

Mercury Plummet To 12 For Lowest Mark In 2 Years

Cold Wave Drives Deep Into Texas,
Low Of 2 At Amarillo; Rising
Temperatures Seen By Thursday

Fair weather, with prospects of slowly rising temperature Thursday signaled the end of a Christmas cold blast for Big Spring, after the city saw temperatures sink to the lowest level in at least two years with a minimum of 12 degrees early Wednesday.

The DOW weather bureau at the airport reported that low mark, an astringent wintry weather, coldest of the season for all the western part of the state, struck deep into Texas and knocked temperatures down to as low as 2 degrees.

Over nearly all the state the sun shone out of a diamond-bright sky but its effect was small. The wintry blast stretched to the Gulf, Houston reporting 31 degrees at its airport and Corpus Christi 40.

Freshly-fallen snow froze in the two-degree Amarillo weather. Lubbock's temperature fell to four degrees above zero, the lowest mark recorded since last February. Plainview with six degrees and Borger with 10 (lowest in two years) were other hard-hit centers.

The forecast for tonight called for more cold, clear weather, with temperatures rising slowly tomorrow.

Other temperature minimums: Abilene 21 and lowest this winter; Wichita Falls 22 and lowest since February; San Angelo 23, colder tonight; Waco, 29, season's low; Tyler 30; Corsicana and Austin 30; San Antonio 34; Dallas 27, lowest this winter; Del Rio 37, Brownsville 40, El Paso 38.

Amarillo's near-zero minimum was recorded at the airport, although the downtown government station registered 10 above. A low of eight degrees was predicted in the Panhandle metropolis tonight, enough to keep the snow from melting before New Year's.

All Panhandle highways were glazed with ice. Another Panhandle city, Pampa, was frozen fast in 3.7 degree weather, lowest this year.

Snow Fills Dust Bowl, Travels Over Midwest

By the Associated Press

Snow and wet weather whirled eastward Wednesday, leaving a white blanket nine to 18 inches deep over the old "dust bowl."

The snow was passing over Missouri, Iowa and northern Arkansas and was due to hit Ohio by night-fall.

New England's coldest weather of the season plunged the temperature to 23 degrees below zero on top of Mount Washington in New Hampshire. Northfield, Vermont, recorded 15 below and it was only five above in Boston.

But as New England, the midwest and southwest shivered, two of winter's strongholds reported "heat waves."

For the first time in the 66-year history of the Detroit weather bureau the temperature in Michigan failed to get below 20 above by Dec. 26—although it did dip to 18 in Detroit today.

To carry out the freak theme—frost warnings were issued in the California citrus belt, and a gulf storm whipped near-freezing temperatures into New Orleans.

Two hundred automobiles were abandoned in snow-blocked mountain passes near Clayton, N. M., but all passengers were brought out safely by highway department trucks and motorists with chains. The snow was 18 inches deep in Clayton, near the center of the "dust bowl" of 1934-37.

At Guyton, Okla., there were 10 inches of snow and at Boise City 12 inches. Rain, sleet and as much as five inches of snow were general over the Texas Panhandle. The temperature was eight above at Amarillo and was expected to dive below zero.

Kansas farmers were cheered by snowfalls of five inches to a foot.

Crop experts said the snow would be of immense benefit to wheat in eastern and central Kansas and Oklahoma but feared crops to the west were too far gone to germinate. Continued precipitation will be necessary to guarantee a completely droughtless summer.

PWA Grant Expected By End Of Week

City officials said Wednesday that they expected to receive a grant payment from PWA in the amount of approximately \$47,000 before the end of the week.

The money, they were advised, has been sent from Washington to the regional office in Fort Worth.

When the funds are received, it will mark the payment of the \$225,000 pledged as a grant by PWA on the original half million dollar city waterworks project. The money likely will be used to complete payments to contractors on the original jobs, which included construction of two dams, pipelines and a filtration plant.

The construction of a new reservoir, the placing of covers on three reservoirs and the removal of water lines from Gregg to Lancaster street will be provided for in a final grant requisition.

PLANES DOWN

HONGKONG, Dec. 27 (AP)—Chinese sources asserted today that Chinese fighting planes made in Russia had shot down three and damaged two of 39 Japanese warplanes raiding Lanzhou, capital of Kansu province in northwest

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS AT THE WHITE HOUSE



President Roosevelt tried go-go-ing to attract the attention of Franklin Roosevelt, the third, who is seated on the lap of his mother, Mrs. Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., when this picture was taken at the White House Christmas day. The president's nine-month-old grandson (son of Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger). Seated, left to right: Eleanor "Sister" Dill, Diana Hopkins (daughter of Secretary of Commerce Harry Hopkins) and Curtis "Buddy" Dill, Jr.

Dies Report Is Creating Differences

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Members of the Dies committee were said today to be in disagreement over the report of their investigations of un-American activities which must be presented to the house next Wednesday.

Authoritative sources said the preliminary draft, submitted to the committee by Chairman Dies (D-Tex.), was being altered drastically by one member who objected to emphasis placed on certain references to communism.

An argument was reported brewing, too, over the question of whether the committee should include recommendations for legislation to curb subversive activities.

A year ago Dies prepared a similar report containing proposals for registering aliens and a public recording of members and activities of such organizations as the communist party. They were dropped at the last minute, however, when some committee members suggested that their inclusion might influence some house members to oppose continuing the committee on the theory that the investigation had been completed.

The committee will expire Jan. 3, but Dies already has introduced legislation which would extend it for at least one more year.

Howie Put On Police Force

Randall Howie, 26, son of a city policeman fatally shot in line of duty eight years ago, was approved by the city commission Tuesday evening as a new member of the police department.

His appointment will take effect on January 1 and he will undergo a period of police training. His father, H. F. Howie, was slain in the summer of 1931 while investigating a quarrel in the western part of the city. Randall is a graduate of the local high school and had two years in Texas Tech.

Commissioners also studied a plan whereby the school district could finance paving by its property. Four places were indicated as touching on prospective paving routes, one adjacent to the high school, another on Douglas street near West Ward, a third on Goliad street near Ninth, and the other north of Eleventh near the stadium.

FINNISH MISSION SEEKING MILITARY ITEMS IN U. S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—A Finnish military mission started a canvass today for hundreds of American-made anti-aircraft, anti-tank and other modern weapons to combat the Russian invasion.

Lieutenant General Vilho Peter Nanninen and Colonel Per Zilliacus were told at a conference with war department officials that the American army was short of the same munitions and that available commercial manufacturers were tied up already with war department orders.

Most of such weapons are made in army arsenals, which legally may not turn them over to a foreign government unless they are formally adjudged to be surplus.

Britain Lays Mine Barrage

LONDON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Great Britain's answer to the plague of German mines off the British coast is a 500-mile charted minefield extending from the Orkney Islands to the Straits of Dover.

The admiralty announced that mines would be laid in a strip 30 to 40 miles wide and about eight miles offshore to guard coastal shipping from mines "laid by the Germans without notice in the North sea outside territorial waters off the British coast."

The British mine belt thus would be an inner screen behind which ships could move in relative safety. A neutral naval attaché said it also would protect British warships in port from submarine attacks.

Presumably the British mines would prevent the laying of German mines by submarines or surface craft between the British belt and the coast.

Naval sources estimated that more than 200,000 mines would be required.

A British mine field also extends along the German coast from Denmark to The Netherlands.

The admiralty said it believed Germany had mined a rectangular area in the North sea from 75 miles off Jutland southward to The Netherlands. Overlapping of the rival minefields was considered probable.

THAT MAN AGAIN

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27 (AP)—Mrs. J. William Henderson found her dining room radiator half-covered with melted crayons. "Who did that?" she asked her son, Jimmy, four-year-old, radio fan, reported.

"The little man who wasn't here."

Huge Defense Appropriation In Prospect

Authorization Expected Without Much Of A Fight

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Congress will be asked to approve another record-breaking fund for national defense at the coming session, and indications today are that it will accede without much of a fight.

Committees To Work

Congressmen with military ideas of their own, however, may provoke greater controversy than the outlay of more than \$2,000,000,000 President Roosevelt said he would recommend to finance the army and navy for the year starting July 1.

Before the new session is a week old, two house committees will study proposals designed to make the navy the world's mightiest armada. Both are likely to provide for the construction of super-battleships, possibly twice as big as any now afloat.

Chairman Vinson (D-Ga.) set Jan. 8 tentatively for the house naval committee to begin public hearings on a proposed \$1,300,000,000 expansion of the navy.

Rep. Maas (R-Minn.), senior minority member of the committee, said he would urge the establishment of a separate fleet for the Atlantic and for construction of bigger battleships—up to 80,000 tons each.

Although Mr. Roosevelt was reported to have slashed about \$700,000,000 from the estimates of both the army and navy, there were indications the total would be at least \$300,000,000 and possibly \$500,000,000 above the current year's peacetime record of about \$1,800,000,000. Nevertheless, democrats and republicans have shown little disposition to quibble over money spent for defense.

