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ACTIVITY OF SECTOR SLOW AS '39 ENDS

As the year grew to a close, operations in this sector were at a low. Three wells were tested in Stephens County and little was seen of their potentialities. One well testing and which had been testing for a long period was Swift and Odom No. 1. J. T. Swley, J. T. Thomas survey, west of Crystal Falls. Total depth was 382 feet in lime. Another testing was George No. 1 Richardson, section 5, block 37, SPRR survey, seven miles north of Caddo. Total depth around 3,944 feet. Still another testing was T. G. Law No. 2 Stroud, northeast part of the county in the G. Newton survey, from 2,584-90 1-2 feet. The same operator's No. 3 Stroud survey, was drilling at 1,650 feet.

Troops Mass on Sands of Syria



Strategic military position of new allied "pool" of reserve troops, quartered in modern camps on the ancient sands of Syria, is shown by map. Heavy arrows indicate the fields of action into which the "pool troops" might be thrown, to participate in possible Balkan action, to protect allied interests in Turkish oil fields, and to help guard the Suez Canal.

New Earth Shocks Felt Over Turkey As Blizzard Rages

ISTANBUL, Turkey, Dec. 30.—New, violent earthquake shocks today shook eastern Turkey, where disastrous quakes occurred earlier in the week.

A violent blizzard, with sub-zero weather and overflowing rivers hampered relief work as the health ministry reported that over 30,000 were dead and 12,000 injured in the Srizcan area alone. Total estimates of the dead reach above 50,000, with fears that this number may reach 100,000 when communication lines are repaired and reports from isolated sectors can be received.

Texas Is Granted 120-Quota To Aid In Marine Increase

Vacancies in the ranks of the United States Marine Corps are being filled at a very gratifying rate according to information received from Washington, D. C. Of the original 5,000 vacancies existing two months ago, approximately 2,000 now remain to bring the Marine Corps up to the authorized peace-time strength.

Ranger Schools to Re-Open Tuesday

The Ranger Public Schools and Ranger Junior College will open Tuesday morning, after a Christmas and New Year holiday of more than a week, it was announced Saturday by W. T. Walton, superintendent of schools and president of the college.

Church of God To Have Watch Service

Rev. L. C. Pennington has announced that the Church of God will hold a watch service at the church Sunday evening.

Youth Regrets He Killed His Father

BRAINERD, Minn., Dec. 30.—Floyd Devilbiss, 15, farm boy, regretted today that he had shot his father to death, but said he was justified.

HITLER SAYS GERMANY WILL WIN THE WAR

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—Adolf Hitler said today in addressing German troops that Germany is fighting "for the existence of the German people" and must defeat the "capitalistic war mongers of England" in 1940.

Ranger Bank Has Best Year In Its History For 1939

At a special directors' meeting of the Commercial State Bank of Ranger, held December 30th, the directors declared a ten per cent dividend. The year of 1939 has been the best business year the bank has enjoyed since it has been organized.

Forty Are Killed In Italian Wreck

NAPLES, Italy, Dec. 30.—Forty persons were killed and 150 injured when an express train, crowded with New Year's celebrants, collided with a local train in Naples today.

Twenty-One Hurt In Train Wreck

ORANGE, Tex., Dec. 30.—Twenty-one persons were injured, none seriously, when a Southern Pacific passenger train was derailed two miles east of here at 4:30 Saturday morning. Two of the injured were white men, the remaining 19 were negroes.

Report Hitler on French Soil in Holiday Front Tour



Germany claims Adolf Hitler was an easy target for French gunners as he strolled about the captured area between Forbach and Saarbruecken, but he was unharmed during his holiday visit to the Western Front.

Dr. W. W. Barnes To Preach Today At First Baptist

Dr. William W. Barnes, noted Church Historian and leader in the Southern Baptist Convention, will preach at the First Baptist Church today at both the morning and evening services.

Lubbock High Wins State Championship

DALLAS, Dec. 30.—The Lubbock Westerners, twice defeated and tied once in early season games, defeated the Waco High School Tigers 29 to 14 Saturday afternoon in the Cotton Bowl at Dallas to gain the state high school football championship of 1939.

