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## More Platitudes Than Predictions

Tradition insists that newspapers print year-end reviews and editorials, and time was when the preparing of such pieces was an enjoyable duty. The year's best stories were assembled, weighed and weeded out. Then the writer made his selection with comment which, he hoped, lent some new significance to the happenings in one arbitrary division of time.

This year, however, the task has a peculiar difficulty. Anyone attempting an appraisal of A. D. 1945 probably has spent most of his time, as we did, in trying to sidestep platitudes and avoid the obvious.

But it was no use. It was clear that everyone realized we had just passed through one of the most eventful years in history. Everybody could name the historic landmarks. Everybody could and, if not beaten to it, did say that "the dawn of 1946 finds the world standing on the threshold of the atomic age."

So it seemed there was nothing new to say about 1945. What about the New Year, then? We might have sought to join the intrepid little band of journalists and deep thinkers who annually go out on a limb with predictions of what the next 12 months will bring. But we kept thinking how unimpressive their batting averages always look at the end of the season.

Perhaps, then, it would be safer to let the curbstone chroniclers of current history make their own guesses on what the future holds in store. Why not seek out that Man in the Street who is always being interviewed anyway, and put him to work once more?

A random sampling of opinion confirmed the suspicion that the peace of 1945 had left the Man in the Street with a pessimistic hangover. We were assured that government control is ruining business, that big business is leading us down the road to another depression, that labor is driving us toward inflation and, unless quickly curbed, will take over everything and socialize (or communize) the country.

We were told that our government is too imperialistic, too idealistically generous, too weak in foreign policy, too anxious to assume international responsibility. Most often, we were assured that nothing mattered much anyway, because war was inevitable and the world was going to be blown apart by atomic bombs.

The only encouraging aspect of all this was that the nearer one gets to the head of government, the less pessimism one finds. President Truman and Secretary Byrnes seem a lot less dispirited than the Man in the Street. Maybe they're kidding themselves or us, but at least they do seem a trifle cheerful.

Since our most fateful decisions will be made by Truman and Byrnes, Atillee and Bevin, Staline and Molotov, plus a handful of others anyway, however much we talk about democracy, there may be some hope to be gained from their cheerfulness. There may even be some cheer to be gained from the gloomy but realistic attitude of the Man in the Street.

That attitude seems to say, "We don't think you've performed any miracles, gentlemen, in bringing order out of postwar chaos. We don't expect many miracles from you in 1946. We can fight and win wars for you, but we're excluded from your secret diplomacy. If you do a good job, expect more silent surprise than wild applause. All the same, gentlemen, we know you have a hard job. Try, and try hard, to do it well. We'll do all we can to help, and we'll pray for you—and for ourselves."

## "Sorry I Couldn't Clean Everything Up, Bub"



### Scout Council Will Meet In Big Spring

The annual meeting of the Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America, will be held January 21 in Big Spring, P. V. Thorson, council Scout executive, announced Monday.

Officers will be elected for the new year and a program and objectives will be adopted.

President Charles Paxton of Sweetwater has appointed a nominating committee, composed of W. C. Blankenship, Guy Brennan of Midland, Lyman Wren, C. J. Dalton, J. D. Holbrook, Harold Scott, Dr. W. B. Hardy, Ed Duffey, Ben Meek, E. F. Edwards, and W. H. Shelley. The business session will be held at 5:30 p. m. and will be followed by the annual banquet which will honor Paxton, who has served as council president fifteen years. W. E. Lawrence, national director of Scouting Activities Service will give the address.

Charles Watson, council commissioner, has been named chairman of the program committee.

### Brakeman Injured By Passenger Train

FORT WORTH (AP)—David F. Travis, 28, of Wichita Falls, a brakeman for the Santa Fe Railroad, was injured critically late Sunday night when he was struck by a train in Fort Worth.

Police said Travis stepped from a freight train into the path of a passenger train on an adjoining track. The impact hurled his body clear of the rails.

St. Joseph's hospital attendants said he suffered internal injuries.

