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## EDITOR URGES CLASSIC IDEAL IN EDUCATION

By United Press  
SAN FRANCISCO—Old ideals of teaching must be restored if America is to escape the brutalizing effects of business go-getterism, in the opinion of William Wallace Chapin, San Francisco editor.

All America, including business itself, Chapin believes, already is suffering "from the dire consequences of the death of the higher mentalities which it is the aim of classical education to develop."

Writing in his weekly Argonaut, Chapin said the nation's higher welfare was dealt a fatal blow when "at instigation of big business," higher institutions of learning commercialized themselves by providing training instead of education.

"This raised up," Chapin added, "for the benefit of commercialism a monstrous regiment of clerks in place of scholars, and go-getters in place of philosophers."

"Our aristocrats, by degenerating into plutocrats, and sneering at the old classical education because it could not be made to pay dollars and cents, forgot that the highest wisdom has always known that it is not all of life to live, nor of death to die."

"The old classical education might have been improved greatly along its own lines but, even at its best, it made for health of mind and depth of thinking, and the evil of which everybody is now complaining, including the business men themselves, are the direct result of the death of the higher mentalities which it is the aim of education to develop."

"Business men, sunk in the meshes of a gross materialism, are unable to lift themselves out of the slough of despond which they have reached, and their clerks and go-getters, though college-trained, are unable to assist them."

"Business men who knew the works only by hearsay used to deplore the time wasted (as they thought) by youth who grappled with the Republic of Plato and the Politics of Aristotle, which were presumed to be more than 2,000 years behind the times."

"It never occurred to them that the brightest youths, who had grappled with the greatest minds of the most intellectual people that have existed on our earth, might develop thereby a mentality capable of grappling with the gravest contemporary problems."

"We are far from contending that the old classical education conferred infallibility upon those who pursued it, but we maintain that it made for an immensely higher grade of mentality than is coming out of the schools today, or that has been coming out for a long period of time, and that it did, and can still, produce the expansion and mind which is requisite for the solution of all problems."

"If America is to be saved from the brutalizing effects of business materialism, as exemplified in the credo of go-getterism, yes, if business itself is to be saved for its legitimate purpose, and we are not to sink ever deeper and deeper in the quagmire of Bolshevism, Fascism and Nazism, the old ideals of teaching must be restored and adapted to modern conditions."

**Medicos Plan to Elect New Heads**

Election of officers is scheduled for tonight at a meeting of the Eastland-Callahan Counties Medical Society at 7 o'clock in Rising Star. It has been announced. Several speakers also will be heard.

**Annual Christmas Party Scheduled**

A Christmas party of the Morton Valley Home Demonstration Club will be held all day Wednesday at the home of Mrs. Ted May. It was announced today.

**Man Confesses to Forgery Of Checks**

FORT WORTH, Dec. 19.—Ethel Allen Scott, 49, former advertising agency executive, confessed today, police said, to forgery of two welfare checks.

Scott, former director of a radio program from New York, and at one time a newspaper advertising man, said that it was a "long story that no one but myself could understand."

## Armour, Slow Speed, Weak Spots in Nazi Raider



Two Achilles' heels were found in the German pocket battleship, Admiral Graf Spee, when she battled three British cruisers. Shells from six-inch guns zinged through armour plating found to be light, more like a cruiser's than a battleship's, and the Spee was too slow. Wreckage of battle straws the decks of the raider as seamen patch holes, above, in Montevideo. (NEA Radiophoto)

## Crew of Spee To Be Interned For Duration of War

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina, Dec. 19.—The crew of the German pocket battleship Graf Spee, badly crippled in a running battle with British cruisers and later scuttled by her own crew off Montevideo, are to be interned in Argentina for the duration of the war, it was learned from official sources here today.

The captain and members of the crew of the Graf Spee arrived in Buenos Aires today aboard a tug, a tanker and a barge. It was stated that the crew would be interned on a small island off the Argentine coast, but that officers of the ill-fated ship would have the freedom of the city, as long as they made no effort to leave.

The Argentine cabinet announced that an official statement concerning the officers and the crew of the Graf Spee would be made later.

This is expected to be the end of the Graf Spee battle and subsequent disposition of its personnel, with the exception of expected notes of protest from Germany to both Uruguay and Argentina.

## Wire Fences Check Rio Grande Waters Along the Border

EL PASO, Texas.—Wire fences are keeping the waters of the Rio Grande in check.

Workmen on the international boundary commission river straightening project are using crooked posts and hog wire to corral the stream much as barbed-wire fences control the range wanderings of cattle and sheep. Sand makes it possible.

The Rio Grande, a river of mud whose floods and meanderings in the past have caused thousands of dollars of damage to crops on both the Mexican and American sides, flows through sandy desert land in the El Paso valley. Its current washes away mud from the banks and makes sand at the bottom flow along with the water. When the river is at flood stage, the sand may be moving to a depth of several feet. The slower the water moves, the less sand it can carry and the less the channel will shift.

Working from this fact, men of the straightening project are shepherding the river by slowing down the water and catching the sand with a fence.

Using nozzles and powerful streams of water, the men dig holes in which posts are set and held for the few minutes it takes the sand to settle firmly around them. Then half the width of eight-foot strips of hog wire are tacked to the post, the remainder left lying on the ground with concrete weights attached to the strip. When the river rises and hits upon the sand, the wire sinks into position.

This wire revetment breaks the flow of the current and causes sand particles to be deposited behind it. In time a sand bank is built up which holds the river in its channel.

**THE WEATHER**  
By United Press  
WEST TEXAS—Fair, colder except in north portion tonight. Wednesday fair, rising temperatures in north portion.

## Says Blueblooded Hubby Socked Her



Jeanne Jordan, ex-"Vanities" girl, dances scantily clad in a New York night club. Her Philadelphia socialite husband, Frederick Steelman Bain, 45, didn't like it. So, she declared in an assault complaint, he burst into the club, punched her, tore out a handful of hair, later followed her home and repeated the performance.

## Woman Confesses To Slaying Child; Others Are Sought

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 19.—Search was continued today for the children of Mrs. Tillie Ireland, who confessed, police said, to slaying of one of her children and dismembering its body with a compass saw.

The confession was made, police said, after several hours of questioning, when she was shown a newspaper picture of her slain child.

A 10-year old daughter is thought to have been left somewhere in the south.

## Canadian Troops Arrive In England

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The first Canadian troops to arrive in England since declaration of war in September, landed today while bands played the "Washington Post March."

The American accent used by so many of the Canadian troops caused rumors in England that the "Yanks had arrived."

## Japs See Hope for New Trade Treaty

TOKYO, Dec. 19.—The Japanese foreign minister today expressed his belief that there was a ray of hope for solution of the strained Japanese-American relations, and foresees signing of a new trade treaty before the expiration of the present agreement, which expires Jan. 26.

## Many In State To Be Eligible To Get Retirement Checks

SAN ANGELO, Tex.—Shortly before Christmas, approximately 3,990 men and women in Texas will be notified that they may be entitled to monthly old-age insurance checks for the rest of their lives. W. O. King, manager of the Social Security Board field office at San Angelo, announced today.

King explained that the recipients of this notice will be those to whom lump-sum benefits have been paid under the Federal old-age insurance system. The amended act, he said, moves the date for monthly benefits up two years to 1940 and makes it possible for a wage earner to qualify after he has 65 years old, even though he has already received a lump-sum benefit. Under the original law a qualified worker who attained age 65 in the early years of the program could obtain only a lump-sum payment equal to 3 1/2 percent of his total wages.

"This means," King said, "that the age barrier to obtaining Federal retirement insurance has been removed. Even the man who was already 65 when the old-age insurance system was set up and who therefore has never been under the Federal program may now qualify for monthly benefits. To qualify for retirement insurance in 1940, or thereafter, it will be necessary for him to have worked in six calendar quarters after January 1, 1939, and received in each quarter at least \$50 in wages."

King explained that if a man has already received a lump sum it will be deducted from the monthly payments which will be paid to him.

## Receipt Noted Of Toad Literature

A letter expressing thanks for the sending of information and literature on horned toads has been received by T. J. Tanner, secretary-manager of the Eastland Chamber of Commerce, from unit No. 3 of the U. S. Society of Zoology. The letter was written from Cincinnati, O.

Jim Conley, representative of the organization, said in the letter that the literature and some horned toads which he has will be shown in schools and service clubs in North and South Carolina, Tennessee, Kentucky and Ohio.

## Ship Service From New York To Italy To Be Started Soon

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The United States Lines will start ship service between New York and Italy, it was announced here today, with the steamships Manhattan and New York being the first to be put on the run from the United States to Italy.

