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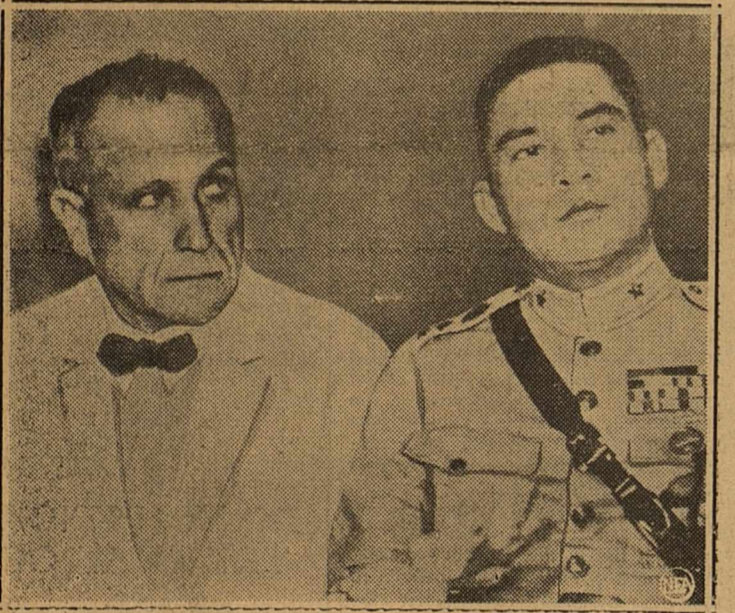
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Mother and Fiancee Visit at Hospital



Illness of sinus and throat infection prevented Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr. from keeping a White House Christmas date with his fiancee, blond heiress Ethel DuPont, so she rushed to Boston to pay him a cheering holiday visit. Miss DuPont and her future mother-in-law, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt, are pictured together in Boston during their joint visit to the patient.

Dictate Destiny of Cuba



Evidence of the army's complete dominance in Cuba is the succession to the Presidency of Laredo Bru (left), following impeachment of President Miguel Gomez for refusal to support a taxation measure sponsored by Colonel Fulgencio Batista, whose victory makes him virtual dictator. Bru is the ninth president of Cuba since Dictator Machado was deposed.

At Last Rites for Brisbane



Admirers of his newspaper writings mingled with business associates and relatives to pay tribute to Arthur Brisbane, famous editor, a simple funeral rite in St. Bartholomew's Church on Park Avenue, New York City. So great was the throng that many had to stand on the church steps during the services.

LOYALIST FORCES MASS FOR EFFORT TO REPEL REBELS

Seek to Lift Siege From Capital By Insurgents

GERMANS TO AID Fascists Reported Reinforced By Nazi Men

MADRID, Dec. 31 (P)—Government armies massed today in an effort to shut down insurgent supplies from the west and to drive back besiegers of Madrid.

A rebel drive was begun from Cordoba to the south, which the government said was German-reinforced. The British embassy prepared to evacuate to Valencia tomorrow.

Fascist troops engaged in sporadic skirmishes with Madrid defenders at the edge of the city Wednesday, but the heaviest rain of the season forced a halt of major offensives. It was the fifty-third day of the siege.

Fighting continued on the Southern Cordoba front, the government said, and artillery duels were reported from Northern El Gueta and El Orrio near Bilbao.

Dispatches from Gijon on the Northern coast said the Fascist cruiser Velasco shelled Musel Harbor, which provides access to Gijon, then sped away after turning machine guns on defending ships.

Officials, jubilant over the Madrid-Valencia government's success in purchasing armament from a United States firm, believed delivery would mark the turning point in the civil war.

SPAIN IGNORES THREATS OF NAZI WARSHIPS

ST. JEAN DE LUZ, France, Dec. 31 (P)—Insurgent Spanish warships were reported to have appeared off Santander today, drawing a sharp fire from the government coastal batteries.

The warships appeared after the Basque government of nearby Bilbao ignored threats of German warships and closed negotiations for the release of captured cargo of the Nazi freighter Ualos.

FARMER RECOVERS FROM INJURIES SUFFERED TODAY

Tom Williams Hurt When Two Cars Collide

Tom Williams, Midland county farmer residing 1 mile east and 2 miles south of town is in a local hospital recovering from injuries sustained early this morning when the car which he was driving collided with one being driven by Leon Griffith, also county farmer.

A sister, Gladys Williams, was in the car with the injured man but escaped injury. A back injury was the most serious suffered by Williams.

Griffith's injuries were deemed only minor and he was dismissed after being given treatment. The accident occurred one mile east and one mile south of town at approximately 8 a. m.

"March of Time" Is Heard by Rotarians

Recounting the happenings of 1936 in "March of Time" form, W. T. (Tanico) Strange, manager of the Big Spring chamber of commerce, addressed the Rotary club today as guest speaker.

Strange took the year by months, giving local, national and international high lights. Throughout the address, humorous remarks and incidents were interspersed with the chronological events.

Marion Flynt, automobile dealer, was elected to membership in the Rotary club. Announcement was made of a ladies' night party to be staged two weeks hence. Visitors included George Abe of Midland and Rotarian Lee Duckworth of Abilene.

CARSONS HAVE BOY

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Carson are the parents of a seven pound boy, Scotty Raye, born to them December 27.

VOLVIA VISITS

Mrs. T. J. Nance and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Johnson and children of El Paso have returned to their home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Voliva and Mr. and Mrs. E. Stanley. Allen Voliva returned with them.