### Mother And Child Die In Highway Mishap

RANGER (AP)—A mother and the daughter she sought to save when a wrecker overturned and caught fire near here early Sunday were dead Monday. The driver of the wrecker was in a critical condition.

The dead are Mrs. Mary Williams and her daughter, Judy Carol Waco, 7.

Herschel Hardesty, 29, the driver, who suffered burns, was said by St. Joseph's Hospital, Ft. Worth, to be in a critical condition. The three who were from the Lake Worth community near Fort Worth, were en route to Abilene to pick up a wrecked car at the time of the accident.

Witnesses said that the wrecker, apparently unable to make a turn, left the highway about five miles west of here, overturned several times and caught on fire before it stopped rolling.

They were unable to reach Mrs. Williams, they said, but rescued the girl when the mother, trapped by flames inside the cab, pushed her daughter through the window. They were also able to free Hardesty from the flaming vehicle.

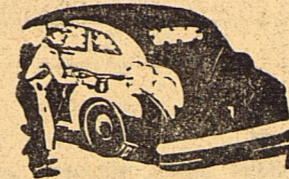
Mrs. Williams died in the wrecker.

The child and Hardesty were removed to St. Joseph's Hospital, where the little girl died Sunday night.

### Thieves Get Money And Beer At Hurley's

Burglars broke into the Hurley Sandwich Shop early Sunday morning, took between \$30 and \$50 from the cash register and cigarette vending machine, drank some beer and took a case of it with them when they departed.

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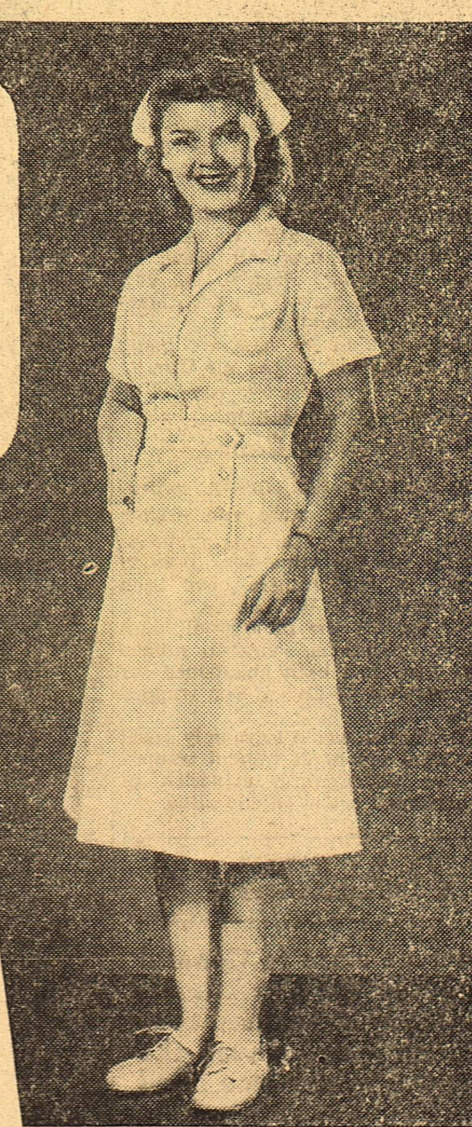
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**Engagement And Approaching Marriage Of Muriel McHargue To Capt. Ivor P. Evans Is Announced At Entertainment Sunday**

Announcement was made Sunday of the approaching marriage of Miss Muriel McHargue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul McHargue, and Capt. Ivor P. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Evans of Aliquippa, Pa. The betrothal was made at a bridge party given at the McHargue home, 909 West Kansas. Mrs. McHargue was assisted in entertaining by her daughter, Mrs. Gerald Graham.

In the games of bridge, Mrs. W. Tiley Pratt won high score prize. Other guests were Misses Jo Ann Proctor, Emily Lamar, Charlotte Kimsey, Kitty Jean Ellis, Anne Tolbert, Mary Fern Bray, Betty Kimbrough, Lois May Lynch, and Mrs. George Brown and Mrs. Glenn Lewis.