## Episcopal Service On December 31st

Rev. Julian E. Bauknight, priest-in-charge of St. Luke's Episcopal Church at Mineral Wells, is in lead communion services of the Episcopal Church of Eastland County on Sunday, Dec. 31, church officials announced today.

## COLD WAVE IS NOT TO BRING "WHITE XMAS"

Colder weather moved into the northern portion of Texas last night, and today was spreading slowly over most of the state.

Amarillo reported the lowest temperature for the last 24 hours, with a minimum of 24 degrees. Most of the other reporting stations in the state reported minimums of 40 degrees, with the exception of the extreme South Texas area.

Weather bureau officials in Chicago said today that there was little likelihood of a "white Christmas" in the nation this year, except in the extreme north portion of the nation, as a warm spot in the northwest was moving in from the North Pacific toward the middle west and south.

The Midwest and east reported the warmest weather for this time of the year in 18 years, with Chicago reporting a maximum of 54 degrees and New York with a maximum of 51.

At Denver, skiing was replaced by golf when weather conditions made the snow too soft in the mountains, and springlike weather prevailed around Denver. Although the official skating season was to open in Minnesota, warm weather prevented skating on the open lakes.

## Churchill Scores Captain of Spee For Not Fighting

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Winston Churchill, First Lord of the Admiralty, in a speech here tonight, severely criticized the captain of the German pocket battleship Graf Spee, for his action in blowing up and sinking the vessel.

Churchill said that the captain should have made a run for it and tried to fight his way out to sea. He said that the big "British armada" reported to be awaiting the Spee outside territorial waters of Uruguay, were greatly exaggerated, as at no time were there more than three British cruisers outside the harbor at Montevideo.

Captain Hans Langsdorff, commander of the Graf Spee, is reported to have said that he was satisfied with his action, and that it saved the lives of all the survivors among the members of his crew.

## NYA-Made Toys on Display in Window

Toys made by the boys and girls of the Ranger National Youth Administration residence projects, which are to be distributed to children of needy families in Ranger this Christmas, are now on display in the window of the Ranger Chamber of Commerce.

To be added to the display are a number of dolls made by the girls resident project enrollees, including single dolls, twins and triplets, made under the supervision of Mrs. Adlene Wilson, assistant supervisor.

## Farm Program Is Studied In Capital

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Officials studied the 1940 farm aid plan today to ease the federal budget strain by \$200,000,000 but which will probably increase farm products price to consumers.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace suggested the issuance of certificates to farmers who would collect directly from the consumers.

## Connally Suggests A Short Session

LONGVIEW, Dec. 19.—Sen. Tom Connally predicted today that the coming session of Congress be short, with the main work being passage of appropriations and national defense measures.

## Disgusted Thief Is Sought by Police

DALLAS, Dec. 19.—Police today were searching for a disgruntled thief.

A traveling salesman reported to police that 36 shoes—all for left feet—had been stolen from him during the night.

## Eating His Way Into the Air



U. S. Army Private Joseph G. Froberg of Brockton, Mass., yearned to enter the Air Corps. He passed all requirements except weight, lacking seven pounds. What to do? Of course! Here he is at Mitchell Field, L. I., doing it with spare ribs, sauerkraut, baked potatoes and chocolate cake.

## Woman Dangles By Her Collar To Escape Injuries

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Hannah Fink, 40, dangled from an elevated train platform here for several minutes today, held by the collar by two waiting passengers, who grabbed her as she fell from the station platform.

Other passengers called the fire department and firemen spread fire nets, into which Miss Fink was dropped. After regaining consciousness she thanked her rescuers and proceeded on her way.

She explained that she had one of her frequent dizzy spells and fell from the platform. She was unharmed.

## Controversy On Who Won Battle Rages In Capitols

Claims and counter claims came out of Berlin and London today concerning the great air battle that raged yesterday over Helgoland, the German naval base, with both sides claiming an important victory and large losses for the other.

At Berlin newspapers still claimed that the British lost 34 of 52 huge bombing planes that made an unsuccessful attempt to bomb the strategic naval base, and that a number of bodies of British fliers were washed up on the German coast hours after the battle.

At London the Air Ministry claimed that only seven of the British bombers failed to return, but that at least 12 of the German planes which engaged in the defense of Helgoland were shot down. The Germans admitted loss of two planes.

Meanwhile German newspapers were remaining quiet about the scuttling of the pocket battleship Graf Spee, after it was ordered to leave Montevideo.

## Boxer Admits He Killed Secretary Of German Consulate

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Police Inspector John J. Ryan said today he had been informed that Ernie Haas, a former boxer, had been arrested in Toronto, and had confessed the slaying of Dr. Walter Engelberg, former secretary in the German consulate.

Toronto police, Ryan stated, had obtained a statement from Haas in which he admitted the slaying, which occurred in Engelberg's Brooklyn home.

## Russian Raid On Helsinki Fails Is Claim of Finns

Several persons were injured and several houses set afire when Soviet warplanes bombed Abo, Finland's third largest city, in four air raids today.

Thirty bombs were dropped earlier on a town near Helsinki, but no damage was reported.

The British made three more bombing raids on the air base at Sylt, off Germany. Britain apparently is taking the air offensive to overwhelm the Germans.

HELSINKI, Dec. 19.—Only four of 18 Russian bombing planes, which started out from Leningrad to bomb the Finnish capital, reached the outskirts of the city tonight, though there was no report of what happened to the remaining 14 planes.

No reports of damage done by the four that did reach the city have been officially made. The first air alarm came at 11:20 and the all clear signal was sounded 55 minutes later.

The Finns, meantime, claimed that 17,000 Russian troops had been trapped and slain on the central front. Mutiny was reported in the Russian ranks in the sector north of Lake Ladoga, where 800 Russians are reported to have revolted, killed their officers and fled to the Finnish lines, where they surrendered.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—Reports received in London today indicated that new trouble had arisen for the Red Army in the form of small pox, which is reported to be spreading through the armies on the Finnish front. The Finns, who are vaccinated against small pox, have not reported the disease in their forces.

## Good Crowd Seen For Police Dance On Friday Night

Many in Eastland are making plans to attend the annual policeman's ball Friday evening at the American Legion clubhouse, it was announced today by Police Chief W. J. Peters.

Tickets may be secured from Chief Peters or any of the members of the force. Jack Free and his orchestra have been secured to play for the engagement.

The policeman's ball is given each year at Eastland and is one of the city's outstanding social and entertainment events. Admission will be \$1.50 per couple.

## Germany Reviews Her Sea Warfare

LONDON, Dec. 19.—A third submarine offensive by Germany was apparently started today with the 4,372 ton British ship City of Kobe and Norwegian steamer Giltrefjell torpedoed in the North Sea. Fifty-two men were reported missing from the Kobe and five were killed aboard the Norwegian boat. Three smaller ships were sunk by mines or bombs and several trawlers damaged by German bombs.

## Marine Recruiters In City On A Visit

Sergeants F. D. Marcom of Greenville, Texas, and G. F. Lesonsky of Cameron, Texas, were in town today in the interest of the U. S. Marine service. These men have eight and ten years of service to their credit and are interested in helping all young men who are anxious for a career in the Marines.

Marcom will open an office at Abilene and it will not be necessary for any interested in joining the Marines to go to Dallas.

Lesonsky is stationed at Dallas in the publicity department.

## Widow Of Kipling Dies In England

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The widow of Rudyard Kipling, famous writer, died in Sussex today at the age of 74. Kipling died three years ago.

## Industrial Case Set Wednesday

Petit jurors have been summoned to report Wednesday morning in 88th district court for trial of a case styled G. S. Dunn vs. Traders and General Insurance Company. This case is an appeal from an award of the Industrial Accident Board.

## SOVIETS ARE STRIKING BACK ON KARELIAN

The Soviet army struck with more and more power at the Finnish defenders on the Karelian Isthmus today, as the Finns struck back decisively in the east central sector, where the Red Army is attempting to cut Finland in two by driving to the Norwegian border.

In the northern sector, near Petsamo, it was believed that the Russians had moved forward too rapidly, giving the Finns an opportunity for a counter attack, pushing the Russians back in that sector.

At sea two merchant steamers, one Norwegian and one British, were reported sunk. Reports stated that 18 survivors had been rescued, but gave no indication as to how many had been lost.

On the Western Front in the Allied-German war, the French were reported, from Paris, to have pierced the German lines for a distance of three miles, wiping out one entire German unit, and capturing two officers and several men.

The British destroyers were reported off the coast of Florida, apparently waiting to intercept the German tanker Columbus, bound from Vera Cruz, Mexico, up the American coast, with a cargo of oil. The Columbus sailed from Mexico several days ago.