However, defense measures will not have entirely plain sailing, for some members have served notice they would fight proposals to expand the armed services if it meant reductions in relief funds or other benefits for the needy.

Republican leaders also have made it plain they do not intend to support lump-sum spending in the guise of defense.

Members of a joint senate-house committee which made a 15,000-mile airplane tour of military establishments came back with a lot of ideas which threaten to conflict with those of war department experts.

RAYMONDVILLE, Dec. 27 (AP)—Officers sought the owner of a cap today as a possible clue in the slaying of two hunters in the dense brush country near here.

The cap, apparently the type issued to CCC camp enrollees, and a shotgun shell were found near the bodies of J. B. White, 56, and John Bunch, 48, when they were discovered yesterday. The hunters had been sprayed with buckshot.

Sheriff J. A. Goolsby of Cameron county expressed the belief that an inexperienced hunter fired at the men thinking they were deer and fled in panic when he learned his mistake.

Justice of the Peace F. D. Nance said he would render an inquest verdict today.

Funeral services for White were to be held at Combes today. The body of Bunch was to be sent to Gurdon, Ark., for burial.

PENDERCAST GROUP GAINS NEW POWER IN KANSAS CITY

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27 (AP)—Mayor Bryce B. Smith resigned today after a switch in city council voting returned the Tom Pendergast democratic machine faction to power.

The resignation, effective Saturday, followed quickly the council's abrupt shaking off of Smith's suggestion that an out-of-town man be named city manager to clean up waste and payroll pad conditions disclosed by federal-county grand juries.

NEW SKATES COST BOY HIS RIGHT LEG

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 27 (AP)—Twelve-year-old George "Saling" won't ever again use the roller skates he got for Christmas.

While skating yesterday he clung to a truck for a ride and slipped under it. The driver, hearing a passerby shout, stopped the machine, loaded with seven tons of paper.

A wheel rested on the boy's right leg. The driver jacked up the truck to free him. Doctors had to amputate the leg.

Said plucky young George: "I didn't feel much pain."

Suspects Held In Fire Case

STANTON, Dec. 27—Grand jurors, already investigating a record number of complaints for the 70th district court in Martin county, had an arson case to study Tuesday.

Three suspects were being held in the Howard county and city jails at Big Spring in connection with the burning of the B. B. Free home just over in Martin county from the Knott community.

Officers said that the three suspects would be turned over to Martin county authorities when the jury considers the case.

Otherwise, the investigative body had 14 complaints to study during the one week in which court is currently in session in the county.

Next term of the court will be convened Monday at 10 a. m. in Big Spring for a five weeks stand.

THREAT OF TRINITY FLOOD IS LESSENED

LIBERTY, Dec. 27 (AP)—The Trinity river stood at three-tenths of a foot above flood stage today but appeared to have reached its crest, lessening anxiety here of a serious overflow.

During the night the water rose only one-tenth of a foot, reaching 24.3 feet. T. E. Lewis, government observer, said he expected a continued slow rise during the next few hours but that he believed all threat of a real flood had passed.

Livestock men removed their animals from the lowlands last night.

ARTIST DIES

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 27 (AP)—Thomas J. S. Landis, 78, artist for newspapers, magazines and postcards, died yesterday. He had been ill a month.

Finns Drive Into Russia In Effort To Cut Rail Line

Excursion Aimed At Vital Supply Artery; Red Forces Being Expanded For A New Onslaught

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (AP)—Reliable but unofficial sources reported today that Russia had called more troops to the colors to supplement her vast army, already estimated in some quarters at as high as 4,500,000 men.

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 27 (AP)—A picked battalion of Finnish ski troops today was reported driving through Russia about 115 miles north of Lke Ladoga and east of Lleska in an attempt to cut Russia's vital Murmansk railroad.

Russian forces on the Arctic ocean front and other northern sectors receive most of their supplies over this railroad, which runs from 50 to 150 miles east of the border.

At the same time, fresh soviet legions under the command of Joseph Stalin's personal friends were reported by Finnish sources to be massing for new smash attacks against the Finns.

The Finns said on Monday that their troops had crossed the frontier into Russia near Lleska.

From the Finnish-Norwegian border came reports that advancing Finnish troops in far northern Finland were collecting large quantities of war material abandoned by retreating Russians between Nautil and Hoyhenjarvi. Included were many Russian tanks stalled in the snow.

With the temperature still four below zero Fahrenheit, the woods east of Kemijarvi, central Finland, were reported full of Russian deserters and wounded.

In all sectors the Finns were said to be preparing for the new Russian thrust they expect will come in an attempt to regain some of the prestige lost in recent weeks.

Indications of the new thrust were seen in the reported gathering of new Russian troops.

Coming on the heels of reported Finnish drives as much as 50 miles in some sectors, the Finnish northern army headquarters said 300,000 picked Red army soldiers were being massed to counteract recent retreats.

The Russians have lost 4,000 men in the sub-zero cold of the Arctic fighting the last three days, dispatches from the Finnish headquarters said.

Russian strategy was foreseen by military observers to be a renewed drive to cut Finland in half.

Although outnumbered, the Finnish command counted on the bitter Arctic weather, as well as military strategy, to withstand the expected attack.

A Finnish communique yesterday said the soviet forces left 700 dead.

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PWA CREDITED WITH A PART IN STATE'S BUILDING BOOM

FORT WORTH, Dec. 27 (AP)—Texas in 1939 has experienced its biggest construction boom in many years and much of the credit for the largely increased volume goes to the Public Works administration, George M. Bull, PWA regional director, said today.

The year has seen 90 per cent of the 308 non-federal PWA projects included under the 1938 PWA appropriation act completed. Total cost is more than \$36,000,000.

The federal projects being built with PWA funds account for another \$11,000,000. There are 69 of these in Texas.

T&NO BLACKSMITH SHOP DESTROYED

EL PASO, Dec. 27 (AP)—Fire destroyed the blacksmith shop of the Texas & New Orleans railroad early today as 10 engine companies battled to save approximately \$1,000,000 worth of cotton, stored in adjoining machine shops and roundhouses.

The blacksmith shop, razed to its brick walls, contained a switch engine and shop machines. Damage was estimated at \$10,000. None of the cotton, amounting to 17,500 bales, was damaged as firemen poured tons of water over the adjoining warehouses.

Weather

WEST TEXAS—Generally fair tonight and Thursday; slowly rising temperature Thursday.

EAST TEXAS—Fair, continued cold, frost except in lower Rio Grande valley tonight; Thursday fair, rising temperature.

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Unknown Depth

There are things about this nation's "recovery" that remind one of the old schoolboy problem of the frog in the well. He climbed up two feet every day and slipped back one foot every night. With the depth of the well stated the problem was: How long did it take the frog to get out?

Either our frog does not make a net advance every day or the depth of the depression well was mis-stated, for we should have been out and hopping around on level ground long ago. Maybe we have been using the wrong route to getting out.

Recovery must come from increased business and employment. The measures we are now using, and have tried long enough to prove them, are not doing the work. Is it not time to try the other way? Why not turn business loose, so to speak? If it abuses its freedom it can be shackled again and then we will know who and what was to blame and perhaps find a way to cure the trouble.

Democracy or republicanism is not so important in our government as reasonable prosperity. What if we do let a few people become millionaires? If they are providing employment for more people, as they once did, will we not be in better condition as a people?

Nobody will claim, with expectation of being believed or able to prove the assertion, that the average man is better off today, has more or could have more than he had under the conditions before we got into trouble. Perhaps some federal office holders, some employees of the numerous administrations and bureaus, are better off, because many of them have better jobs than they ever before had, but the man on his own, looking for employment, is finding it hard to connect. Until the true depth of the well is learned we can't hope to climb out.

George Tucker

Man About Manhattan

NEW YORK—Count Theo Rossi, the young Italian speed-bowling king, sends in a note. But before it is quoted, perhaps we should deal in a bit of ancient history. . . . Back in the ninth century some one dug a square wooden tankard out of an Irish peat bog. It was the first, and also the last—until recently—square drinking mug anyone had ever seen. Rossi doesn't own that tankard, but he would like it.

But not so long ago he took time out from his pastime of winning one speed-bowling crown after another to design and have made some personal square glasses of the peat bog—so far as anyone knows—his are the first square glasses to be made.

They are quite extraordinarily pretty. The ancient coat of arms of the Rossi family adorn them. "I hope," he wrote, "you will do me the honor of putting these to hard service. Don't sit them on some shelf, or make a museum piece of them—put them where they will be handy when friends drop in. They are vermouth glasses. . . . You never heard of a vermouth glass, did you? Neither did anyone else. . . . There are wine glasses and brandy glasses, and every kind of glass—and I thought it was about time somebody made a vermouth glass."

There was more to the note, amiable but unimportant. I might add here that the count who is one of the world's most eligible bachelors, is also a good business man. The Rossi name is to Italy what Metaxas is to Greece. . . . He is an ancient family of vermouth makers. . . . So perhaps the count may be pardoned for his zeal in the matter of glassware.