Entertaining rooms were decorated with attractive floral arrangements. Centering the dining table was a mixed bouquet of

flowers. Napkins bearing the inscription "Midge and Red, January 9" revealed the wedding date.

The marriage will be solemnized at the Midland Army Air Field Post Chapel. Miss McHargue has selected as her matron of honor and only attendant, her sister, Mrs. Graham. Maj. Norman Bennett of MAAF will be the best man.

Miss McHargue was graduated from Midland High School and took a two-year pre med course at Texas Tech in Lubbock. In November, 1945, she was graduated from Grodwohl School of Medical Technique at St. Louis, Mo.

Captain Evans is a graduate from the Aliquippa High School. He has been in the U. S. Army Air Forces four years and received his commission and bombardier wings at Midland Army Air Field. He served 15 months with the 8th Air Force in England and has been stationed at MAAF since his return to the States.

**CHINA STUDENTS THANK YANK TROOPS IN ORIENT**  
 CANTON, CHINA —(P)—Canton University students, through Lt. Gen. Albert C. Wedemeyer, dispatched a New Year's greeting to American troops in China, expressing the belief that "your continued stay in China is necessary to assist us in winning the peace."

**Billie Jean Grant Will Be Married To Lt. Bob Moore**

Mrs. C. C. Worley entertained with a tea Sunday afternoon at her home, 210 South B Street, announcing the engagement and approaching marriage of her sister, Miss Billie Jean Grant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Grant of Lakeview, to Lt. Bob Moore, son of Mrs. Gladys Moore of El Paso.

The holiday dinners of red and green were featured in the entertaining rooms. Red and green candles and poinsettias were used in the living room.

The dining table was laid with a handmade lace cloth and centered with a large silver candle holder and burning taper. Refreshments, carrying out the red and green color scheme, added a decorative note to the table.

Miss Cieta Worley, niece of the bride-elect, poured and was assisted in serving by Miss Sunny Stewart of Abilene and Mrs. Marie Scails of Midland.

Announcement of the engagement was made on place cards of red and silver ribbon on which was written "Billie and Bob." No definite date has been set for the wedding.

Miss Grant is a 1945 graduate of the Lakeview High School and is now employed by the Stanolind Oil & Gas Company in Midland.

Lieutenant Moore was graduated from the Pecos High School in 1940 and prior to his enlistment in the U. S. Army Air Forces, was a medical student at the Texas School of Mines in El Paso. He served overseas with the 20th Air Force in the South Pacific.

Guests at the entertainment were Mrs. J. V. Walser, Joe Howard, L. A. Kuykendall, John Barnett, J. W. Holden, W. F. Hejl, Bill Hall, Anna Lee Seville, Quay Hamblett, Roy Tuggle, B. Hanks, T. L. Dunlap, Jack Hanks, L. L. Hanks, J. C. Raynolds, Marie Heasley, Velma Wallace, Louise Parks and Misses Jannette Barnett, Ruth Hall, Jerre Howard, La Vella Tuggle, Melba Tuggle, Kitty Hanks, and Alice Mattix.

**New Year's Dance To Be Held At MAAF Club**

Enlisted personnel of Midland Army Air Field and their guests will ring out the old year and greet the new year at a dance beginning at 9 p. m. Monday at the Post Service Club.

An evening of merriment is in store for those attending the entertainment. Paper hats, noise makers, confetti and all of the usual trimmings will add to the gaiety of the evening.

Music for dancing will be by the MAAF Band.

**Episcopal Parish Meet And Fellowship Dinner Will Be Held Jan. 15**

The annual parish meeting and fellowship dinner for the Trinity Episcopal Church has been scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 15, at the Scharbauer Educational Building of the First Methodist Church.

During the meeting three vestrymen will be elected to serve a three-year term, and reports from all organizations will be heard.

**P. S. Corser's Father Dies In Cherrylvale**

Word was received here Monday of the death in Cherrylvale, Kan., of the father of Paul S. Corser, Midland pharmacist. Mr. Corser and his family have gone to Cherrylvale. His father had been in ill health.

