes Anthony Eden, who would take personal as well as patriotic delight in knocking out Mussolini.

Pierre Laval? He's out of the French cabinet at this time, but German influence is seeking to have him replaced. Until such can be brought to pass, he will live in Paris, under protection of the Nazi invaders.

**WAR ON ITALY: Tempo Increases**

Fearful of being too optimistic, but still hopefully, the eyes of the democratic nations were turned on Italy. Reverses for the Fascist legions were reported by the Greeks in Albania and by the British in Egypt. There were continued reports of falling morale on the home front.

If Italy should crack it would be a serious blow to the Axis. Even an



**BENITO MUSSOLINI**  
He heard a few excuses.

Axis is no stronger than its weakest spoke.

The forward march of the killed Greek Evzones in Albania appeared to be slowed down. There were desperate counter-attacks by the Italians and some towns were retaken. But the Greeks were certain it was just a momentary halt and the march north could be resumed.

From Africa, Field Marshal Rodolfo Graziani reported to the Duce on why his Egyptian campaign had been such a dismal failure; and why after making a 75-mile advance into British territory he halted for three months and then suffered a serious defeat.

He said he had not received mechanical equipment from home which had been promised to him. Even before the British attacked and drove him far back into Libya, he reported, he knew of their plans. He denied the campaign against him was a surprise and said that so many Italians, reportedly as high as 80,000, were lost because they chose to fight into the "last spasm" rather than retreat.

But excuses don't win battles, and good reason or no, the Libyan forces had lost all their gains and were in a desperate plight to save the remnants of their army. The British indicated that an even more extensive blow was being aimed and hinted much of Libya may be in their hands by spring.

Even the British navy mocked the Italians. In broad daylight, with flags flying and openly inviting attack, a squadron of the royal navy swept through the Straits of Otranto and into the Adriatic, Mussolini's private lake. It was an open dare to the Italians to come out and fight, but no Fascist man-o'-war appeared. So the British crossed over to Valona, Albanian port used by Mussolini's forces, and turned their guns on the harbors. Then they sailed out into the Mediterranean again.

**Spies Executed**

On Armistice Day, November 11, the Royal Air Force called at the Italian naval base at Taranto. In the subsequent informalities, London says bombs were dropped that sank or crippled half Italy's navy. Mussolini gave his answer to that. One Italian naval officer and a civilian were executed and 22 others jailed, including a woman who was given a life term. Spies, said the Fascists. They were accused of giving information that helped the British locate the vessels.



Washington, D. C.  
**BIBLICAL DESTROYERS**

There were two reasons for that grin on the face of North Dakota's Gov. John Moses when he left the White House the other day.

One was an assurance that the President would personally investigate why North Dakota has not received any of the new defense plants. Moses argued that his state was so far inland that it was ideal for defense industries. Roosevelt promised to look into the matter immediately.

The other reason was an anecdote the President told Moses "about a famous namesake of yours." It happened when Roosevelt was assistant secretary of the navy in the Wilson administration.

He was asked to select from a list of American naval heroes, the name of a new destroyer. He picked "Israel," in honor of a U. S. captain who distinguished himself in the war against the Barbary Coast pirates in 1815.

Some time later, Roosevelt was asked to approve the personnel of this destroyer. And while looking over the list of personnel, another aide entered with another personnel list for a destroyer named "Moses."

"This coincidence struck me as very funny," Roosevelt related, "and I leaned back and laughed. The young naval officer looked perturbed and inquired, 'Aren't those the right crews for those ships—Moses and Israel?' And then I laughed some more, because heading the lists of officers were the names of Murphy and O'Reilly."

Note—Moses, a Democrat from a rock-ribbed G. O. P. state, is the tallest governor in the country—6 feet 4 inches.

**ALBANIAN MOUNTAINEERS HELP GREEKS**

(Editor's Note—The Washington Merry-Go-Round's famous Brass Ring this week is awarded to the unsung allies of the Greek army, the peasants and mountaineers of Albania.)

Much tribute has been paid to the gallant Greek army and royal air force for winning one of this war's most crucial battles, in that wildest and most remote corner of Europe—Albania.

But little has been written about the Albanian peasants and mountaineers who have provided the Greeks with the most amazing intelligence service of this war, so accurate that the Greeks have known down to the last detail just how many Italians were located behind each hill, where their guns were placed, and the exact nature of their fortifications.

An army without eyes is helpless. And the Albanians, who have never forgotten the manner in which Mussolini drove their queen and her day-old son out of the country two years ago, have contributed materially to the surprising succession of Greek victories.

**STATE DEPARTMENT WIDOWS**

There was not much Christmas joy this year in the homes of 124 "blitzkrieg widows" of the American diplomatic service. Their husband diplomats are still on the job, but the wives are prevented by official regulations from joining them.

From Warsaw, from Berlin, from Copenhagen, from Oslo, from Brussels, from the Hague, following the spread of the war, these "blitzkrieg widows" came trekking home—on government order—with children by the hand.

A few capitals, such as Moscow and Helsinki, have now permitted wives to rejoin their husbands, but meanwhile, a new warning has gone out affecting citizens in the Far East, and the ranks of the widows are swelling still further.

This separation is much more than a sentimental problem. It creates a strain on the budget of each family, for they are obliged to maintain two establishments, and the salaries of the foreign service are not gauged to meet living costs in this country. The state department has had so much grief from the "widows" that a move is being considered to lift the ban and allow them to return to their husbands' posts.

**CAPITAL CHAFF**

The state department is getting a heavy volume of mail from all parts of the country urging strong U. S. assistance to Greece.

Josephus Daniels, ambassador to Mexico, is the only ambassador appointed by Roosevelt in 1933 who still remains at the same post.

Experts of the house migrant investigating committee estimate that at least 4,000,000 job-hunters are constantly on the move in the country.

Some American women have switched to cotton stockings as a protest against Japan, yet in the first nine months of this year, the United States imported \$66,000,000 worth of silk from Japan.

**MERRY-GO-ROUND**

Two former editors of the "American News," daily paper of the 1918 U. S. army of occupation at Coblenz, Germany, are now on active duty at the war department. They are Col. Fred J. Mueller and Lieut.-Col. E. B. McMahon, both assigned to the public relations staff.

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Chronology OF THE YEAR 1940 COMPILED BY JOHN D. GRANT EUROPEAN WAR



SWASTIKA OVER PARIS—Mark of the Nazi conqueror, the swastika, floats over crushed Paris following invasion. Famed Eiffel Tower can be seen in background.

JANUARY

- 8—Finland claims destruction of a Russian division.
20—Winston Churchill warns Europe's neutrals they cannot keep out of war and asks them to join the allies.

FEBRUARY

- 1—Russians start heavy assault on the Mannerheim line.
9—President sends Sumner Welles to confer with rulers of Britain, France, Italy and Germany.
16—Sweden rejects Finnish plea for aid with troops.
17—British raid German prison ship in Norwegian waters, rescuing 326 captives.
24—Prime Minister Chamberlain declares Britain never will conclude peace with present Reich rulers.

MARCH

- 1—Russians enter Vipuri, key to Finnish city.
11—Allies offer full aid to the Finns.
12—Soviet-Finnish peace treaty signed. Russia getting Karelian isthmus and naval base at Hangoe.
17—Nazi bombers raid British anchorage at Scapa Flow.

APRIL

- 4—Winston Churchill given general supervision over Britain's fighting strength.
9—Germans occupy Denmark, which submits, and invades Norway, which resists. Oslo, the capital, is taken.
12—Germans capture more Norwegian ports, while British fleet tries to cut supply line across Skagerrak.
16—British expedition arrives on Norway coast and is battered by German bombers.
30—Germans capture Dombas, key rail town in Norway.

MAY

- 3—Norwegian army in central Norway seeks peace as British and French withdraw.
11—Allies rush aid to low countries; Churchill succeeds Chamberlain as prime minister.
14—Dutch armistice signed.
15—Nazis mass for Balkan raid; believed aimed at Rumanian oil.
16—Weygand replaces Gamelin as French commander; Germans within 80 miles of Paris.
21—Germans reach French channel coast, cutting off British-Belgian forces.
22—Britain votes dictatorship; Churchill given supreme power; labor and wealth to be drafted.
23—Allies check German drive on 200-mile front.
24—Germans tighten net around British, French and Belgian troops.
25—Germans claim Calais.
27—Belgium gives up on orders of King Leopold.
30—Battered British troops reach England from Flanders. Belgian cabinet deposes Leopold for surrender.

JUNE

- 4—Nazis take Dunkirk; Hitler vows to destroy foe. Last allied troops leave Dunkirk. French forced back by onslaught of million Germans. French claim Berlin bombed.
9—Allies evacuate Narvik; Norway surrenders to Germany.
10—Italy declares war on the allies. Germans cross the Seine.
13—French decide not to defend France. German troops march in.
14—Germans attack Maginot line in effort to trap million French.
17—Petain becomes premier of France and signs armistice. Britain declares it will fight on alone.
20—Germans pick Compiègne, scene of 1918 armistice, for parity.
22—France surrenders to Germany.
23—Nazi terms strip France of arms and land; navy interned. French government repudiated by Britain.
24—Germany ends war on France; cease firing order issued.
26—Soviet and Rumanian planes clash.
27—Rumania cedes Bessarabia and northern Bukovina to Russia.
28—French colonies in Asia and Africa give up fight. Rumanians fight Red troops, kill many.

JULY

- 1—Germans occupy two British islands in channel. Rumania renounces Anglo-French guarantee of her independence.
3—British navy acts to take over scattered units of French fleet, attacking ships that refuse to surrender.
4—British report seizure of 250 French naval vessels.
5—France surrenders to Germany, dominated by Berlin, breaks off relations with Britain.
6—French naval squadron at Alexandria yields to British.
9—British and Italian fleets battle in Mediterranean.
14—Churchill declares Britain ready to fight for years.
15—Gibraltar raided four times.
16—Hitler calls on Britain to give up the war or face destruction of the empire.
21—Lithuania, Latvia and Estonia, under pressure from Moscow, vote to join the Soviet Union.
23—France seizes Daladier and former aides.
29—Germany launches mass air raids on Britain.

