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Defenders In Last-Ditch Fight At Manila

JAPS WARNED A LONG WAR IN PROSPECT

BERLIN, Dec. 31. — An official German broadcast, recorded by the United Press in New York, today quoted Tokyo dispatches as saying that Premier War Minister Tojo of Japan, in a New Year's message to the Japanese people, had warned against over-optimism. Tojo was reported to have said that Japan had numerous difficulties and obstacles to surmount as yet, and warned the people not to become too optimistic over apparent early successes in a war that would be long drawn out. "The war has only just begun, although the Japanese troops are fighting with the greatest energy," he was quoted to have said. "The Japanese people in his warning that ultimate victory might be long off."

N. N. Rosenquest Funeral Rites Set For Saturday

Funeral services for Nelse Nelson Rosenquest, 63, prominent jurist and real estate owner of Eastland and Stephens counties, who died at his home in Eastland Tuesday morning, will be conducted from the Eastland Baptist church at 2:30 Thursday afternoon by A. J. Morgan, pastor of the church. Rev. P. W. Walker, pastor of the First Methodist church of Denton and former pastor of the Eastland Methodist church, will officiate. Burial will be in Eastland with Hamner Funeral Home in charge. Pallbearers will be C. M. Caldwell, Abilene; Dr. Rupert Richardson, Austin; Allen D. Dabney, Sr., St. Louis; R. E. Sikes, Eastland; L. Parker, Eastland; Cyrus B. Eastland; C. E. Martin, Eastland; and Sumner Swenson, Swenson.

Born in Sweden, Aug. 26, 1878, he deceased came to the United States with his parents when 3 years old. The family located for short time near Seymour and finally settled in Stephens county, which has been the family home since.

The deceased graduated from Texas State Teachers' College, Denton and taught school for time in Stephens and Eastland counties. He entered the State University at Austin and took his degree from that institution, 1909. While in Austin he was married to Miss Ethel Mary Tompson of Jacksonville, Texas, who was also a student at the State University.

Following his graduation from State University, where he received a year as Quiz Master, Rosenquest was elected County Judge of his home county of Stephens in 1910, serving two terms, and then was elected District Attorney of the 42nd Judicial district which, at that time, included Eastland and Stephens counties. He served as district governor of Texas Lions where he made an enviable record. He moved with family to Eastland 24 years ago and engaged in the oil and real estate business and was well known in these circles throughout the state.

Survivors include the widow, five daughters, two brothers, four sisters and his father, Nelse Johnson Rosenquest of Breckenridge. The daughters are: Mrs. John St. John, Eastland; Mrs. Darrell Tully, Commerce; Miss Helen Rosenquest, Texas Tech; Mrs. Milton McKenzie, Eastland; and Mrs. Bob Martin, Pendleton, Oregon.

Brothers and sisters are: Alfred and Oscar of Breckenridge and Miss Sophie Rosenquest, Mrs. Hannah Redwine, Breckenridge; Mrs. Calvin Ferguson, Pioneer, and Mrs. Ella Hart, Fort Worth.

Two grandchildren, Betty Gay Allen and Ralph Nelse McKenzie also survive.

Chain Store Tax Is Under Right System Appeals Court Says
AUSTIN, Dec. 31. — A decision of the Third Court of Civil Appeals today held that the state is using the proper method of assessing and collecting the state chain store tax.



BATTLE FOR MANILA
From Lingayen to Legaspi, 350 miles across the mountains and valleys of Luzon, winds the front of the Battle for Manila. Map shows threat from four sides where Japs are attacking close to the Philippine capital.

PAN AMERICAS TO JOIN HANDS IN WAR EFFORT

By LAWRENCE HAAS
United Press Latin American Editor
The conference of foreign ministers of the 21 American republics in Rio de Janeiro, Jan. 15, is expected to go far beyond anything heretofore discussed in its treatment of common American problems in addition to implementing and extending agreements reached in the two previous meetings.

The agenda thus far approved but subject to expansion, will cover several general topics. They are:
1—Examination of measures to curb alien activities tending to imperil the peace and security of any American republic.
2—Consideration of measures contributing to the reconstruction of world order.
3—Consideration of plans for inter-American economic solidarity by (a) control of exports to conserve basic and strategic materials, (b) arrangement for increased production of such materials, (c) arrangements to furnish each country with the imports essential to its economy, (d) maintenance of adequate shipping facilities, and (e) control of alien financial and commercial activities prejudicial to the welfare of the American republics.

These agenda items are all-embracing, and efforts to solve the problems they imply could conceivably work significant changes in the present political and economic policies of the Western Hemisphere countries.

The curbing of alien activities might take the form of an agreement to adopt the sternest type of repressive measures against Axis agents.

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"Escaped Convict" Is Just Masquerading

HOUSTON, Tex. (UP)—Answering a rush call, six police cars converged on a downtown street corner and found a man dressed in prison stripes, with handcuffs on one wrist and a ball and chain on his leg. Police questioned the man and learned that he was a resident of Huntsville and an employee of the Texas prison system. He had been to a masquerade party.

Two Part 13 Times And That's Unlucky

LARGO, Ind. (UP)—The sorrow of parting is an old story to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tischer, separated and reconciled 12 times in less than three years of married life. Parting for the 13th time, however, was too much. Mrs. Tischer filed suit for divorce against her husband, a laborer, charging cruel and abusive treatment.

Censorship Aide



John H. Sorrells, executive editor of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, is a new assistant director of wartime censorship. His work will be concentrated in the newspaper field.

Human Bite Said To Be Most Poisonous

ST LOUIS (UP)—There is more serious danger in a human bite than in the bite of any animal, Dr. Frederick M. Boyce of New Orleans told the annual convention of the Southern Medical Association.

He said the danger was greater because there are more types of bacteria in the human mouth and because individuals usually fail to have such bites treated until they have become infected. He said that in 90 cases of human bites treated in the last 11 years, amputation of a finger or hand was necessary in 24 cases.

Bites on the hand, he said, especially on the knuckles, are more likely to result in serious infection than those in fleshier parts of the body.

Brighter Days Are Promised Pittsburgh

PITTSBURGH—Smokeharassed Pittsburghers find plenty to cheer about in the latest pronouncement of Prof. Sumner B. Ely, superintendent of the new bureau of smoke prevention.

Those bleak winter days which have made life so miserable in the past won't be as frequent nor as bad this year, says the professor, who has the job of administering the recently-enacted anti smoke ordinance.

Although the law will be only partly effective this winter, residents will be able to improve conditions in the atmosphere, Prof. Ely said.