Ardmore Rancher To Claim Money, Jewel of Valise

Mrs. Dell Cox of Eastland and brother, J. E. Bowles, 75-year-old Ardmore, Okla., ranchman, Saturday were at Fort Worth to claim a suitcase stolen from Bowles on Christmas eve and found by police in a pawnshop.

Man Is Found Dead On A Lonely Road

FORT WORTH, Dec. 30.—A man, tentatively identified as Sam B. Finler, 34, a former Fort Worth refinery worker, was found dead today beside his automobile on a lonely road.

Moscow Says Finns Invading Territory

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The official Moscow radio today admitted, for the first time, that Finnish troops had crossed the Russian frontier, but declared that several Finnish soldiers had been captured in Russia.

RUSSIA'S BEST TROOPS READY FOR BIG DRIVE

Seasoned Russian troops from Siberia arrived today to begin a new offensive against Finland's narrow "waist" on the central front. Meantime the Finns reported continued successes along all their fronts in their efforts to keep back the Russian invasion.

Students Boo Plan Not To Condemn Russian Invasion

MADISON, Wis., Dec. 30.—Members of the American Student Union, frequently criticized as "communist," heard boos at its convention today when Edwin Newman, of New York, suggested that the union refuse to condemn the Russian invasion of Finland, as the condemnation did not represent the sentiments of members throughout the nation.

Britain Calls Up More to the Colors

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Great Britain expects soon to have 2,500,000 men under arms, as a call was issued today for all between the ages of 23 and 27 to join the colors.

French Capture Two Nazi Army Officers

PARIS, Dec. 30.—French patrol units met up with a German patrol in the West Front sector, a war communique reported today, killing all its members but two. One officer and one non-commissioned officer were reported captured by the French.

Firemen Stand By And Argue While House Burns Down

HAVERSTRAW, N. Y., Dec. 30.—Two fire companies, one from Haverstraw and the other from West Haverstraw, stood by and argued today as a home in an unincorporated area between the two towns burned.

Bowl-Bound Fans Cheered by Weather

Bowl-bound Texas football fans were grateful Saturday for clearing skies and rising temperatures, as they headed for New Year's day games in Dallas, El Paso and New Orleans.

Church of God To Have Watch Service

Rev. L. C. Pennington has announced that the Church of God will hold a watch service at the church Sunday evening.

THE WEATHER
WEST TEXAS—Fair Sunday.

SERIAL STORY BLACKOUT BY RUTH AYERS

YESTERDAY: The stranger who had followed Mary on deck returns her here. She is angry, then mystified as he promises to see her again. As she starts to dress for the party a shudder shakes the ship. Mary is pitched headlong across the cabin.

R. V. Galloway Is A Candidate For County Clerk Post

This issue of the paper carries the announcement of R. V. (Rip) Galloway for the office of County Clerk, of Eastland County. "Rip" as he is familiarly known...



R. V. (RIP) GALLOWAY

Air Instruction Starts Wednesday At Junior College

Russell E. Miller, of the Ranger Flying Service, has received a telegram from the Civil Aeronautics Authority, stating that instruction for Ranger Junior College students will start Wednesday morning, Jan. 3, at 8 o'clock.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School, 9:45 a. m. W. A. Lewis, Superintendent. Morning Worship, 11:30 a. m. Dr. Wm. W. Barnes, Professor of Church History.

FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

G. Alfred Brown, Pastor. The year of 1939 has been unusual in many respects, including the fact that it has had 53 Sundays, instead of the usual 52.

Legal Records

Marriage Licenses Issued: J. H. Hart and Miss Rosina Rebecca Ross, Eastland. James E. Fincher and Miss Elvies Taylor, Kaufman.

Divorce Granted

Ninety-first district court Friday granted a divorce to Vera McLeroy from Coe McLeroy.

Charity Dance Is Slated On Monday

A dance, proceeds of which will go to charity, will be held Monday night, New Year's Day, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall in Cisco, it was announced today.