AUGUST

- 4—British fliers bomb Germans massed on channel coast for invasion.
6—Italians invade British Somaliland.
7—British liner torpedoed in convoy; 455 saved, 20 lost.
12—"Air blitzkrieg" has started, Britain told, as Nazis launch third day of mass raids.
13—Nazi aerial blitzkrieg covers Britain; industrial heart bombed.
14—France indicts war guilt chiefs.
17—Germany announces total blockade of waters around England.
18—Italy conquers British Somaliland.
20—Churchill announces plan to lease bases to United States on British territory in Western hemisphere.
27—Axis orders parity after armed clashes in Balkans.
30—Germany and Italy force Rumania to cede part of Transylvania to Hungary.

SEPTEMBER

- 10—British bombs hit Reichstag building in heart of Berlin.
11—Buckingham palace in London damaged by air bombs.
14—Italy opens drive against Egypt.
14—Nazis invade Egypt; takes two towns.
19—British fleet blasts Italian forces invading Egypt.
23—British warships shell West African port of Dakar.
24—British bomb Berlin for three hours.
25—Germans depose King Haakon; end Norwegian monarchy.
27—Germany, Italy and Japan sign war alliance.

OCTOBER

- 2—British planes bomb Krupp plant in Germany.
3—Neville Chamberlain resigns from British cabinet.
4—Hitler and Duce confer on war crisis. Serve notice there will be no let up on Britain.
7—German troops enter Rumania.
15—British cruiser sinks three Italian destroyers.
17—British reopen Burma road.
18—Axis demands on Greece include abdication of king, pro-axis government and yielding of land.
23—Six weeks of attacks balked invasion, British say.
24—Hitler and Franco meet at French border. Spain arrests former King Carol and Magda.
27—Greece and Italy declared at war. Canadian destroyer sinks after collision with merchantman; 140 lost.
28—British put war resources at disposal of Greece.
30—Greeks put up stout defense against Italians.
31—First Greek counterattack shoves back Italians.

NOVEMBER

- 2—British land troops on Greek territory.
5—Two U-boats sunk by British.
6—British cut Gibraltar off from Spain.
8—Greeks troops tighten net on Italians in Albania.
10—Italians routed in mountains by British.
11—Greece reports Italians fleeing toward Albania.
12—British armed merchantman, after sinking lights off German warship and saves 29 ships in British convoy.
13—British destroy six Italian warships in port of Taranto; two Italian supply ships sunk in another engagement. Waves of British planes bomb Berlin.
15—Germans drop 30,000 fire bombs on Coventry, England, 1,000 killed. Greeks capture 700 Italians.
16—Greeks claim wide gains against retreating Italians.
19—Nazis pound Birmingham.
20—Hungary enters axis, making it a four-power war on Britain.
21—Germans drive deep into Albania; hem in two vital Italian bases. Liverpool raided twice in night bombing attack.
22—British proclaim martial law in preparation for war. Bombs damage thousands of homes near London.
23—Italians in rout after Greeks take Koriza.
24—British vessel attacked by raider in Atlantic.
25—Greek troops advance in three sectors. British bombers attack German and Italian cities.
26—Britain offers guarantees to Bulgaria.
28—Bristol raided by Nazi bombers.
29—Sixty-four Rumanian political leaders executed in Nazi purge. Italian fleet attacked and pursued by British.
29—Rumanian troops shell Iron Guard rebels.

DECEMBER

- 1—Southampton turned into an inferno by Nazi air raids.
2—Greeks capture strategic points on central front.
3—Ten merchant ships attacked west of Ireland by U-boats and planes. Greece reports new Italian rout near Ionian sea.
4—Nazis claim sinking of 20 British ships.
5—British cabinet's conduct of war criticized in commons.
6—Italians withdraw from two bases. British told they will get 150 U. S. merchant vessels.
7—Greeks drive into two Italian bases; both in flames.
8—Twenty-four Rumanian political leaders released to Britain.
9—Germans occupy Porto Edda and pursue Italians northward.
10—British cruiser sinks German freighter off Cuba.
11—Argyroskastron falls to Greek troops.
12—British capture 30,000 Italian troops. British bombers smash at Bordeaux harbor raiders.
13—British trap Italian forces in Egyptian desert.
14—British capture main Italian base of Sicily, Bari.
15—British drive Italians out of Egypt.
16—Petain ousts Laval; names Flandin, Hitler's friend, foreign minister.
17—Greeks smash Italian mountain defenses.
18—Italians lose two more bases in African war.
19—Nazis troops mass at two Italian ports.
20—British close in on Bardia, Libya.
21—Nazis reported flying Italian soldiers to Albania.

DOMESTIC



U. S. PEACETIME CONSCRIPTION—Sec. of War Henry L. Stimson draws the capsule containing the first number (158) in the nation's first peacetime military conscription.

JANUARY

- 3—Third session of the Seventy-sixth congress assembles. Message asks for additional taxes to finance export duties for national defense.
4—President sends \$1.5 billion budget to congress.
5—Army General Frank Murphy resigns.
6—James Cromwell named minister to Canada.
7—Robert H. Jackson named attorney general.
8—Third term not mentioned at Jackson day dinner.
9—Clarence E. Gauss named first U. S. minister to Australia.
10—Federal debt passes 42-billion mark; nearly limit.
11—House votes \$264,611,252 for emergency defense.
12—President sends proposal to congress for financial assistance to Finland.
13—House committee rings 94 millions off first appropriation bill.
14—Senate confirms Frank Murphy's appointment to the Supreme court.
15—American exporters lose market of \$60,000,000 a year through British war ban on tobacco.
16—Official Washington pays tribute to Senator Borah at state funeral in the senate chamber.
17—Earl Browder, Communist leader, sentenced to four years in prison and fined \$2,000 for passport fraud.
18—Senate committee approves bill paving way for \$20,000,000 loan to Finland.
19—Witness tells of plot to link Dies with Fascists with forged letters.

FEBRUARY

- 2—Poussé passes farm bill slashed.
5—Chicago gets Democratic national convention.
7—Senate committee approves bill to permit additional loans to Finland and China.

12—Supreme court decision adds to power of labor board.

- 16—House approves \$965,722,000 naval bill after slashing \$13 million.
20—Gov. Long defeated in Louisiana; Sam H. Jones wins Democratic nomination for governor.
23—Senate committee extends President's reciprocal trade powers.
27—House committee rejects Roosevelt's \$271-million-dollar bid for locks in Panama canal.
29—Movie academy awards go to Robert Donat and Vivien Leigh.

MARCH

- 4—Byrd expedition funds cut out of house appropriation bill.
6—British liner Queen Elizabeth, world's fastest, departs, makes secret voyage to New York. Remington Arms company indicted; violation of neutrality act charged.
11—John Hawk Saunders, screen writer, hangs himself.
12—House approves 654-million-dollar navy expansion.
15—Governor Rivers of Georgia arrested on a charge of sedition.
18—Britain to use two liners berthed at New York as troop ships. Senate passes Hatch clean politics bill.
21—Secretary Hull upbraids James H. R. Cromwell, minister to Canada, for speech at Toronto criticizing Germany and lauding empire nations. Senate adds 90 million more to farm bill.
29—Washington officials deny German charges that this nation helped bring on European war.

APRIL

- 10—Neutrality proclamation issued by President bars American ships from Norse coast.
11—State department arranges to evacuate United States citizens from Scandinavia.
15—America releases fastest and most secret planes to empire.
16—Senate asks congress to increase fund for warships to 1 billion 100 million dollars.
17—Secretary Hull warns world that Dutch East Indies must not be overrun.
23—U. S. Supreme court kills state law prohibiting picketing.
25—President puts neutrality law in effect for Norway.

MAY

- 3—House shelves bill to reform wage-hour law.
8—House refuses Roosevelt's plea for air control shift.
9—Senate passes bill to end buying of foreign silver.
14—Bill introduced in house to deport Eridres.
15—House upholds President in transfer of CAA.
16—President addresses joint session of congress; asks billion dollars and 3,000 planes as defense plan.
17—President nominates Dr. F. A. Cook, Arctic explorer.
22—Senate passes \$1,823,232,734 army appropriation bill.
23—Senate passes 1 billion 473 million warships bill.
25—President appoints Edward R. Stettinius Jr., W. S. Knudsen, S. S. Hillman, Chester C. Davis, Ralph Budd, Leon Henderson, and Miss Harriet Elliott on defense staff.
26—House passes bill to speed naval building and expand air force.
30—President adds another billion dollars to defense program.

JUNE

- 3—U. S. Supreme court upholds law forcing school children to salute the flag. Senate passes bill authorizing 11 per cent increase in navy.
4—President presses Mussolini to stay out of war. Britain and France ship gold to America for safety.
6—Allies to get U. S. army guns; 50 navy planes on the way.
7—House votes sweeping reforms in NLRB and its procedure.
10—Roosevelt nominates Mussolini; promises material aid to allies.
11—Senate approves sale of war machines to allies.
17—Treasury impounds French assets in this country.
19—U. S. calls conference of 21 nations to map hemisphere policies.
20—Frank Knox and Henry L. Stimson, Republicans, enter Roosevelt's war cabinet.
21—National committee reads Knox and Stimson's report on Phila.
22—Senate passes excess profits corporation tax.
23—Congress passes defense and tax bills.
24—Ships barred from leaving U. S. without authorization.
25—President signs bill requiring fingerprinting of all aliens.

JULY

- 1—Roosevelt asks congress to "steep" tax on excess profits.
2—Sen. Burton of Wheeler announces his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for President.
8—Congressman James W. Martin of Massachusetts nominated as chairman of the Republican national committee.
9—Senate confirms nomination of Henry L. Stimson (Rep.) as secretary of war.
10—Roosevelt asks \$5 billion more for defense.
11—House passes Hatch bill to clean up state politics.
12—Senate passes Hatch clean politics bill.
13—Senate confirms nomination of Col. Frank Knox (Rep.) to be secretary of the navy.
14—President nominates 4-billion navy bill.
20—Ex-Governor Long of Louisiana and four indicted in payroll fraud.
25—Roosevelt halts export of oil and scrap material.
26—Roosevelt renews demand for authority to call the National Guard.

AUGUST

- 6—House approves wire-tapping to trap fifth columnists.
7—House votes permission for American ships to bring children from war zone.
8—Army arsenals ordered to use three daily shifts.
9—Senate gives President power to call National Guard.
10—Roosevelt resigns as postmaster general.
12—Russia demands America recall all its Baltic envoys.
15—House passes bill for Guard call.
16—Roosevelt announces pact with Canada for a joint defense board.
20—Claude B. Wickard nominated to succeed Wallace as secretary of agriculture.
23—President approves plans for transfer of destroyers to Britain.
24—Harry Hopkins resigns as secretary of commerce. Jesse Jones his successor.
25—Frank Walker named to succeed Farley as postmaster general.
28—Senate passes draft bill including conscription of industry.
30—Army orders 687 planes; 20,000 engines.