On New "Hop"



Aviator Christy Mathewson Jr., son of the famous baseball pitcher of pre-war days, is making a second nuptial flight with the former Mrs. Lee Morton of Saranac, N. Y. He and the bride are pictured honeymooning at Coral Gables Fla. The first Mrs. Mathewson was killed in a plane accident in China.

Report Lindbergh Ransom Cash Found Called 'Pipe Dream'

TRENTON, N. J., Dec. 31 (P)—Governor Hoffman said today that he knew "nothing about" a published report that \$21,650 of the Lindbergh ransom money had been found by a state trooper.

He termed the story a "pipe dream."

FIANCEE OF PEGGY JOYCE LOSES LIFE

Sleighting Accident Is Fatal To Vivian Jackson, Jockey

ST. MORITZ, Switzerland, Dec. 31 (P)—A sleighting accident Wednesday cost the life of Vivian Jackson, amateur-jockey fiancee of Peggy Hopkins Joyce.

Miss Joyce, who was preparing to have Jackson as her fifth husband as soon as he and his wife were divorced, was slightly injured. Her condition was described as "satisfactory."

By a quirk of fate, Miss Joyce was robbed of the man whom she said last month she wanted "to be a safe husband."

Because of that desire, she said, she had made him promise to give up steeplechase riding "the next time he falls."

Jackson, 30-year-old professor of astro-physics in London University, died in a hospital from injuries suffered as the horses pulling the sleigh in which he and Miss Joyce were riding became frightened and bolted.

The accident occurred in the town of Celerina, where the couple had driven from St. Moritz. Jackson was thrown out and struck his head on a stone.

HOSPITAL NOTES

Mrs. Susie G. Noble, county clerk, was received at a hospital for observation and treatment this afternoon.

P. J. O'Donnell, injured shortly over a week ago in an automobile accident, was resting fairly well, although suffering from a cold.

H. M. Bayer had a leg operation today, following the fracture of both bones in his left leg last Saturday.

Mrs. Clyde Cutbirth sustained an operation and was reported to be doing well. Other hospital cases, reported improving, were Robert Stringer, Clay McReynolds, Lige Midkiff, Mrs. B. O. Hougren, Mrs. J. W. Settles and J. W. Scott.

ABILENE GROUP PARADE STREETS OF TOWN TODAY

Enroute to Game In El Paso Tomorrow Afternoon

TEAM FAVORED Cowboys Expected To Beat Muckers In Sun Bowl

A group of approximately 300 supporters of the Hardin-Simmons University football team stopped in Midland for 10 minutes this morning while enroute to El Paso aboard a special train.

The school Cowboys will meet the El Paso School of Mines team there tomorrow in the New Year's Sun Bowl game.

Accompanying the team was the famed Cowboy band and pep squad and numerous residents of Abilene. Other persons aboard had boarded the train between Abilene and this city and were riding it to El Paso for the game.

A sudden change in train schedules caused the lunch hour to be changed from Midland to Pecos for persons aboard the train. The initial itinerary of the group called for one hour in Midland for lunch but the change left the group with only 10 minutes to spend here.

Members of the band and pep squad left the train here, paraded down Main street and stopped in front of the Schreiber hotel where a concert was given by the band.

Judge C. M. Caldwell of Abilene addressed a large crowd in front of the hotel, extending them an invitation to make the trip to El Paso aboard the train.

The Cowboy coach, Frank Kimbrough, former member of a Midland baseball team, was optimistic regarding the outcome of the game, pronouncing his team in top condition with the exception of one man.

This is the second consecutive year for the Cowboys to be invited to participate in the game. Last January 1 they were held to a tie by an underdog New Mexico Aggie team, but this year are overwhelming favorites to win.

CHANG IS GIVEN 15-YEAR SENTENCE BY CHINESE COURT

Term Reduced to 10 Years by Chiang Kai-Shek

NANKING, Dec. 31 (P)—It was learned authoritatively today that Marshal Chang Hsueh-Liang had been sentenced to 15 years in prison by a military court for his rebellion against Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, but the punishment was immediately reduced to 10 years.

It was indicated the Generalissimo might extend a pardon to Chang. Clemency was granted because of Chang's voluntary surrender after releasing Chiang from captivity.

Chang rebelled in an attempt to force war with Japan and to include Communism in the government.

POPE IS REPORTED TO BE IMPROVING

Most Peaceful Night In Three Weeks Had By Pontiff

VATICAN CITY, Dec. 31 (P)—Pope Plus, the pain in his paralyzed leg dulled by sedatives, rested easier today. Attendants reported the pontiff slept more peacefully last night than since he was stricken three weeks ago.

MORE STRIKERS WALK OUT TODAY

Approximately 70,000 Workers Are Now Out of Work

(By Associated Press) Strikes left over 70,000 workers idle in American industry today. A general halt of automobile production except for the Ford Company was threatened.

Twenty-five hundred Chevrolet and Fisher Body workers in Cincinnati were the latest to join the walk-outs.

SELLS HEIFERS Fred Bird delivered to the local stock pens today 200 head of heifer calves which he had sold to Bill Bonner of Gainesville. The calves were trucked to town from Bird's ranch 80 miles north and were shipped east today.

Marrying Themselves



Only a few days after two New Yorkers were married by contract, Stockton White Woodruff and Miss Nancy Irvin McAfee escaped the usual nuptial pomp by marrying themselves without aid of a minister in the old Quaker tradition at Purchase, N. Y. The bridegroom is shown placing the ring on his bride's finger during the simple ceremony, at which each said the marriage vow in the presence of four official witnesses, just as Miss McAfee's great-grandmother had done more than 100 years ago.