The superintendent cautioned that there undoubtedly will be some smoggy days, but they will be less frequent and not quite so unpleasant.

Under the gradually-tightened provisions of the law, only industrial and commercial establishments are affected this year. By Oct. 1, 1943, the full force of the ordinance will be in effect, and private homes will come under its provisions.

Soldier Morale Is Improved By Jap's Pearl Harbor Attack

CAMP WOLTERS, Tex. (UP)—Morale officers believe the soldier reaction at Camp Wolters to the war is typical.

It meant the difference between tension and cheerfulness when the bombs hit Pearl Harbor; between grumbling at the bugle and a spirit of "come on, gang"; between what-do-we-do-here and "let's get 'em."

The disoriented soldier has dwindled into the ratio of one in a hundred, officers say.

"The other day, even before the bugle sounded for morning drill, one soldier broke out in front of his buddies and shouted: "Come on, fellows, let's go," reported Capt. R. T. Falkenberg, camp morale officer.

"You see more smiles now than you did for months before the war. The men do their chores cheerfully, seem eager to learn new tactics, the operation of new weapons."

Ban Upon Campus Dances Is Lifted

NORMAN, Okla. (UP)—For the first time in 50 years of University of Oklahoma history, dancing is allowed on the campus during afternoons and at night throughout the week.

Dr. Joseph A. Brandt, former newspaper city editor and new president of the institution, approved dancing in the student union from 4 p. m. to 10 p. m. to keep students from going to near-by Oklahoma City for their entertainment.

Emphasis Put On Individual Training In U. S. Instructions For Blackout

WASHINGTON.—If you have ever "sensed" your way about your bedroom at night with only the luminous dial of a clock or the outline of a window to guide you, then you have some idea of what it would be like to walk the streets in a blackout.

The Office of Civilian Defense has released a 60-page booklet prepared by the War Department, in which the necessity of individual training for blackouts is stressed and blackout procedures are described in detail.

It is pointed out that "the effectiveness of a blackout system depends upon the knowledge and the cooperative spirit of the people at large."

Among the minor discomforts that individuals will have to observe if blackouts become a reality here are the prohibition of smoking out of doors, compulsory wearing of reflectors and white belts by pedestrians, careful shaping of windows in private homes, and enforcement of a rule prohibiting persons in the streets from looking upward during an air raid.

This latter precaution is taken, according to the survey, because the upturned faces of a crowd are conspicuous, especially if the streets are lighted by flares or burning buildings.

County Had 14 Demonstration Club Enrollments

During 1941, Eastland county has had fourteen home demonstration clubs with an enrollment of 289. Work was carried on in new communities through the comfort and mattress programs, and through area meetings.

In the comfort and mattress programs during 1941, 1874 mattresses and 1257 comforts have been made in 34 communities. Plans have been made to complete this program in January.

The two demonstrations that have been carried on in 1941, are Repair the House and the Poultry phase of the Home Food Supply. In the poultry work, grading of eggs, egg cookery, poultry management and killing, dressing and canning demonstrations have been given. Some of the accomplishments as turned in by the home demonstration club women are as follows: 120 purchased or incubated pure bred chicks, 7500 pullets were added, 120 fed starting mash, 95 provided green feed the year round, and 28 old poultry houses were remodeled.

In the Repair the House demonstration, the programs were on heating, lighting and ventilation, yard plans, bath rooms and storage. Some of the accomplishments in home improvement reported were: 337 rural families have installed electricity, 300 electric washers have been purchased, 168 electric refrigerators purchased, 75 have repaired or replaced roofs, 55 repaired porches or steps, and 50 added closets.

The home demonstration club women have helped with the Red Cross drive and British Relief. Cross work and extension clubs.

The home demonstration club had seven educational exhibits at the Eastland county fair in September. The exhibits were on food and gave information that would be helpful in planning meals at home.

The home demonstration club women reported canning 24,200 quarts of vegetables and 22,480 quarts of fruit.

Plans are being made to push the garden program in 1942 through the Land Use Planning Committee, and the home demonstration and 4-H clubs.

Bay Rum Evidence Traps Defendants

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah — Tom and Susie Graymountain Utah Indians from the Fort Duchesne reservation, were brought into federal court here to answer charges of stealing a harness from Susie's aunt, Mary Pennyjack.

When Susie descended from the witness stand, a bottle tumbled from beneath her Indian blanket. It was bay rum. She hastily explained to U. S. marshals that the "tonic" had been purchased for my "husband's whiskers."

But when Tom took the stand, his attorney found a good deal of the bay rum had got past his whiskers. It showed in his testimony—and Tom and Susie were convicted.

DEEDS TO BE OUTCOME OF ALLIED TALKS

OTTAWA, Canada, Dec. 31.—Prime Minister Winston Churchill of Great Britain told his press conference today that the result of his conferences with President Roosevelt, previous to his visit in Canada, would be expressed in deeds, rather than words.

"Obviously the President and I have not been doing nothing in Washington, and equally obviously the Pacific situation has played an important part in our discussions," he said.

"It will be our hope that what we have done and decided upon will be reflected in deeds, rather than in words."

Churchill, earlier, had predicted that Hitler would not permit a collapse of Italy soon, because "the organ grinder has too tight a hold on the monkey's collar."

National Chairman Of Red Cross Asks Over Subscription

The following telegram has been received by E. E. Freyschlag, chairman of the Eastland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, from Norman H. Davis, chairman.

"The bombing of Pearl Harbor, Honolulu, Manila; the invasion of the Philippines; the submarine attacks in the Atlantic and Pacific have dramatically brought home to us the cruelties of this war. Wherever our heroic soldiers, sailors and airmen are so valiantly defending our soil, there also you will find the flag of the Red Cross unfurled alongside the Stars and Stripes. Red Cross men are on every front. Funds are urgently needed to keep intact these front lines of mercy. The enemy respects neither holidays nor week ends. The Red Cross War Fund should be pushed to rapid over-subscription. Partnership in this time of need gives all the people an opportunity to participate. The Red Cross is a people's partnership in a time of need. It is patriotism in time of action to give to the Red Cross. Miseries of war cannot be measured by quotas and mathematical yardsticks nor personal conveniences. The president, the American people, and our fighting men expect much of us. An avalanche of giving now will help the Red Cross to deliver the goods."

"Norman H. Davis, Chairman."

Owners Of Trucks Urged To Register Them With U. S.

County Judge W. S. Adamson has a supply of cards for registering private trucks for possible use by the federal government. A supply of these cards, Judge Adamson said, is being sent to the Chambers of Commerce at Cisco, Ranger, Rising Star and Gorman. Those for Eastland may be had at his office.