SEPTEMBER

- 1—Roosevelt calls up 60,500 National Guard for year's service with U. S. army.
3—President announces exchange of 50 destroyers to Great Britain for air and naval bases in British Western hemisphere possessions.
4—Secretary Hull renews warning to Japan on Indo-China.
6—Congress passes 5 1/2 billion defense bill.
7—House passes draft bill; sets ages at 21 to 45.
9—Navy orders 200 warships.
14—Conscription bill passes congress.
16—War department calls out 35,000 more Guardsmen.
17—Sam Rayburn elected speaker of the house to succeed Bankhead.
19—Senate passes excess profits bill.
20—House passes third of a billion to house draft army.
24—Marc de Tristan, three-year-old son of Count Marc de Tristan, kidnapped in Hillsboro, Calif.; held for \$100,000 ransom.
25—Census bureau reports population of U. S., 131,409,881.
26—Germans capture kidnaped and rescue Marc de Tristan in California hills.
28—Roosevelt bars export of scrap metal to Japan.

OCTOBER

- 1—Congress passes excess profits tax bill.
3—Congress passes 1 1/2 billion dollar war spending bill.
5—Navy orders out 27,591 fleet and marine reservists.
6—State department urges Americans to leave the Orient because of Japanese crisis.
8—Senate passes bill to release large amount of foreign funds.
12—President Clarence A. Dykstra of the University of Wisconsin, granted leave of absence to serve as director of the draft.
14—Joseph H. Ball named to succeed Senator Lundeen, deceased, as senator from Minnesota.
16—More than 16 million registered for draft in nation.
22—U. S. seizes 100 planes built for Sweden.
26—Hull warns axis to keep hands off colonies.
27—Joseph B. Kennedy, ambassador to Great Britain, returns and confers with President.
29—Drawing for draft begins.

NOVEMBER

- 9—Forty-hour week abandoned on defense jobs.
14—Eight theological students in New York sentenced to year in prison for draft evasion.
15—Strike closes plane plant working on military orders in California.
16—Navy announces it will accept 17-year-old recruits.
19—Lewis resigns as chief of C. I. O.
19—House refuses to adjourn by vote of 191 to 148.
20—U. S. transfers giant bombers to Britain.
22—Senator Holt asks investigation of British propaganda.
23—Phillip Murray succeeds John L. Lewis as chief of the C. I. O.
23—Attorney General Jackson says evidence shows that Reds caused plane plant strike in California.
24—Investigation of food prices started.
26—Senate passes Walter-Logan bill to curb powers of government agencies.
27—Roosevelt sets aside 50 million dollars to condition naval bases.

DECEMBER

- 1—Joseph P. Kennedy resigns as ambassador to Great Britain.
2—Walter-Logan bill passes house.
6—British and U. S. treasury heads confer on finances.
7—Strike closes 35 Pacific northwest lumber mills.
7—Roosevelt pledges U. S. aid to British.
7—Treasury puts tax on newest issue of notes.
10—British reject Hoover plan to feed Nazi-occupied countries.
11—Lord Lothian, British ambassador to U. S., asks for more help for Britain.
17—U. S. gets new request for aid to Britain.
18—President vetoes Walter-Logan bill.
20—Navy awards 50 millions in plant expansion contracts.

NATIONAL ELECTION



THIRD TERM TRADITION BROKEN—First U. S. executive to be elected three times, FDR is pictured here as he, Mrs. Roosevelt with Vice President and Mrs. Henry Wallace, arrived in Washington shortly following the election.

JUNE

- 24—Republican national convention opens in Philadelphia.
27—Wendell Willkie of New York named as candidate for President.
28—Sen. Charles L. McNary named for vice president.

JULY

- 15—Democratic national convention meets in Chicago.
17—President Roosevelt unanimously nominated for third term.
18—Henry A. Wallace named for vice president.

NOVEMBER

- 5—Roosevelt and Wallace carry 38 states in national election, with a total of 449 electoral votes. Willkie and McNary carry 10 states, with 82 electoral votes.

DISASTERS



MUNITION INDUSTRY BLASTS—Several munition plants working on U. S. defense orders were rocked by powder explosions. Here is part of the splintered wreckage after a blast at the Kenil, N. J., plant of the Hercules Powder Co., in which 41 were killed.

JANUARY

- 3—Eighteen lives lost in Minneapolis apartment block fire.
10—Ninety-one lives lost in West Virginia mine explosion.
23—Army bomber crashes in rainstorm; four killed.

FEBRUARY

- 15—Wild blizzard grips East; 71 dead.
20—Fire sweeps circus in winter quarters at Rochester, Ind.; 100 animals perish.

MARCH

- 12—Tornado kills 13 in South; heavy loss.
16—Seventy-one trapped in mine at St. Clairsville, Ohio.

APRIL

- 19—Thirty dead, 100 injured in train wreck at Little Falls, N. Y.
21—Eleven killed when two cars hit head-on in Minnesota.
23—Dance hall fire kills 247 Negroes in Natchez, Miss.
29—Tornado in Illinois kills 16.

MAY

- 2—Earthquakes kill 249 in Peru, 3,060 injured.
17—Eleven army fliers killed when two army bombers collide in New York.

JULY

- 15—Sixty-three killed in coal mine blast at Sonman, Pa.
31—Forty-one die when railroad coach crashes freight near Akron, Ohio.

AUGUST

- 12—Forty-eight dead, hundreds injured in blast of munitions plant at Kenil, N. J.
Hurricane batters the coast of Georgia and South Carolina; 35 dead; damage in the millions.
23—Nine killed in crash and explosion of army bomber near Denver.
31—Senator Lundeen of Minnesota and 24 others die in plane crash in Virginia during a storm.

OCTOBER

- 12—Tom Mix of silent movie fame killed in auto accident.

NOVEMBER

- 4—Airliner hits mountain in Utah during snowstorm; 10 killed.
7—Tacoma bridge, third largest in world collapses; no lives lost.
10—Earthquake in Rumania takes 1,000 lives.
11—Devastating windstorms sweep country from the Dakotas to Ohio, 100 killed, damage in the millions.
12—Seventy-five sailors lose their lives in storm on Lake Michigan.
29—Mine explosion at Cadiz, Ohio, traps 31 miners.

DECEMBER

- 4—Giant air transport crashes at Chicago airport; 10 dead, 6 injured.
18—Crash of U. S. army bomber kills six.

SPORTS



REDS WIN WORLD SERIES—Baseball's major prize—the World Series championship—was taken by National League Cincinnati Reds as they defeated the Detroit Tigers in a seven game series. Above—Tiger Reds are pictured in clubhouse after victory.

JANUARY

- 1—U. S. C. defeats Tennessee in Rose Bowl football game, 14 to 0.
11—Clark Shaughnessy appointed football coach at Stanford for five years.
14—Landis frees 92 baseball players in \$500,000 ruling.
24—Armstrong keeps welterweight title, stopping Montanez in ninth.

FEBRUARY

- 9—Joe Louis wins over Arturo Godoy in 15 rounds.

MARCH

- 4—Purdue wins Big Ten basketball title.
29—Joe Louis knocks out Paychek in second round.

APRIL

- 6—Willie Hoppe wins three-cushion billiard championship, winning all 20 games.
13—New York Rangers win Stanley cup in hockey.
16—Baseball season opens; Bob Feller, Cleveland pitcher, dominates night game against Chicago White Sox.

MAY

- 4—Gallahadion, 35 to 1, wins Kentucky derby.
10—Low Jenkins stops Ambers in third round.
30—Wilbur Shaw wins 500-mile automobile race at Indianapolis.

JUNE

- 6—Buddy Baer knocks out Valentine Campolo in first round.
9—Lawson Little beats Gene Sarazen in national open golf playoff.
29—Joe Louis stops Godoy in eighth round.

JULY

- 1—Jack Dempsey knocks out wrestler in second round.
9—National league all-stars defeat American league all-stars 4 to 0.
17—Armstrong stops Jenkins in sixth round.

AUGUST

- 6—Dr. Eddie Anderson elected head coach of the All-American football team.
29—Green Bay Packers defeat College All-Stars 45 to 28.

SEPTEMBER

- 2—Byron Nelson wins professional golf title.
6—Billy Conn knocks out Bob Pastor in 13 rounds.
19—Dick Chapman wins American amateur golf title.
19—Cincinnati Reds clinch National league pennant.
27—Max Baer stops Pat Comiskey in the first round.
27—Detroit Tigers clinch pennant in American baseball league.

OCTOBER

- 5—Fritzie Zivic wins welterweight boxing crown from Armstrong.
6—Chicago White Sox win city baseball series from Chicago Cubs.
8—Cincinnati wins world's series, defeating Detroit 4 games in 7.
NOVEMBER
13—Frank McCormick of Cincinnati voted most valuable player in the National league.
"Gabby" Hartnett let out as manager of the Chicago Cubs.
14—James T. Gallagher named general manager of the Chicago Cubs.

DECEMBER

- 8—Chicago Bears defeat Washington Redskins for professional football championship 73 to 0.
12—Three-cornered trade between Boston Red Sox, Washington and Cleveland involves seven players.
16—Joe Louis wins over Al McCoy on technical knockout in sixth round.
17—Ohio State accepts resignation of Francis Schmidt, football coach.
20—Captain Wood leaves Army coaching job.

FOREIGN



PAN AMERICAN CONFERENCE—General scene of assembled delegates from 21 American Republics participating, as this important defense congress opened in Havana, Cuba.

FEBRUARY

- 7—Japan prepares for "difficulties" in relations with United States.
11—Belfast police fight 2,000 I. R. A. rioters two hours.
26—Welles hands Mussolini message from Roosevelt.
28—Ancient Egyptian king's tomb yields vast riches.

MARCH

- 4—Germany stops deportation of Jews to district in Poland.
13—Sir Michael O'Dwyer, British India leader, assassinated by native gunman.
19—French cabinet resigns in body.
20—Paul Reynaud seeks to form new cabinet for France.
26—Russia recalls ambassador to Paris.

APRIL

- 10—Iceland takes control of own foreign affairs.
19—Jugo-Slavia smashes Nazi plot to overturn government.

MAY

- 30—Rumania votes state control over all businesses.

JUNE

- 22—Workers' coup results in new government for Estonia.