## Famous Clock To Chime Once More At Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA.—Silent for 57 years, the chime of the famed Rittenhouse clock—last and acknowledged greatest effort of David Rittenhouse, astronomer—now are heard daily at Drexel Institute of Technology.

The timepiece, an enigma of complex construction, was acquired by Drexel Tech in 1898, but its repair never was undertaken until this year when Stanley Woods, astronomical technician of the Franklin Institute, agreed to do the job.

Wood worked on the clock for nearly 10 months. Many parts had to be refashioned since they could not be bought.

The timepieces, which stands more than 9 feet high, with a width of 2 feet and a depth of 15 inches, was built in 1776 by Rittenhouse for Josiah Potts, a wealthy Quaker.

The mechanism is encased in a Philadelphia cabinetmaker's masterpiece, constructed after Savery's design. When the clock was complete, Potts refused to pay the \$640 asked for it and the instrument was sold to Thomas Prior.

In addition to seconds, minutes and hours, the Rittenhouse clock also shows the day and month. Its chimes include 16 tones which adjust themselves automatically to play 10 different tunes in 24 hours.

Normally, the clock runs about three weeks on one winding, but if the strike and chime mechanism is set to operate every quarter hour, it necessitates winding every two or three days.

On the clock face is a mechanism showing phases of the moon. Incorporated in this mechanism is a rare eccentric movement, having a cycle of a year, which shows exactly the number of days before or after a new or full moon.

Above the dial is an orrery, showing the sun and the positions of the planets in the zodiac. Four small dials surround the clock's face. One indicates the position of the sun and moon, and the moon's phase. Another records the nodes of the moon—requiring nine years to make one revolution and 18 years for its diurnal attachment to make one revolution. A third dial denotes the equation of time and the fourth indicates which of the 10 tunes the chimes are playing.

Gen. William Howe is said to have offered Prior 120 guineas, or about \$600, for the clock when the British occupied Philadelphia in 1778. Prior refused the offer and that of the Spanish minister, who wanted to present it to his King.

On Prior's death, in 1801, the clock passed to William Barton biographer of Rittenhouse then to James Swan, from whom it was acquired by George W. Childs in 1870. In 1898, Mrs. Childs presented it to Drexel Institute.

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## Industry Knows the Answers

No one understands better than industry itself the tender relationships that exist between it and the consumer. Nor has industry forgotten that the kind of treatment it accords its employes will reflect on the community and ultimately back on the industry.

Apparently aware of their present limitations and prompted by a desire to set their own house in order, representatives of industry, attending the Congress of American Industry in New York, recently adopted a 28-point program, designed to bring about a better understanding between manufacturers and the people upon whom industry is dependent.

Dominant in the platform was an appreciation of the sociological importance of industry and emphasis of the belief that free enterprise has a definite responsibility toward labor—that without recognition of this responsibility, things can not be expected to run smoothly.

Here are a few objectives to which industry has pledged itself:

Increasing the value of products the consumer needs and wants, reflected both in the price he pays and the quality he receives.

Use of research facilities available in the creation of new products and to the end of increasing the quantity, variety and usefulness and improving the quality of goods put upon the market.

Maximum income for employes, based both on the greatest regularity of employment, and on such equitable wage rates consistent with conditions in the community, as will promote increased production and employment.

Employment, retention and promotion according to ability, with due regard to past service.

Co-operation with the employe in making provision against the hazards of death, old age, sickness and disability.

Recognition of the right of the employe to join any labor organization, or none at all, as the employe himself may deem best in his own interest, of his own free will and volition, without coercion, duress or intimidation from any source.

Back in the roustabout days of industrial pioneering, there was little thought given to consumer relationships or responsibility toward employes. A man built a factory and tacked up a "Men Wanted" sign—and that was that. From there on, his sole duty was to produce; everything else took care of itself.

Today the industry-employe-consumer circle is not so simple. Systematized, intelligent progress is necessary. The welfare of all groups is closely linked. Government has attempted to step in and soothe the wounds that were opened in 1929. Industry was not satisfied and has now proceeded to formulate its own credo.

Anything that can put men back to work, produce a higher standard of living will be welcomed.

## NOTED COMPOSER

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- 1 Pictured famous operatic composer.
- 12 Similar.
- 13 More painful.
- 14 Region.
- 15 Conception.
- 17 Godly person.
- 18 To snarl.
- 19 Ever.
- 20 Fire tools.
- 22 To sin.
- 23 Unit of work.
- 24 Thing.
- 26 Fashioning.
- 30 Profound secret.
- 33 Red cosmetic.
- 34 Fish.
- 36 Roman cloaks.
- 37 Wayside hotels.
- 38 Water fowl.
- 40 Body of water.
- 41 His native land.

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

43 Tyrant. 44 To prosper. 45 Promise. 46 Constellation. 47 Fairy. 48 He was the constant. 49 of music drama (pl.).

50 Impolite. 51 Cake decorator. 52 Tea.

4 To appoint. 5 To bellow. 6 Rids of water. 7 Small tumors. 8 Blood vessel. 9 To scold. 10 Sea eagle. 11 Back. 12 — is the hero of two of his operas. 13 Dressed. 14 To liberate.

21 Examination. 22 Breakfast food. 23 To halt. 24 Electrified particle. 25 Convent dweller. 26 Saw of a series. 27 Plateau. 28 Self. 29 Hastened. 30 Misconduct. 31 To obtain. 32 Conclusion. 33 Deity. 34 Ye. 35 Decorative urn. 36 Concited precision. 37 Striped fabric. 38 Stir. 39 Italian river. 40 Form of "a." 41 Noun termination.

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## "OUT OUR WAY" BY WILLIAMS



## SANTA CLAUS BROWN BY MILDRED GILMAN

YESTERDAY, Alice Banks walks home with Mrs. Brown, who also lives at the Deakin boarding house. They find Mrs. Deakin about to eject her oldest boarder, Mr. Middleton. Alice pays his rent. When she goes to the store for Mrs. Deakin, Alice runs into Jerry Donaldson.

CHAPTER V  
RUNNING INTO Jerry Donaldson in front of her boarding house on that snowy Christmas Eve was the last thing on earth that Alice Banks had expected to do. She could only stop and exclaim: "Jerry! Where in the world did you come from?"

"Alice! Well, still living on this awful street—in the awful boarding house! Beautiful girl like you!" Same old Jerry, she thought, as she answered.

"Well, it's near the school. . . . " "And not married yet," he interrupted. "Are you?"

"Why should I be married?" she asked flippantly.

"Still grieving for me?"

Alice took up his bantering tone.

"Naturally. You can't expect a girl to get over first love as quickly as that. Can you? Nobody sent me away to France to fix the way they did you."

"Pretty subtle of the mater, wasn't it?" said Jerry with a little laugh. "Just about as subtle as her idea of turning me into a lawyer. To lend tone to the family. They both laughed. Jerry slipped on the snow.

"Jerry," Alice cried, "you're not—light—are you?"

"Damn right I'm not," he answered, indignantly. "That's why I'm here. Mama's locked up all the liquor. Can't face one of mama's Christmas Eves cold sober, can I? Folks in to meet the darling boy?"

"Besides, there's gonna be father. When he finds out I quit college he'll be mad. Especially when he finds out I won't stay here and run his two-by-four hick department store. No sir!" He laughed. "Father's going to stake his little boy to a South American cruise. Never been to South America—warm down there—none of this nasty snow. Gotta do a lot of serious thinking."

Alice shook her head.

"Same old Jerry, Mama's spoiled boy."

Jerry suddenly became serious. He grasped her arm.

"No you don't," he begged. "Can't get rid of me. Got to save me from"—he waved his arms disgustedly—"all this Christmas spirit—phooey. Listen, I'll go back and tell father off; then I'm coming to pick you up at old lady Deakin's. Won't she be glad to see me again? We'll go off and dance a little. Now don't tell me you have a date—I'm coming for



Betty Carter

you—soon. Make it half an hour? I'll have pop finished off by then."

He went off dizzily, and Alice watched him, shaking her head. She felt forlorn and depressed, walking down the street toward the store.

WHEN she had returned and left the lemons in the kitchen, she went upstairs to her cold boarding house room. She took off her hat and coat and spread them out over a chair to dry, then went to her little bookcase, selected a book, and tried to read. It was impossible. She started out of the window, over the Carters' shabby little house, into the dark snowy void beyond. She got up, went to her closet and took out her flowered silk dress. There was a knock on the door.

"Come in," she called.

Mrs. Brown entered.

"I saw you come in," she said. "Did you get the lemons?" She broke off suddenly. "What's the matter—you look as though you've seen a ghost."

"I have."

Mrs. Brown stared at her. "Not—not that good-for-nothing Donaldson boy?"

"Yes, I'm afraid so," Alice admitted. "He said he was coming for me tonight. But he's drunk. He won't come. I don't even want him to."