Several days ago there was a story about Rossi in which he was described as ubiquitous. This word always makes me think of the late Heywood Brown, whose untimely death stunned New York a little while ago. Brown loved to fashion tales about the origin of words—as a gag, and once, as the story goes, the word ubiquitous came up.

"Why," said he, "do you mean to say you don't know how it began? There was once an Indian chief whose purpose, a daughter, grew into quite a big girl. The chief thought the time had come for her to get out on her own, so he called her and, folding his arms, said, 'You big, quit us.' And that, declared Brown, was the origin of ubiquitous.

Rossi has many friends in this country, for he has raced and won, at Detroit, at Washington, and on the west coast. On his last visit to New York I went down with him to watch him unload three special speed-launches that he had brought over from Italy. They were powered with airplane motors, and they were named after some mountains in Africa which the Italians had captured during the Ethiopian campaign.

Rossi likes to attend to his boats personally, with the same devotion that a cavalryman gives to his horse. He was a spic and span young man when the whole thing began, but when those boats were finally and safely ashore he was a sad spectacle—hair awry, clothes around his neck, his trousers torn, his hands a wreck.

"Now," he said happily, "I can breathe easier."

The Duke, they say, is planning an Italian Comedy. On the other hand, what does a roller coaster have to do with the happiness of the European?

Someone once saw him in a kind of fun, not realizing that the whole comedy is in the name.

Trailer Tintypes



One Is Beloved

BY LOUISE PLATT HAUCK

Chapter 17

BOMBHELL

"In September," Patsy told Sue, "and if you're glad, let me tell you I'm not! I could die every time I think of it. I know what having kids around is like—you don't think there was one younger even than Marie. I haven't forgotten the way she howled with colic, the mess the house was in with her wet clothes everywhere, the time my mother had found the right formula for her—it was one long nightmare. I was in High School, and Mom would hand her over to me the minute I got home. Ugh! she shuddered unaffectedly.

"What became of her?" "Died," Patsy said briefly. "And that was bad, too. Mom never seemed to get over it. She sort of moped around for another year and then the girls and I were on our own in good earnest."

"But, Pats, it doesn't seem like that! I mean babies don't have to be sick, and cross, there is no real reason why their laundry shouldn't be kept out of sight. Oh, honey, think of a little Allen, or a little Patricia! If it's just the work you're afraid of, Bob and I—I'm sure Allen would let us provide a good nurse. Oh, I do envy you!"

The long eyes narrowed in the way Sue hated.

"I assure you I'd change places with you with all the pleasure in life! Just when I'm beginning to get somewhere socially in this town, just when Allen is making enough money for me to entertain once in a while, then this happens! And I feel like the devil, Sue!"

Sue thought dryly that there had been little evidence of ill health in her brother's wife. Patsy had whined about with almost feverish gaiety since Christmas. On the strength of her connection with the Trentons, she had managed to get herself included in most of the smarter parties which had been given.

Allen had had to be out of town a good deal lately but that had not curbed his wife's activities. "Well, say it!" Sue was not conscious that she had been sitting staring into space until the other girl snapped out the advice. "Go on and tell me that the touch of little hands will draw Allen and me together; that our new responsibilities will cement a stronger bond between us. You know that's what you're thinking, Sue!"

"Hoping," Sue corrected, smiling. "I think you do yourself an injustice, my dear. It simply isn't possible for you to be so indifferent to this important event as you would have me think. What does Allen say? Isn't he almost out of his mind with joy?"

"He's sending me almost out of mine with his everlasting fussing—I know that! The latest is that I'm to give up cigarettes and cocktails. He had a talk with Dr. Van Ness last week and the old tyrant laid down the law. As if I'd pay any attention to what either of them say! She lit her third cigarette since her arrival. 'Gosh!' she exclaimed, inhaling the smoke greedily and letting it go on a long, reluctant breath. 'It's all that makes life bearable to me now; that and my friends.'"

The younger woman took refuge in a disapproving silence. She had learned by experience that Patsy could stand any amount of verbal reproach better than she could endure no speech at all. Patsy presently burst out:

"I've got to have some distraction, Sue! Allen away all day, out of town three days in the week—I'd go raving mad if people didn't drop in every afternoon for tea."

Still Sue said nothing. She realized perfectly Patsy was glibly ready with her defense of the last word.

Deacon Davenport

"Aren't you human at all, Sue? You used to be prim enough before you were married but you're worse now, if possible. Bob's no angel, let me tell you! I mean—" she added quickly as Sue's dark eyes flashed—"you can be mighty certain he hasn't been always! A man as stunning looking as he is, and with all the money he has. . . . I'll bet he could make us all sit up and take notice if he wanted to write his memoirs. I suppose he'd go raving mad if people didn't drop in every afternoon for tea."

"You make us sound very stodgy and Darcy-and-Joan-like," Sue tried for a lighter note. "We're not really; we're as giddy a pair of young married people as you'd find anywhere. We dance until a scandalously late hour, we leave the business to worry along with us while we live for too extravagantly."

Patsy rose and flung out her arms resentfully. "Don't!" she said sharply. "Don't tantalize me by describing the sort of life I'd like to live—the sort of life I thought I was going to live. I went on with a sudden note in her voice. 'Allen Davenport, the youngest member of the firm, the son of one of the town's most distinguished judges. Why, I used to hear him called the debutante's delight, over and over again. Everybody knew Babs Webb was crazy about him! She used to telephone him at the office. I took the calls, made excuses for him. I'd see his name in the papers.'"

"Deacon Davenport! I might as well have married a deacon and been done with it," she finished wearily.

"That's not fair, Pats! Allen's always been the nicest playmate in the world. It's only because you go to extremes in everything, overdo the social end of life—" She pulled herself up sharply. Nothing was to be gained by antagonizing Allen's wife, she reminded herself for the thousandth time. "A nice housewife I am! Inviting you out here and then rowing with you. Let's talk—of pleasant things, honey. Personally I can't get your grand news out of my mind. Aunt Sue—I'll be Aunt Sue! What fun! Pats, will you let me buy the layette?"

"And some new clothes for me, and some stunning negligees to wear in the hospital, and a new permanent in June," was the prompt reply. "Well, I'm glad you and Allen are pleased, anyway. Goodness knows I'm not!"

Later in the day, she concluded Sue again of her offer to provide a nurse.

"I want a really smart one, with

one of those English uniforms. I'll teach the kid to call her 'Nanny,' and 'Mummy.' If I've got to go through with it, I'll have the affair as smart as possible. And," she finished triumphantly, "there's one real gain, anyhow. Allen at last consents to look for a house. He says the baby must have a backyard to play in."

A Caller
 "Someone to see you, Mrs. Trenton!"

Milly, the maid, presented a small silver salver and Sue turned from her garden labors to examine the card upon it.

MRS. MEADE TRENTON

"Trenton! Why, this must be a relative of Bob's!" she thought, pleased. "Perhaps the wife of one of those cousins he's told me of. Sam," she said aloud to her gardener, "you finish setting those asters out and then weed as much of the hardy border as you can. We'll let the rest of the transplanting go until tomorrow."

She glanced down at her morning frock as she walked rapidly to the house. It was of old-fashioned flowered dimity, made with quaint puffed sleeves and a round neck. Bob had told her she looked like a Kate Greenaway little girl in it.

In the formal reception room a woman rose to meet her. She was charming to look at, Sue decided in that first glance; tall, slender, with masses of fair hair dressed low on her neck, and large blue eyes. She was smartly dressed, and her makeup was skillfully chosen to bring out her best points. Sue stretched out both hands to Sue.

"You don't mind my coming? I called Bob's office but they said he was out of town for the day."

"Yes, he's in Kansas City," Sue smiled at her caller and motioned her back to her chair. "Mind? I'm delighted, of course! You're a cousin? I ought to know," she apologized, "but I don't."

A pair of dimples dipped into the smooth cheeks of Mrs. Meade Trenton.

"Cousin?" she said, and laughed outright, a pretty tinkling laugh like the ringing of small silver bells. "Cousin? My word! Didn't you see my card? I'm your predecessor, my lamb!"

"Pre?" "Bob's first wife," she explained simply.

The room began to revolve about Sue in slow circles. There was a buzzing in her ears, a feeling of dizziness in her throat. She put her hand to it without knowing it.

"Good heavens, don't faint! It's such a shock to see me? I never thought about it—that it might be, you know. Shall I call somebody? Get you some water, or something?"

"No—no," Sue whispered. "I'm all right. Just let me take this in. Bob—you say Bob has been married before?"

The blue eyes widened to incredulous stare.

"Great Allah! Did you mean you didn't know?"

Sue shook her head. "No," she said dully. "I didn't know."

Continued tomorrow.

Fenton Crover

Washington Daybook

WASHINGTON—There is more than meets the eye in this formal announcement of Vice President Garner that he will run for the presidential nomination come what may.

Washington has watched with repeated raising of eyebrows the peculiar course of the vice president's race for the nomination. Why has it been necessary for the Garner spokesmen again and again to announce that he is seriously seeking the presidency?