Trucks of a minimum capacity of 3,000 pounds load capacity only are being registered at this time. All owners of trucks of the above capacity are urged to register them at once.

County Red Cross Quota Of \$5,000 Almost Raised

E. E. Freyschlag, chairman for Eastland county of the American Red Cross, stated this morning that the county is short \$402 of its quota of \$5,000 for the Red Cross.

Eastland, according to the Eastland Red Cross office, is \$29.95 over its quota of \$1,250. Ranger, Gorman, Rising Star and a number of the rural communities, it is stated, have also completed their quotas.

PAINTER IGNORES TRAFFIC

SAN FRANCISCO.—Robert L. Bragg, 42, in traffic court, charged with straddling the white line across the San Francisco and Oakland Bay bridge, was asked by the court whether or not he knew the line was there. "I ought to," replied Bragg, "I painted it." He was fined \$5 for his lapse of memory.

Britain's New Far East Chief



Lt. Gen. Sir Henry Pownall is on the job at Singapore as British Far East commander replacing Sir Robert Brooke-Popham.

WORKMEN IN HAWAII GET LATE PRAISE

WASHINGTON, (UP). — Thousands of Pearl Harbor navy workmen on the job when the first bombing of Hawaii started Dec. 7 worked on the navy department said today in a new report on heroism during the Japanese attack.

One crew of workmen was praised today for their heroism in preparing to unload a number of anti-aircraft guns from a flatcar alongside a ship moored at a dock for overhaul. Their job was to return the repaired guns to the ship and bolt them to position on deck.

Work which normally would have required hours for completion was accomplished while the air raid was still in progress, and the guns were placed in operation against the enemy, the navy said. The battery officer of the ship reported that several of the civilian workmen voluntarily helped load the guns during the firing.

One navy yard officer said "six men did work in two hours that ordinarily would take 20 men a day and a half."

Another officer described the scene at the main entrance to the yard as civilian workers hurried to their work stations: "It was about eight o'clock—during the earliest stage of the first attack.

"Japanese planes were strafing and bombing Hickam Field (adjoining the Pearl Harbor area). I noticed a large crowd of yard employes going through the gate. One of the attacking planes, off from the rest, was shot down in flames in the yard area—in full view of all these people.

"Their cheers could be heard above the drone of the motors and the machine gun fire."

Soon after a call was sent out, during the second attack, to all yard workmen to report to their work stations, the streets in the navy yard were thick with incoming yard workmen hurrying to their jobs.

"Instead of running to cover they ran to their jobs," one officer said.

Other instances of courageous action by civilian and naval personnel were given particular mention in a report from the commanding officer of the Kaneohe bay naval air station on Windward Oahu.

If anything their conduct was a trifle too reckless and their disregard for danger undoubtedly increased the number of casualties," he said. "It was necessary to constantly urge the men to scatter and take cover because most of them were so intent on repulsing the attack they were disregarding the enemy's fire."

"All of the civilians displayed extreme gallantry in their disregard of personal danger, and their attempts to help salvage aircraft and put out fires was commendable. They voluntarily undertook to repair electrical lines and water mains and the utilities of the station were out of commission only a short while."

The Navy said by the end of the initial attack, during which low-flying planes strafed aircraft moored in the water, all anti-aircraft measures were functioning—largely through aid of civilians,

HITLER AGAIN FORTTELLS BIG AXIS VICTORY

American - Filipino Defenders Of Manila Face Overwhelming Odds On New Year.

American defenders of the Philippines fought a valiant last-ditch battle for Manila as the Allied Armies ended a year of spreading war with ringing blows at the Axis on other fronts.

The struggle against overwhelming Japanese air and mechanized forces outside the gates of Manila continued furiously as the darkness of New Year's Eve settled over Luzon, but communications to Washington showed that the defenders still were holding out as midnight struck.

The end of the year brought continued Allied advances in sub-zero weather on the Russian front and the British still were hammering at the cornered Axis forces south of Benghazi in the Libyan Desert. In Malaya British Imperial columns pushing into the rich tin, rubber and coal centers, though it was admitted that the counter attacks were merely local patrols.

Adolf Hitler of Germany—his armies pressed by the Soviets in the east and by the British in the Mediterranean, repeated his annual New Year's message to the German people.

"I do not believe in the usual promise of victory within the year. The Nazi leader changed the date in his message of one year ago, when he promised that "The year 1941 will bring consummation of the greatest victory in our history." He toned down his predictions this time and said that "The year 1942 will bring a decision for the salvation of our people and those nations allied with us."

Most of the remainder of his message was an invective against President Roosevelt.

He did recall—perhaps for a purpose—that he had always posed as a dove of peace, repeating what he had often said in the past in regard to his desire for peace, but failing to mention that he sought peace only on his own terms.

He accused the Allied powers of "insulting" him and treating him as a coward when he sought to promote peace.

In the Philippines the American defense forces were fighting a bitter-end battle against overwhelming odds, and for the first time in the battle of the Philippines the fate of Manila seemed in doubt.

Achievement Pins Awarded 4-H Club Girls Of County

Two hundred mothers, 4-H club members and friends saw Eastland county 4-H club girls presented their 1941 club achievement pins last Saturday in the county court house. One hundred and two girls received these pins. Fifty were first year girls, fifteen were second, fifteen were third, twelve were fourth, five were fifth, and three were sixth.

The fifth year pins were silver with the four-leaf clover, the club emblem, in the center. Ernestine Jumper, Wanda Donaldson, and Ima Timmons of the Kokomo club, and Doris Wheat of the Morton Valley club, received these pins.

Jo Jane Nix of Morton Valley, Phyllis Donaldson and Louise Eaves of Kokomo received the gold sixth year pins. These pins were like the fifth year pins except they were gold.

First, second, third and fourth year pins bore the same emblem except they were bronze.

After a short program presented by Olden, Gorman and Alameda Clubs, the pins were presented by Alice Wheatley, assistant county home demonstration agent. Miss Wheatley also introduced Miss Gladys Martin, new Home Demonstration Agent who took Miss Ruth Ramsey's place in November.

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You Can't Block a Steamroller

Only one thing is certain in this uncertain world—change. Only one course is hopeless and doomed to failure from the very start—the effort to stand still.

People used to believe, especially during the latter part of the 19th Century, that progress was law. Everything was inexorably moving forward toward a bigger and better future. There might be little interruptions and setbacks, but the trend was onward and upward, and nothing could stay it.