TRIES TO ABDUCT FAMILY MEMBERS; SLAIN BY SHERIFF

Officer is Wounded In Battle With Gunman

PORT LAVACA, Texas, Dec. 31—A gunman who attempted to abduct three members of a family here was shot to death and Sheriff J. D. O'Neil, 63, of Calhoun county was seriously wounded in a pistol battle last night.

The slain man was identified from papers in his pocket as Wade W. (Gunboat) Smith of Ohio. He was about 34 years old.

Dr. S. J. Roemer, county health officer, said the gunman held up Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wasserman and their daughter, Bennie Mae, 22, as they backed their car out of their garage.

Mrs. Wasserman leaped from the car and called officers, while the kidnaper was out down Sheriff O'Neil was wounded in the head. Livingston was unscratched.

Dr. Roemer, who assisted Justice James Frazier at an inquest, said the slain man was identified from a card in his pocket giving the name Wade W. (Gunboat) Smith. He said the place in Ohio was not specified, but that the man was being fingerprinted to identify him further. Smith, he said, was short and strongly built and wore a zipper leather jacket and light grey trousers.

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AMERICAN CARGO TO BE RELEASED BY THE SPANISH

Ambassador Told To Allow Shipment To Proceed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (P)—The State Department was advised today that the Spanish government had ordered its Ambassador in Mexico to release the \$4,000,000 flax seed cargo belonging to an American firm.

The cargo was diverted to Vera Cruz when the Spanish steamer carrying it was requisitioned. The American embassy in Valencia reported identification for any damage was also ordered.

CHEERFULNESS OF FAMILY IS CITED AS CHIEF REASON

Early Return of Boy Foreseen by Many Observers

NO STATEMENTS Silence Held Amid Various Reports Of The Case

TACOMA, Dec. 31 (P)—The parent cheerfulness of the family of Charles Mattson was believed by some observers today to mean the early return of the 10-year-old victim.

The family held their silence amid reports that the \$28,000 ransom had been paid; that the boy would be released immediately; and that the father had failed to contact the abductor.

A reputed intermediary in negotiations for the ransom of kidnaped Charles Mattson, 10, dodged questions Wednesday about his mystifying activities, but a family spokesman reiterated the prediction the arrangements soon will be completed and \$28,000 paid.

First steps to pay the abductor were taken, a reliable source said, after the appearance of a classified advertisement in the Seattle Times. The source said an answer to the ad is expected in the same newspaper.

Observers sensed the possibility of material developments when Gus B. Appleman, closest friend of the abducted boy's father, sped away from the Mattson home on an undisclosed mission after a forty-minute conference with the family. An hour later Appleman appeared at his downtown office and said he had gone there directly from the Mattson home, a distance of only four miles.

"Couldn't say there was anything significant," he told questioners. "No, I guess that's all."

Appleman, an army reserve Lieutenant Colonel, has been mentioned frequently as the potential intermediary.

The classified advertisement, appearing Tuesday, said: "Mable—please give us your address. Ann."

The Times reported it had been inserted by a middle-aged woman who paid cash and gave no name or address.

Soon after Appleman dashed away John S. Strickland, private detective and friend of the boy's father, Dr. W. W. Mattson, who left the home, but refused to say where he was going.

Then Dr. Mattson, who was reported to have raised the demanded \$28,000 ransom in his own way, left the home leisurely in a coupe driven by his son, William. They returned early in the afternoon.

HAS APPENDECTOMY

Mrs. Elmer Lamb is reported to be recovering rapidly from an appendectomy performed this afternoon in a local hospital. Mr. Lamb is assistant superintendent of the Tidewater Oil Company here.

RETURNS HOME

Miss Muriel Latt has returned to Austin after spending the Christmas holidays with Bonnie English here.

Bill "Goes Native"; Sunny California Is Proving "Ain't Wet"

(Editor's note: The following article was received today from Bill Collyns, chamber of commerce secretary, reporting the Rose Bowl trip of the Midland Bulldog team.)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31 (Spl)—"Very unsteady weather" we're having here now. Sunny California has been wet with a continuous rain since our arrival yesterday until this morning when Old Sol finally managed to break through.

"Arrangements have been made by H. Kerrick, head coach and officer, for the Bulldogs to visit a battleship at Long Beach today.

"The boys saw the University of California and Ohio State and Washington in a double-header basketball affair last night.

"Homes of movie stars attracted attention from the Bulldogs, one of them suggesting taking one back to Midland to use as a gymnasium.

"The boys sang the Eyes of Texas in a cafe yesterday and they were so good that one waitress recently from the home state shed voluminous tears and told her troubles to a sympathetic Bud Taylor.

"More later." Collyns.

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The Town Quack

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solved to do or not to do, you have wasted your time, because my resolutions are my own private business. Most of them are resolutions not to do something, since I have quite a few bad habits.

There's one resolution everybody ought to make, and that's to be pleasant and cheerful with all people. We don't have to sulk up and act hard boiled just because we don't want to buy something or talk business with someone we don't like.

Increased taxes mean increased costs. Increased costs must be paid by someone, hence when prices begin to rise, they get going in a wide circle and the price of everything you eat, wear or use in any form is higher.

Then after my resolution has stood the test of three months, it might become a habit and I will amount to something for the whole year, and so on ad infinitum.

However, if you have read this far hoping to find what I have re-

Government Spending Is Credited With 1936 Up Trend; Private Business Now Stirs

Key to Recovery Is Held by Capital Goods Industry

Yes, business is better. John T. Flynn, noted author - economist, yesterday showed that to be true in the first of three articles written exclusively for this newspaper. Today, in the second article, Flynn tells WHY business was better in 1936. Tomorrow, in the concluding article, he ventures a forecast of business conditions in 1937.