She went to her mirror and started to comb her hair.

"He isn't worth a thing and I'll just fall in love with him all over again."

Mrs. Brown was silent. Alice slipped off her dark woolen dress and slowly put on the flowered silk. "I feel better in this," she

explained, then suddenly burst into tears.

Mrs. Brown threw her arms about the sobbing girl.

"Don't—Alice, dear—don't, please—"

"I can't help it—Mother Brown—I just can't let myself begin thinking about him again—how sweet he can be, when he's away from that mother of his. She's ruining him. Oh, it's wicked—I—"

"Well, there now," Mrs. Brown comforted. "It's fate—really it is. You want to see him—and you don't. He comes—and he doesn't. You just have to let fate take care of those things. I'm so sorry. You are in love with him—are't you?"

Alice walked over to the window and looked out. In a moment, she motioned to Mrs. Brown who came and stood by her side.

From the window they could look down into the Carter living room where Mrs. Carter was seated in front of an open fire reading to her three little ones.

"Sweet, aren't they?" murmured Mrs. Brown. "She's probably reading them Christmas stories. It's probably all the poor youngsters will get this Christmas."

BETTY lay curled up on her mother's lap. Pete and Joe sat at her feet, trying to be indifferent to the whole Christmas idea.

Mrs. Carter's soft voice read: "The stockings hung by the chimney. . . ."

Betty bounced up and down with excitement.

"Just like ours! Just like ours!" Then she looked worried. "Mother, we shouldn't have a fire. Santa Claus might get burned."

"Aw, can it, Betty," Pete, the 10-year-old broke in. "Don't tell me you believe in all that tripe—you're six! Time you caught on. Ain't it, Joe?"

Joe, aged eight, was more dubious than his brother about the existence of a Santa Claus.

"Gosh, I don't know," he said hesitantly. "You shouldn't take any chances—on a night like this. He might be around—he might hear."

"Take some kind of miracle to bring Santa Claus to this joint tonight," Pete remarked.

"Miracles sometimes happen on Christmas Eve," Mrs. Carter said. "You can feel something in the air."

The children looked at her, very grave and still.

"St. Nicholas used to perform miracles for people like us. Maybe—maybe—"

She shuddered a little, and turned back to her book.

(To Be Continued)

## First Co-Ed Solos Under Uncle Sam



Martha Nordling, Stanford University student, wins her right to wear wings as she becomes first co-ed in the country to solo under CAA training.



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## 51 People Due to Die In Texas Fires If Average Holds

AUSTIN, Tex.—If the number of Texas fire deaths for this month shows an increase equal to that of 1938 over the preceding year, 51 persons will lose their lives by the end of December, Marvin Hall, state fire insurance commissioner, said today.

The most dangerous period of the year for home fires, because of the wide use of firecrackers and highly inflammable material for Christmas decorations, December is a month in which every Texan should be on the alert to conserve human lives and property, the commissioner stated. Thirty-two persons lost their lives by fire in Texas last December, which was a 60 per cent increase over 1937.

According to the best figures available for the past 10 years, approximately one-third of the 400 persons who have burned to death each year were children, and more than 80 per cent of them, with the exception of the year 1937, were burned to death in residences.

During the past 17 years, 5,952 deaths by fire have been recorded by the state fire insurance department. Peak year during that period was 1936 when 567 deaths were reported.

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# Society Notes

**Child Study Club No. 2 Entertains With Luncheon**  
The Child Study Club No. 2 entertained with a Christmas luncheon Friday at noon in the home of Mrs. Coke Martin.

The luncheon table had as its centerpiece a miniature Christmas tree with small packages placed on a snow mound beneath the tree. Place cards in small crystal holders marked the places for the guests. A delicious two course luncheon was served.

Following the luncheon guests joined in the singing of Christmas carols. Numbers were presented by the Hodges Oak Park Rhythm Band and Mrs. Martin read an original poem concerning each member of the club. At the close of the program Santa Claus arrived and presented gifts to those present.

Members and guests present were Meses. E. R. Green, Roy McCleskey, Preston Burks, A. N. Niver, H. T. Schooley, Arlie Carver, J. D. Johnson, J. W. Harrison, Carl Heinlen, Ross Staton, T. J.

Powell, E. F. Latham, Edwin George, Max Ohr, Odelle Cole, Cecil Alworth, Marian Thomas, Bob Allen, J. B. Houghton, Onis Littlefield, Saule Perlestein, Z. B. Morgan, Luther Roberts, Finis King, Coke Martin, C. R. Squyros, Guy Quinn.

### W. F. Hill Honored By Gulf Employees

The Ranger Country Club was the scene of a gay banquet Saturday evening, honoring Mr. W. F. Hill. Mr. Hill was recently retired after many years of service with the Gulf Oil Corporation. Friends and fellow workers came from Burkburnett, Clyde, Weatherford, and Fort Worth to join the Gulf employees of Ranger in celebrating this occasion.

The tables were beautifully decorated in red and white. The center piece was a miniature Christmas group which included Santa and his pack. Red ribbons through the center of the table were held in place by red candles. The color scheme was carried out in other details of the table.

Ranger employees had charge of the affair. Mrs. H. R. Thorp and Mrs. T. J. Powell headed the committee which prepared the menu. Mesdames Rice Harrington, Ross Staton, Earnest Latham, L. Kirkpatrick and R. H. Harrison served on committees in charge of the entertainment.

Mr. T. J. Powell acted as toastmaster and called on representa-

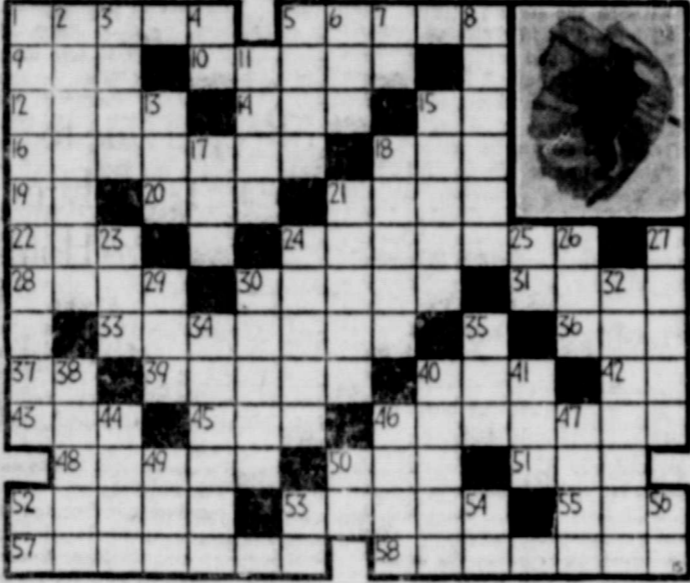
## GARDEN FLOWER

**Answer to Previous Puzzle**

**HORIZONTAL**  
1 Pictured common garden flower.  
5 The variety yields a narcotic.  
9 Moolay apple.  
10 Drama parts.  
12 Verse.  
14 To be victor.  
15 Pair.  
16 Empowered.  
18 Humor.  
19 Negative.  
20 Unopened leaf.  
21 Flannel.  
22 Almond.  
24 Merry-making.  
28 Cow-headed goddess.  
30 Insulated.  
31 Domesticated.  
33 It belongs to the genus.  
36 For each.  
37 Pound.  
39 Force.  
40 Hair ribbon tie.

**VERTICAL**  
17 Pitcher ear.  
18 To fluctuate.  
21 Leprous person.  
23 Point.  
24 Black bird.  
25 Right.  
26 To bark.  
27 This plant is called an (pl.).  
29 To undermine.  
30 Leather dresser.  
32 To wander.  
34 Yam.  
35 Opposed to cold.  
38 Founded.  
40 Mountain mint.  
41 Moist.  
44 Moldings.  
46 Ship's term.  
47 Comfort.  
49 Part of mouth implement.  
50 Myself.  
52 Mamma.  
53 Common verb.  
54 Toward.  
56 White.

**42 Heart.** and white.  
**43 Occupied a seat.**  
**45 X.** VERTICAL are — or perpetuals.  
**46 Types of sails.**  
**48 Pertaining to the sun.**  
**50 Genus of rodents.**  
**51 Small child to earn.**  
**52 To become.**  
**53 The deep.**  
**57 Fatty.**  
**58 Its — are red, yellow**



tives from each town for talks. Many interesting events of Gulf Pipe Line history in connection with Mr. Hill's service were recalled. At the close of the banquet the honor guest was presented with a beautiful watch and Mrs. Hill with a bed spread. Music and dancing were enjoyed after the banquet.