The answer most often given here is that Garner organizers are finding it hard to convince the rank and file of state, county and precinct small fry politicians that they will be safe in getting to work for the Texan with the temper-tossed eyebrows. Traditionally they are a hard-shelled lot and not eager to miss the bandwagon just so some national figure can have enough delegates to make himself a power in the convention. They want to ride the winning horse.

IS HE OR ISN'T HE?

The thing has been a subject of perennial debate among newsmen in Washington. They go in for a private chat with the vice president. They come out impressed that Garner is either dead serious about the business, or that he is putting on one of the finest pieces of acting the capital has seen in many days.

Many have insisted from the beginning that the 71-year-old vice president wants to succeed Roosevelt. Others have remained perplexed.

That their perplexity is shared among the politicians who will be asked to do the spade work is indicated by the increased emphasis placed upon each successive public pronouncement of Garner's candidacy.

The first "news" of his drive for delegates sort of leaked out. Some thought the idea fantastic in the light of Garner's age, his already long service and his well known disposition to avoid the kind of public show that goes with running for the presidency.

But the leaks became currents and the currents drew formal statements of support from other politicians. Texas leaders promised him the state's delegation. Young Elliott Roosevelt began saying nice things about his father's second in command.

All that would seem to have been enough. Yet when the war brought calls for Roosevelt to seek a third term, promptly out of Dallas came the statement of E. B. Germany, Mr. Garner's campaign manager, that Cactus Jack was still running.

STILL MORE DEFINITE

Then on November 10, Mr. Germany spoke out again even more emphatically, as if in direct effort to answer doubters. Garner, he said, "is in the presidential race to win. We have no interest in political trading."

At that time, he expressed a conviction that President Roosevelt would not seek a third term. As if to wipe out even that spot on an unqualified declaration, Mr. Germany said early in December in Washington that the vice president would run even if President Roosevelt's name also was before the convention.

Surely, that might have been a plenty. But now comes the statement in the vice president's own words.

For Garner it was an exceptional act. He ran in 1932 without formally proclaiming himself a candidate. There was convincing evidence that he planned to follow the same course this time. Something compelled him to break that pattern and speak out. He aimed right at the heart of the doubts. He will accept the nomination, he said, then added: "I will make no effort to control any delegates."

Robbin Coons

Hollywood Sights And Sounds

HOLLYWOOD—It's a question which is more beautiful, in their respective niches, on the "Florian" set: Irena Barenova, the ballet star, or the milk-white horses which inspired the film.

Baranova, petite yet sturdy in the manner of the professional dancer, is no ordinary beauty. Her dark hair frames a piquant face in which large grey-green eyes can sparkle or smoulder or smile. They are intelligent eyes.

When she whirls in the ballet sequence—before a movie audience including Austrian Emperor Franz Josef, the crown prince on whom she has designs, and the crown prince's betrothed—she becomes triply exciting, a triply gorgeous creature.

This is her first movie, and she plays a dramatic role in addition to her dancing. Daughter of a White Russian refugee in Paris, she began in ballet school when she was seven, began her professional career when she was 12. At 20, she was a star of the Monte Carlo Ballet Russe when films called her—the films being represented by Winfield R. Sheehan, former Fox chieftain now returning to movie production battles.

The whole Metro lot is excited about her, and nobody there believes she will be allowed to go, as she plans, on a ballet tour of South America. Everyone is certain that the movies will keep her—this girl who says she must forget about the camera in order to act at all.

"I am terrified," she says. "I will not go to see the daily rushes. Maybe I look calm about it—inside I am, oh, terrified!"

The horses—ah! they are beautiful too—staunch and proud, stately and intelligent. They are the reason for the film, and here's why: Sheehan, whose wife is the opera star Maria Jeritza, owns them—or rather Jeritza does. They were presented to her, for services to art and the Austrian state, by the late lamented Dollfus government, in pre-Anschluss days. One day Sheehan noticed a curious mark on the flank of one of the horses—the Austrian royal crest.

He asked Jeritza. "They are Lippizans," said she. "Felix Salten has written a book about them. It is called 'Florian'."

Sheehan read the book, and everything he could find on the subject. Lippizans are a proud breed, first developed by the Austrian royal house in 1500 and reaching the status of a perfect strain 80 years later. The breed was designed to meet—in battle—the then superior Turkish cavalry, and was distinctly noble in character and use. For generations none of the horses was permitted to leave Austria—the gift to Jeritza was, of course, from a democratic government.

To get the horses into this country presented, for a time, a difficulty unconnected with historical tradition. The boat arrived during a waterfront strike—but the striking longshoremen, either in sympathy for Sheehan or for the horses, permitted them to be unloaded.

Sheehan, whose avocation is the breeding of horses, is especially proud of these specimens. Four originally, they are now six—and there's always the future. The Lippizans are born black, turn silver, then grey, and finally milk-white.

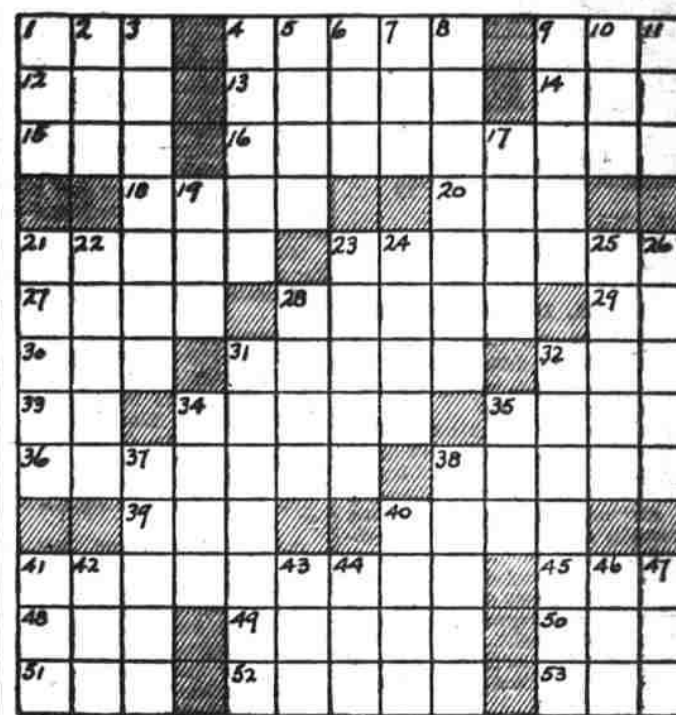
Daily Crossword Puzzle

ACROSS

1. High mountains
2. Land with
3. Kind of poetry
4. Kind of pro-
5. Month
6. Addition to a building
7. Moving ring for sealing
8. Newspaper collected
9. Church officials
10. Cover with cloth
11. Run god
12. Success come
13. Bodies
14. Isolation
15. Light boat
16. Kind of fall
17. Way out
18. Man pipes
19. Success
20. State officer
21. Preacher
22. Catching fish
23. Kind of the cuckoo fam-

DOWN

1. Angry
2. Second largest known bird
3. Turn to the right
4. Greek island
5. Steel
6. Down
7. Gay pocket-book
8. Small round bodies
9. Toward the sheltered side
10. Unit of wire measurement
11. Dutch city
12. Written acknowledgment of money paid
13. Wrong
14. Hebrew letter
15. Complement of a base
16. English Shakespeare actor
17. Utilities
18. Supplies
19. Badgerlike animal
20. Prey
21. Demolish
22. Brought into exact position
23. Feeds in the full
24. Scandinavian
25. Animals of the deer family
26. Plant that climbs by means of tendrils
27. Wax
28. Gave food to
29. Unhappy
30. Gosh up
31. Singing voice
32. Exhaust
33. Square of one
34. Age
35. Striker's slogan
36. Shoulder comb, form
37. Large open vessel



Cabinet New Dealers Have No Choice But To Talk 3rd Term

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—A former senator, has the support of Tennesseeans; Attorney General Murphy, though defeated for reelection as governor, has strong support from Michigan; Secretary Woodring, a former governor, has the backing of a big wedge of Kansas democrats.

Secretaries Ickes, Wallace, Morgenthau, Hopkins and Perkins are all lifted out of non-political settings by President Roosevelt and put into posts of national power. When he goes, they go out of necessity. None of them has the political backing needed to push them within reach of any important plum for a new democratic administration.

This fact might be expected not only to cause them to root for a third term, but to pre-dispose them against any other democratic candidate—Vice President Garner, Paul V. McNutt, or any one of the ambitious senators and governors. Ickes and Wallace are recent converts to the democratic party. Not to the party of Garner, Secretary Hull and Postmaster General Farley but to the democracy of the new deal. However able they may be, their power in national affairs undoubtedly would vanish with the incoming tread of a new administration.

Ickes was practicing law and politics in Chicago when Mr. Roosevelt found him. He had been a Bull Moose with Theodore Roosevelt, then had drifted into the between-party fringe of independents.

Wallace, son of the republican secretary of agriculture under President Harding and Coolidge, held the same party allegiance until after the end of Mr. Roosevelt's first term.