BY JOHN T. FLYNN
(Copyright, 1936, NEA Service, Inc.)
NEW YORK, Dec. 31. — What is the force behind the enormously accelerated activity in American business?

After all our money economy of private enterprise operates in obedience to certain laws. When it bogs down, it does not rise again unless, from some source, fresh supplies of income are thrust into the system.

These supplies come from well-recognized sources—either from (a) the capital goods industry, (b) large favorable foreign trade balances, (c) government borrowings. The capital goods industry has, of course, improved. Total building construction in 1936 will be seen, when all figures are in, to be nearly twice as great as last year. For the first ten months its totals \$2,251,000,000. But more than half of this was government expenditures—PWA and WPA, as well as ordinary government (federal and state) outlays on building. Private building will probably total \$1,300,000,000. But this is only about one-third what it was in '29, when it had already begun to taper off.

HEAVY INDUSTRY JUST GETTING UNDER WAY

Heavy machinery industries have been working more continuously. The latter part of the year they went into furious production. But of course, it is comparatively new in its heavy production. And there are sections of it which must go far before it reaches its old health. Two hundred locomotives in 1936 against more than three times that number in 1929 gives an idea of the disparity. And besides, the actual locomotive production has not gotten far enough under way to account for much real business yet.

If we look at the new security loans and bank loans the story is

Knee Action



the same. Security financing, on its face, seems very heavy for 1936. But most of it has nothing to do with fresh funds. In ten months over \$4,000,000,000 in new issues were registered with the SEC. But

U. S. Expenditures Surged Forward During Year

BILLION DOLLARS in emergency and recovery and bonus payments for the year.

FOREIGN TRADE SHOWS LITTLE GAIN

Foreign trade, of course, cannot account for the lift for it has risen only a few million dollars. There has been a tremendous flow of foreign funds into the country, into American investments and hence into the American banks. But while they are a threat to stability, they have exercised no effect as yet upon business, since bank loans have increased so little.

All this is very important because it is very necessary to know what, precisely, is the dynamic force behind recovery. But while, up to now, the energies originating in private business have had little to do with the recovery, the fact remains that these energies are beginning to show signs of life and to express themselves.

AUTO INDUSTRY ONLY REFLECTS NEW FORCES

It is for instance, common to say that the automobile industry has led the country out of the depression. This is true in a sense, if we understand just what we mean by the words. The automobile industry has, indeed, been the first industry to respond to recovery forces, because it is, as it has been for years, the most intelligent industry, making better cars at lower prices and thus attracting trade, while so many other industries are interested only in getting prices up.

But that the recovery originated in the automobile industry is not true. It originated entirely in government expenditures which created vast floods of new purchasing power which made itself felt in the automobile industry first because that industry invited it by wise policies. We must keep our eyes on building and the manufacture of heavy machinery. As this capital goods industry rises in energy, government spending may be tapered off. To be sure, the latter off to quickly, before the former takes its place, might well halt the whole recovery movement.

Renewals Asked On Beer Licenses of 6

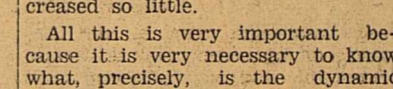
Application for renewal of beer licenses had been made by six persons to date, officials of the tax-collector's office announced today.

CAST IRON PAVEMENT TRIED

CLEVELAND, (U.P.) — A new type paving block—cast iron, on a concrete base—is being tried on a street here. The surface is said to be non-skid.

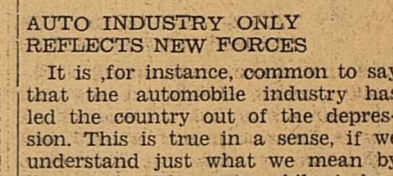
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BEHIND THE SCENES IN WASHINGTON

By RODNEY DUTCHER
Reporter-Telegram Washington Correspondent

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31—A host of writers have voiced their views on the familiar questions of what will happen under Roosevelt in the next four years and will the president "turn right or left?"

Certain of these forecasts are much more important than the others and the cream of the crop to date—in this writer's opinion—are recent articles by Dr. Stanley High in Liberty, Ernest K. Lindley in the Nation, and Dr. Rexford G. Tugwell in the New Republic.

All three writers are personal friends of Roosevelt; all three have discussed his policies with him. High was one of the half dozen men closest to Roosevelt in the campaign and one of a trio which worked intimately with him on his speeches.

Lindley, a first class reporter as well as perhaps the most intellectual of the Washington correspondents, was Roosevelt's authorized 1932 biographer and has written probably the best available evaluation of the New Deal in "Half Way With Roosevelt."

Tugwell was once the president's top brain-truster and is likely to be an influential adviser in future months.

F. D. R. Expects Barrages
Roosevelt expects to be assailed from the right for going too far and from the left for not going far enough, according to High. He indicates F. D. R. is ready to take to the radio against certain newspapers if they repeat the distortion and misrepresentation of

Society and Clubs

Local College Freshmen Celebrate Reunion Of High School Class At Waffle Breakfast

Members of the class of 1936 of Midland High School were hilariously entertained Thursday morning at the first get-together of the group since separation for the initial year of college in September. Miss Marcelene Wyatt, as hostess at a waffle breakfast, was responsible for the gay reunion at her home, 107 North Marfield, from nine until 12:00 o'clock.

A delicious three course breakfast was served by Mrs. A. W. Wyatt assisted by Mrs. M. R. Hill and daughter, Jane, to the guests at-

out of a European war. If business wants to preserve an "era of good feeling," Lindley says, it will have to accept collective bargaining, maximum hours, minimum wage, and anti-child labor legislation "where it is needed."