Now, chastened by the events of this century, we are a little more cautious. We no longer believe that progress is inevitable. We believe it is possible, but only with conscious and continued effort. We have seen the possibility that the world may not move forward, but back. For the whole world is being shaken by a black reaction called Fascism, which has adopted retrogression as a creed.

In any case, we still agree that the world can't stand still. It moves, and it must move forward or back. It may be directed, but it can't be halted. To try to freeze it in place is to try to block a moving steamroller with a pair of walnuts.

On the specific merits of the Detroit controversy over the Carrier Lumber Co.'s pre-fabricated houses, we are not informed. Carrier bid lowest on a defense housing project, and the bid was rejected because it was felt acceptance would guarantee violent labor troubles, since Carrier employed C. I. O. labor in a field which the A. F. of L. believed its own. Now Carrier's home has been bombed.

This bomb is a typical walnut in front of a steamroller. It will help advance the cause of cheaper housing, which is one of the paramount needs of the American people.

New techniques in building are going to be used. Those who oppose them, whether their interest is in labor, in financing, in materials, in building regulations, or any other of the fields affected, may just as well stop chucking walnuts.

When means are devised for building better and cheaper houses, the people are going to have them. Labor union rivalries, vested interests in financing and materials, archaic and obstructive building regulations—all of these can not hold back progress and change. All might better co-operate, learn the new techniques, adapt themselves to them, and go along with them. Otherwise the new techniques will pass them by and leave them flattened out.

It is just as hopeless to try to freeze present methods in building as it was for the Manchester weavers to destroy the first spinning machinery. And that goes in every field of our life today.

We may as well all stop tossing walnuts in front of the steamroller. The only hopeful course is to climb aboard and try to direct its course in the right directions.

NOTED SUFFRAGIST

HORIZONTAL

1,5,10 Pictured late suffragist
14 Grandparental
15 Follow.
16 Air (comb. form).
17 Divan.
18 Sloth.
19 Lone Scout (abbr.).
20 Sea swallow.
21 Tendacy.
25 Sheltered side.
24 King of Judea in B. C. 40-4.
25 Suffix.
26 Woody plant.
27 Prophet.
28 Pronoun.
29 Exists.
31 Church part.
33 Opposed to off.
34 God of war.
35 Symbol for ruthenium.
37 New Brunswick (abbr.).
39 Toiletary case.
42 Mystic ejaculation.
44 Norse god.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

MOM, ROPE, GROVER
AREA, WALL, ADIEU
R, CLEVELAND, M
HOE, SEVEN, SEEL
MAD, V, REX, R, ART
OMELET, N, GARTER
D, ATOP, TOGA, E
EDITOR, M, BETRAY
LEO, S, LA, ADS
LIND, SIS, GROVER, GO
B, OWLET, S
ANT, AGE, CLEVELAND, IRE
TWO, AVER

VERTICAL

1 Subdue.
2 Elephant tusk.
3 Out of danger
4 Tilt.
5 Pasture.
6 Imbecile.
7 We.
8 Regulations.
9 Copper.
10 Provides food.
11 Look askance.
12 Feathered shaft used as a weapon.
13 In that place.
14 Pertaining to the liver.
15 Having ears.
16 Hostelry.
17 Assam silkworm.
18 Indian clan symbols.
19 Head covering.
20 Combines.
21 Skirmishes.
23 Sacred vocal composition.
24 Egg-shaped.
25 She was the woman to receive a vote for the U. S. presidential nomination.
26 "But an effective blackout," continues the survey, "is not achieved by spectacular efforts at the beginning of or during an air raid. Except for meeting contingencies, little or nothing can be done to increase the effectiveness of a blackout while an air raid is in progress."
27 The first chapter, "Planning the Blackout," describes the purpose, scope definitions, training and procedure, action after blackouts and basic considerations. It fixes the responsibility for the execution of blackouts, their legalization and enforcement organization, as well as the education of the public, communications and the extent and nature of lighting restrictions.
28 The five other chapters, whose titles are mainly self explanatory, are as follows: "Obscuration Methods and Materials," "Individual Persons and Dwellings," "Stores, Factories and Industrial Buildings," "Utilities, Municipal Services and Installations," and "Transportation."
29 The publication as a whole is a minutely detailed account of education and procedures necessary in establishing an adequate civilian defense.

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



Pan Americas

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espionage and propaganda agents and could readily result in an alteration of the present relations between Latin American republics and the Axis governments. Only the five Central American nations, Panama and the three Antillean republics have declared war on Japan, Germany and Italy. Of the others only Mexico has broken relations with Germany and Italy and only Mexico and Colombia have broken relations with Japan. But all the other countries have expressed solidarity with the United States and most of them have specifically reaffirmed their obligations under the Havana agreement, recognizing that an act of aggression

Emphasis Put

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little as possible and then only for a few seconds at a time. Be careful not to push persons walking close to the curb as they may be struck by cars running close and using it as a guide line; look down and not upward so that you can see the white stripes on posts at barricades and obstacles on the ground. Watch the traffic lights and observe them scrupulously because any jay walker who gets knocked down during a blackout is almost certain to get run over by the next vehicle behind. If you are hurt in any way, move to the nearest wall and stop the first person to come along. There are many other precautions to be learned, and this is only part of the training suggested by the OCD. When you consider the education necessary in preparation of industry, utilities, communications services, transportation and their many branches, a long and serious education period indeed seems necessary to guarantee our safety. It is pointed out in the booklet that "Civilian Defense agencies are responsible for the proper education of the people as to the reason for and the methods of producing blackouts. Based on this knowledge the enthusiastic cooperation of the people must then be evoked by continuing publicity of a progressive nature." Advance planning and preparation, OCD explains, requires long, painstaking, and many times un-noticed, prior effort. Too often these efforts may appear to some to be expended on relatively unimportant details.

against any American republic is considered as an act of aggression against all American republics. Aside from any question of sentiment of academic invocation of hemispheric solidarity, virtually every nation has a vital stake in its relations with the United States which today is in great potential danger. It is certain that all of the Latin American governments recognize the necessity to keep the sea-borne traffic of their export-import trade with this country operating smoothly and normally, to maintain and increase mineral and agricultural production, especially of those products for which there is an unlimited market in the United States. They include copper, nitrates, iron, tin, cobalt, manganese, lead, tungsten and mercury, hides and wool, flax, and rubber, coffee and sugar, under quota and a limited quantity of canned beef.