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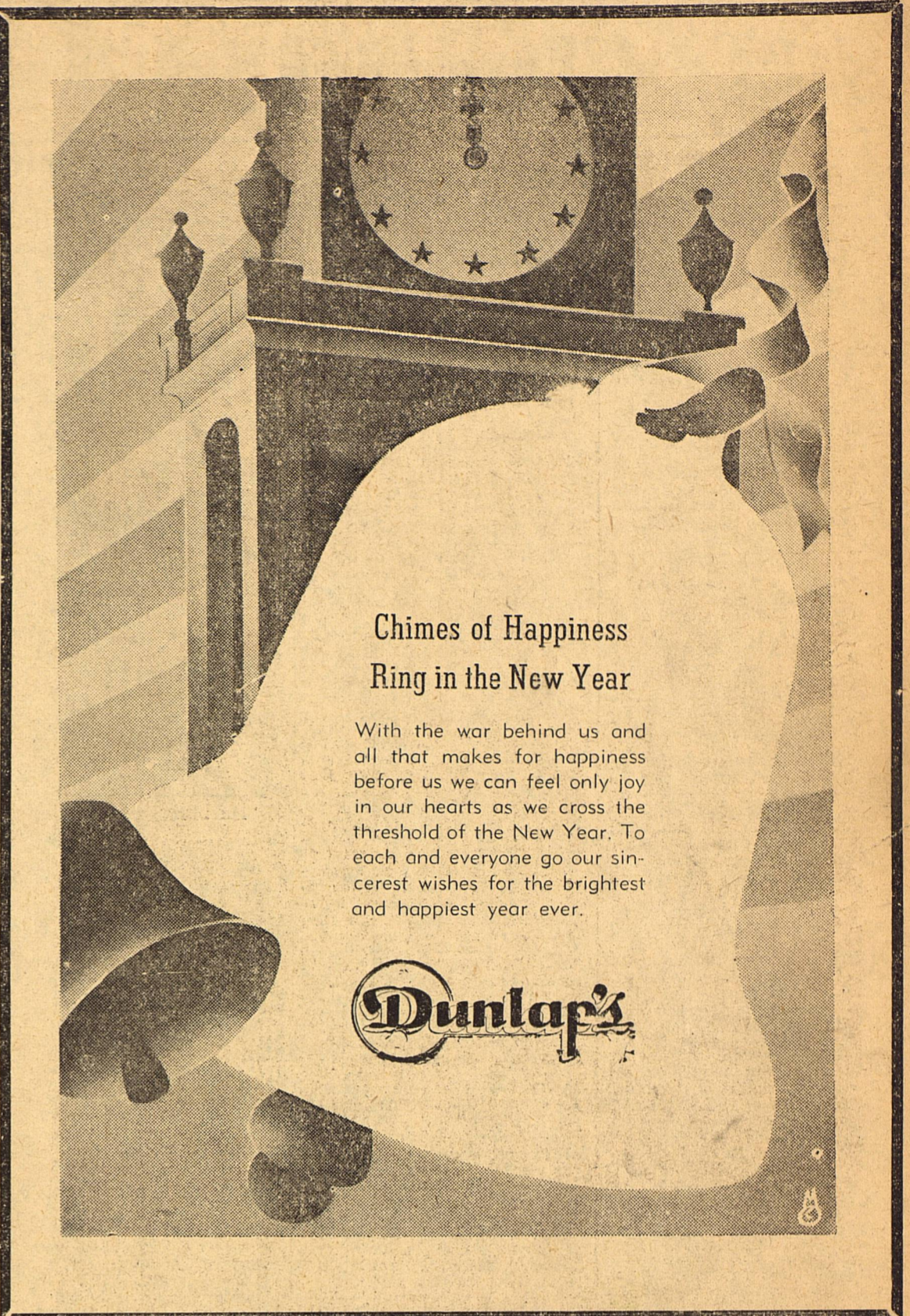
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**Texas Deer Season Will Close Monday**  
AUSTIN—(AP)—Beginning Tuesday, Texas sportsmen will have to concentrate on quail hunting. The deer season which opened Nov. 16 closes Monday.  
Quail season in both the north and the south zones remains open through Jan. 16.  
Game commission statisticians believed the final figures on the 1945 hunting season would set some records, in the number of hunters, the number of deer killed, and in law violations.  
Sale of licenses through Dec. 1 was nearly 90,000, and many hunters bought permits after that date. Field men of the game commission report that the kill was very heavy in the hill country, and many mule deer were taken west of the Pecos in the short season there.  
Open season on turkey and bear ends simultaneously with that on deer. There was an apparent decline in the turkey take, and if anybody killed a bear, no report has been made on it officially.