Those attending were: from Burkburnett, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bean, Mr. and Mrs. Tony Harwell, Mr. and Mrs. Bowden Mahen, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Cybert, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Truman New, and Mrs. J. F. Cagle.

From Fort Worth, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Bryant and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nunam.

From Clyde, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Norris.

From Breckenridge, Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Mason.

Mr. Jack Hill from Odessa and Mr. S. Hill from Weatherford. Mr. Jack Pepper from Weatherford.

Those attending from Ranger were: Meses and Mesdames W. L. Jackson, Edwin George, Roy McCleskey, Joe Todd, Rice Harrington, Joe Hull, G. H. West, Ross Staton, Luther Kirkpatrick, J. D.

Spears, R. H. Harrison, E. F. Latham, T. J. Powell; also Mr. T. L. Thompson and son, Bobby, Mr. R. G. Barry, Pauline and Charles Deaton, Bobby Ann Buchanan, Mr. S. H. Whitson, Porter Barry.

**Ladies Bible Class Well Attended**  
An unusually large attendance was present for the regular meeting of the Ladies Bible Class of the Church of Christ Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The topic for study was "Falling from Grace," and the lesson was presented in a round-table discussion.

**W. M. U. Holds Regular Meeting**  
The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist Church met in regular session Monday afternoon at 2:30 in the church.

Mrs. Glenn West, Mission chairman, was in charge of the program and the devotional was led by Mrs. R. E. Barker.

The topic for the program was "Christmas and the Great Commission," and parts were taken by Mrs. W. L. Jackson, Mrs. J. E. Ogg and Mrs. W. A. Lewis. Rose Mary Bruce played a violin solo.

## BRUCE CATTON IN WASHINGTON

**BY BRUCE CATTON**  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent

WASHINGTON.—One of the most complex legislative battles of the next session of Congress apparently depends pretty largely on whether the price of sugar goes up or stays where it is.

If it goes up, the expectation here is that there won't be a very pressing demand for re-enactment of the sugar law, with its marketing quotas, processing tax and subsidy payments. If it stays where it is, that demand will develop. And if it does, Congress is in for some headaches.

Sugar legislation is complex enough in itself, but the conflicting pressures back of it are even more so. There are rivalries between beet sugar producers and cane sugar producers, between sugar growers in the continental United States and the "offshore" growers in Hawaii and Puerto Rico, between all-America flag producers and the producers in Cuba—with the producers in the Philippines coming in as a further complicating factor.

The existing law is due to expire at the end of next year. To all intents and purposes it has expired already, since the President suspended the marketing quotas early in the fall when the "war boom" sent prices up.

He can revive it at any time, however, by restoring those quotas. But in either case there won't be any sugar control law after the end of 1940 unless Congress acts.

Briefly, the law works like this: The secretary of agriculture makes an estimate of the amount of sugar the United States will need during the coming year. Each of the main sugar-producing areas then gets a quota representing its share of the market. Slightly more than 55 per cent of the total is reserved for domestic producers, and this allotment is then sub-divided so that the beet sugar growers get 23 per cent of the total, mainland cane

sugar growers six per cent, Hawaii 14 per cent and Puerto Rico 1 per cent—with a tiny additional allotment for the Virgin Islands. Of what remains, the Philippines may send in 15 per cent of the total and Cuba 28 per cent, with a tiny additional allotment for other foreign countries.

The big fight, of course, comes in the setting of these quotas, which are written into the law. One of the sore spots with domestic producers has been the fact that more than a fourth of the entire domestic market is allotted to Cuba; but the lifting of the quotas has tended to reduce competition, since the existing trade agreement with Cuba cut the tariff on raw Cuban sugar from 14 cents a pound to nine-tenths of a cent—only as long as the quota system remained in effect.

In other words, the tariff on Cuban sugar went up the moment the quotas were lifted.

In with these quotas the present law contains further restriction on the amount of refined sugar which may be shipped in to this country: During the past year, for instance, Puerto Rico shipped 215,000 tons of sugar to the United States, but was allowed to include only 126,000 tons of refined sugar. Of the million-odd tons shipped by the Philippines, only 80,000 could be refined; of Hawaii's 960,000 tons, only 29,000-odd were refined.

This feature of the law drew sharp criticism from President Roosevelt when he signed the sugar act in 1937. He charged them that "a little group of seaboard refiners" had joined in "an unholy alliance" with domestic producers in order to lobby successfully for those added restrictions on shipments of refined sugar. When he suspended the sugar quotas this fall, those restrictions were automatically suspended also. The way is now open for additional shipments of refined sugar, although Cuba—which is best equipped to take advantage of the opportunity—has not yet increased her shipment.

## Red Plane Is Trophy of Finnish Sharpshooting



Finnish soldiers examine wreckage of a giant Russian warplane, brought hurtling to earth after a barrage of anti-aircraft guns routed sky invaders, near Soviet-Finnish frontier.

### W.S.C.S. and Martha Dorcas Class Entertain Methodist Women

The Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Martha Dorcas Class of the First Methodist Church entertained the women of the church with a Christmas party Monday afternoon in the lower assembly room of the church.

The room was decorated in keeping with the season with a Christmas tree forming the center of the decorations.

A program, with Mrs. Fred Warren as leader, preceded the social hour and was opened with the group singing "Silent Night" and a prayer offered by Mrs. J. L. Turner, who also spoke the words of welcome. The Hodges Oak Park Rhythm Band gave band and song numbers and Mrs. Carl-Hill read "A Boy at Christmas" by Edgar Guest. "O Holy Night," a vocal duet, was sung by Mrs. A. H. Allison and Mrs. I. N. Griffin. A xylophone solo, a medley of Christmas carols, was played by Elsie Mummell.

At the close of the program gifts were exchanged and refreshments were served. Mrs. I. N. Griffin presented Mrs. James L. Turner, president of the W.S.C.S., with a gift from the society.

**Christmas Party Given To Church Department**  
The Intermediate Department of the First Baptist Church was entertained with a Christmas party Monday night at the church.

At the opening of the party the group went out and sang Christmas Carols.

After returning to the church the group, which numbered 100, was entertained by Mrs. C. L. Jackson, who gave the story of "Little Tim" from Dickens, and presented a humorous reading, "I Got Troubles."

Presents were distributed from the Christmas tree for all members present, after which refreshments were served.

**Senior Department of B. T. U. Hears Choral Club**  
At the regular meeting of the Senior Department of the Baptist Training Union, Sunday evening at 6:45 the Hodges Oak Park Choral Club presented a musical program. Charles Tally, III, announced the numbers on the program.

The J. O. Y. Union with their sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Robinson and Dr. C. L. Jackson, presented a program before the Morton Valley Union, Sunday evening.

**Baptist Choir to Rehearse Wednesday Evening**  
A very important meeting of the choir of the First Baptist Church will be held Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock at the church. All members planning to take part in the Christmas program are urged to attend this meeting.

**New Era Club To Have Program and Christmas Party**  
The New Era Club will meet Wednesday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. V. V. Cooper, Jr., with Mrs. Charles Hummel as co-hostess.

The scheduled program will be presented with Mrs. W. F. Creager serving as leader. A musical program will also be presented.

The regular Christmas party will follow and gifts will be exchanged. A silver offering for the Christmas Cheer Fund will be taken.

**Cooper School to Present Opera This Evening**  
The Cooper school students will present the operetta "Kidnaping of Santa Claus" this evening at 7:30 in the school auditorium. It was stated this morning that excellent work has been done by the cast and the two act performance promises to be one of the most entertaining programs of the season.

The public is invited to attend.

**High School Seniors To Have Dance**  
The Senior Class of the Ranger High School will be entertained Friday evening, Dec. 22 with a dance in the Blue Room of the Gholson Hotel. The affair, which has been planned by the mothers of senior students will begin at 8 o'clock.

Clever features have been plan-



Richard Arlen and Constance Moore in "Mutiny on the Blackhawk" showing at the Arcadia Theatre today only.

ned for the entertainment and mothers are urged to visit the dance between 8 o'clock and midnight. Also, those who have not yet contributed their assessments are asked to contact Mrs. Harry Henry or Mrs. A. H. Powell.

## Square Riggers Are Going Out Slowly

**By United Press**  
SAN FRANCISCO.—With the recent sale of the Star of Finland, to be used hereafter as a refrigerator and storage plant, there passed out from the Golden Gate the last of the famous fleet of square-rigged windjammers, which once proudly sailed the Pacific, and with it the last trace of a kingly dream for a mighty Pacific empire.

The Star of Finland, sister ship of a whole fleet of other Star ships, was built on the order of King Kalakua of Hawaii, and bore the name of Kaiulani.

It was the dream of King Kalakua to combine the various South Sea island monarchies into one vast empire, of which he would be the head.