JULY

- 9—Duke of Windsor appointed governor of Bahamas.
14—Fulgencio Batista elected president of Cuba.
23—Dr. Benes heads new Czech regime recognized by British.
American republics approve program to resist Nazi influence in Western hemisphere.

AUGUST

- 3—Japan protests U. S. ban on aviation oil.
6—Japanese arrest seven members of Salvation Army as spies.
7—Rumania passes severe new law against Jews.
17—Duke of Windsor is sworn in as governor of Bahamas.
20—Trotsky attacked by axman in home in Mexico.
30—Rumania loses half of Transylvania to Hungary.

SEPTEMBER

- 3—Assassins attempt to kill King Carol in plot to revolt.
4—King Carol yields power and picks "dictator."
6—King Carol abdicates in favor of his son Michael.
12—Mexico names Gen. Avila Camacho president-elect.
14—Rumania now a totalitarian state under Iron Guard rule.
22—Japs invade Indo-China; fight French.

OCTOBER

- 10—Assassins slay Jap mayor of Shanghai.
American charge d'affaires at Berlin ordered home.

NOVEMBER

- 16—Survey plane hops to British Honduras in 6 hours, 35 minutes.
30—Cuba captures seven Japs in fish boats with maps of U. S. bases.

DECEMBER

- 1—Gen. Manuel Avila Camacho sworn in as president of Mexico, pledges to defend Americas.
18—Actual work started on Latin-America air and naval bases.
20—Five thousand Cuban workers on naval base go on strike.

NECROLOGY



IDAHO'S BORAH DIES—Brilliantly uniformed pallbearers carry the body of Senator William E. Borah from the Idaho state capitol at Boise, to his last resting place.

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**NEW YEAR'S DAY**

January 1, marking the beginning of the year has been observed as a public holiday for many centuries, certainly in Rome since the reformation of the calendar by Julius Caesar in the century before Christ.

Owing to the confusion in dates which has resulted from the imperfections of various calendars, which caused skipping of dates at various times, New Year's Day may be said to be merely an arbitrary designation. As late as 1752, the adoption of the Gregorian calendar by England and the American Colonies caused a skip of 11 days.

However, regardless of the day designated as New Year's at countries, it has been generally observed as a holiday.

The Romans celebrated it with processions, abandonment of litigation and strife, exchanging of visits and of gifts, feasting and merry-making. Early fathers of the Christian church did not approve of these festivities, but recommended that the day be devoted to meditation, scripture reading and works of charity.

But about the fourth century, when December 25 had been agreed upon for the observance of Christ's nativity, New Year's Day, falling one week later, began to assume a sacred character as the anniversary of the circumcision, and as such it still figures in the calendars of certain branches of the church.

Other religious faiths, such as the Jewish and Mohammedan have their own calendars, with distinctive holidays and festivals, in which their New Year's Day has a corresponding significance to that of Christendom.

**QUEER CUSTOMS**

Among the curious customs which have influenced mankind, one of the most interesting and often amusing is that system of religious prohibitions known as taboo. This system attained its fullest and most complicated development among the native island inhabitants of Polynesia, from Hawaii to New Zealand, but its traces may be discovered in most parts of the world, even among supposedly civilized peoples.

The word "taboo" in its ordinary sense means set apart, or sacred, and the persons or things so set apart, were usually designated by kings, chiefs and priests.

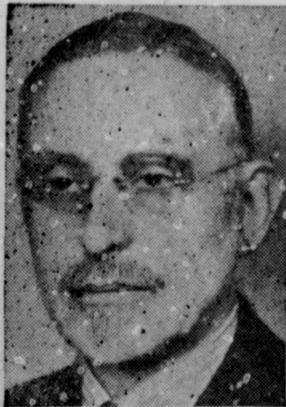
Certain periods of religious ceremonies were marked by strict taboos, during which all fires and fights were extinguished, no canoe was launched, no one bathed, no dog might bark or pig grunt, no cock crow. The animals were caused to observe the taboos by having their mouths tied up.

In New Zealand the places where great chiefs had rested were taboo or sacred, and fences were placed around the spots, so no one might tread thereon.

It was believed that as a penalty for the violation of certain taboos the offender would swell up and die, but the priests were able to prevent such dire consequences by performing certain mystical ceremonies, for a suitable fee. Violations of a taboo were often punished by death or at least by a sort of judicial robbery, whereby the unlucky violator was despoiled of all his property.

These are only a few of the innumerable strange customs associated with the taboo and its attendant superstitions.

**Scientist**



Dr. A. F. Blakeslee, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, who is presiding at the annual meeting in Philadelphia—from Dec. 27 to Jan. 2.

**DAIRYING PROFITS**

Successful dairy farming depends upon proper feeding, breeding, herd management, expert marketing and judicious purchase of supplies. Needless to say, nutrition of the cow is vital. To produce plentifully, the cow must be well fed.

Proteins are an essential nutrient, and usually lacking in sufficient amounts in home grown feeds. Soybean oil meal furnishes excellent protein to balance grain mixtures for dairy cows and growing calves, and repeated agricultural experiment station tests have demonstrated that it is an economical and efficient protein source for this purpose. This meal is very palatable, definitely satisfactory to feed and not too laxative even in large amounts.

In a recent quantity experiment by nutritional experts as much as 18 pounds a day of soybean oil meal was fed to a cow for an extended period with no adverse results.

On the other hand, raw soybeans, whole or ground, contain too much oil, and when fed at high levels they have a definitely adverse effect upon butter besides being less palatable. When ground they deteriorate rapidly, the oil becoming rancid.

The many advantages of soybean oil meal in animal feeding have been so thoroughly demonstrated that the demand for it has had a phenomenal growth, increasing from 21,000 tons to more than 1,000,000 tons annually in the last 10 years. Many reputable brands of livestock feeds containing this valuable protein ingredient are on the market and have been found eminently satisfactory.

A check on the birth records in Louisiana revealed that the following names had been given to children: Castor Oil, Delirious, Evil, Muddle, Pickle, Pill, Rat, Rasal, Sausage and Louse.

A good many big city officials are machine-made and hand-picked.

**Rail Prexy**



William White, who succeeds John M. Davis as president of the Delaware, Lackawana & Western railroad on January 1, will be the youngest railroad president in the East. He is 43 years old.

**MORE HEART DISEASE**

The increasing part played by heart disease in incapacitating and shortening the lives of Americans has become a matter of major concern among members of the medical profession and others. The death rate from heart ailments increased from about 165 to nearly 270 per 100,000 of population in the last 25 years.

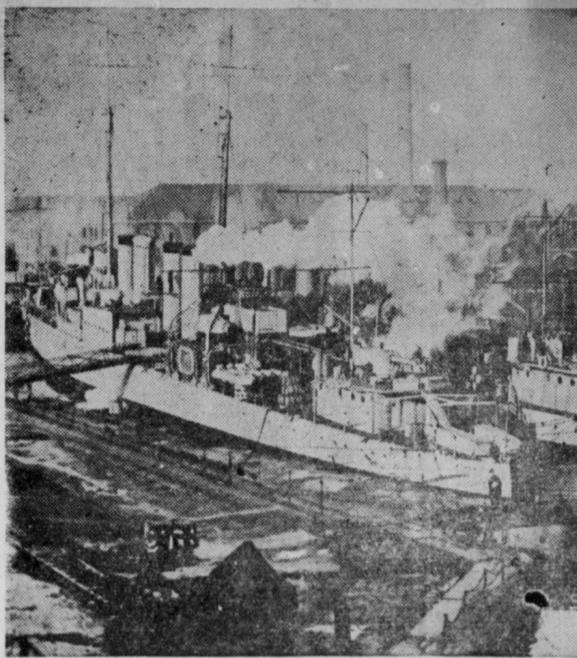
In the United States nearly 350,000 persons die of heart disease every year, it being by far the most common single cause of death. Statistics gathered by insurance companies and medical organizations indicate that this malady does its greatest damage during the period known as the prime of life.

Some leading specialists attribute the increasing prevalence of heart disease and the concurrent malady, hardening of the arteries, to the hurry, worry and high pressure of modern life, with its increased emotional pace. One authority declares:

"It is the unhappy condition of the mind caused by the unfulfillment of desires, conflicts, thwarted ambitions and man's efforts to escape from his environment and personal limitations that prepare the way for heart disease", adding that tea, coffee, tobacco and alcohol may make the heart more sensitive to emotional struggles.

He suggested not too strenuous outdoor exercise and games with congenial companions as one important aid in treating or averting heart strains caused by emotional stresses.

**Intact After Bomb Threat**



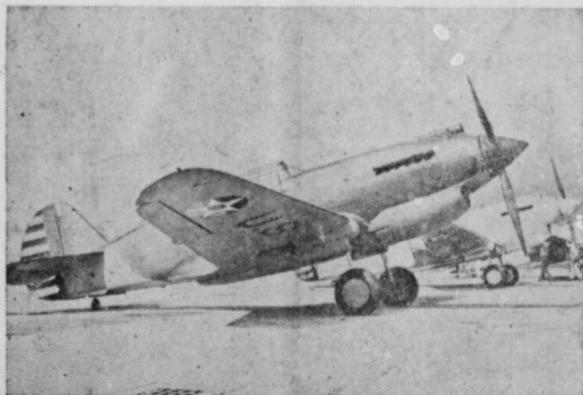
Charleston Navy Yard, Boston, which was protected by a cordon of more than 100 police and a detachment of marines after a navy official had received information that a workman would attempt to carry a time bomb and dynamite into the navy yard in a lunchbox, when the gates were opened for the day's shift. A thorough search revealed nothing whatever.

**Commanders of Four U. S. Air Districts**



The four major generals in command of the four air districts into which the United States has been divided are shown here. Top, left, Maj. Gen. B. K. Youn, commanding general of the Southeast air corps district. Top, right, Maj. Gen. John F. Curry (N. W. district); bottom, left, Maj. Gen. James Chaney, (N. E. district); bottom, right, Maj. Gen. Jacob Fickel (S. W. district).

**U. S. Releases Planes to Greece**



In swift execution of aiding the nations fighting aggression, the United States government has released to Greece 30 P-40 pursuit planes, pictured above, for immediate delivery. The planes, rated by air experts in America as possessing greater speed, maneuverability and stamina than Italy's best, mount four wing-contained machine guns each.

**23rd Recipient of Donor's Blood**



Mrs. Leslie Watts cheers her mother, Mrs. Hazel Farmer, victim of staphylococcus septicemia, who will be the twenty-third recipient of the blood of Mrs. Rose McMullin, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Farmer, whose home is in Oklahoma City, was brought to Chicago to await the arrival of Mrs. McMullin, whose blood has saved the lives of 22 persons.