**Alabama, Texas, Georgia, Aggies, Miami Favored To Win Bowl Games**  
By MURRAY ROSE  
NEW YORK—(AP)—The thump of the booted pigskin will be heard once again in the warmer climes of the nation Tuesday when selected football teams square off against each other in the eight New Year's Day extravaganzas that are expected to attract a total of 400,000 grid enthusiasts.  
The top crowds of the day will be concentrated in Pasadena's Rose Bowl where all-conquering Alabama will engage the thrice-beaten Trojans of Southern California before about 90,000 fans and in New Orleans where the unbeaten and untied Oklahoma Aggies will tangle with the once-beaten galloping Gaels of St. Mary's before about 72,000 custom-rs in the Sugar Bowl.  
Alabama's Crimson Tide has been made a 13 1/2 point favorite to stop the West Coast representative. This game should provide a spectacular duel between Harry Gilmer, the Southerner's gifted aerial artist, and Ted Tannehill, the vaunted Trojan touchdown ace.  
The Aggies, paced by All-American Bob Fenimore, are rated 13 points better than the youthful Gaels who are sparked by All-American Herman Wedemeyer.  
The annual Shrine contest in San Francisco between the Eastern and Western All-Stars finds the latter team a 1 1/2 point choice. About 60,000 fans will see the "dream" squads in action.  
Despite the Holy Cross' triple threat, ailing Stan Koslowski, is almost certain to start, the once-beaten Crusaders are 12 point underdogs to Miami's Hurricanes in the Orange Bowl where a 36,000 crowd is expected.  
The Dallas Cotton Bowl matches the once-beaten Texas Longhorns, champions of the Southwest Conference, against thrice-beaten Missouri, the Big Six king, with Texas a 13-point favorite. The game is expected to draw 45,500.  
Charley Trippi and his Georgia mates have been given a 5 1/2 point edge over Tulsa in the Oil Bowl at Houston. Both teams were defeated twice but a crowd of 27,000 is expected.  
Crowds of 15,000 are expected for the Sun Bowl fray at El Paso, matching Denver against New Mexico; at the Gator Bowl at Jacksonville, Fla., where Wake Forest will encounter South Carolina; and for the Raisin Bowl tilt at Fresno, Calif., where Drake will engage Fresno State.

**Tournament Of Roses Classic Dates From Michigan-Stanford Tilt Of 1902**  
By RUSS NEWLAND  
PASADENA, CALIF.—(AP)—This is the home of the Rose Bowl, scene of the oldest, most spectacular postseason football classic. Through its success over the years has been inspired the myriad other "bowl" games that now blanket the southern half of the country on New Year's Day.  
Since 1902, fans have known, first of the Tournament of Roses game, later of the Rose Bowl contest. But known of it in only a general, somewhat haphazard way. Through the enterprise of Max Stiles, veteran Los Angeles newspaperman, the Rose Bowl history has been compiled in a factual, entertaining booklet.  
The first Tournament of Roses game was played Jan. 1, 1902 at old Tournament Park in Pasadena. Michigan's mighty point-a-minute team, coached by Fielding Yost and led by immortal Willie Heston, one of the greatest backs, swamped Stanford, 49-0. This was the forerunner of the Rose Bowl games to come.