Neither Miss Perkins, Morgenthau nor Hopkins came into the administration because they were politically-minded or had political backing. All three came from New York. They had known Mr. Roosevelt for a long while.

These five are in a different position from the other members of the cabinet.

Of the others, Postmaster General Farley speaks for New York democrats as chairman of their state committee; Secretary Hull, a

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Chamber of Commerce.	3:30 Randolph Field.
Sports Spotlight.	4:00 It's Dance Time.
News.	4:15 Johnson Family.
American Family Robinson.	4:30 Buddie Woody.
To Be Announced.	4:45 Piney Woods General Store.
Drifters.	Thursday Evening
Manuel Contrera's Orch.	5:00 TSN Dance Orchestra.
Larry Clinton's Orch.	5:15 Gus-Lazarus' Orch.
Everett Hoagland's Orch.	5:30 Sunset Jamboree.
Half And Half.	5:45 Sports Spotlights.
Raymond Gram Swing.	5:55 News.
Music By Faith.	6:00 Fulton Lewis, Jr.
Five Wise Guys.	6:15 Adrian Rollins.
Lone Ranger.	6:30 Drifters.
News.	6:45 Manuel Contrera's Orch.
Don Bestor's Orch.	7:00 Old Heidelberg.
Dick Jurgen's Orch.	7:30 Joe Sander's Orch.
Goodnight.	8:00 Half And Half.
Thursday Morning	8:15 Raymond Gram Swing.
Just About Time.	8:30 Paul Whiteman's Orch.
News.	9:00 Tommy Dorsey's Orch.
Home Folks Frolic.	9:30 Longhorn University Band.
Crossroad Counselor.	10:00 News.
Devotional.	10:15 Gus Arnheim's Orch.
Wiley and Gene.	10:30 Johnnie Long's Orch.
Grandma Travels.	10:45 Sammy Kay's Orch.
Billy Davis.	11:00 Goodnight.
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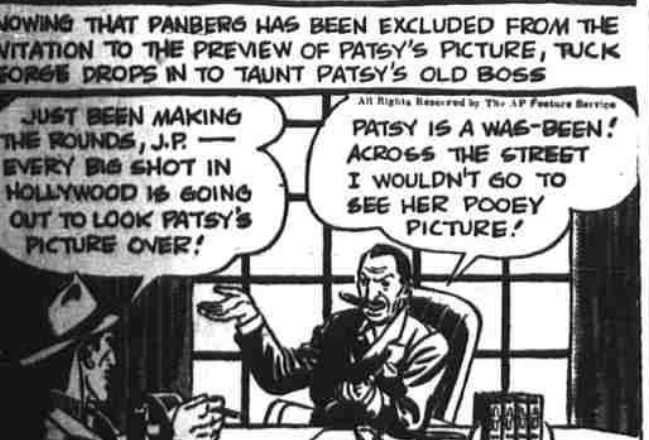
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Herald Classifieds Find Big Market For Little Things

Will Support Sen. Wheeler

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—Senator Clark (D-Idaho) announced today he would support Senator Wheeler (D-Mont) for the democratic presidential nomination in 1940.

Clark's statement, following an announcement by Senator Burke (D-Wash) favoring Vice President Garner for the nomination, aroused new interest in political discussions as members of congress began arriving for the session which opens next Wednesday.

Senator Clark, who has been critical of some New Deal legislation, said he believed Wheeler could retain the accomplishments of the Roosevelt administration and prevent a return to "the reactionary standstillism and predatory capitalism" of the 1920's.

"Wheeler was fighting the uphill battle of liberalism 20 years ago when many of those who are now so loud in their praises were in their political cradling clothes," his statement said.

In endorsing the candidacy of Vice President Garner for the democratic presidential election, Senator Burke expressed the opinion that President Roosevelt had decided not to run for a third term. He added, however, that it appeared "perfectly proper" to him for the president to decline to disclose his intentions at this time.

"The president is anxious to find someone now who can carry on his progressive policy," said Burke. "I think that could be done most effectively by Vice President Garner. I think the sound part of the Roosevelt program could be carried out most successfully by Garner or a man of his type."

Finns

(Continued from Page 1)

on the ice of Lake Suanto on the Karelian isthmus in a clash in which soviet tank, airplane and artillery units engaged.

BOMBING RAIDS
HELSINKI, Dec. 27 (AP)—The Russian air force today struck repeatedly and vigorously at Tampere (Tammertors), vital Finnish munitions city, and other cities in a series of bombing raids.

Twelve bombers appeared over Tampere first at 9:58 a. m. (2:58 a. m. EST) and dropped only a few bombs, but returned two hours later to shower at least 50 bombs on the city.

Official reports said the result was "destruction of some dwellings, one dead and one injured."

The important seaport of Turku (Abo) on the southwest coast was bombed, first by two planes and then by a squadron of 15. Most of the 50 bombs dropped there fell into the water harmlessly.

Helsinki was visited by a lone enemy plane, but apparently no bombs were dropped.

Vilpuri, Hamenlinna and other cities also sighted Russian bombers during the new wave of raids.

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MARKETS

Wall Street

WALL STREET
NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—Selling for year-end evening up of investment portfolios shaved fractions to two points or more from stock market prices today.

Some of the widest losses were among steels, but lower also were motors, rubbers, mail order houses, most aircrafts, utilities, metals, rails and miscellaneous issues.

Transactions, at approximately 1,000,000 shares, were the biggest in two weeks or so.

The bulk of the declines were posted in morning trading, with prices hovering around the day's lows throughout the afternoon.

Livestock
PORT WORTH, Dec. 27 (AP)—(USDA)—Cattle salable and total 1,400; calves salable and total 700; few lots slaughter steers 7.00-8.25; good to choice fed yearlings 8.25-9.75; common yearlings down to 5.50; good cows 5.25-6.25; butcher cows 4.75-5.00; bulls 4.50-6.00; slaughter calves mostly 7.25-8.25; heavy calves on yearling order 8.75; good stocker steer calves 8.00-9.00; heifer calves 7.50-8.25.

Hogs salable and total 500; packing top 6.15; good and choice 175-280 lbs. averages 6.10-6.25; packing sows 4.50-5.00.

Sheep salable and total 600; woolled fat lambs 7.50-7.75; fall shorn lambs 7.25; fresh shorn lambs 7.00; fall shorn yearlings 6.25; woolled yearlings 6.75.

Cotton
NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (AP)—Hedge operations through southern spot houses and mill selling accounted for a barely steady undertone in cotton futures today. Futures closed 3 lower to 6 higher.

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Feb. 10.80 10.80 10.81 10.80
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Apr. 10.11 10.11 10.02 10.11-12
May 10.71 10.71 10.65 10.70N
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July 9.65 9.65 9.58 9.66-68
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Middling spot 11.26N, off 3; N-nominal.

GEORGE CHOATE IN GRAVE CONDITION
Condition of George Choate, injured last week in a car mishap near Clayton, N. M., continued grave Wednesday, although he showed signs of improvement. Critically injured in the mishap, George subsequently developed pneumonia after he had rallied from his hurts. Physicians indicated that his chances for recovery would be determined within a week.

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Experts Say Dust Bowl Of 1940 Will Double The Present One

By ROBERT E. GEIGER
AP Feature Service Writer

DENVER—The greatest fall and winter drought ever experienced by some sections of the great plains country is giving the United States' anti-drought program its supreme test.

Soil conservation experts, on the drought battle line since the critical days of 1934, say the dry land may expect a renewal of dust storms next spring but probably will escape another series of the "black blizzards" that made life miserable a few years ago. More land has a cover of grass or stubble upon it; hence there is less exposed soil to blow.

But the dust bowl area where severe blowing may be expected next spring will be twice as large as it was last year, say technicians in the office of H. H. Fennell, regional director of the soil conservation service at Amarillo, Texas.

IT'S A LAUGH
Dry weather can't kill dust bowl humor.

In Kansas the farmers will tell you it's been so dry the water on Smoky Hill river is wet on just one side—the bottom.

In Texas they tell about the ducks that carry their individual cantons, flying south.

And in staunch democratic counties they contend the republicans were wrong when, in the presidential election, they said grass would grow in the streets if Roosevelt was elected.

"It's so dry," say the democrats, "the grass won't grow any place."

That will make it less than half as large as it was in the "big drought" of the mid-thirties, when it covered approximately 50,000,000 acres.

The new drought area extends over a dozen states, from the Appalachians to the Rockies.

In the Kansas bottom, less than an inch of rain fell during September and October, scantiest on record. Montana received only 76 per cent of its normal September-October precipitation; Kansas 19 per cent; Nebraska 53 per cent; North Dakota 53 per cent; Wyoming 77 per cent; Minnesota 50 per cent, and Iowa 73 per cent.

Prospects Very Poor
"Prospects for next year's wheat crop are the poorest over the widest area in recent years," say experts in the conservation office.

"Wheat farmers (of the dust bowl) in most instances already have lost the opportunity for making a crop next year. Their next opportunity will be to plant wheat next fall. In practically all of the critical area wheat was seeded in dust and has not sprouted."