Walter Bonneville of Snow Hill, Md., watched for a thief which had been stealing three pies and a loaf of bread left on his doorstep every morning by a baker. The culprit was found to be a mongrel dog which was carrying away the food to share with her four pups in a vacant building nearby.

Sargo, grand champion steer of the recent International Livestock Exhibition in Chicago, raised by Evelyn Assay of Mount Carroll, Ill., was sold for \$3,498, or \$3.30 a pound. Bought by L. K. Firestone, the steer will be exhibited over the country.

Berkely L. Bunker, 34, filing station operator and Mormon bishop, has been appointed United States senator to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Senator Key Pittman of Nevada. Governor Carville, who appointed Bunker is a Catholic.

Winchell reports that Grinnell College alumni have asked that the premiere of the movie "Meet John Doe", starring Gary Cooper, be given in the Iowa town. When a student at Grinnell, Cooper was rejected by the dramatic society, whose members thought he had no talent for acting.

Steve Clements of Hollywood, who does knife-throwing scenes for the movies, charges \$15 to throw at an extra, \$25 at a featured player, and from \$50 to \$100 to throw at a star.

A police dog was put in jail in Texarkana, Ark., when two men contested its ownership.

The National Defense Advisory Commission today (Monday, December 30, 1940) released a pamphlet describing the functions and duties of the commission with a summary of its activities for the past six months.

The pamphlet was issued in answer to numerous requests for a publication describing the work of the Commission, and the part it takes in the national defense program.

The first section of "The National Defense Advisory Commission: Duties and Functions", gives brief definitions of the duties of each of the seven Commissioners, and also of the duties of the Defense Housing Coordinator, the Coordinator of National Defense Purchases, the Administrator of Export Control, the Coordinator of Commercial and Cultural Relations between the American Republics, and the Division of State and Local Cooperation.

The second section is a division-by-division summary of the Commission's activities since it was established on May 28, 1940, with a breakdown of the major contract categories, the amounts of each of the major defense items contracted for, and present deliveries on these items.

**CHURCH NOTES**



Rev. and Mrs. L. R. Brothers, missionaries to Nigeria, Africa, were visitors to the First Baptist church Sunday morning, Rev. Brothers preaching at the regular sermon period, and Mrs. Brothers giving a short lecture on customs and conditions in that country.

She displayed various articles of wearing apparel and other things including a grotesque idol, such as is worshipped by the natives.

Rev. Brothers told of the work being done there by the Baptist denomination and also of the great need for expansion of the work.

**Birthday Greetings!**



Only a day separates the birthdays of two very prominent men, although widely separated by years and miles. Dr. Francis E. Townsend will celebrate his seventy-fourth birthday on December 13. King George VI of England will celebrate his forty-fifth birthday on December 14. This is the second birthday which King George will celebrate under wartime conditions.

**Notice to Bidders**

Sealed proposals, addressed to the Mayor of the City of Rockport, Texas, for the construction of a complete Gas System, including supply line and distribution system and all appurtenances thereto in accordance with the plans and specifications and instruction to bidders prepared by, and which may be obtained from Horace J. Wilson, Consulting Engineer, 130 West Woodlawn Ave., San Antonio, Texas, or which may be seen at the office of the City Secretary in Rockport, Texas, will be received in the office of the City Secretary in Rockport, Texas, until Three P. M. o'clock on the 6th day of January 1941 and then publicly opened and read. The City will have available for this contract approximately \$50,000.00 in gas revenue bonds of said City. Bidders may receive a copy of complete plans and specifications, bid blanks and instruction to bidders from the Engineers upon the deposit with the Engineers of \$25.00; \$10.00 of which will be refunded if same are returned to the City with a bona fide bid prior to the letting.

The Contractor may be paid for this work in gas revenue bonds, as the work progresses, upon estimates prepared by the Engineer and approved by the City.

The successful bidder will be required to pay for the City approximately \$5,000.00 for the cost of Engineering and incidentals, upon estimates approved by the City, during the course of construction, for which will be reimbursed in bonds of par and accrued interest.

The successful bidder will be required to enter into a contract with the City of Rockport, Texas, and to furnish a performance bond, written by an approved Surety Company, in an amount not less than \$50,000 (Fifty Thousand Dollars).

A cashier's check or certified check, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Rockport, Texas, or an acceptable proposal bond, in an amount not less than five per cent (5) of the largest possible total bid, including consideration of alternates, must accompany each bid as a guarantee that if awarded the contract the bidder will promptly enter into a contract and execute bond in the form provided, as outlined in the specifications and instructions to bidders.

Attention is called to the fact that not less than the prevailing rates of wage as established by the City of Rockport, Texas, (Owner), and as set forth in the specifications must be paid on this project.

The award of the contract shall be conditioned upon funds being made available, and the City of Rockport, Texas, (Owner), shall have the right to hold the bids for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of bid opening, and no bid may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days after the date on which bids are opened.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or waive any and all formalities. J. E. MOORE, Mayor City of Rockport, Texas

Practice firing by anti-aircraft guns of a National Guard unit at Yaphank, N. Y., was postponed three days until the duck-hunting season ended on December 15. Hunters had requested the postponement because the guns were frightening the ducks away.

To express its disapproval of Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's attitude toward the administration's foreign policy, the city council of Brownwood, Tex., changed the name of Lindbergh avenue in that town to Corrigan street.

Forrest C. Donnell, Republican governor-elect of Missouri, a few days ago submitted a revised statement of his campaign expenses, admitting that he had forgotten to include a few items in his official list of expenditures. The added amount was \$7.94 and his total campaign expense was \$124.

Peace is the healing and elevating influence of the world.—Woodrow Wilson

Peace rules the day, where reason rules the mind.—William Collins

If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.—Romans 12:18

Only what feeds and fills the sentiment with unworldliness, can give peace and good will toward men.—Mary Baker Eddy

Peace is the happy, natural state of man; war, his corruption, his disgrace.—James Thomson

If we have not peace within ourselves, it is vain to seek it from outward sources.—La Rochefoucauld

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Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Ward spent Christmas in Ingleside with Mr. and Mrs. Lefty Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Murchinson and family of Austin, and Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Collins of Jackson, Mississippi, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Hawes.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Schmidt and family of Taft are guests in the home of Mrs. Theo McMullen.

Moselle O'Bannon was a visitor in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Smith during the holidays.

Mrs. Jack Davis left Monday to visit her husband at Matagorda for a few days.

Marilyn Brown visited with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Brown of Cuero during Christmas day.

David M. Picton, Jr., of Houston was here over the week-end, visiting relatives.

Mr. Albert T. Oertling of Bay City spent the Christmas holidays here with his mother and sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hill and son Gilbert were accompanied to Cuero by Miss Mary Frances Bell, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee Hart and little daughter, Dollie Lee, of Refugio, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bissett Christmas.

Miss Dorothy Bissett of Refugio spent Christmas here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Bissett.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Patrick and family of Cuero are guests of Mr. and Mrs. John C. Sorenson and Mr. and Mrs. James C. Herring.

Mrs. H. T. Bailey returned Saturday from Beeville where she had spent the past week with relatives.

Wm. McGrath, Musical Director for the Rockport School System, returned this week from Chicago, where he spent the Christmas holidays.

Miss Margaret Ingersoll of Lockhart and Mrs. F. H. Alviset of Houston spent Christmas here with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Ingersoll.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Stumberg and sons returned Sunday from San Antonio where they had spent the holidays in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Adams and family.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Thurmond, Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Thurmond, Jr., of Amarillo and Mrs. James G. Hooper of Rockport left Monday for a visit with Mrs. Charles Clapp, Mrs. Jennie Nichols and Mrs. Harry Thomas in Brownsville.

Power for Defense



John C. Garand, inventor of the army's famed semi-automatic Garand rifle, is shown at work in his model shop at the Springfield, Mass., armory, where his grand gun is in mass production to arm our defense forces.

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Delmar Taylor was a visitor to Aransas Pass, Wednesday.

Capt. C. A. Davis was a business visitor to Galveston Monday.

W. H. Davis visited at Hitchcock, near Galveston, Monday.

Mrs. Jack Davis visited her husband at Matagorda, where he is stationed, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Collins of Waco visited with the Hawes family for Christmas.

Miss Beth Malone of Austin is the guest of Miss Annie Ruth Jackson this week.

Mrs. J. D. Porter of Austin is here this week, the guest of her daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Jackson.

Charles and David Gibson of Corpus Christi were New Years guests of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bruhl.

The Rockport Parent-Teachers Association will meet Wednesday, January 8, in a study course with Mrs. Fancer Archer as leader.

Mrs. Staggs and son Don and Mr. J. E. Harrison of Tucson, Ariz., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Bruhl. Mr. Harrison is the brother of Mrs. Bruhl.

J. C. Sanders was here Wednesday from Palacios, where he is operating a cafe. He reports that place to be very lively with thousands of soldiers encamped near there.

Mrs. Tom Rooke returned home Tuesday from Dallas, where she attended the Fletcher family reunion and visited at other places. She was accompanied home by her niece, Miss Betty Jo Hanes of Segoville.

Mrs. John Haynes was operated on Friday at the Fred Roberts Memorial Hospital in Corpus Christi. She is getting along fine.

Youthful Couple Is Married

Miss Dorothy Mullinax, 16-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mullinax, of this place, and Mr. Noble Evans were united in marriage December 24 at the county courthouse, Judge B. S. Fox officiating.

The youthful couple will make their home here for the present.

College Set Entertained By Annual Holiday Dance

Monday night the following ladies, as has been their annual custom, were hostesses at a dance for the college set: Mrs. Charley Picton, Mrs. A. R. Curry, Mrs. Travis Johnson, Mrs. Fred Bracht, Mrs. Travis Bailey, Mrs. Geo. Lee Brundrett, Mrs. James Sorenson, and Mrs. S. F. Jackson.

The dance which was formal was held at the Catholic Hall.

A dummy fireplace with potted poinsettias on the mantel and a decorated Christmas tree formed the background for the tea table which was laid in lace. The punch bowl was draped with red cellophane and encircled with greens. Wreaths and bells decorated the windows.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Fancer Archer, Mr. and Mrs. DeWilton Jeffries, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. Norvell Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Sanders, Misses Clara Louise

HERE AND THERE IN THE FILES

Well, your printer's devil has been busy this week digging skeletons, roses, etc. out of the files. Most of them, you see, come from the personal column. That is because, according to our belief, history is made up of personal items. Besides that it's lots of fun to recall the days when "Model T's" sold for \$295 f. o. b. Detroit, and everybody had one.