**Texas Is Rated 14 Points Over Missouri Tigers**  
DALLAS—(AP)—Missouri's split-line T will offer nothing new to Texas in Tuesday's Cotton Bowl game although the Longhorns haven't yet played against a school using that system.  
Coach D. X. Bible has been using his third and fourth stringers as a "T" team all season since six of the ten opponents on the Longhorn schedule employed the formation. The T team worked so much it got quite good and at times in practice the varsity couldn't quite handle it.  
So the varsity knows what to expect New Year's in the Cotton Bowl.  
Both squads will wind up training Monday afternoon. The Texas team arrived Sunday, got a warm greeting from Cotton Bowl and city officials, then whipped out to the practice field for a light work-out.  
Bible said every Longhorn except Jim Flyler, regular tackle and ace punter, was in top condition. Flyler has the flu and didn't practice Sunday and may not be ready to go. If not Jerry McCauley, 200-pounder from Lubbock, will replace him.  
The boys with the cash continued to flash 14-point money under the noses of Missouri backers but this didn't daunt Coach Chauncey Simpson and his Tigers who all said they believed Missouri had at least an equal chance of toppling the Longhorns.  
Simpson reported a few injury worries. Leonard Brown, regular quarterback has a lame ankle and some of the reserves favor knee hurts. However, Brown is expected to be able to play.



**Two Injured Texans Get Mariner's Medal**  
WASHINGTON—(AP)—The Maritime Commission has announced the award of the Mariner's Medal during November to two injured Texas seamen.  
They are Freeland Mill Henson, Beaumont, and William J. Mauney, Borger.

**Mistaken For Deer, Hunter Is Killed**  
LAREDO—(AP)—The death of Herbert Dammer, 48, truck operator of Mirando City, who was shot Sunday while hunting north of Aguilera, Webb County, has been pronounced death by accident by Justice of the Peace Francisco Lopez, Oilton, who conducted the inquest.  
Dammer was hunting with friends from Wichita Falls.  
They told Lopez at the inquest that the three members of the hunting party became separated and that Dammer had been mistaken for a deer in the heavy fog of early morning.  
He is survived by his widow and young son.

**Soldiers In Pacific Name FDR Man Of Year**  
MANILA—(AP)—The late President Roosevelt was named "man of the year" Monday in a poll conducted among soldiers in the Western Pacific by the Army daily, the Pacifican. Lt. Col. C. H. Davidson, director of operations, Fort of Manila, was second. He contributed to breaking a jam in shipping here and expedited movement of men to the States.

**oddest play of Rose Bowl history.**  
Riegels' team mate, Benny Lom, caught up with him as he was about to step over the goal line. He was downed on the one-yard marker. The ensuing blocked punt, an automatic safety, eventually cost California the game, 9-7. In spite of the error, Riegels in our book was the finest lineman of the day.

**Two incidents loom like light-houses throughout the 31 games.**  
One took place on the first day of 1921. Controversy has raged since then on the subject, how long was Harold "Brick" Muller's touchdown pass in the 26-0 whipping California administered to Ohio State? For many years, official record books listed this heave as 70 yards. Author Stiles, through systematic research, has established the throw at around 83 yards. The 1946 record book will be changed to agree with this figure.

**FOG BRINGS DEATH TO SEVEN IN ENGLAND**  
LONDON—(AP)—England's worst fog since 1925, complicated by freezing conditions, brought death Monday to at least four children and three adults and crippled year-end transport throughout most of the country.

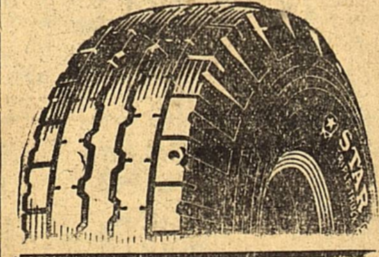
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Happy New Year, boy and girl! Happy New Year, newlyweds! Happy New Year, all you family folks! And Happy New Year, old timers! There isn't a person in town whom we want to forget in sending forth our greetings for a 1946 that's wonderful in every way. So whoever you are, wherever you are, join with us in New Year's excitement with happy days ahead.

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