His plan embraced the building of a merchant marine that would send its ships into all parts of the world and which would be greater than any other fleet in the world.

But the grandiose scheme failed through lack of co-operation and vision on the part of the other South Sea kings and monarchs.

Then King Kalakua died.

There was no successor who could see as far as he had seen, despite the fact that already a number of other vessels had been ordered built in various American and British shipyards.

And so the Star of Finland in 1910 passed into the hands of the Alaska Packers Association, which eventually built up a vast fleet of 28 great windjammers, flying the fish-tailed pennant of the packers and virtually ruling the waves of the Pacific.

The fleet included many other famous "stars," all of which have disappeared at last from their original use.

Among them were the Star of Alaska, the Star of England, the Star of Italy, the Star of Lapland, the Star of Shetland, the Star of Zealand, and others.

They were veritably "king of the North Pacific Ocean" during the period of 1890 and well into the 1900s.

Then steam vessels began gradually to displace them, and one by one they disappeared until the Star of Finland was the last.

The Star of Chile is known as the barge at Roche Harbor. The Star of Alaska became the gambling ship, Pacific Queen, and the Star of France became a prison hulk in the harbor of Noumea.

The Star of Greenland was bought by Norwegian interests and became the training ship Abraham Rydberg.

The rest of the old ships either were wrecked or went to the junkyards.

Two of them, the Star of Zealand and the Star of Lapland, were sold to the Japanese, sailed

across the Pacific and broken up for the iron and copper their hulls contained.

The Star of India became a floating museum, owned by the San Diego Zoological Society, and is maintained in the port there. There remained then only the Star of Finland.

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# WAR IN BALKANS HINGES ON SOVIET MOVE AGAINST ROMANIA -- JOHNSON



## Carol on Hot Spot Between Enemies on All Sides

BY THOMAS M. JOHNSON  
NEA Service Staff Correspondent  
Russia means it about seizing Romania's province of Bessarabia, we are likely to see a tremendous politico-military razzle-dazzle, and Europe's war spreading to the Balkans and the Near East.

It perhaps we shall merely see Romania walk in on Bessarabia. For one apparently weird aspect of a weird situation is that the Red Army can have Bessarabia for the taking.

The Romanian general staff would fight there only a delaying action, making real resistance on the Pruth River, backed by the hills that the Bessarabian steppes lack. The Romanians are today fortifying this river, which was virtually the Russo-Romanian boundary before the World War when Bessarabia was a (forcibly annexed) Russian province. So, why any shooting at all?

ROMANIA SQUATS BEFORE ENEMIES  
FIRST, Romania is in the Balkans, where it takes only one step to start a barrage; second, Romania's shape is round, like a spot. On that spot she squats, surrounded by the (most) assortment of enemies confronting any nation in Europe—Italy, Bulgaria, Hungary, each full of vengeance and vengeance.

To give in to one without giving in to all is a trick even for King Carol. If he must give up Bessarabia when war starts, his move is to prevent it starting. If Carol marshals his resources, including a prince and an army—the greater of which is not to be trifled with, his army.

The army wears prettier uniforms than any European army and lately was slowest to mobilize. Its officers use makeup and have had to be reorganized; its soldiers are the most numerous in the Balkans (1,700,000 potential) and the worst equipped, and some are of doubtful loyalty.

Which helps explain why Romania is on a spot.  
MINORITY INDIGESTION AFFECTS ROMANIA  
IT'S the old European complaint, minority indigestion. Too many Hungarians and Slavs governed by Latin Romanians. True, their right to govern is better than those good neighbors, Hungary, Bulgaria and Russia claim.

Bessarabia has more Romanians than Russians; Transylvania more Romanians than Hungarians; Dobruja has some of everything. But, why does a farmer covet his neighbor's acres? Especially if he once had them—no matter how he got them. In Europe politics is

mostly history and power. Hungary and Bulgaria lack the power now, for Romania's twenty millions outnumber them combined. But if Russia marched, though only to the Pruth, that would keep much of the Romanian army busy and give Hungary and Bulgaria a chance. Then what?

LOSE ALL  
PERHAPS their blast of concerted revenge would leave King Carol in his socks. But perhaps it would bring a rushing wind that would blow down the whole card-house of Balkan peace and whirl it into the cyclone of general war.

For in the Balkan game all the big shots have stakes, and are playing with knives in their boots. Not just Russia but Germany, for trade, power and safety from communism for herself and her protégé Bulgaria, to Russia's historic goal, warm water at the Dardanelles.

But there stands Turkey, still Russia's professed friend though now an ally of Britain and France—who also have guaranteed Romania against aggression.  
CAROL'S PRAYER  
13 EXPANSIVE  
CIRCLING King Carol's spot, we arrive at his prayer—that if he must be the boy on the burning deck, yet, ere his shop of state, help may come. Help against Russia might come from Italy, Jugoslavia, perhaps remotely, even from Germany; or if Germany casts lots for his shirt with Russia, Italy still, help from Italy and Britain and France, Yugoslavia and Greece.

It could come quickly if Turkey opened the Dardanelles to a British and French expedition; none should be if that expedition must land in Greece and trap (Romania) beyond. But such help has been prepared by France's old right hand, Weizsäcker, just back from strengthening French garrisons in the Near East and advising King Carol about his army.

That one-time playboy must play a game now that makes numbers or pinball look straightforward as mumblebeep. The possible combinations would puzzle Einstein. What will Stalin do? Hitler? Mussolini? Today Carol is trying to appease Hungary and Bulgaria for better treatment of their minorities.

Should he even give back parts of Transylvania and Dobruja? Should he without war give Russia what he must give her with war? Or shall he, if forced, risk war hoping for help that will enable him to retain Bessarabia? This far he has

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NEW YORK.—That banks in Texas are actively meeting the credit needs of their communities is indicated by figures announced by the American Bankers Association showing that the commercial banks of the Lone Star State made more than 850,000 new loans totaling \$589,000,000 to business firms and individuals during the first six months of 1939 and renewed \$725,000,000 during the same period.

The survey also reveals that business firms in the state are using less than half of the "open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of the banks.

These figures are based on reports received from 182 of the Texas banks holding membership in the A. B. A., or 21 per cent of the 873 commercial banks in the state, and make allowance for the concentration of lending activity in the metropolitan areas of Dallas and Houston.

The 182 banks reported they made 232,237 new loans totaling \$193,841,088 between January 1 and June 30, 1939, and renewed 155,947 outstanding loans totaling \$256,332,552. In addition, they reported 2,469 new mortgage loans to home owners and other real estate owners totaling \$6,722,148.

The average number of new loans reported per bank was 1,276, and the average loan was for \$835. The average number of renewals per bank was 857, and the average renewal was for \$1,614. The average number of new mortgages reported per bank was 14, and the average mortgage was for \$2,725.

In addition to making loans on individual applications, the banks of the larger cities maintain what are known as "open lines of credit" on their books, available to regular business borrowers at all times. Nineteen banks reported such open lines of credit totaling \$25,225,971. However, only \$10,253,120, or 40 per cent of this credit, was being used by business firms on June 30.

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# Youthful '49er Is Hearty At 100

ST. LOUIS.—James M. Shuey has safely passed the century mark in age, but he says he can't remember worrying about anything since the time he and his father ran out of grub during the gold rush of '49.

"I'm never sick, feel fine, never felt better," he said. Not so strong as he was 90 years ago, however, he spends a good deal of his time lying down. In '49, he says, his family moved west with other gold seekers.

"Dad took a fool notion to get rich and we pulled up stakes and started to California in a covered wagon," he said. "That was some trip. We got as far as Salt Lake City and dad started digging.

"The ground was hard and the gold was deep and we got only a goose quill full. Dad sold it for food and we started back East.

"Yep, it was an interesting trip, all right," he recalled. "All across the plains we'd run into Indians. They'd ride their ponies along even with the wagon train, but they kept a good distance away. They'd hear the music sometimes at night and creep up to the campfires and just sit there, out of the light. They were good Indians and never gave us any trouble.

"Dad brought us to Missouri and we settled down in Franklin county along Fiddle Creek. I remember crossing the Missouri river because we had a little bulldog and he wouldn't get in the boat. He almost bit dad's thumb off and we had to leave him."

Shuey says he married only once, to a girl off Fiddle Creek name of Reid. She was 15 when we married, a fine girl."

He moved to St. Louis 35 years ago and went to work for the railroads. He carried mail and worked as a section hand, but says he doesn't remember as much about that as he does about the family's migration to the West and back again.

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# Farm Of The Future To Be Constructed Of Field Products

AMARILLO, Tex.—A prediction that the "farm of the future" would be constructed from "products of the field" today stirred activity among Texas' chemurgists.