Suspect In Case 'Sprung' by Writ

E. W. Patterson, judge of 88th district court, late Saturday afternoon granted a writ of habeas corpus to Milton Lawrence, attorney, for the release of a man held by county authorities for California police.

Greetings and Best Wishes For The New Year Of 1940

R. H. Snyder, Manager Woolworth in Ranger for more than 13 years.

EUROPEAN STATESMAN

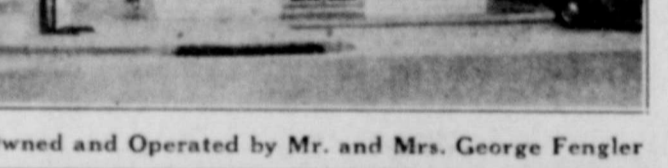
Crossword puzzle grid with clues and a small illustration of a man's face in the center.

CHURCHES

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE. Corner Oak and East Main Sts. Rev. A. G. Pool, Pastor. Sunday Bible School, 9:45 a. m.

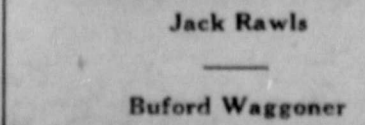
FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

H. B. Johnson, Pastor. Sunday School 10 a. m., with Lawrence Bryan, Supt. Golden Rule Bible class, taught by the pastor.



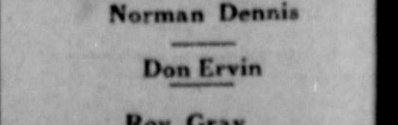
OLD MAN WINTER HASN'T GOT A CHANCE!

Advertisement for Red Horse Service Station featuring an illustration of an old man and a car, with text about winter protection and anti-freeze.



Advertisement for Clover Farm Store with the slogan 'Thrift - Plus Satisfaction' and an illustration of the store's exterior.

New Year Greetings advertisement for Clover Farm Store, including the text '1939 was the Biggest Year in Our Lines... We All Say THANK YOU And Wish Everyone a HAPPY NEW YEAR' and names of staff.



Advertisement for GLOBE featuring the text 'BEST WISHES TO ALL' and 'The greatest satisfaction we get from life is the satisfaction of some service that we have been able to render to others. We enjoy serving you.' It also includes the name SAULE PERLSTEIN and EMPLOYEES.

Advertisement for R. H. Snyder, Manager Woolworth, with a portrait and the text 'Greetings and Best Wishes For The New Year Of 1940'.

ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



RED RYDER

By Fred Harman



LOVE & CRAWLEY SERVICE STATION



Colony School To Present A Play on Thursday Evening

The Junior Class of Colony High School will present a three-act comedy, "Betty, the Girl o' My Heart," by Katharine Kavanaugh, in the Colony High School auditorium, Thursday, Jan. 4, 7:45 p. m. A small admission charge will

be made. The proceeds will be used for the Junior-Senior banquet. This play is full of comedy and pathos. The cast of characters is as follows: Marie, the maid, Hazel Harris. Mrs. Jenkins, the housekeeper, Chairdeil Bearden. Martin, the butler, Bill England.

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Material sense does not unfold the facts of existence; but spiritual sense lifts human consciousness into eternal Truth" (page 95).

Mrs. Graves, fashionably dressed woman of 45, Norma Ruth Crabb, Elizabeth, her daughter, Pauline Bowen. Betty, a Girl of 17, Patsy Ruth Fissel. Jerry Carmichael, an upt-o-date man Johnnie Stuard. Peter Graves, a man of 45, Joe P. Patterson.

Try Our Want Ads.