January 18, 1924

Our barber, W. A. Peagler has overhauled his Ford and now it looks just like new and he don't see common folks as he goes by.

Now is a desirable time to again discuss the matter of dredging out the harbor back of the sea wall. The past few months have demonstrated the necessity of this work. Such a bit of enterprise would be the means of inducing many fine boats to come to Rockport for a winter harbor.

February 15, 1924

A thirty five pound tarpon was caught from the wharf Monday by a stranger, who after landing it on the wharf, turned it back in the bay.

February 29, 1924

Fred A. Bracht has been confined to his home the past two weeks by an attack of rheumatism but is out again.

May 16, 1924

Mrs. Travis Bailey and children of Roswell, New Mexico are visiting at the home of Henry T. Bailey this week.

April 18, 1924

Mayor Jackson was a business visitor at Sinton last week for a day or two.

That's "30" for this week, but we'll be back with some more of these items next week, Ed. willing.

Your Printer's Devil

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Thurmond, sons, Jack and J. W., Mrs. Sidney Sumner and daughter Alene and Mr. and Mrs. Davis McKinney of Benavides are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sparks

Young People Have Dance At Catholic Hall

About forty young people attended a dance at the Catholic Hall Saturday night, which was chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Fancer Archer, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Smith and Mrs. Helen J. Sloan. Punch was served.

Musicians Meet



Dr. Howard Hanson, who will reside at the annual conference of the National Association of Teachers of Music in Cleveland, December 26-27. Many noted composers and instructors will attend.

Johnson, Anne Ruth Jackson, Mary Ferris, Mary Beth Picton, Beth Malone from Austin, Betty Estill from Houston, Miss Janice Ayres, Laura Angellos, Edna Brewster and Beth McSpadden from Aransas Pass, Katherine Frost of Owensboro, Ky., Mr. Glenn Mills, James Sorenson, Jim Jackson, George Brundrett, Fred Bracht, Jr., Billy Ferris, Wayne Smith, Dick Picton, Bobby Ferris, Clark Bailey, Reginald Dugat and Buddy Campbell of Ingleside, Joe Keepers, Bobby Brewster, Lonnie Yoeder, Howard Davenport and Poney Crawford from Aransas Pass and Billy Patterson from Waco.

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SAT. MIDNITE SHOW

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Margaret Lindsay  
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Sun. - Mon. Jan. 5 - 6

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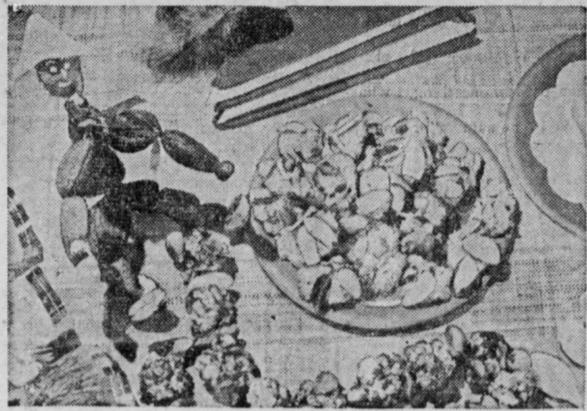


**All Too Soon**  
The couple was married and traveled to the lakes for their honeymoon. As soon as they arrived they took a boat out upon the crystal clear water.  
The following morning the bride's mother got a postcard which read:  
"Arrived safely. Grand row before supper."  
"My!" she muttered. "I didn't think they'd begin quarreling so soon."

**TOO TRUE**  
Hostess—What part of the fowl do you prefer?  
Brown—My taste runs from end to end.

**Know Now?**  
A correspondent endeavors to describe the difference between clerks and managers as follows:  
"A clerk is a man who knows a great deal about very little, and who goes on knowing more and more about less and less, until finally he knows everything about practically nothing."  
"A manager is a man who knows very little about a great deal and who goes on knowing less and less about more and more until finally he knows nothing about everything."

Household News  
By Eleanor Howe



OF COURSE YOU LIKE CANDY  
(See Recipes Below)

Making candy is really outside the realm of general cooking, but with a little guidance, even an amateur can work real magic with sugar and water. Simply by changing temperature and the method of handling, a wide variety of fondants, fudges, and hard candies can be made.

**Utensils for Making Candy.**  
Saucepans should have broad bottoms, and should be large enough to allow for "boiling up." The inside surface should be smooth, because rough spots may cause candies to stick and burn.

**Measuring cups**—use standard measuring cups for successful results; accurate measurements are essential.

**Spoons and spatulas**—wooden spoons are desirable for candy making because they do not become uncomfortably hot, nor does the wooden spoon handle cut into one's hand during beating. Use standard tablespoons and teaspoons for measuring. A medium-sized spatula is a help in scraping candy from kettles, and lifting candy from the pan.

**Baking sheets, platters and pans**—ordinary cookie sheets provide a good surface for pouring hard candies; large platters may be used for taffy, which is to be taken out and pulled, or for fondant which is to be beaten. A marble slab from an old-fashioned marble-topped table or bureau makes an excellent smooth, level surface for pouring candies.

**Candy thermometer**—a thermometer is essential in order to obtain uniform and good results in making candy.

Candies are classified as "creamy candies," such as fondant or fudge, and as "taffies" and "hard" candies, like nut brittle and lollipops.

In making creamy candies two rules must be observed: cook the candy to a definite temperature, and cool to room temperature before you begin to beat.

**Brazilian Molasses Balls.**  
(Makes 24 small balls)  
1 1/2 cups sugar  
1/4 cup hot water  
3/4 cup light molasses  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 tablespoon vinegar  
1/4 cup butter  
3 pints popped corn  
1 pint Brazil nuts (sliced)

Dissolve sugar in hot water. Add molasses, salt and vinegar and cook to soft crack stage (270 degrees). Remove from heat, and add butter. Stir syrup slowly into popped corn and Brazil nuts. Mix well, and shape into balls.

**Lollipops.**  
(Makes 1 1/2 dozen)  
2 cups sugar  
1/2 cup light corn syrup  
1 cup water  
1/2 teaspoon oil of cloves or oil of cinnamon  
Red or green coloring

Put sugar, syrup, and water in a saucepan. Cook, stirring just until the sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking over very low heat, to 310 degrees on a candy thermometer. Wash down the crystals that form during cooking, using cheese cloth which has been wrapped around a fork or spoon. When the candy reaches 310 degrees, remove from heat, add coloring and color and mix very quickly. Pour into small buttered muffin pans, filling them only 1/4-inch deep. As soon as the lollipops begin to set (which will take only a few minutes) loosen them from sides of pan and turn out on table top. Insert the pointed end of a small skewer into the side of each lollipop, working it in carefully to avoid breaking the candy. It will be necessary to work quickly.

**Milk Chocolate Marshmallow Candy**  
1/2 pound broken milk chocolate  
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1/2 cup walnut meats (broken)  
8 marshmallows, (cut in halves)  
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chocolate together in the top of a double boiler. Remove from flame and add walnut meats and marshmallows. Stir gently until thoroughly mixed. Drop by teaspoonfuls on wax paper. Serve when cool.

Taffy Apples.

Place a meat skewer in end of each apple. Cook together 1 cup sugar, 1 cup white corn syrup, 1/4 cup butter, and 1 cup coffee cream until mixture reaches firm ball stage (246 degrees). Stir carefully to avoid scorching. Remove from flame and dip each apple into mixture and then in cold water.

Butterscotch Nut Marshmallows.

1 cup light brown sugar  
1/2 cup cream  
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1/2 pound marshmallows  
3/4 cup nut meats (finely chopped)

Place brown sugar, cream, vanilla extract, and salt in a saucepan. Cook slowly, stirring frequently, to the soft ball stage (236 degrees). Remove from flame and place saucepan over hot water to keep mixture from cooling. Coat marshmallows with the butterscotch mixture and then roll immediately in the finely chopped nut meats. Place on a buttered platter until cold.

Red and Green Popcorn Balls.

(Makes 10 balls)  
2 cups sugar  
2 tablespoons light corn syrup  
1 1/2 cups water  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
Red or green liquid coloring  
3 quarts popped corn

Combine sugar, corn syrup and water, and cook in a saucepan, stirring until the sugar is dissolved. Continue cooking until the temperature 290 degrees is reached, or until a few drops of the syrup becomes brittle when dropped into cold water. Add vanilla extract and a few drops of red or green coloring. Stir sufficiently to mix the coloring evenly. Pour the cooked syrup over the popped corn, which has been sprinkled with salt; stir well, and form into balls with the hands, using little pressure.

Chocolate Fudge.

(Makes 36 1 1/4-inch squares)  
2 tablespoons butter  
3 cups sugar  
1 cup milk  
2 squares chocolate (2 ounces) (cut in pieces)  
1/4 cup honey  
1 teaspoon vinegar  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
Nutmeats if desired

Melt butter in a saucepan. Add sugar and milk, and mix well. Bring to a boil, then cover and cook with the lid on for about 3 minutes. Remove lid, add chocolate and honey, and cook to soft ball stage (236 degrees). Remove from heat, and add vinegar and vanilla. Cool to room temperature, and beat until the fudge is thick and creamy. Add nut meats if desired, and spread in well buttered pan.

Tasty Sauce

A cup of grated cheese added to the white sauce that is served with cauliflower is very good.

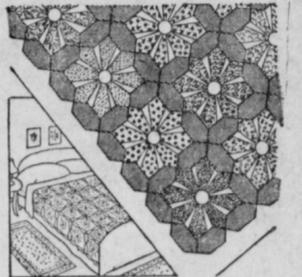
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# Hidden Ways

By FREDERIC F. VAN DE WATER

CHAPTER X—Continued

"Maybe not," Cochrane answered dreamily, "but he changed his name to Ferriter, during the war."  
"King George—Gawd bless 'im—changed his too," I jeered.  
The innocent face before me beamed.  
"He changed it to Ferriter," my caller droned. "It used to be Horstman."  
I stared. Cochrane's expression was as guileless as a pan of milk.  
"I give up," I said at last. "I'm not good at riddles. What's the answer?"  
"I don't know," the reporter told me gently. "I hoped that, maybe, we could find one together. And now I'm all muddled up. If it's any of my business, what was your date with the pure young man?"  
"Are you completely goofy?" I asked. "What man?"  
"The guy with the sneeze expression and the cologne," Cochrane went on. "He said he was waiting to see you."  
I looked at him hard.  
"Waiting? Where?"  
My astonishment seemed to comfort Cochrane. He beamed.  
"In here," he said. "It must have been Everett, though I've never had a closeup of him before. He blew a minute after I came. Seemed pretty anxious to go, too."  
"Who let him in?" I began and then remembered I had told Mrs. Shaw to admit any man who called. Again in my mind, the swarm of half-uttered questions stung and flew.  
"Search me," Cochrane answered, "but he let himself out before I could learn who he was. You weren't expecting a call from Mr. Ferriter-Horstman?"  
"I was not," I snapped and turning opened the bureau drawer. I didn't hear the question Cochrane asked. My face must have been strange for his own changed when I looked at him again.  
"He came here," I said slowly, "to search this room. He's been through the bureau."  
"Did he get what he was after?" Cochrane asked.  
"I don't," I answered, "even know what he was looking for."