"It is difficult to say whether the wheat farmer or the livestock producer will suffer more. Even where grain crops and grass were poor this year as a result of drought, cattlemen can get through the winter in fair condition. However, where feed crops were poor and there is little grass, cattlemen are facing a serious problem."

Reviewing dust bowl history since the first "black blizzards" struck in the early thirties, technicians see a definite change in the pattern of dust bowl farming.

The use of water conservation practices has, in many cases, meant the difference between a complete crop failure and a crop worth harvesting.

His technicians estimate approximately 100,000,000 acres of land are now in the dust bowl area.

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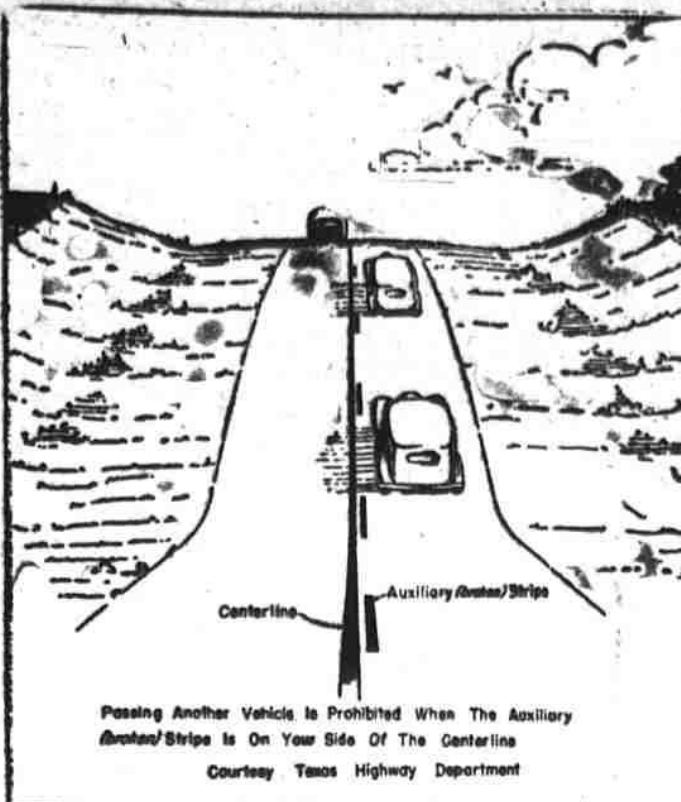
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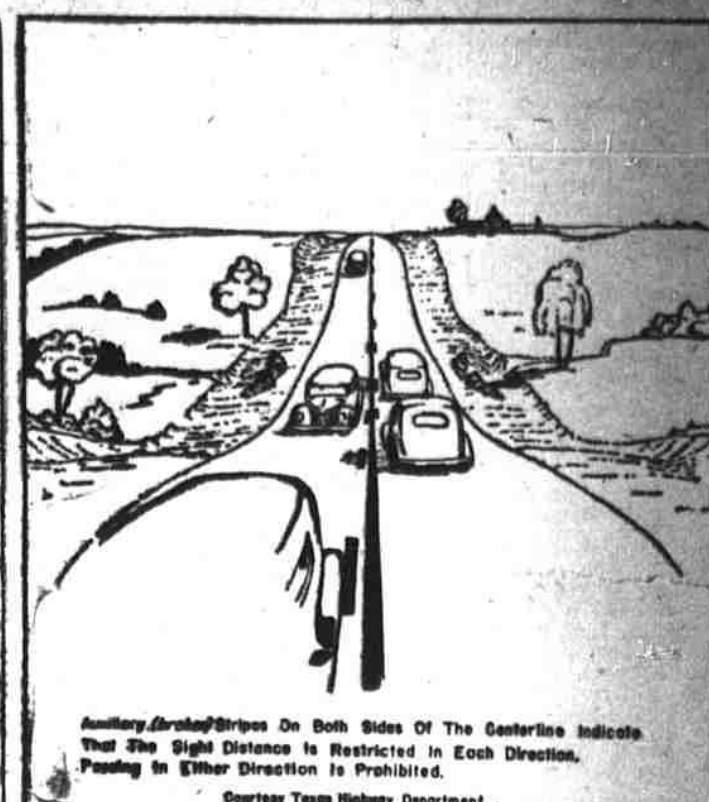
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Experts Say Dust Bowl Of 1940 Will Double The Present One

By ROBERT E. GEIGER
AP Feature Service Writer

DENVER—The greatest fall and winter drought ever experienced by some sections of the great plains country is giving the United States' anti-drought program its supreme test.

Soil conservation experts, on the drought battle line since the critical days of 1934, say the dry land may expect a renewal of dust storms next spring but probably will escape another series of the "black blizzards" that made life miserable a few years ago. More land has a cover of grass or stubble upon it; hence there is less exposed soil to blow.

But the dust bowl area where severe blowing may be expected next spring will be twice as large as it was last year, say technicians in the office of H. H. Fennell, regional director of the soil conservation service at Amarillo, Texas.

IT'S A LAUGH
Dry weather can't kill dust bowl humor.

In Kansas the farmers will tell you it's been so dry the water on Smoky Hill river is wet on just one side—the bottom.

In Texas they tell about the ducks that carry their individual cantons, flying south.

And in staunch democratic counties they contend the republicans were wrong when, in the presidential election, they said grass would grow in the streets if Roosevelt was elected.

"It's so dry," say the democrats, "the grass won't grow any place."

That will make it less than half as large as it was in the "big drought" of the mid-thirties, when it covered approximately 50,000,000 acres.

The new drought area extends over a dozen states, from the Appalachians to the Rockies.

In the Kansas bottom, less than an inch of rain fell during September and October, scantiest on record. Montana received only 76 per cent of its normal September-October precipitation; Kansas 19 per cent; Nebraska 53 per cent; North Dakota 53 per cent; Wyoming 77 per cent; Minnesota 50 per cent, and Iowa 73 per cent.

Prospects Very Poor
"Prospects for next year's wheat crop are the poorest over the widest area in recent years," say experts in the conservation office.

"Wheat farmers (of the dust bowl) in most instances already have lost the opportunity for making a crop next year. Their next opportunity will be to plant wheat next fall. In practically all of the critical area wheat was seeded in dust and has not sprouted."

"It is difficult to say whether the wheat farmer or the livestock producer will suffer more. Even where grain crops and grass were poor this year as a result of drought, cattlemen can get through the winter in fair condition. However, where feed crops were poor and there is little grass, cattlemen are facing a serious problem."

Reviewing dust bowl history since the first "black blizzards" struck in the early thirties, technicians see a definite change in the pattern of dust bowl farming.

The use of water conservation practices has, in many cases, meant the difference between a complete crop failure and a crop worth harvesting.

His technicians estimate approximately 100,000,000 acres of land are now in the dust bowl area.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS
The Commissioners' Court of Howard County will receive sealed bids until ten o'clock a. m. on the 8th day of January, A. D. 1940, on three (3) 1 1/2 ton truck chassis, and desire to trade in on said purchase the following used trucks: One 1936 Ford Truck and one 1936 Chevrolet Truck.

The Court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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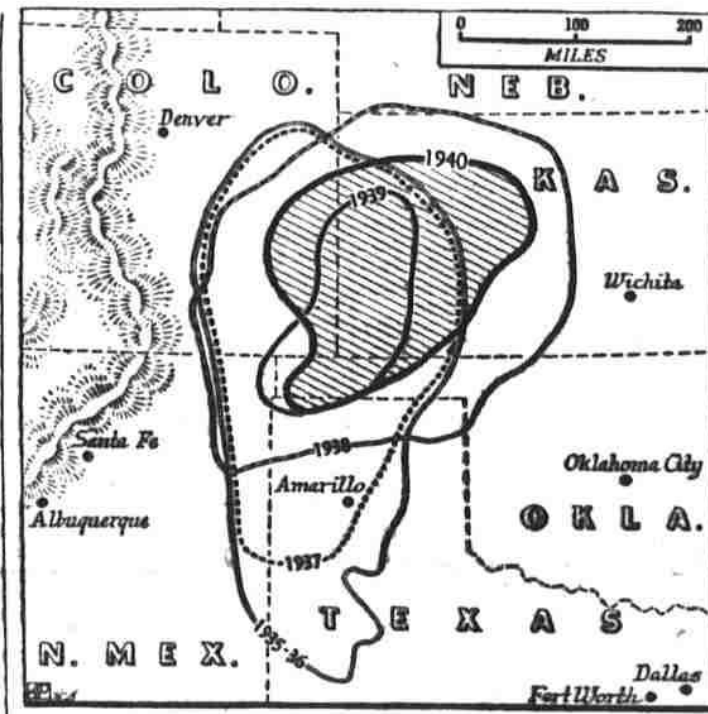
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The map shows how the dust bowl area changed from 1939 to 1940. The shaded section shows its probable extent in 1940, according to soil conservation authorities.

ately 3,500,000 acres are under a complete soil and water conservation program in the demonstration project of the conservation service set up within the 96,000,000 acre area "normally considered as potentially a part of the wind erosion region of the southern great plains."