The president will concentrate on rounding out reforms he has begun or publicly suggested, Lindley expects, but will call for new reforms if the recovery curve goes downward. Roosevelt will "move ahead steadily with such long range problems as conservation, reduction of land tenancy, cheap electricity, and possibly housing."

How Tugwell Views It
Tugwell doesn't predict Roosevelt's course, but calls for "economic statesmanship" and national planning. Industry, he complains, "continues its unplanned and directionless course."

"The purchasing power of consumers must be enlarged until it suffices to take off the market the goods that an expanding industry can supply. Otherwise, employment will flag, debts will again increase and debt—will again bury us in disaster," he says.

Tugwell deprecates unwillingness of big business men to cooperate in national planning, attributing it partly to ignorance of economic facts.

ter which dancing was enjoyed by the following: Misses Joanna Filson, Ball State University, Indiana; Jean Bodkin, Hockaday Junior College; Marcelene Wyatt; and Marcelle Scarborough, T. S. C. W.; Gertrude Vance, Dorothy Barnes, Jane Marie Johnson, Willie Merle Caffey.

Frank Cowden, N. M. M. I.; Robert Prothro, Texas Agricultural College, Arlington; C. A. Goldsmith and J. B. Thomas Jr., Texas University; Sam Midkiff, University of Tulsa; Sam Hollingsworth, Allen Academy; Bob White, Texas Tech.; and Murray Fasken, Texas A. & M.

las, the bride attended the University of Texas for three years. She is a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority.

The bridegroom is a son of Lieut. Col. and Mrs. Louis R. Dougherty of Los Angeles. He was reared in San Antonio, his father having been stationed at Fort Sam Houston for a number of years. He was graduated from the University of Texas last spring and has resided in Midland since then. He is geologist with the Humble Oil and Refining Company. Mr. Dougherty is a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity and of a national honorary geological fraternity.

The bride's family is among the pioneers in the Fort Davis country, the McCutcheons being leaders among Hereford breeders.

In San Angelo for the wedding were Mr. and Mrs. William T. Beard, Mr. and Mrs. John L. Clem Jr., Mrs. M. E. Campbell, and Mrs. Marylou McCampbell, all of San Antonio; Lieut. Col. Dougherty of Los Angeles, Lieut. Dwight E. Beach of Fort Sill, Okla., Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McCutcheon Jr., of Roswell, N. M.; Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Hackney of Houston, Mrs. J. R. Ragsdale, and Miss Jamie Ragsdale of Victoria, and the bride's parents.

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W. E. Dougherty Wed In San Angelo To Ft. Davis Girl

San Angelo, Dec. 31. Mr. and Mrs. William Edgeworth Dougherty are on a wedding trip to the Red and White, Hokus Pokus, Piggly Wiggly, and West-Tex for their donations of fruit, candy and nuts.

They also correct the mistake in the last report that Sister A. L. Hubbard is the reporter, instead of Mary Graham.

The program was as follows: Christmas yell by Johnnie Jackson and Bobbie Jean Bass. Reading, Mrs. Cora Lewis. Solo, Mrs. Sarah Busby. Prayer, Rev. J. Moreland. Solo, Mrs. J. H. Harrison. Four numbers by the Ayers Quartet.

Talk by Rev. H. Y. Tyler, G. N. Dickson and Eugene Franklin. Mrs. A. L. Hubbard and Jackson distributed gifts from the tree to every child present, also fruits and nuts was donated the sick. The Christmas tree service was a great success.

The pastor got quite a few gifts. Thanking every one for their cooperation, the trustees are Mrs. Mary Graham, A. L. Hubbard, and Bro. Eron Smith.

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Mrs. J. B. Leonard will open her classes in voice and piano Monday, January 4, at her home, 1209 West Indiana. Those caring to study please phone 367-W. (Adv.)

Will Talk of Africa

J. D. Merritt, missionary of the Church of Christ to South Africa, will be guest speaker at the local church this evening at 7:30 o'clock at which time he will explain the type of work being done in Africa by his church and the result of it. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Library Will Close

Officials of the Midland county library announce that it will be closed all New Year's days.

New Telephone Rates In Effect January 15

The Federal Communications Commission announced today that tariffs covering drastic reductions in interstate long-distance telephone rates totalling \$12,000,000 on an annual basis, have been filed with it today by the American Telephone and Telegraph Company. These reductions will take effect on January 15, 1937, over that company's entire "Long Lines" system, in compliance with its recently announced agreement to reduce its rates by that amount without the necessity of formal rate hearings by the Commission. This public utility's rate reductions are thus brought to a total of \$22,000,000 since the commencement of the Commission's Special Telephone Investigation in July, 1935.