Chatter Box

We are inclined to disagree with the great doctor who says that the "bunk" of the New Year resolutions are the resolutions that indicate that the one resolving has searched himself and found himself lacking, which is the first step in repentance. Then, too, we've known those who abided by their resolutions to the point of marked improvement. We lay no claim to being a psychiatrist who can tell you just what they psychobiological ads are, but we do think that self-analysis is sufficient if you want to follow the dictates of your own conscience. And there are few who can tell us things about ourselves that we don't know. Others may be helpful to us in discarding that which we know is wrong for us, but the average person wants to admit, not be told, what he lacks. Then there's that other argument for self-analysis in an old saying that is stated something like this, "Search thyself that ye may know men better." (We wonder how many corrections we'll get on that statement). Oh well, if it has never been stated that way we

still think it's a good philosophy, and we're making some New Year resolutions in spite of the psychiatrist... We admit that we were as childishly happy over the "white Christmas" as the little ones who had never seen one. Our only regret was that the fear of aging joints kept us from frolicking in the snow. Then there were the happy contacts with friends and relatives, something that people of many countries were denied on Christmas day. But think of it, in this peaceful country, 612 citizens were killed during the holidays and an official report places at 4,000 the number of men the Allies have lost in the war, which has been going on four months. No doubt, many of those killed in this country were rushing to happy firesides for a reunion with friends and relatives, so it begins to seem that the Christmas slogan should be "Stay by your own fireside at Christmas time," if you want to live. Safety education is needed to teach Americans how to live safely in this streamlined machine age... A charming newcomer in our midst—Mrs. J. Edwin Smith... May each of you have a happy and prosperous New Year.

Society Personal

Mr. and Mrs. Ken E. Ambrose returned Saturday to their home in Ada, Okla., after visiting friends in Ranger Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ken E. Ambrose, Jr., returned to Andrews Saturday, after stopping off in Ranger enroute from Ada, Okla., where they had visited relatives.

Ben Cole of Dallas, district manager of the Southern Ice Company, was a business visitor in Ranger Saturday.

Dr. Tom Lauderdale of Shreveport is the guest of his parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. L. Lauderdale.

Miss Hazel Fondren, who has been the guest of her parents for the holidays returned today to Fort Worth, where she is attending T. W. C.

Mrs. J. H. McElroy of Roosevelt, Okla., is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Cicero Harris.

Mrs. Cicero Harris and son, Cicero, Jr., spent Christmas in Mineral Wells as the guests of Mrs. Floyd Boltin and son, Milbar Lee.

Henry Davenport is confined to his home because of illness.

J. B. Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robinson, who is a patient in the Base Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, expects to receive his medical discharge on Jan. 10.

Mrs. Johnny W. Bennet, who has been critically ill at a hospital in Gorman, has been removed to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Robinson.

Mrs. Ed Dixon and daughter, Imogene, of Van Horn, have returned to their home after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Gaston Dixon and Duke Edward.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Jensen are at home after several months spent in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Bowden of Midland are visiting relatives and friends in Ranger.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Lavelady and daughters, Betty Ford and Lee Ann, of Marshall, were guests Friday of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Boon and sons, Carol and Billie Bob, spent the holidays with relatives in Bra-

dy.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Rawls, Miss Evelyn White and Maurice Agnew attended the Waco-Lubbock game in Dallas, Saturday.

Bob Davenport who recently underwent an operation in Galveston, has returned and is at home with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Davenport.

Miss Ruby Lee of Olden left today for Dallas where she will enter Baylor Hospital for a year's training as a medical technician.

Mrs. I. D. Carlisle is visiting in Comanche.

Miss Billie Marie Davenport has returned from a visit with her aunt in Stephenville.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hise of Odessa have returned to their home after spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Davenport.

Miss Fanny Robinson spent the holidays in Gorman to be with her sister, Mrs. J. W. Bennet, who was a patient in the hospital there.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Rogers and daughters, Marianna and Evelyn, of Alice, and Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hillis, Jr., and son, James, of Fort Worth, have returned to their homes after spending the holidays with their mother, Mrs. Lillian Wolfe.