"The additional acreage upon which some conservation measures are being used probably will run into the millions," Fennell says.

AAA Checks Total More Than \$73,000
While Howard county farmers marked time Wednesday pending the melting of snow and the starting of plowing, the county AAA office announced receipt of another large group of soil conservation and building checks.

The checks totaled 622 in the amount of \$73,299.75, the largest block received to date this season.

Receipt of the payments boosted the check aggregate to \$61 and the amount to \$124,961.63. It was estimated that this represented about 60 per cent of the payments due the county.

First of the "multiple" farm checks were included in the Wednesday receipts. "Multiple" farms are those in which either the landlord or tenant is interested in some other agricultural operation.

HOUSING CONTRACTS APPROVED BY FDR
WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—President Roosevelt today approved 24 United States Housing authority contracts, totaling \$47,947,990, for 41 slum clearance and low-rent housing projects in 12 states and two territories.

They included: Los Angeles, Cal., \$3,634,000; Washington, D. C., \$1,229,000; Augusta, Ga., \$2,356,000; Detroit, Mich., \$9,068,000; Jersey City, N. J., \$5,960,000; New York City, \$2,070,000; Cincinnati, \$5,371,000; Cleveland, \$2,366,000; Peoria, Texas \$209,000; San Antonio, \$1,064,000.

Over 100 Requests For Terrace Work
More than 100 requests for terrace and contour lines have been received by County Agent O. P. Griffin during the past 45 days, he said Wednesday.

On 57 farms lines have been run and requests are on file for 58 other farms.

Most of the farmers this season appear to be seeking lines for contour furrowing. There is a noticeable decline in the number wishing terracing, although the agent said this was still an urgent need on most land.

County machinery is being used to build terraces. Some 12 farms have lines run awaiting a visit by the county crew.

ELKS MEETING IS SLATED THURSDAY
A meeting of the Elks lodge has been called for 8 p. m. Thursday in the W. O. W. hall. Lodge officials said that important business was to be considered and new members initiated. The lodge anticipates meeting in the new quarters, over the Wacker store, by Jan. 16.

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grammes worth \$150,000) in a 50-
foot steel shaft.

RECORD CROWD EXPECTED TO WATCH HI SCHOOL TITLE GO

DALLAS, Dec. 27 (AP)—The largest crowd ever to see a state championship schoolboy football game is forecast for Saturday when Lubbock plays Waco—that is, provided the weather is favorable.

The sale of tickets opened today. The high mark to date was last year's 22,000 who crowded into the Cotton Bowl despite bitter cold weather to pay \$22,600 into the coffers.

P. C. Cobb, athletic director of the Dallas schools who has charge of the game, points out that both Waco and Lubbock are popular teams in Dallas and have large followings and that Waco is closer to this city than Corpus Christi, a finalist last season.

He also expects the Cotton Bowl game to swell the crowd for the schoolboy tussle. Last year two Lubbock teams played here. The

Georgia Tech Is Surprise Eleven

By KENNETH GREGORY

AP Feature Service

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 27.—Some folks in the deep south still are wondering what made Georgia Tech's football team click.

Well, the parts to a good watch, fitted into their proper places and wound up carefully ought to go—that's about what took place with Georgia Tech's team.

The success attained by Georgia Tech is surprising. Here it is December and the Yellow Jackets have won a share of the conference championship and are preparing for a game with Missouri in the Orange Bowl.

Back in September it didn't seem possible. The coaches, including the veteran head skipper, Bill Alexander, would concede the squad no more than an even break. But Georgia Tech lost only two games, none in the conference.

Alexander has always been noted for ability to make his squad fit his teachings and make his teachings fit the material at hand. That's primarily the reason Georgia Tech sailed along to unexpected reward.

The team started off by losing a 14-7 decision to Notre Dame that might easily have gone to Georgia Tech. The players "fired up" because of that one and from there on it was another story. Duke, the only other team to defeat Tech, did so by only the margin of 7-6.

Deception, ball-handling wizardry, alert defensive play, good blocking and fine tackling—these are the answers to the Yellow Jacket achievements. No team ever had more spirit, and reserves performed far above expectations.

At the start, Alexander knew he had four good ends—Bob Ison, George Webb, Paul Sprayberry and Joe Bartlett. He knew he had some fast, talented and capable

backs. He was dubious about the center of the line, where Tech lost seven regulars.

But, all the parts went together properly.

The two best all-around players in Tech's light, but smart line, are Ison, the lanky left end, and Neil (Hawk) Cavette, a kicking guard. Ison is a good pass receiver, excellent at carrying the ball on defense.

Murphy Fine Blocker

Murphy blocks on offense and backs up the line on defense. He has no superior at that in the conference. The signal-calling is capably handled by Ector, who also supplies what little plunging punch Tech employs.

At the wingback position is Billy Gibson, a 155-pound ball handler de luxe. He is an expert pass receiver and can run and kick. Bosch passes, runs with the ball and handles the piskin on a majority of the trickery. He also is a capable punter, a spot kicker.

CHRISTMAS ENCORE

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 27 (AP)—Santa Claus gave an encore for 14-year-old Jesse Mulkins.

The lad's Christmas bicycle was stolen while he was in a theater. Police told him to go to a store and get a new one.

S. J. Biefield, who had heard of the loss, remembered the pleasure of his first machine and told police he would buy Jesse a new one.

Local Debaters Are Honored By League Paper

Jacqueline Faw, Nettie Jean Carter Won Second In State

Big Spring high school's girl debating team of last year, composed of Jacqueline Faw and Nettie Jean Carter, made a distinctive record in advancing to the state finals in the interscholastic league contests. Their record has brought them honor, with publication of a story in the Interscholastic League, official publication of the interscholastic league.

The writeup, accompanied by the pictures shown here, is as follows:



JACQUELINE FAW
NETTIE JEAN CARTER

The Big Spring high school girls' debating team, composed of Jacqueline Faw, age 15, and Nettie Jean Carter, age 16, won county, district and regional meets, successively, in the 1939 season, and advanced to the finals in the state meet of the University Interscholastic League. Both of these girls are active in extracurricular activities, aside from participation in debating. They are both members of the high school band, Spanish club and choral club.

Jacqueline Faw is in the first quartile in scholarship. She is now a senior in high school, and was band queen last year. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Faw, 1503 Scurry street, Big Spring. Nettie Jean Carter was graduated last spring from high school and is now doing postgraduate work in high school. She was elected a member of the National Honor Society, was drum major, member of the pep squad, Home Economic club, and at her graduation was senior speaker. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Carter, 1000 Gould street, Big Spring.

Miss Dorothy Bugg Becomes Bride Of Samuel Harmanson

Miss Dorothy Bugg and Samuel Harmanson were married Christmas Eve in the home of Miss Bugg's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bugg, by the Rev. W. E. Davis, pastor of the Fundamental Baptist church.

The bride wore a black suit trimmed in fur with a gardenia corsage. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Fowler of Weatherford and is now employed by the Hill Top cafe. He attended Texas Tech one year.

The wedding was attended by friends and relatives.

Winifred Piner Entertains With Bridge-Breakfast

To add to the holiday festivities Miss Winifred Piner entertained Wednesday morning in her home with a bridge breakfast.

There were two out-of-town guests, Miss Mary Katherine Rice of Lubbock and a student in Texas Tech, and Miss Merle Houston of Stanton, also a student in Texas Tech. The other guests were Marguerite Reed, Emily Stalcup, Mrs. Sunny Edwards, Mrs. Roy Bruce, Mrs. Fritz Wehr, Camille Koberg, Mary Louise Inkman, Mrs. George Thomas, Mrs. Jim Waddle, and Nancy Phillips.

Miss Mildred Rhoton has Milton McCleskey from Fabens, Texas, as her guest during the holidays.

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The Baby's Being Put To Bed, But May Keep Papa Up At Night

By EDDY GILMORE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—The most expensive baby in the United States—the federal budget—is about ready to be put to bed.

The budget is, of course, a huge book filled with facts and figures wherein the president tells congress the penny how much he thinks it's going to cost the people to run the government for another year. It is called the baby because from time to time various people have looked at it askance and said publicly and privately for different reasons:

"That's your baby, not mine."

"Put it to bed, it's an old printer's expression which means it's going to press, and that's where the budget's going—to the government printing office."

As babies go, the budget is a

whopper. Last year it bulged with 971 pages between its thin paper covers and weighed nearly five pounds.

It is by far the country's greatest consumer of the comma... the decade's greatest digester of the decimal. Nobody knows how many of the government printing office's commas it swallows between the dollar marks and the countless ciphers.

It goes for decimals as an average baby goes for candy, rattling the poor printing presses hours into the night as they try to get the point.

And as figures go—boy, does it have one?

Last year this baby's figure was \$8,995,000,000. That's the kind of baby talk that keeps a lot of papas up all night.