The present reductions, which will save the public \$1,000,000 a month in long-distance telephone bills, is expected to go far toward stimulating long-distance calling of an interstate character. It comes as the result of conferences with company officials undertaken by the Federal Communications Commission under its toll rate investigation order of September 9, 1936. Rapid improvement in general business conditions, and the consequent increase in long-distance telephone operations were particularly stressed by the Commission's representatives. The result of these efforts is that the telephone using public is to be given the advantage of this large reduction at once, without having to await the conclusion of

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WANTED
 0 WANT general house work in motherless home. Myrtle Dickson, General Delivery, Odessa. (253-6)

LOST AND FOUND
 1 DISAPPEARED December 19, brown and white spayed Boston bulldog. Reward. Notify Kelo Adams at Midland Hardware or phone 130-3 (254-3)

FOR SALE
 2 ONE-HALF royalty on 6300 acres in Guadalupe county, New Mexico; write Box 378, Stanton. (252-3)

FOR SALE: 1934 Plymouth coupe; reasonable. Phone 142. (252-3)

OR TRADE: Two pool tables and 1 snucker table; R. A. White; 321 South Baird. (251-3)

LARGE 2-wheel trailer; excellent condition. Haley Hotel. (253-3)

148-ACRE farm with 4-room frame house; 3-room adobe; well and windmill; three miles of Midland. See Mrs. L. A. Denton, 407 North Lorraine. (253-3)

MULES for sale: Good work mules and mares at farm 4 miles west. R. D. Hamlin. (254-5)

FURNISHED APTS.
 3 THREE rooms and bath; nicely furnished. 609 North Big Spring. (254-3)

UNFURNISHED APTS.
 4 4-ROOM unfurnished apartment. Adults only. 1501 Holloway St. (252-2)

Furnished Houses
 5 FOR RENT: Six room house, water, garden, garage, one mile from town on highway. Phone 304 or 307. (254-3)

HOUSES FOR SALE
 7 SMALL modern house; 710 South Fort Worth. (251-6)

SEVEN room stucco house; well located; west end; reasonably priced next few days. See Sparks & Barron. (252-3)

AUTOMOBILES
 9

10 BEDROOMS
 FRONT bedroom; private bath; garage. Phone 215-J. (254-3)

15 MISCELLANEOUS
 NATIONALLY known paint manufacturer desires local dealer representation; exceptional opportunity for right party. Address Classified Box B, Reporter-Telegram. (253-6)

ATTENTION OIL OPERATORS
 New, first class residence in Lubbock for sale; \$12,000; especially suitable for combination office and home; two-car garage, 100 foot corner lot.
 Lone Star Land Co. Lubbock, Texas 254-6

COLLEGE PRIZES RARE BOOK
 STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (UP)—A highly prized possession of the college library at Pennsylvania State College is a worn-eaten copy of Roesselet's "Histoire Naturelle et Politique de la Pennsylvanie," published in Paris in 1768, and found by a member of the faculty in a South American monastery.

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 1936 Plymouth Deluxe Coupe; good as new; new tires.
 1936 Master Chevrolet Coach; runs and looks like new; with radio.
 1933 Master Chevrolet four-door sedan. Cleanest '33 Chevrolet in town; a real bargain.
 1936 Dodge Coupe with radio and heater; a real bargain and looks like new.
 2-1935 Deluxe Ford Coaches; look and run like new.
 2-1934 Plymouth Deluxe coaches; good tires and good paint; real bargains.
 1933 Chevrolet Sedan; has been reconditioned; good tires.
 We have some real bargains in lower priced cars such as Model A Fords and '29 and '30 Chevrolets. All on easy terms and will allow liberal prices on your present car.
SCRUGGS MOTOR COMPANY
 114 East Wall Phone 644

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 Feltbase Rugs and Linoleum
 See the New Designs in Our Window
 Here are Linoleums designed in totally new motifs and color contrasts. Just to see them is to feel refreshed. And to have your preferred one in a room in your home—there IS a home-decorative thrill!
 And they are priced so low too... See them at once.
UPHAM FURNITURE COMPANY
 615 W. Wall Phone 451

BOOTS AND HER BUDDIES
 Hurry Up, Bill

... I WAS ON A FISHING TRIP OUT OF SINGAPORE... YES, THATS IT! AND I GOT TO TALKING WITH A CHAP NAMED ALLEN... YES... TRAVIS R. ALLEN

I REMEMBER HE WAS QUITE A FISHERMAN IN THE CONVERSATION THAT FOLLOWED. HE REMARKED THAT HE HAD JUST SUCH AN OUTFIT AS YOU MENTIONED AN OLD CAR AND A TRAILER THAT HE USED ON FISHING TRIPS BACK HOME...

... AND, I REMEMBER PERFECTLY HIS SAYING THAT HE HAD LOANED THE WHOLE OUTFIT TO A FRIEND OF HIS, WHILE HE WAS AWAY

BUT... WHAT WAS HIS NAME? DID HE SAY? CANT YOU REMEMBER?

WASH TUBS
 Another of the Colonel's Inventions

HEV, HEV! WATCH HULA! WATCH HER DO THE HULA. THE WAN AND ONLY DANCING DUCK IN THE WORLD, FOLKS. THE SENSATION OF EUROPE... YIPE! STRIKE UP THE BAND!

BY GEORGE! SHE ACTUALLY DANCES! LOOK! IT'S REMARKABLE!

GEE WIZ! HOW'D YOU EVER TRAIN HER, COLONEL?

TUT TUT, M'BOY. HULA MERELY STANDS ON A METAL PLATFORM, OVER A COAL OIL LAMP. I LIGHT THE LAMP, THE PLATFORM GETS HOT, AND HULA LIFTS HER FEET. IT'S VERY SIMPLE.

ALLEY OOP
 The Finger of Guilt

WHILE ALLEY OOP TRIES FRANTICALLY TO WARN THE GRAND WIZER OF KING TUNK'S PRESENCE IN MOO...

HEY WIZER! WIZER! WHERE IS THAT OL' GUY?

Oooo! MY HEAD! WHAT HIT ME? WHERE AM I?

YER IN GUZ'S PALACE, BUT YOU'RE ALL OKAY-NOW, GO ON AN' TELL US WHAT YOU WERE ABOUT TO SAY.