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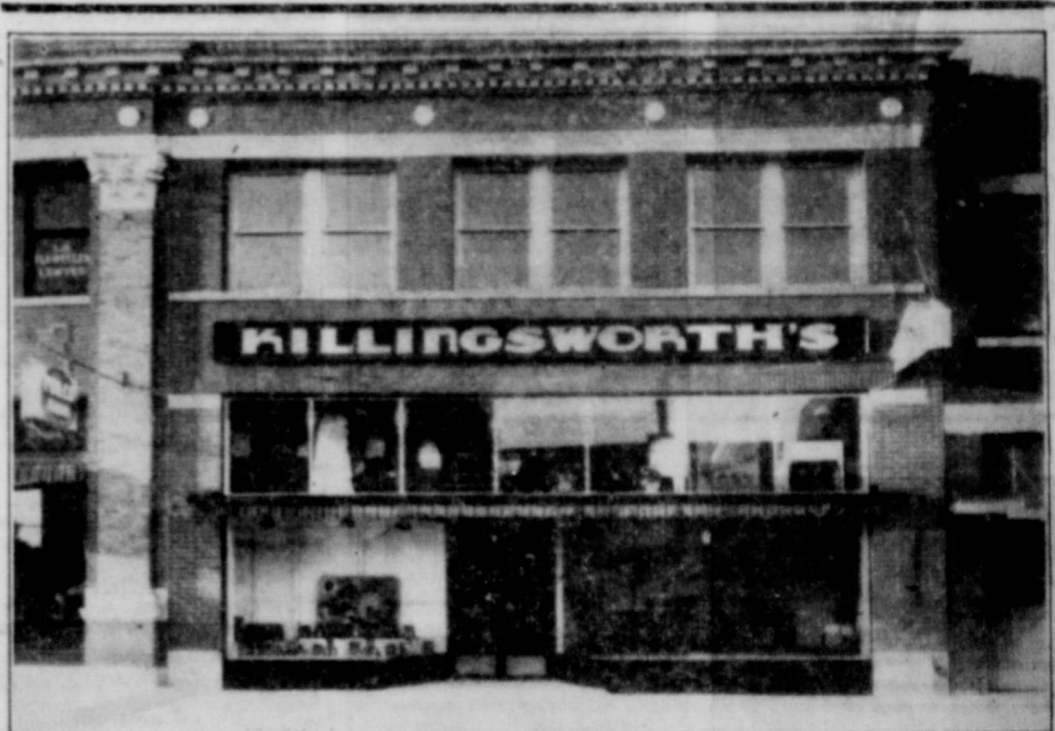
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As we look into the New Year with all its possibilities, we cannot but pause briefly and recount the happiness that was ours in serving our friends during 1939. It was truly a happy privilege.

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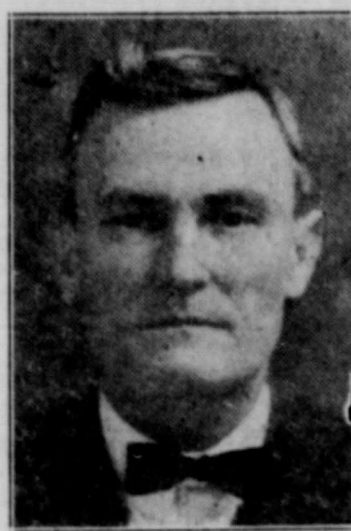
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L. H. Fiewellen, Attorney