The Latin American governments must safeguard this production and its delivery, guard railroad lines, highways, and marine terminals, and contribute in some manner to keep the sea lanes open to the United States. Their economic existence depends upon this trade, and if their industries and communication lines are sabotaged, and if Axis agents within their borders are enabled to inform Axis surface and submarine raiders of ship movements, their own interests will be affected in at least as great a degree as those of the United States. The precise measures to be undertaken to set up these safeguards will be examined thoroughly at Rio de Janeiro. No one can foresee whether they will result in a wide spread break between the Latin American countries and the Axis, or even, in some cases, declaration of war.

The fact remains, however, that all but two of the 20 Latin American republics are maritime nations, with long stretches of coastline to protect, and it is possible that the coastal areas of some of these countries, which are neutral today, may soon be transformed into theaters of war, aimed directly at the United States and indirectly, but no less importantly, at themselves.

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SERIAL STORY

HIS CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY ADELAIDE HAZELTINE

THE STORY: The terms of Andrew Dearborn's will specifying that his secretary Carol, and five other employees, shall judge whether or not his playboy son Andy is running the business according to his father's policy of "service to the people," but Carol, who has loved Andy since childhood, in a difficult spot. Although the will has not been found, Carol knows its terms, and her heart sinks when Andy, apparently involved with sleek Linda Julian, turns management over to unscrupulous Mr. Herrick, whose only idea is to make money. She knows that unless Andy shows more of the heart that has made him kind to newsboy Nicky and to a mongrel puppy he has adopted, he will lose the store to charity by vote of the strange "jury" his late father's will provided. Penny-pinching Herrick turns down Bill Reece, an employee in love with Carol, on repairs for the toyland elevator. As Herrick's policies begin to take their toll, Carol makes adjustments to several customers to uphold the store's reputation, knowing it will get her in trouble with Herrick but will stand Andy in good stead when the will is found.

AN ACCIDENT

CHAPTER VIII

THE day before Christmas was always queer in the store. There were late shoppers frantic for gifts. There were employees too busy with their own exchange of gifts to give the usual attention to customers. It took close supervision to reconcile the two. But Mr. Dearborn accepted it as a part of the Christmas pageant. He didn't resent the inertia that set in during the last few hours before the holiday. He understood it and sympathized.

Not so with Mr. Herrick. He came to Carol's office now, muttering his resentment of the last minute let-down. "You'd think yesterday was Christmas," he complained. "Everybody's lolling on the counters. Go around and wake them up, Carol."

Carol stared at him. Why was he asking her, when that was the job of girls in his own office? He looked nervous, too.

Of course, she'd be glad to go. Yet she couldn't help wondering why he had chosen her. "Where's the boss?" he asked as she started to leave.

"Out in the store somewhere. Shall I find him for you?" "No. Never mind. Just get after the girls for me."

She had covered the upper floors and had reached the basement when she heard the scream. It was followed by running feet and the appearance of a girl crying. "Quick! Somebody, quick! The toyland elevator's fallen!"

Andy, Bill and a dozen men were struggling to open the shaft. They were prying the big iron doors free now. Voices of the trapped children rose in terror.

Mr. Herrick, standing near Carol, cursed. Andy crawled down to the car as soon as he could squeeze through the opening in the doors. The elevator rested on the bottom of the pit and the children were piled on top of one another, so panic-stricken they couldn't untangle arms and legs.

Andy was talking to the children, soothing them. One by one he began lifting them up. Bill leaned down and took them from his arms, setting them on their feet in front of Carol.

The doctor came and examined them. They were badly frightened yet none seemed seriously hurt.

But when they were almost all out, Carol heard Andy say sharply, "Get another man, Bill. We can't manage this one alone!"

He was bending over the figure of a boy lying on the floor of the elevator. The boy clutched a little girl in his arms. Andy loosened his hold and lifted the child away. Then he picked up the boy.

Nicky's eyes were closed and he was murmuring, "She was so little—I didn't want her—to get hurt."

They had him out of the pit at last and Andy was holding him again. "Get an ambulance, Bill," he ordered. "Nicky fell on his back with the weight of the other children on top of him."

Bill hurried off. Andy spoke briefly with the doctor and together they tried to make their way through the crowd with Nicky. Mr. Herrick rushed up to Andy and Carol heard him say, "That elevator should have been reported to me, Andy. Bill's been running it at relief hours. He ought to know it needed repairs."

Carol scowled. Mr. Herrick was trying to blame Bill. He would do anything to save his own skin. It was a shame. She'd go to Andy herself and tell him about that interview Bill had with Mr. Herrick.

She suggested to Bill that they go together and take each child to the proper place.

He gratefully agreed and within an hour they had delivered each one to his mother, explaining that the doctor had examined him and found him unharmed.

Then, while Bill returned to the store, Carol went toward the hospital to see about Nicky.

"JIMINY-GEE, Miss Carol," Nicky said. "I didn't 'spose you'd come so quick. Mr. Andy just left."

They had fixed him up in a

plaster cast but he seemed full.

"Of course I'd come, Nic. How do you feel?" "My back hurts but the doc says it's O.K."

"That's fine. I'll bet you were going up to toyland to see the electric train Mr. Andy promised."

"Uh-huh." His small face clouded. "Guess I'll be here Christmas now. You can't have much Christmas in a hospital."

"Don't you worry about that," she assured him. "Sometimes hospital Christmases are the nice of all."

And she determined to make so.

She spent the balance of afternoon searching for a sn tree and tiny ornaments to make it. She bought a lot of little and wrapped them separately bright tissue. It would be fun Nicky to open them.

When she finished she went to look for Bill. Carol wanted to go with her and Mary to the hospital in the morning.

The closing bell sounded as she reached toyland. For a moment she remembered that she marked the end of another Christmas shopping season. A strange nostalgia swept her. Another year was quickly drawing to close. Too quickly! It meant there were only ten brief days left to prove himself.

Bill was sitting on his tinsel throne when she found him. He had his head in his hands.

"Bill!" she exclaimed as she rushed up to him. "What's the world is the matter? You're not worrying about the accident—"

He looked up at her, his eyes weary and disillusioned. "Sant Claus?" A cynical smile played havoc with his mouth. "Mr. Herrick just gave me my Christmas present. A yellow slip!"

"Fired, Bill?" she gasped. "Yes. Fired. He wasn't tough enough to come up and tell me. He had to send a printed note. Fired me as if I were no more than a Christmas extra!"

"He's planning to blame you for the elevator accident," Carol blurted out. "I heard him say as much to Andy this afternoon. I'm unfair. I'm going to Andy myself. I'm going to tell him just what happened!"

Bill rose heavily. "No, Carol. Thanks just the same. If Andy's too blind to see he's going to let me won't take out word for it. He'll have to find Mr. Herrick going some other way."