YOU WERE TELLIN' US ABOUT TH' FELLA WHO WAS WITH WUR WHEN THEY MADE THEIR PROPOSITION REMEMBER? A SKINNY OL' GUY, YOU SAID—

WERE SURE WE KNOW WHO YOU WERE TELLIN' ABOUT— BUT GIT ON WITH YOUR DESCRIPTION OF THIS LOU...

A SKINNY OL' GUY?? OH, YEH— NOW I REMEMBER— A MEAN-LOOKIN' OL' HOMBRE— SAY— LOOK—

LOOK? LOOK AT WHAT? WHO, WHERE?

OVER THERE THAT GUY— HE'S TH' ONE I'VE BEEN TELLIN' YOU ABOUT! WHY, THATS MY GRAND WIZER—

MYRA NORTH, SPECIAL NURSE
 Myra Starts an Experiment

INSPECTOR EMPREE HAS ORDERED EVERYONE FROM THE ROOM BUT MYRA— THE HARASSED NEW SCOTLAND YARD MAN SCARCELY CAN RESTRAIN HIS CURIOSITY.

DON'T YOU LEAVE, JACK... I'LL WANT YOUR HELP.

MISS NORTH, YOU CAN SAVE MY JOB, IF YOU'RE ON THE RIGHT TRACK!

I SINCERELY HOPE SO, INSPECTOR. JACK, GET ME THOSE MOULAGE MASKS, PLEASE.

NOW, THEN—I'M GOING TO MAKE A DUPLICATE CAST OF EACH OF THESE HEADS, AND BEFORE THEY HARDEN, I WANT EACH SUSPECT TO STRANGLE THE CAST. DO YOU FOLLOW ME?

QUITE.

JACK—WHILE THE MOULAGE IS SETTING, WILL YOU GO TO THE OTHER ROOM AND CALL THE SUPERINTENDENT... I'D RATHER LIKE HIM TO SEE THIS EXPERIMENT.

By THOMPSON AND COLL

HMM, I GUESS THIS OUGHT TO CONVINCHE HER! SHE'S BOUND TO NOTICE IT, TOO!!

IT'S NOTHING, TOM!... NOTHING AT ALL! I SIMPLY NICKED MYSELF WHILE SHAVING! I THINK NOTHING OF IT! I MISSED THE JUGULAR VEIN!

WE MEN WITH TOUGH BEARDS HAVE QUITE A TIME! I WASN'T FAMILIAR WITH DAD'S SAFETY RAZOR, AND MY STRAIGHT ONE WAS AT THE BARBER SHOP, BEING HONED!

OH, YES, I FREQUENTLY SHAVE TWICE A DAY! I HAVE TO DO IT TO BE WELL-GROOMED!

PHOOEY! THE ONLY TIME YOU REALLY EVER NEEDED A SHAVE WAS WHEN MOM SCRAPED JAM OFF YOUR FACE WITH A BUTTER KNIFE!!

FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS
 Off His High Horse

HIS FIRST CAR

I FORGOT ABOUT THAT FOOL!

By BLOSSER

SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO'S SEARCHING FOR THE SUIT WITH THE GREASE SPOTS DOWN THE VEST—EGAD! WHAT CAN THE OWNER DO TO REDEEM THEM? BOARD AN LODGING BILL! THE RATE TO YOU, IS \$100—IT IS THE CUSTOMARY FEE CHARGED BY ALL HOSTELRIES, WHEN SHELTERING A CHARACTER OF DOUBTFUL REPUTE!

SO YOU FILCHED MY CLOTHES! \$100 A WEEK—PHOOEY! YOU CANT SINGE ME WITH THAT HOT AIR—NOT IF I HAVE TO LIVE IN THIS TEEPEE TH' REST OF TH' WINTER!

YOU SURE LOOK LIKE OLD HOME WEEK AT TH' HOOPLES, IN THOSE PATCHES, JAKE!

PUT ON YOUR DANCE-CAP! AMOS HAS YOU IN A CORNER!

OUT OUR WAY
 By WILLIAMS

HIS FIRST CAR

I FORGOT ABOUT THAT FOOL!

BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON.

By HEARN

GIVING JAKE A DOSE OF HIS OWN MEDICINE

'Girl' May Be Third Brother



If a sex change operation is successful, Julie Emilie, top photo, will join her two brothers, lower photos, as the third son in the Macard family of Chateau Thierry, France.

TODAY'S MARKETS

Courtesy H. O. Bedford & Co. 320 Pet. Bldg. Tel. 408

Table listing market prices for various commodities like Wheat, Cotton, and Oil.

MARQUETTE-TCU GAME BROADCAST BY HUMBLE FRIDAY

Complimenting the teams of the Southwest Conference, the Humble Oil & Refining Company has arranged to sponsor a Texas radio broadcast of the football game on New Year's Day in Dallas between Texas Christian University, Southwest Conference representative, and Marquette University of Milwaukee, outstanding gridiron representatives of the Middle West.

A Three Days' Cough Is Your Danger Signal

A cough, chest cold or bronchial irritation today may lead to serious trouble tomorrow. You can relieve them now with Creomulsion, an emulsified Creosote that is pleasant to take.

Advertisement for Creomulsion with a large illustration of a person coughing.

Advertisement for 'Gala New Year's Eve Frolic' featuring Alice Faye and other performers.

Exiled Ruler

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for 'Exiled Ruler'.

Answers to the crossword puzzle clues.

Large crossword puzzle grid.

Advertisement for 'Stories in Stamps' featuring a 'Father of U.S. Navy' stamp.