CHAPTER XI

Cochrane said gently:  
"You might check if he's taken anything."  
By the mess in the bureau drawer, my visitor had not been a cool and careful seeker, or perhaps the reporter had come in before he could reorder the jumble of handkerchiefs, neckties and the like.  
"He's left me my razor," I told Cochrane, "and that's what I need most right now. If there's any more confusion you want to spread, you can trot along to the bathroom with me."  
In his cherubic face, his eyes were bright.  
"You don't let business interfere with your pleasure, laddie?"  
"Not this time," I snapped, and he grinned.  
"Go ahead," he waved at the door. "I'll just sit here and think."  
He was staring as though the opposite wall were not there when I returned.  
"Why should he want to rob you?" he asked.  
"Why?" I threw back at him, "should his brother want to kill me? and while I dressed, I told him of my duel with Lyon. Cochrane lit a cigarette and watched the smoke he blew. He did not speak, until I bent before the mirror to tie my tie. Then he said in mild complaint:  
"I wish crime could be a little more orderly. We pick up bits here and scraps there and, put them all together, they spell nothing."  
I was pulled two ways. I wanted to stay and sift the day's events with Jerry in the hope of finding coherence in their madness. I wondered, as I fidgeted and looked at my watch, if anything but the promise of this evening could possibly make me willing to leave.  
"Why," Cochrane asked, narrowed-eyed, "should one of the Horstman-Ferriter boys try to kill you and the other toss your room so ineffectively?"  
"You tell me," I said. "I've got ten minutes more, at most."  
"Then," he answered, getting up, "we better spend it elsewhere. Let's go, laddie."  
"Go where?"  
"We'll call on your friend Everett. Anyone in such beautiful evening clothes ought to be able to get me into the Morello. So far, the outside lobby has been my farthest north. Yoicks, my son."  
"Wait a minute. We go to see Everett. I tell him I think he robbed me. He says he didn't. And that'll be that. How far does it get us?"  
"Just about as far as you'd get by charging Lyon with felonious assault. But if the jittery gets in some alone and we can get to him—well, I think he'll break down. He looks like the sort that can't take it. And laddie, when I'm crowded, I can deal it."  
"He had another nervous collapse or whatever, this noon," I told my companion as we pulled on our coats. "He's not built for a murderer."  
"Those that aren't built for it suffer worst when they do it," Cochrane replied with an angelic smile and led the way downstairs.

We hailed a taxi and drove toward the Morello. Beside me, Cochrane smoked in silence for some minutes before he asked with the sleepy air he used when things were most important:  
"I don't suppose you've had time, during your toilet, to give a thought to the fact that Everett used to be Horstman?"  
"This nightmare," I told him, "moves too fast for me to think much of any one thing. What are you brooding on now?"  
"Well," he said, "Horstman could be a German name, eh?"  
I nodded.  
He went on, softly:  
"And it was a German voice you heard, over the phone, just before Blackbeard was killed?"  
He saw that he had pricked me and beamed.  
"You don't think," I asked angrily, "that I don't know Everett's



"You aren't just a spectator."

voice? You really can't think that he has the guts to—"  
"If you knew," Cochrane broke in, "the number and variety of the things I can think, you'd be dismayed and grieved. Anyway, you might chew on that a little, during your wooing of the lovely heiress."  
"Listen," I began and glared at him.  
He smiled sweetly.  
"I don't want to hear a word," he answered. "Here we are at the scene of the crime."  
Waiters, the night doorman, was in attendance on a shiny town car when our cab drew up at the Morello and Cochrane followed me into the foyer, unchallenged. Fineman was on the switchboard. He seemed too dazzled at sight of me in formal clothes to notice the reporter and, at my request, telephoned the Ferriter apartment.  
"Nobody home," he said, flicking down the switch. "The old boy, him that was pinched after the killing, went out twenty minutes ago."  
"I wanted to see his brother."  
"Everett's absence cheered me. Apparently, the furies had found another job and my way upstairs to the Paget apartment was clear, at last."  
"Him?" asked Fineman. "He hasn't shown since I came on. I'll tell him, if he comes."  
"Do that," I answered and turned back to Cochrane.  
He grinned at my news.  
"Well," he said, "we tried anyway. Good night to you, Prince Charming. Have a nice opera. I think I'll nose around a bit. Not in here, where I pollute the patrician atmosphere and run a chance of getting heaved out on my neck, but outside. I'll be seeing you, laddie."  
"I feel like a pup, walking out on you now," I said.  
"I certainly hope you do," Cochrane answered cheerfully.  
Miss Agatha and Allegra were in the living room. There was coffee on the table beside them and its fragrance for an instant made me aware that I had missed another meal. Then Allegra smiled and I forgot prosaic food. She was very fair in her black evening dress with the frosty coronet in her hair; so lovely of body and face, that I looked quickly away and endured the old lady's humorless glare.  
"David," Miss Agatha asked, "do you always appear everywhere exactly on time with the look of one who has run the last hundred yards?"  
"I always run at least the last hundred when I'm going to see you," I told her.  
Allegra giggled. Miss Agatha retorted:  
"My dear boy, I've been a whatstone on which many men have sharpened their gallantry for use on others. You don't impress me. Go on to your opera. It's Wagner and it serves you both right."  
I held the glittering, fur-collared coat in which Allegra wrapped herself. The fragrance of her hair made me slightly dizzy. She went to her aunt and, bending, kissed her. I saw the old hands catch one of hers and hold it tightly, passionately, for an instant. There was pathos in that. There was none in Miss Agatha's brisk voice.  
"Allegra, will you remember that

David Mallory starts his work again in just thirteen hours? What havoc you make of other men's nights is between you and your God, David is my employee. He's got to do a second chapter tomorrow as good as the first. Don't keep him out till dawn."  
The girl laughed.  
"Agatha," she promised, "you'll be surprised."  
"I've lived with you young hellions too long for that," said the old lady. The tenderness in her eyes did not reach her voice until we turned to leave the room.  
"Take good care of her, David," she called after us.

CHAPTER XII

Most of the first act of "Die Walkuere" went over my head, which, perhaps, left me even with most of the audience. I was stirred more by the girl beside me than by the fat persons on the stage. She watched their posturings and, whenever I dared, I watched her.  
"Didn't it get you at all?"  
She was flushed and her eyes were bright. I rose to let our seat neighbors pass into the aisle.  
"It got too much of me," I told her. "Shall we get out?"  
"If you had an opera hat," she said. "I'd know you were itching to wear it in the lobby with the rest of the show-offs. Me, I'd rather sit still. It takes time for me to get my breath after Ring music. Let's just talk."  
I said: "I'd rather, too. Will you pick up where we were interrupted? Why hasn't Everett an alibi?"  
"Aren't you," she asked, "the most persistent person?" Her smile faded and her face grew troubled. She frowned and picked her words: "Measured by time, he hasn't. If you can stretch your imagination to believe him a murderer, he might have done it."  
"Then why—" I began, but she took away my question.  
"Why did I clear him? Because it was idiotic to dream—it's still crazy to think—that Everett was the killer. When Captain Shannon began checking up, Agatha said I had been with Everett and I let it go at that. I had been, too, but only for less than five minutes before you came in. How long he had been in our apartment before that, I don't know. He usually spends most of the afternoon in the workroom. He has a latchkey."  
Her eyes were dark with worry. I said, trying for lightness:  
"There are too many latchkeys." I knew from the way she caught her breath that the jest had hurt. She sat for a moment, pleading her program with nervous fingers and I felt she was trying to control her voice. It was quiet when she said at last:  
"Grove is with Ione tonight."  
I could find no answer for a moment. She went on, as though she were afraid of silence:  
"They probably are out together right now. They always are, when he has one of these 'business engagements' that keeps him from coming home."  
She turned and faced me, like a child who is sorry for a fault.  
"Maybe that's not fair. Maybe she loves him. It's just that—well, I'm jealous, I suppose. Grove and I have been very close since we were little children and now—we're not. That's not all. This murder seems to have turned everyone's world—but Agatha's—upside down. I'm frightened for Grove. He's walking deep into something. And I'm—afraid."

"Sure," I said, "I know how you feel."  
The thick voice I had heard over the telephone; the still unexplained disappearance of the murderer; Grove turning on the light in the Ferriter apartment; my struggle in the dark basement hallway; Everett's furtive raid on my room; my duel with his brother—these were blown about by the strong wind of music. Siegmund and his rival were fighting with swords on the stage. When the clumsy contest ended I found my palms clammy and my breath scant. I might at this moment be lying like the slain Hundung. I looked at Allegra. She had made life important. I was sweating as the curtain fell.  
Allegra, too, had felt the music's spell. She watched me mop my face and, I think, read there something more than the effect of an operatic tragedy. When our neighbors had gone again into the lobby, she asked:  
"Just what is your—your interest in this mess?"  
I could tell from her eyes and the sound of her words that she had kept that question a long while. I tried to gain time.  
"I don't quite know what you mean."  
She brushed that away with a quick movement of her hands.  
"Mister," she said with hollow gaiety, "you wouldn't trifle with a poor girl, would you? You aren't just a spectator. You're in this up to your neck. I can feel it. Why?"  
I said slowly:  
"That's a hard one. Because if I told you the truth; if I said that my interest in a murderer and a murderer was chiefly—almost entirely—the hope that I might help you, you wouldn't believe me."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

# Star Dust

STAGE SCREEN RADIO

By VIRGINIA VALE

(Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

LUCILLE BALL cut a three-storied wedding cake for her friends and tossed her bouquet to the ladies who attended the reception she and Desn Arnaz gave before departing for Hollywood and more work at the RKO Radio studios. It wasn't exactly a wedding bouquet, since the reception was what might be called delayed.