(To Be Continued)

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Defense Homes Are Now Above 105,000 Are Rising Steadily

WASHINGTON (UP) — The OEM Defense Housing division reports that 105,802 homes have

been built or are under construction to provide living quarters for families of defense workers and enlisted personnel. During the week ending Nov. 29, 2,785 new homes were finished, Coordinator Charles F. Palmer reported bringing the total number completed or occupied to 56,581. FHA-inspected privately financed homes started during the same week totalled 3,831, and since January, 200,540 such homes have gone into construction. The total number of dormitory units to be occupied by single defense workers has reached 6,585, the division said. Federal funds have been allotted for 126,259 defense homes. The only advantage of gout is that it keeps people from kicking.

SERIAL STORY

HIS CHRISTMAS CAROL

BY ADELAIDE HAZELTINE

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THE STORY: The terms of Andrew Dearborn's will specifying that his secretary Carol, and five other employees, shall judge whether or not his playboy son Andy is running the business according to his father's policy of "service to the people," put Carol, who has loved Andy since girlhood, in a difficult spot. Although the will has not been found, Carol knows its terms, and her heart aches when Andy, currently involved with sleek Linda Julian, turns management over to unscrupulous Mr. Herrick whose only idea is to make money. She knows that unless Andy shows more of the heart that has made him be kind to newsboy Nicky and to a mongrel puppy he has adopted, he will lose the store to charity by vote of the strange "jinx" his late father's will provided for. Penny-pinching Herrick turns down Bill Reese, an employe in love with Carol, on repairs for the toyland elevator. As Herrick's policies begin to take their toll, Carol makes cash adjustments to several customers to uphold the store's reputation, knowing it will get her in trouble with Herrick but will stand Andy in good stead when the will is found. Day before Christmas the toyland elevator falls, injuring newsboy Nicky. Buck-passing Herrick pretends to blame Bill, fires him.

He stood aside and they all stared at the darkened room lighted by the huge Christmas tree already decorated and sitting beside Nicky's bed. Carol's surprised eyes moved to the figure bent to the floor near the tree. The figure straightened. It was Andy Dearborn. He was putting together the pieces of track for an electric train. Andy said, "Hello, Carol. Hello, Mary. Merry Christmas." He nodded coolly to Bill. He's blaming Bill, Carol thought miserably, and Bill's too proud to tell him the truth even if Andy would believe it. "We—brought a tree, too," she managed to say. "We wanted Nicky—to have a Merry Christmas." She dropped her parcels on a chair and Bill leaned the small tree against the wall. Their gifts looked trivial beside Andy's lavish ones. It was difficult for any of them to find something to say. Finally Carol gave Nicky their packages, but her good wishes stuck in her throat. She smiled and patted his hand. "Jiminy-gee! Thanks!" The boy's expressive face told an appealing story. "What a Christmas this turned out to be!" They watched him open the gifts. Then Carol went to stand above Andy. He was just starting the new train. "The doctor says Nicky will make it now," he said aside to her. "I'm glad." She mustn't let his affection for the boy encourage her to forgive him. The whole affair, indirectly, was Andy's own fault. He should have been able to see through the sham of Mr. Herrick long ago. Yet even the accident hadn't opened his eyes.

NICKY'S MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHAPTER IX

IT wasn't a very Merry Christmas for Carol as she and Mary climbed into Bill's ancient car and headed for the hospital. Bill, in his Santa Claus suit, seemed less downhearted than last night. He'd get another job, he assured them, and show Mr. Herrick that somebody else would trust him. Mary, too, was lifting herself above her troubles. She had the promise of a job on January 1 and was happy about it. And Nicky was going to be all right. The hospital had given her a favorable report just before they started. It should have cheered Carol. But it didn't. Nothing could. Not as long as Dearborn's was being ruined by Mr. Herrick's mismanagement and Andy was sitting calmly by, unaware of the tragedy of it. No, the sight of lighted trees and burning candles choked her. Wreaths of mistletoe left her unmoved. It was Christmas everywhere—except in Carol's heart. She forced a smile to her lips when they entered the big, brick building of the hospital. She must be gay for Nicky's sake. Quietly, Bill pushed open Nicky's door and peered in. "We're too late," he whispered.

When Andy left, Carol turned rebelliously to Bill. "You see, Bill? He blames you, too. Mr. Herrick has seen to that. You ought to go to Andy yourself. Make him listen to your side of the story. He would remember when he came into the office that day you were arguing with Mr. Herrick. He could confront him with it and Mr. Herrick would

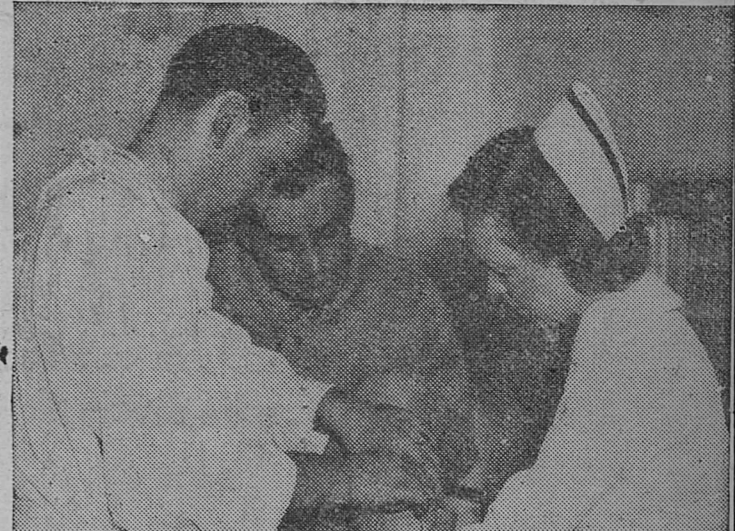
have to admit you reported the elevator. It's not right for you to accept responsibility for something you didn't do." "Carol's right," Mary added. "You ought to see Andy, Bill." They had forgotten Nicky. He said, his eyes thoughtful, "As they don't think it's your fault, do they, Mr. Bill?" They all looked at the boy. Bill shook his head. Carol said, "You aren't to worry about it, Nicky. Impetuously, Mary said, "Bill got fired for it, Nicky." "Fired?" His eyes widened. "But, Jiminy-gee, Mr. Bill allay took care of everybody! He wouldn't make an accident!" "That's all right, Nicky," Bill assured him. "The only thing that matters is your getting well." "We may tire him," Carol said. "We'd better go."