Alamo Downs Meet Opens January 1. SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 31—The Alamo Downs winter meeting, January 1 through February 27, gets under way next Friday afternoon for what is shaping up as Texas' greatest race meeting.

Advertisement for the movie 'The Blue Bird' at the Ritz.

Advertisement for 'The Blue Bird' at the Ritz, featuring a photo of the lead actress.

Advertisement for an eye examination at Dr. T. J. Inman.

Gala Preview Will Be Held at Yucca Tonight at 11:15

With Alice Faye swinging torchy new tunes and romancing with Michael Whalen, Adolphe Menjou going daffy and roaming around in his nightie, Gregory Ratoff, the demon dialectician, mangling the English language, the king and queen of comedy, Ted Healy and Patsy Kelly, smashing all laugh records, and the Ritz Brothers bringing a new kind of musical clowning to the screen, 'Sing Baby Sing,' will be shown at a special Gala New Year's Eve Preview tonight at 11:15 at the Yucca Theatre.

Gregory Ratoff, a theatrical agent, aided by his secretary, Patsy Kelly, and his stooge, Ted Healy, is vainly trying to get a new job for Alice Faye, who has been fired from the night club in which she has been singing.

On Alice's closing night at the cafe, Adolphe Menjou, a famous celebrity, comes to a party, disrupts her performance by insisting on doing the balcony scene from 'Romeo and Juliet.'

Menjou finally winds up in an alcoholic hospital where no one can see him. Ratoff manages to crash the gate by convincing the hospital attaches that Ted Healy is Menjou's personal physician.

Menjou is ready to promise anything for a drink, but the only beverage Ratoff can find is bay rum, which he tells Menjou is 'South American brandy.' Menjou develops a terrific yearning for the fiery beverage, and as Ratoff and Healy are the only ones who know what it really is, he sticks by their side.

Whalen, who has fallen in love with Alice Faye, believes she is just another gold digger and writes a scathing story about her and Menjou that brings Menjou's manager speedily from the coast.

In the meantime, Ratoff has obtained a contract for Alice Faye on a coast-to-coast network, providing Menjou appears on the opening program.

Menjou's manager kidnap him and start to Hollywood. Ratoff, Healy and Miss Faye charter a plane and engage in a cross-country pursuit of the fleeing star that the newspapers feature heavily.

Instant Old Age Annuity Ratings

Table showing annuity ratings for different ages and weekly wages.

*Figures in last column represent maximum benefits. Federal law disregards wages in excess of \$3000 a year (\$57.69 a week).

WILD WILDCAT



Marcellus (Mike) McMichaels, above, is the fellow who's making the Northwestern University Wildcats wild on the basketball court.

to its greatest race meeting. More than \$275,000 will be distributed among lucky owners, with a minimum purse of \$500, and regular midweek and Saturday features, reaching a climax with the running of the \$5000 Memorial Handicap, the largest in the racing history of San Antonio.

added to the clubhouse and six new barns have been constructed to accommodate the overflow of thoroughbreds. In addition, Texas' first camera eye has been added to the track equipment and will be utilized in deciding all close finishes throughout the 50 days of sport.

Record Crowd Expected To Attend Dance Tonight

The largest crowd of the year is expected to attend the Scharbauer Hotel dance tonight in the Crystal Ballroom to "ring out the old-ringing in the new" year.

DOG'S AID POOR FAMILIES. WINCHENDON, Mass. (U.P.)—We're recipients of this town were envied by the other residents. Two dogs killed a six-point, 150-pound buck on ice-covered Lake Monomonack.

HAWAII TO LOSE SUBMARINES. HONOLULU, (U.P.)—Naval defense forces here temporarily will be decreased by one submarine squadron with transfer of Squadron Six to San Diego.

RETURN HOME. John Bumpus and Floyd Bumpus returned to their home in Mt. Vernon, Ohio, today after a ten day visit with their daughter and sister, Mrs. G. L. Wright and family.

TO DALLAS. Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Oates are visiting in Dallas and Bonham.

TO SAN ANGELO. Mrs. P. O. Sill, Misses Maxine Sill, Read Thomas, and Mrs. Charles McCann went to San Angelo today.

DAVE BLEVINS HERE. Dave Blevins of Shreveport is spending a few days in Midland visiting relatives and friends.

Advertisement for 'MAYBE IT IS MY EYES' featuring a cartoon illustration.

Advertisement for 'WELL FREE YOU FROM DOUBT' by Dr. W. L. Sutton.

JUVENILE CRIME PROBED

LONDON, (U.P.)—Sir John Simon, home secretary, has ordered a thorough investigation of a reported alarming increase in juvenile crime in England.

FRIDAY CLUB ORGANIZED. COLUMBIA, Mo. (U.P.)—Students of Missouri University have formed a "Thank-God-It's-Friday Club" to promote week-end relaxation.

MOTHER VISITING. Mrs. J. H. Mims Sr., of Fort Worth is visiting with her son, J. H. Mims, and family.

J. L. HEATH RETURNS. J. L. Heath has returned from California where he spent a ten day vacation and visited relatives over the holidays.

Advertisement for 'WE WILL PAY!' featuring a cartoon illustration.

When Fate's skeleton hand presents the bill for an auto accident, it makes a big difference who does the paying.

Advertisement for 'MIMS & CRANE' insurance services.

Advertisement for 'ALL THIS WEEK' plain dresses and suits.

Advertisement for 'HATS' cleaned and pressed.

Advertisement for 'PETROLEUM DRY CLEANERS'.

Advertisement for 'MANY THANKS' by J. B. 'ROCKY' FORD.

Advertisement for 'Y-O-U-R-H-O-M-E' insurance policy.