Their elopement startled practically everybody; the general opinion had been that their romance was one of those things that are cooked up for the sake of sweet publicity. It's reported that even the studio was surprised. You can see the honeymooning couple in "Too Many Girls."

These publicity stunts—"angles" is the name for them—are the bane of a press agent's life. For example, if a movie star is arriving in New York it's up to her press agent to think up something that will sound reasonable enough to land the story of her coming, with photographs, on the front pages of the newspapers. Sometimes the stories are true, of course—but it's usually the synthetic ones that get the most space.  
When Linda Darnell arrived in New York recently she got a fine press reception. She announced to reporters that she was allergic to rabbits, cats, tobacco, horses, feathers and baking powder—she rides a horse in her latest picture, "Chad Hanna," so that got the name of the picture into the story too. Well, Linda's a beautiful girl, and maybe she really is allergic to cats, horses, baking powder, etc.

"Andy Hardy" has reached the age where he has a private secretary; in the new Hardy picture, Mickey Rooney graduates from high



MICKEY ROONEY

school and the secretary enters his life. In this picture Kathryn Grayson, a 16-year-old singer, makes her film debut.

James Roosevelt's "Pot o' Gold" finally went before the cameras the other day, after seven delays. First the director, George Marshall, was ill; then, when James Stewart could work, Paulette Goddard couldn't. Finally Roosevelt himself was called up by the national defense emergency. Even now, when the picture has finally got under way, Stewart is doing retakes at another studio, and they have to shoot around him.

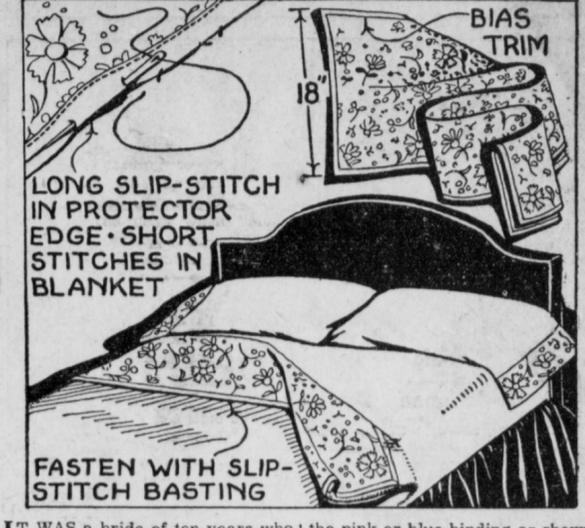
The other day Henry Fonda jumped off a pullman car while clad in pajamas and a dressing gown, and sat down in a mud puddle, during a heavy rain. When he rose he heaved a sigh of relief. A series of seven comedy accidents which he'd suffered for "The Lady Eve" was over, and he was free to go ahead and make love to Barbara Stanwyck according to the script.  
He'd stumbled over Miss Stanwyck's legs twice, crashed into waiters carrying trays, fallen over a sofa into a platter of food, been drenched by (1) roast beef gravy and (2) hot coffee, and pulled some heavy porters down on himself. All for the sake of amusing us.

Rudy Vallee has emerged as a triple threat man on his Thursday program over the NBC red network. Not only does he sing and lead the orchestra, but he also does a lot of verbal sparring with John Barrymore, who is now a permanent feature of the program. We don't know whether Barrymore has been coaching Vallec, but Rudy's histrionic abilities certainly have improved. It takes plenty of ability to stand up to Barrymore, but Vallec seems to have more than held his own.

ODDS AND ENDS—The nation's handsome ice man is working as a ship's officer in Paramount's "New York Town," along with Mary Martin, Fred McMurray, Bob Preston and Lynne Overman. Ted Barnick won that title in a national contest, and a role in a picture was part of his victory.  
Leslie Howard has written friends that he's in England to stay—maybe not for the duration of the war, but long enough so that he can't accept commitments here.  
Twentieth Century-Fox has signed Diana Barrymore, John's daughter—so she and he will be working at the same studio.

# HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



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  3. When was the Monroe Doctrine proclaimed?
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  5. Which of the United States has the Farallon islands just off its coast?
  6. What does the name Stalin mean? Molotoff?
  7. Where is the deepest hole in the world?
  8. Cambria is the Latin and poetic name for what country?

- The Answers
1. The raven (Gen. 8:7).
  2. 5,280 feet, or one mile.
  3. In 1823.
  4. Winter.
  5. California.
  6. The name Stalin means steel. Molotoff, hammer.
  7. The deepest hole is said to be an oil well of the Continental Oil company in the San Joaquin valley near Wasco, Calif., nearly three miles deep.
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Jan. 9-10

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Lum and Abner, Frances Langford

SATURDAY ONLY  
Jan. 11

**Riders of Pasco Basin**  
Adventures of Red Ryder  
No. 3

**Dr. H. A. THOMAS**  
Dentist

Office Hours: 8 A. M. to 5 P. M.  
Saturday: 8:00 to 12:00  
Phone 79 Over DeBose Drug  
Aransas Pass, Texas

Mrs. Joe Johnson was operated on at the Thomas Memorial Hospital in Beeville, the evening of the 26th. She is reported to be doing nicely.

Miss Billie Jo Roberts of Ft. Worth is spending the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Roberts and family.

Will Defend Title



The world three-cushion billiards tournament will be held in Chicago on January 13. At this tournament Willie Hoppe of New York (shown above) greatest billiard champion of all time, will defend his title.



EVERY-DAY LOW PRICES

LYE American 10c Value 3 cans	25c Doz. 95c
CHOPS Pork Loin Packing House Lb.	20c
HAMS Fresh Trimmed Packing House Lb.	20c
COCONUTS Fresh Good Size	6c
CRANBERRIES Fresh Lb.	20c
SUPER SUDS Concentrated 3 25c pkgs	41c
SOAP Woodbury Facial Toilet 4-10c bars	25c
SOAP Jergens Toilet Four bars	16c
SOAP Armours Fine Art Toilet 4 bars	16c
CANDY Fcy. Mixed Christmas 15c Value Lb.	10c
GRAPEFRUIT Choice Seedless Bx. Sack	\$1.25
CARROTS Fresh Bulk 4 Lbs.	15c
Home Grown BEETS, TURNIPS, ONIONS, & RADISHES 3 Bunches for	10c
40 per cent BRAN FLAKES Posts 3 10c pkgs	25c
40 percent Bran Flakes Kellogs 3 10c pkgs	25c
BRAN FLAKES Posts Lge Pkgs. 3 for	40c
LARD Pure 25 Lb. Tin Pails	\$2.25
LARD Swifts Silverleaf Pure 3 Lbs	25c
PRUNES Gal. Italian	25c

**BRACHT BROS.**  
Quality Cash Grocery

CLASSIFIED Want Ads

WANTED: Real Estate

If you have improved places or vacant lots you wish to sell list them with us. J. O. Blackwell, licensed real estate dealer, Pilot office.

WANTED: Owners of business or residential lots in Rockport to list their property with me for sale. If priced right, I may be able to sell your property for you. J. O. Blackwell.

IF YOU want to sell your property list it with J. O. Blackwell, licensed real estate dealer.

BENSON MAP WANTED: We would like to purchase a copy of Benson's map of the City of Rockport. Apply at the Pilot Office.

FOR SALE: Six room house on two large lots. See Fancher Archer

FOR SALE: Western Flyer Bicycle. A-1 condition. Cost \$40. new one year ago. For Sale Cheap for Cash. See Gene Blackwell at the Pilot office.

FOR SALE: Real Estate  
FOR SALE: 10 acres 1 1/2 Miles West of Rockport. Swickheimer block 250 (minerals reserved). E. A. Arnim—Flatonia, Texas. 4tf

FOR RENT: Large Bedroom, private bath and kitchen. Apply at Hunter Court. Mrs. Gentry. 1tp

LIBERAL REWARD for return of Government Binoculars 8x40 Carl Zeiss to Pilot office.

NOTICE

The City Council of the City of Rockport is desirous of employing a "Traffic Officer" to control traffic within the Corporate Limits of the City. Due consideration will be given application of anyone interested in such position if application is presented in writing to the City Council at its next regular meeting Tuesday December 17th, 1940. Done by the Order of the City Council, this 9th day of December, 1940.

W. B. Friend  
Secretary, City of Rockport

Rockport Fresh Made Delicious Home Made Candies at the Drug Stores, Confectioners and Grocers 6tp

Wage Statement and Social Security Records for sale at the Pilot Office. Complies fully with all Social Security laws. Complete protection for you and the employee. Price \$1.25

Murderers heartily agree with those who would abolish capital punishment.



**J. O. BLACKWELL**  
REAL ESTATE

Check these FOOD VALUES NOW!

Friday and Saturday, January 3rd. and 4th.



COFFEE Folgers lb. 24c

POTATOES 10 lbs. 15c

BEANS Pinto 3 lbs. 11c

TISSUE Toilet 3 Rolls 10c

BAKING POWDER K. C. 25 oz 16c

FLOUR Pioneer 24 lb. Sack 74c

MATCHES "Rosebud" 3 boxes 10c

SHREDDED WHEAT Kellogs pkg 8c

LARD Pure 4 lbs. 31c

**KELLY'S CASH GROCERY**

Rockport Aransas Pass "Dad Kelly"  
Dial 3221 Phone 116w



As we enter into the new year 1941, we take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation to our business men and citizens generally for their support and co-operation during the past year in our efforts to put Rockport in the front ranks as a resort city and as a most ideal place for those who are seeking a place where health abounds and where the surroundings are such as to make life pleasant and worthwhile to make their homes. At the same time we promise to strive during the new year to do a better job of representing Rockport than ever before.

To this end we crave the help and co-operation of every citizen and business man of Rockport. It has been truly said that a newspaper is just what the business men of the town make it and we realize that we cannot do the best possible job for Rockport without the co-operation of our business men.

Rockport and all of Aransas County is due for much development during the next few years . . . things far beyond our dreams may happen . . . so it behooves all of us to be on our toes and ready to grasp the opportunities as they come and make the most out of them.

Let's all pull together . . . support our local business concerns . . . our churches, schools chamber of commerce, the Fire Department and all organizations which are working for the betterment of our town and county.

Again let us extend to one and all our wishes for a

HAPPY NEW YEAR

THE ROCKPORT PILOT