When they reached home, Mary left Carol and Bill together. "Mary wants to go to the party Saturday night. Would you mind her going with us?" "How do you know I'm going?" he said slowly. "Or have you forgotten I'm fired?" "I haven't forgotten," she said steadily. "But you're going to the party. Just as if you will work at Dearborn's. I won't let you turn and run when you know you're in the right." SHE saw his jaw tighten. He could be stubborn when he chose. She felt obligated to see that he went Saturday night. It would be good for his self-confidence. "Besides," she coaxed, "you can't let me miss it. When I've turned down a dozen dates for you." She smiled to lighten the exaggeration of the boast. Bill smiled, too. "You know can't, Carol. Yes, I'll go and we'll take Mary. She's a nice kid. He slanted a suspicious look at Carol. "You're not trying to prove anything, are you?" She flushed. "You know how I feel, Bill?" "Yes, I know." He looked away. "You're not in love with me. You're in love with somebody else. Somebody whose name is a secret. And there's nothing I can do about it!" "Look, Bill," she urged. "Why don't you get a new girl? You deserve someone else." "Give you up to a fellow I've never seen?" he retorted. "Or no, Carol. Not me. I'm going to see what he looks like first!" (To Be Continued)

Patriotic Women Volunteer for Army Nurse Corps



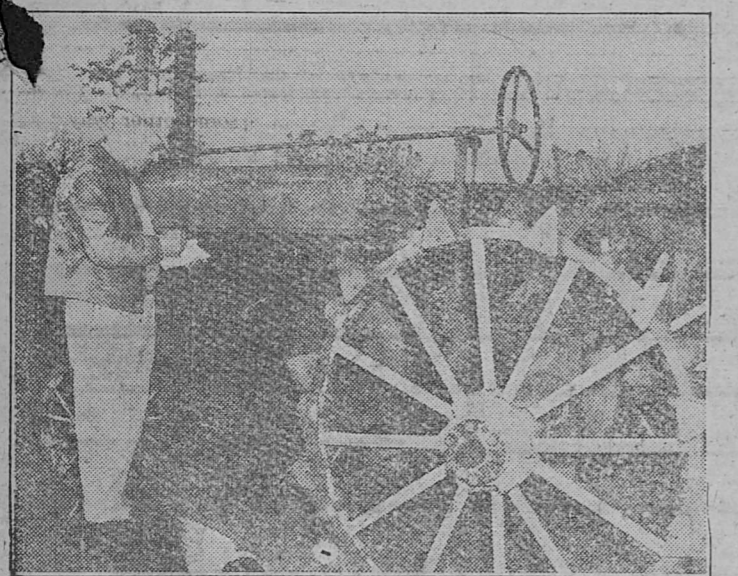
MAJ. JULIA O. FLIKKE Superintendent of Nurses



Army Nurse Holds Commissioned Rank

American women by the thousands are offering their services in the Army Nurse Corps to fill existing vacancies and those anticipated in the immediate future. Their patriotic action is in response to a call issued by Maj. Gen. James C. Magee, Surgeon General of the Army, for both Regular Army nurses and Reserve nurses. Appointees to the Army Nurse Corps hold the relative rank of second lieutenant. The initial pay is \$840 a year plus maintenance. They wear a two-toned blue covert cloth uniform with maroon trimmings and a blue cape beside their white duty uniforms. With her military rank now well established, the Army nurse of today enjoys a much better status than did her predecessor of earlier days. Maj. Julia O. Flikke, born in the Wisconsin town of Viroqua, from 21 to 40 with other requirements virtually the same. Local chapters of the American Red Cross will aid candidates in obtaining applications and forwarding them to the proper authorities.

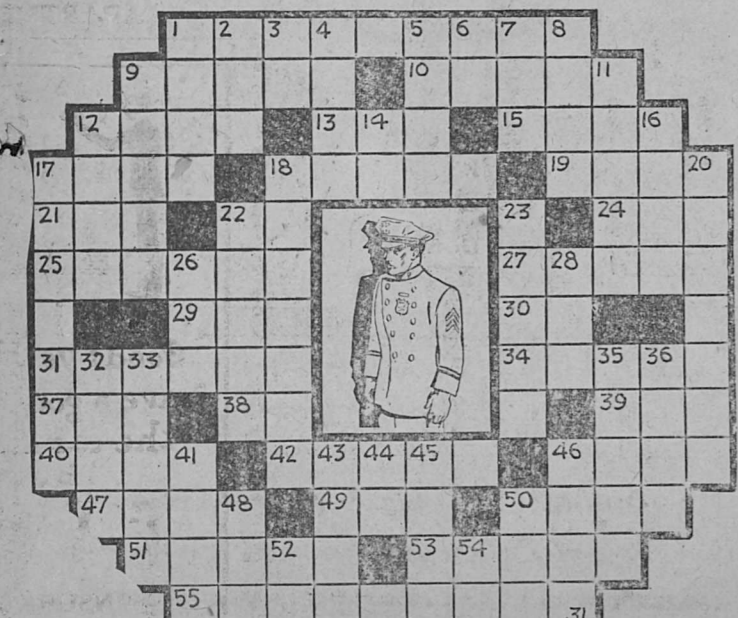
New Parts for Old



L. F. Johnston, chairman of the Tarrant County USDA Defense Board, follows his own advice "to repair farm machinery now" by listing the parts needed on his old tractor which will be needed to produce defense foods under the Farm Defense Program in 1942.

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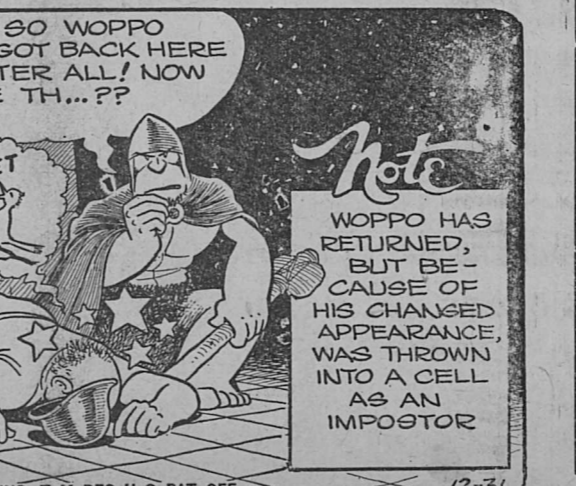
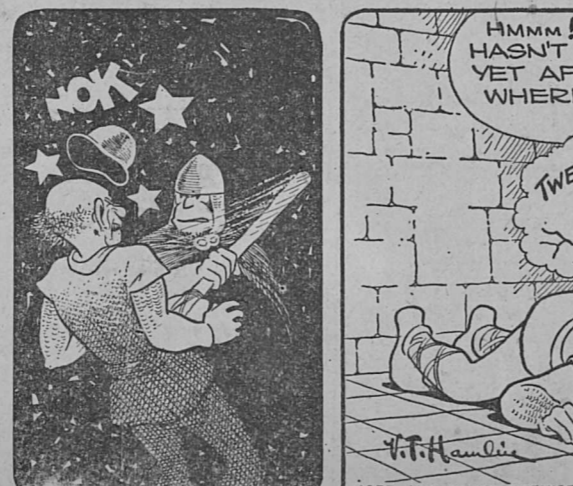
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Society Notes

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sullivan Announce Daughter's Marriage

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Sullivan of Ranger announce the marriage of their daughter Marybecca to Mr. S. L. Tilotta, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Tilotta of Houston.