AN ANALYSIS OF THE WAR DEVELOPMENTS

By DEWITT MACKENZIE

The audacious invasion of Russia by the fighting Finns, who are thrusting boldly eastward in an effort to cut the Leningrad-Murmansk railway upon which the communists largely depend to move supplies to the frozen battlezone of the Arctic coast, must rank among the epics of warfare.

Still this is merely an echo of daring deeds of the past, for these hardy folk of "the land of a thousand lakes" have been making red-blood history for twelve centuries—maybe more as the crow of time flies. And history is in a way repeating itself, for often in the past, as now, they have taken to the sword to defend the thin soil which they have had to till with so much labor but which they love the more for that. Again too the Russians are involved.

The world little thought when the communists invaded Finland on November 30 that the tiny republic's army could withstand the military avalanche let loose by Russia. Yet almost four weeks have passed, and the pugnacious Finns not only are still standing up to their huge enemy but the defenders have been winning their war thus far.

Time and again the ghostly figures of the Finns in their white suits have swept across the snows on their skis like phantoms to repulse the invaders.

The Finns remark that they think they can hold out indefinitely if they get quick supplies of planes, anti-aircraft guns and artillery. Their defense is having a profound reaction right around the world. They are giving an entirely new twist to the European crisis.

When the invasion of Finland began, Russia had so strengthened her position that she held the balance of power in eastern Europe. Indeed the whole of Europe was regarding the soviet either with fear or anxiety because of the Muscovites' vast resources and that mystery army of a potential 13 million men, with fleets of tanks, and only the red Kremlin knew how many fighting planes.

Much of that has been changed by the Finnish stand. The small countries have plucked up courage. Fear of Russia hasn't disappeared, but mistakenly or not, the Balkans and northern states no longer look on the soviet as the great god Bud. They are prepared to fight to defend themselves.

Beyond this, the Russo-Finnish war tends to keep the soviet from striking elsewhere. So little Finland is in a way protecting a big slice of the continent.

Again, Russia can't continue such a war as is being waged in Finland and give Germany the supplies Herr Hitler so badly needs.

All this works out to the fact that when the Anglo-French allies aid Finland—as they are—they are doing a good job of aiding themselves.

Visitor Honored At A Dance Given By Gloria Strom

Miss Gloria Strom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Strom, honored her cousin, Solomon Smith of Fairfax, Okla., with a dance Tuesday night at the country club. The young crowd danced to nickelodeon music from 8 o'clock until 12. The club was decorated with holiday mistletoe, cedar, and blue bells.

Those attending were: Robbie Piner, Jean Kuykendall, Mary Ann Dudley, Mary Jo Thurman, Jerrie Hodges, Louise Ann Bennett, Janet Robb, Virginia Douglas, Dorothy Dean Hayward, Billy Joe Riggs, Ann Talbot, Betty Bob Ditz, Camille Inkman, Peety Gage, Sweetie Hair, Ruth Jane Thompson, Betty Marlow, Arvie Earl Walker, Blake Talbot, David Lamun, Woody Baker Jack Riggs, Grover and Joe Bruce Cunningham, W. D. and Raymond Winn, Johnny Friend, Jess Slaughter, Dean Miller, James Webb, George Hogan, John and Harry Blomshield, J. L. Wood, Edward Fisher and Lewis Gene Thompson.

Another hobby

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Dec. 27 (AP)—Painting, a principal hobby in the off season for Bob Zupke, University of Illinois football coach, soon may have to share time with another—farming. Zupke, now vacationing in the west, has purchased a 120-acre farm near Mahomet, a village 10 miles northwest of here.

FREE FROM FIRE

FORT WORTH, Dec. 27 (AP)—Nearly a score of persons fled into near-freezing weather shortly after midnight when fire destroyed a two-story frame apartment building here. No one was injured.

WHO'S WHO IN THE NEWS

Mrs. Cecil Penick returned Tuesday from Brownwood where she has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. McClelland.

J. V. and Everett Witt and families returned to their home in Penwell Tuesday after spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. V. M. Witt, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Simmons, and Mr. and Mrs. Epsy Hale.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Stripling and son, Richard, spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Stripling's relatives in Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Phillips took Mr. Phillips' sister, Janie Reeves, to Fort Sumner to visit Philip Reeves.

Bernice Hough, of Coleman and student in T.S.C.W., is visiting Billy Robinson during the holidays.

Mrs. Harry Stalcup left Wednesday for Mineral Wells to be gone a month.

Mr. and Mrs. Obie Bristow left Tuesday morning for California where they will attend the Rose Bowl game New Year's day.

Marguerite Reed, E. C. Bell, and Billy Robinson spent Tuesday in San Angelo.

Mrs. Alton Underwood and family returned Tuesday from Abilene where they spent Christmas. They are expecting Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Underwood from Paint Rock for the next few days.

Miss Elva Jo Baker, Hobbs, N. M., is visiting her cousin, Marie Hickson, for a few days.

Miss Mary Katherine Rice is visiting E. P. Driver during the holidays.

Mrs. Leona Heaton and daughter, Sandra Marie, are spending the Christmas holidays in San Antonio. Mrs. Heaton will resume her dancing classes January 2.

Points To Need Of Larger Consumption

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (AP)—

Hope of maintaining present high production levels in 1940, says Secretary Hopkins, depends on higher domestic consumption of goods produced or an increased foreign demand.

Despite some accumulation of inventories, the commerce department chief said last night in a year-end statement that 1939 was a better year than 1938 "in all sections of the economy—industry, trade and agriculture."

Hopkins declared, however, that the United States "can not rely upon destruction abroad to create a demand for goods which, in the proper sense, can be fostered here with advantage to all."

Among the economic highlights of 1939, Hopkins listed:

1. Although commodity prices advanced, aggregating purchasing power gained.

2. Income payments were about \$70,000,000,000, an increase of \$4,000,000,000 over 1938.

3. Retail sales increased about 8 per cent.

4. Manufacturing production averaged about one-fourth more than in 1938, although it was below 1937.

5. Construction activity was the highest since 1930.

6. Little change was noted in export trade from 1938, but imports increased.

War Prize Vessels To Be Scrapped

SOLOMONS, Md., Dec. 27 (AP)—

Four American prizes of the World war, on whose decks took 300,000 soldiers en route to French battlefields, will follow another one-time German luxury liner, the Leviathan, to the scrap heap.

The 23,788-ton George Washington, on which President Wilson travelled to the peace conference, the 19,366-ton Monticello, the 18,372-ton Mt. Vernon, and the 21,329-ton American have been ordered sold for scrap by the maritime commission.

Unlike the Leviathan, which was sold to Scottish ship breakers last year, the four rusting at anchorage in this remote southern Maryland fishing port will be sold only to nations not designated by President Roosevelt as belligerents.

The ghost fleet, machinery daubed with grease and hulls spotted with red lead paint, but still showing vestiges of former splendor, must not be used in commercial operation, the commission stipulated in invitations for bids which are to be opened January 19.

All-College Cage Tourney To Open Thursday Night

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 27 (AP)—Coaches of the 16 teams entered in the all-college basketball tournament will meet tonight to iron out final details before tomorrow's opening contests.

At 8 a. m. the curtain will go up on the four southern basketball games between Central State of Oklahoma and Texas Tech. Other games include:

10:30 a. m.—Warrensburg, Mo. vs. North Texas.

11:45 a. m.—Tulsa vs. Baylor.

2:15 p. m.—Oklahoma Aggies vs. T. C. U.

4:45 p. m.—West Texas vs. Arkansas.

Winners will clash tomorrow night in second round games.

The Effects Of Liquor Cannot Be Repealed

The Quakers are justifiably resentful at the free use of their name by manufacturers of various commodities and are especially

aroused about Old Quaker Whisky, which is neither distilled nor marketed by Quakers, but by the Old Quaker Company, which is owned by Schenley Distillers Corporation. Nor are Quakers consumers of this product, for they have a long and honorable record of opposition to the manufacture and use of alcoholic beverages. They have become so disturbed by the "unfair and invidious association" of their good name with an intoxicant that they have a committee dealing with the problem. Malcolm Read, Lovell is the chairman of this committee, and he has reported on the situation in a communication to the American Friend.

Mr. Lovell reports that his group has tried peaceful persuasion of corporate officials, having discussed the matter with the president of Schenley, with a member of the firm of Lehman Brothers (Schenley's bankers), with the governor of Pennsylvania and the chairman of the Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board. This line of attack having failed, the committee now intends to mobilize national public opinion. Part of its plan is suggested by the following:

"If the drinking, fair-minded American will merely refrain from buying any product made or sold by the Schenley Distillers Corporation or its subsidiaries, until that corporation has surrendered to our yearly meetings the ownership of the trademark 'Old Quaker Whisky,' it is our belief that almost immediately this liquor company will end, and that the cruel and unjust reflection on the Society of Friends no longer pays and that they (the distillers) will gladly change the name of this whisky and corporation to one unobjectionable to the Friends." (Submitted and published at the request of the local WCTU).

CALENDAR Of Week's Events

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