Dr. O. R. Sweeney, head of the chemical engineering department at Iowa State College, predicted in a speech here recently that agriculturalists of the Panhandle-Plains country were "capable of raising a complete home from the waste products of the field."

This would be possible, he said, through the use of chemurgy—the science of chemical knowledge applied to agriculture—used in connection with such wastes as cotton burrs, corn stalks and wheat straw.

He pointed to the wall board industry as "one already successful" through the use of chemurgy.

"In every part of the nation—and even the deserts with its greasewood and yucca—our plants and agricultural products that can support factories," Sweeney said. "By spreading out the factories and placing them at the source of those supplies, we can spread out population."

Sweeney declared that the decentralization of population was "very important" and only possible through the use of chemurgy.

"Civilizations of all ages," he said, "have fallen because of great concentrations of populations when the cities grow to the point that life of the nation centers in them alone, then civilization will fall."

Through chemistry it is possible to spread out industry and population he contended. "Chemistry outstrips nature. In the laboratory, both harder and softer lumber than trees produce can be manufactured. There is no limitation to size. Cornstalks can produce bigger and longer boards than can be cut from the giant redwood General Sherman."

"And the field has only been touched with new uses and new products being continually discovered," he said.

The city manager of Denver is going to ask the council to jail automobiles instead of drivers for traffic offenses. It may soon be common to have a sedan sent up for a year on carbon and low-test gasoline.

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# Letters To SANTA

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a doll, some painting pencils, some apples, oranges, nuts and candy. I am a little first grade girl and I go to school at Kokomo. That will be enough, I guess. Lots of love, Minnie Clara Eaves, Gorman.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a desk, size two, and chair. I want a pretty sleepy doll, regular girls yellow gold wrist watch. This is Jimmie's list. Please bring me a big red wagon, blackboard, a box of chalk and a big airplane. Love Jimmie and Nadine, Ranger.

Dear Santa Claus: Please bring me a rocking horse, a teddy bear and some toys to pull with a string and some rubber toys. I want a rubber Porky Pig, and a little red wagon. Thank you a lot. Your friend, Jefferson Weldon Rawls Jr., Ranger.

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The shops you already know display their best buys in these pages, and ones you should know invite your consideration. All this is for your un-hurried comparison and study in the comfortable surroundings of your own home. Read these pages regularly, and join the ranks of those thrifty shoppers who bring home values every time.

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SERIAL STORY

SANTA CLAUS BROWN

BY MILDRED GILMAN  
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YESTERDAY, Alice meets Jerry... realizes she is still in love with him. He urges her to get away from the Christmas festivities. In the room, Alice watches the fire listening to an old, old Christmas story.

CHAPTER VI

Mr. Donaldson and Jerry stood glowering at each other, the Donaldson living room. Mrs. Donaldson stood near, weeping softly.

"Fine show you've made of yourself," Mr. Donaldson said. "I tried to do your mother, gave in to her, let you study law. She wanted me to study law. I reminded him, 'I didn't want to.' Then what in blazes do you do?"

Jerry shrugged. "You wouldn't understand," he said. "You think you gotta do to bring up children is to send 'em to expensive schools, send 'em out to expensive camps—keep 'em out of sight." He started toward the door. "I don't want anything—except not to look at the Palais Royale. . . ."

"That's just where you are going to work, young man, right in my apartment store," his father raged. "I've spent my cent staking your pleasure. You can open the place up from now on—starting Tuesday. You'll begin at the basement and work up. May make a man of you—get you away from your mother's iron strings."

Jerry put the keys in his pocket, obediently. "As you say, pater, only"—he smiled craftily, "I don't think you're going to enjoy having me around—even in the basement!" He walked toward the door, past the tree, the holly, the cherry wreath. He stopped and looked at the mistletoe draped over the door, then reached up and broke a sprig, absentmindedly, went outside and drove off in the car of Mrs. Deakin's boarding house.

ALICE kept glancing at the clock. Jerry wouldn't come, of course. She didn't want him. Just start that cycle of misery all over again. It would be much better never to see him again.

Mrs. Brown watched the clock. "I think I'll go over and sit with Mrs. Carter a while," she announced. "The children have gone to bed. She's waiting up for Jim to finish shoveling snow."

She patted Alice's shoulder sympathetically and went out. A few minutes later she was breaking a path through the snow to the Carters'. Mrs. Carter greeted her at the door. A shawl was thrown over her shoulders.

"I hope you won't be cold in here," Mrs. Carter said. Betty wanted her to put out the fire. She smiled. "Afraid of burning Santa Claus. I feel guilty not disilluminating the poor youngster. But it's so hard to do."

"I don't think you could," Mrs. Brown said. "Don't let it worry you." They sat down before the fireplace, getting what warmth they could from the faintly glowing embers.

"Papa had to go to some kind of party," Mrs. Brown said. "The Donaldsons wanted him to be Santa Claus for some of their friends. The store's open late tonight and as soon as it closes he's going up to their house. I tell him he makes too good a Santa Claus. He lets people take advantage of him."

THE two women talked far into the evening. Finally Mrs. Brown said: "Papa ought to be home soon—it's nearly 11 o'clock."

"Our daddy ought to be home, too," said Mrs. Carter. "Poor dear, he's been shoveling snow ever since the storm started. He wants to make as much as he can to buy—"

"Where's he going to buy toys this time of night?" Mrs. Brown asked her. "He'll find them somewhere—I hope he isn't too desperately tired."

"I ought to go home," said Mrs. Brown, after a time, "but I hate to sit there alone. I can see papa pass by here, so I won't miss him."

She went to a window and looked out, then sat down in a chair near the window. "I've been worried about him lately," she went on. "He takes it harder all the time, not hearing from Frances. He wants to take time off to go to New York to find her. But I tell him when she wants us, she'll write. She signed, 'They never realize till they have children of their own.' Mrs. Carter comforted her. "Think of her as having a nice life, making her own way. Be grateful she can—these hard days. One of these days she'll remember you—all of a sudden, and regret her neglect. But you won't mind, when you see her again."

"I won't—mind—how long we wait—if she'll just come sometime," Mrs. Brown said fervently. She rose to go. "Well, papa ought to be home by now."

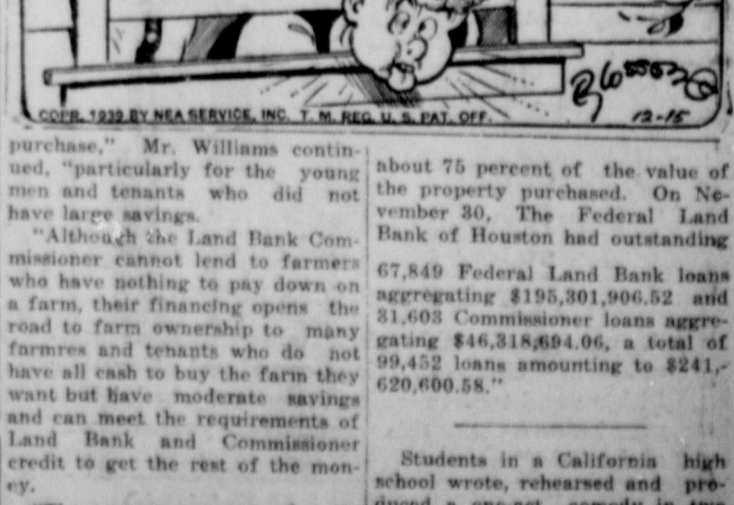
Except for the sound of an automobile drawing up to the curb right outside the Carter home, everything on Park Avenue was again "as still as a mouse."

(To Be Continued)

RED RYDER . . . . . By Fred Harman



FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS . . .

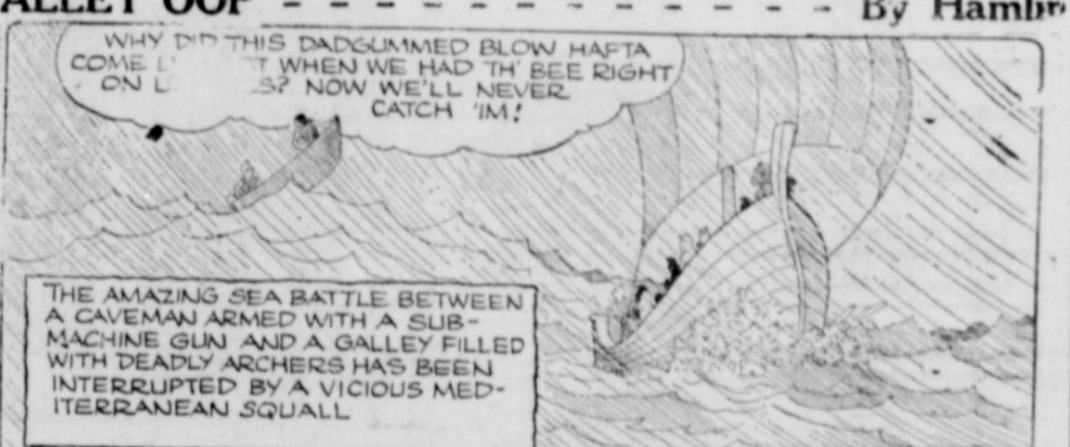


OUT OUR WAY . . . . . By Williams



GET DOWN FROM THERE. THE HOUSE IS FULL OF SMOKE—WHAT'RE YOU DOING UP THERE ANYWAY?  
OH, WE HAD A ARGUMENT AN' WERE JIS PROVIN' SUMP'N IS ALL—HE'S TH' SKINNIEST ONE, TOO  
OW-OO! IT'S GITTIN' HOT! GIT ME OUTA HERE—I'M STUCK!  
DONT FERGIT YOU AINT FAT—AN' HE CARRIES A BAG, TOO!  
BOEN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON  
JRWILLIAMS  
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ALLEY OOP . . . . . By Hamlin



Fire Commissioner Sounds Warning On Fire Losses

AUSTIN, Tex.—Marvin Hall, fire insurance Commissioner of Texas, in announcing today that fire losses in Texas were on a decided increase, sounded a warning to homeowners, merchants and manufacturers against the dangers of fire.

- (1) teach children the danger of playing with matches (2) do not attempt to start or quicken a fire with gasoline or kerosene (3) extinguish matches, cigarettes and cigars before throwing away (4) protect gas heaters with screen guards to prevent clothing of children and elder people from catching fire (5) use rigid metal pipe and screw connections on gas heaters, and be sure heaters remain stationary. If you must use rubber hose connections on gas heaters, be sure they are in good condition and securely attached to heater and source of gas supply (6) keep gas heaters and stoves a safe distance from windows as a protection to window curtains and other draperies from open flames (7) do not permit gasoline to enter the house under any condition for the reason that it is not a household necessity and dangerous (8) do not use naphtha, benzene or gasoline for cleaning purposes. All cleaning of wearing apparel should be done out of doors and during the day regardless of the solutions used (9) never—not for one minute—leave children alone in the house (10) this is an age of electricity—learn to use it with safety. Permit only experienced persons to install or repair electrical fittings and appliances. There are definite rules for wiring which if known and observed will prevent electrical fires. Keep a supply of fuses on hand. When a fuse burns out do not use a penny as a substitute, but replace with a new fuse (11) turn the current off on an electric iron or other electrical appliance before leaving it (12) keep chimneys and stovepipes clean with all joints and connections tight. Provide separate metal cans for ashes and for rubbish. Never mix (13) do not allow accumulation of trash or other combustible waste materials in or near the house (14) keep greasy and oily rags in tightly closed metal cans (15) do not attempt to fill lighted lamp, and never fill lamp in house (16) two good safety points—(a) make it a point to know how to get out of every building you enter (b) never sit in a closed room or office. Always ventilate with fresh air.

5,500 Tex. Farmers Buy Land Under Federal Program

HOUSTON, Tex.—More than 5,550 Texas farmers have bought farms with financing through agencies under supervision of the Farm Credit Administration in the past four years, according to a statement made today by A. C. Williams, president of the Federal Land Bank of Houston.

Mr. Williams continued, "particularly for the young men and tenants who did not have large savings." "Although the Land Bank Commissioner cannot lend to farmers who have nothing to pay down on a farm, their financing opens the road to farm ownership to many farmers and tenants who do not have all cash to buy the farm they want but have moderate savings and can meet the requirements of Land Bank and Commissioner credit to get the rest of the money.

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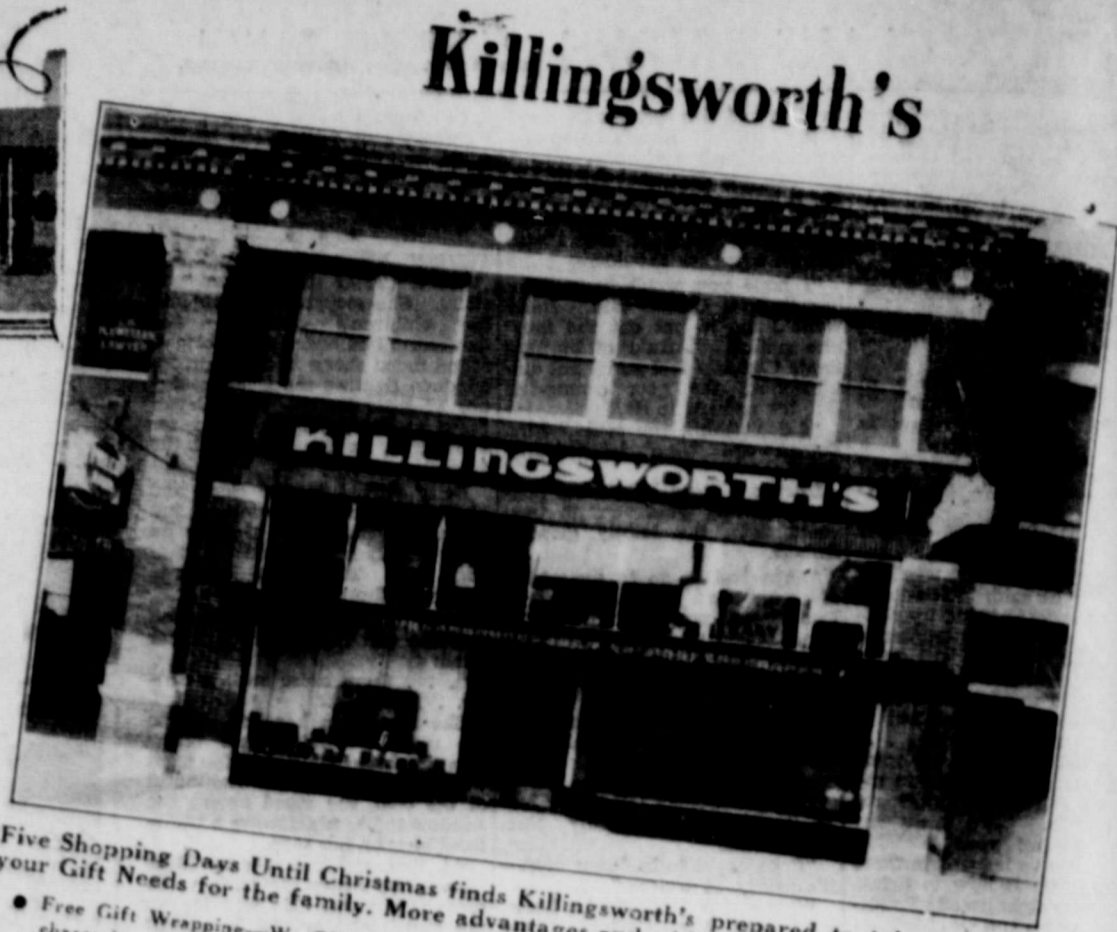
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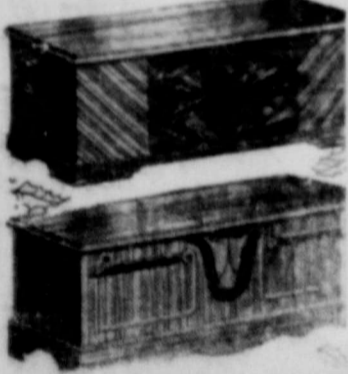


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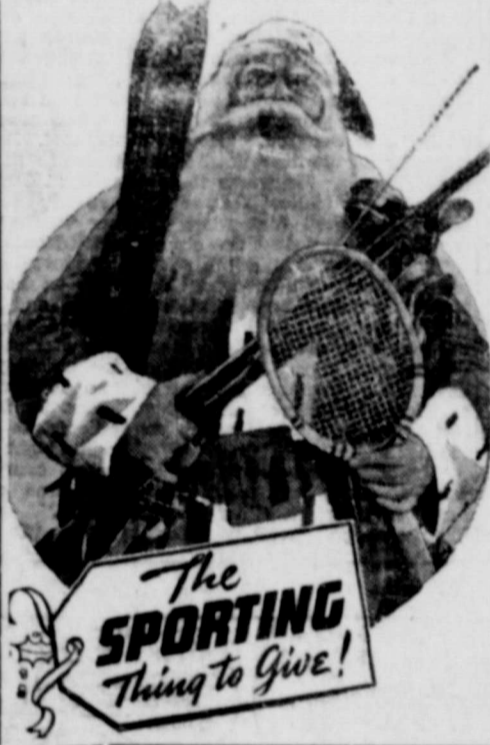
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