The couple were married in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Burton Coffman in Houston, December 18 at 10:30 o'clock. Mr. Coffman read the ceremony.

The bride wore a pastel blue suit with navy blue accessories and carried a bouquet of pink carnations. Her attendants, Mrs. Geo. Mason and Miss Everree Moss, wore navy blue.

The groom was attended by Mr. George Mason and Mr. Bill Mixon.

Other guests were: Mr. Angelo Spidel, Miss Reba Hutchinson, formerly of Ranger, Miss Bobbie Massengale and Merle Moss.

The couple will make their home at 5607 East Montgomery Road in Houston, where Mr. Tilotta is employed by Oldsmobile Motors.

Mrs. Tilotta attended Abilene Christian College.

1920 Club to Have New Year Meeting

Mrs. O. L. Phillips, chairman of the hospitality committee for the 1920 Club, has announced plans for a New Year meeting of the club to be held Thursday afternoon at 3 o'clock in the home of Mrs. A. W. Brazda. Mrs. John W. Ducker will review "The Customer is Always Right," by Anne Spence Davis.

Golf Club Ladies Meet

A business meeting of the Ladies Golf Club of the Ranger Country Club was held Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Carl Hehlin presided in the absence of Mrs. H. T. Schooley.

The Better Score Tournament which was held through the month of December was completed and prizes went to Mrs. G. C. McGowan and Mrs. Eugene Baker.

The next club meeting will be held next Tuesday.

STOCKHOLDERS MEETING

To all stockholders of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Ranger.

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Ranger, will be held at the Paramount hotel (in the form of a free breakfast), on the 13th day of January, 1942, at 7 o'clock A. M., for the purpose of electing directors and to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

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Society Personal

Miss Jane Matthews left Wednesday for Gladewater where she will visit her room mate at Stephens College. She was accompanied to Dallas by Miss Ann Matthews, who will visit there.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Van Bibber and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Yonker left Wednesday for Dallas. They will attend the Cotton Bowl game Thursday.

Mrs. Eva Hamill left Wednesday for a visit in Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Royce Rainbolt, who have been visiting Mrs. Rainbolt's father, C. M. Hesson, left Wednesday for Dallas where Mr. Rainbolt is a flying instructor.

Miss Tyty Mayes of Norman, Okla., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mayes.

Miss Jane Burns has returned to her home in Fort Worth after spending several days as the guest of Miss Jane Matthews.

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30-Mile Speed Will Be Enforced Again Chief Ames Warns

The 30-mile-an-hour markers, which were placed on the highway leading into Ranger, and through the town, are to be repainted, Chief of Police Lee Ames stated today, in an effort to cut down on speeding through the town.

These markers were placed on the highway as a safety measure, the Chief of Police pointed out, and motorists generally observed them, or at least reduced their speed. Recently, since the signs have been obliterated, speeding has been more prevalent.

"At first we are going to go 30 miles an hour," Chief Ames said, "but as soon as the people have had time to get accustomed to the lower speed we are going to begin cranking down on them."

Nine Children In Band With Father

BRIDGEPORT, Neb. (UP)—If someone should sponsor a contest to determine Nebraska's unique family, the honors probably would go to the Wiggins family of 11 living on an 1,840-acre ranch near Bridgeport.

George Wiggins, 65, and his 28-year-old wife already have six children of their own, but they adopted three more.

Today the family of 11, the children ranging from 2 to 13, are a little band of musicians who play concerts each Saturday night at Bridgeport. Wiggins, a robust rancher who has been music teacher for the family, leads his little flock.

FRAMILODE, Gloucestershire, Eng.—A sturgeon was seen apparently stranded by a motorist at the water's edge of the River Severn at Framilode. He towed it to the bank with his car. It is the second largest sturgeon ever landed from fresh waters in Britain. The fish was 9 feet 5 inches in length.

Methodist Church To Remain Open On First Day Of Year

In keeping with the request of President Roosevelt that Thursday be observed as a day of prayer and that all churches be open on that day, the Methodist church of Ranger will be open and the public is invited to use it as a place for thoughtful meditation and prayer.

A Watch Night Service will be held this evening from 7:30 to 12. At the altar will be a re-production of the Ark of the Covenant which contained the Ten Commandments. As the people enter the church they should go to the altar and kneel for a moment of re-dedication to God's Holy Word. They should then remain seated in the auditorium for a period of quiet meditation and hear the soft music which will be played. Every one may come and go at will.

SANTA CLAUS, GA., INC.
By United Press

SANTA CLAUS, Ga.—Yes, here's another one! The state of Georgia passed legislation to make it an incorporated city. The only trouble is, there's no post office here. But the citizens of this new Santa Claus—and there aren't many of them—are hoping the government will fix things up in time for Christmas, anyway.

Okla., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Mayes.

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People Are Urged To Keep Record of Numbers on Tires

Chief of Police Lee Ames, stating that three tire thefts had been reported to the Ranger police since the tire shortage situation had arisen in the United States, today urged motorists to keep more accurate records as an aid in preventing and running down tire thefts.

Chief Ames asked that everyone make a permanent record of the kind of tires on their automobiles, including the spares, and to take down the serial numbers, which can be found on the sides of each tire. This record might be an aid in finding the tire after it is stolen, Chief Ames pointed

out, while if tire thieves knew that nearly everyone had a record of his tires there likely would be fewer thefts.

He also asked that everyone keep a record of his license number, and the motor number of his automobile. With the facilities recently installed by the State, license numbers of automobiles can be telephoned in by police to the state short wave station, and broadcast to officers throughout the country, who can be on the lookout for the car.

The Lone Star Gasoline Company is installing gates at their office and yard in Ranger, and a watchman is being kept on duty to guard the cars and trucks there, to prevent thefts, John Kindie has reported.

A rushing business usually is headed by a man who does the same.

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