H. L. Baskin, Educator



Guy Pledger, Chief of Police



Dr. W. L. Jackson, Physician



A. N. Larson, Electric



W. W. Layton, Minister



H. P. Earnest, Gasoline



Raymond Garza, Groceryman



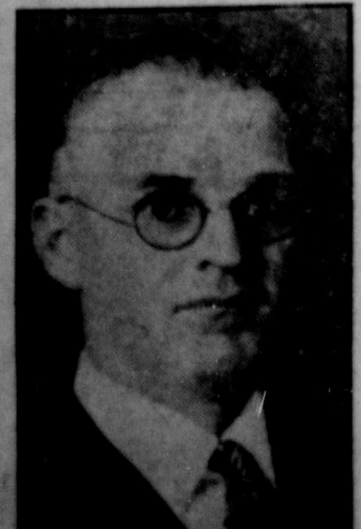
Morris Lovell, Automobiles



Dr. W. L. Downtain, Dentist



B. C. Johnson, Hotel Manager



R. S. Balch, Lumber



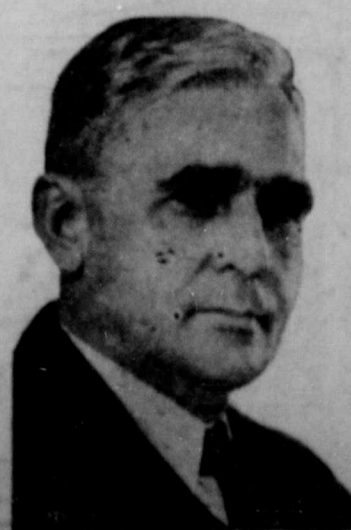
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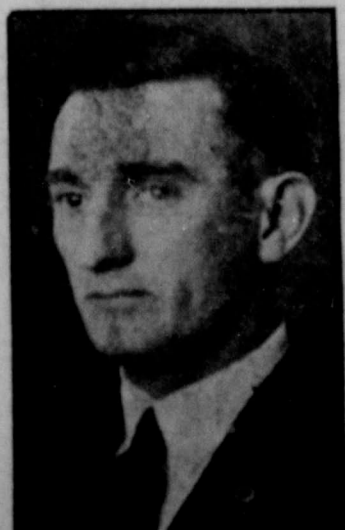
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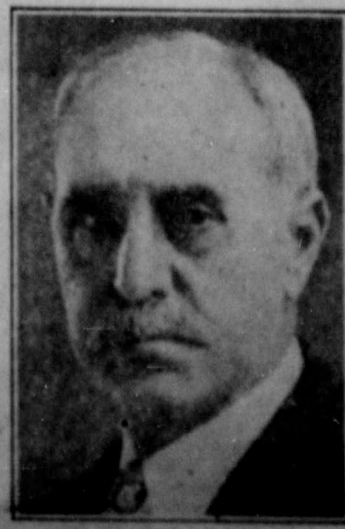
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HAPPY NEW YEAR

The officers, directors and employees of the Commercial State Bank wish the citizens of Ranger and Ranger's trade territory Happy New Year, and we wish to thank each of you for the business we have received for the year 1939, being the best business the bank has ever enjoyed in its history. Our individual deposits have made a new high in the month of December, which exceeds all other highs of the year.

We Thank You



W. F. CREAGER
Cashier



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Assistant Cashier



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Teller



PAUL FARROW
Bookkeeper



MRS. GEORGE ALLISON
Secretary



PRESTON BURKS
Bookkeeper

COMMERCIAL STATE BANK

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ELMO V. COOK REVIEWS 1939 FARMING PROGRESS

The year 1939 marked the 24th year that county agent work has been carried on in Eastland County, according to Elmo V. Cook, present county agent, who has just completed a report of the work done by him and the assistant county agents during 1939. Sam E. Rosenberg and Arthur C. Pratt assisted Cook during the year, being responsible for boy 4-H club work in the county. Cook's work has been with adult farmers and ranchers and 4-H club boys.

In the beginning of the year 1939, with the assistance of agricultural council, the county agent made a plan of work

attended by 200 Eastland County farmers and ranchers. Twenty trench silos were filled with 1,152 tons of feed at an average total cost of \$2.27 per ton. Eleven soil building demonstrators used a carload of TVA superphosphate fertilizer on 275 acres of crop and pasture land. A total of 643 tons of commercial fertilizers were used in Eastland County in 1939 as compared with 470 tons in 1938 and 225 tons in 1937, an increase due largely to a county campaign to increase crop yields and build soils.

Five demonstrators planted 218 acres of New North oats and harvested 10 bushels per acre more than their community average. Four demonstrations of Golden June corn were planted for seed and yield tests.

More than 50,000 peach trees were planted in the county in 1939. Several have planted peach seed, planning to bud young trees next June and raise their own nursery stock.

ing all the surplus birds to others for breeders. Sixteen pasture improvement demonstrations covering 659 acres showed increased grazing values of 75 cents per acre per year at an initial cost of \$1.75 per acre for improvements.

Cooperative marketing grew in strength in Eastland County with more than 1,000 growers marketing peanuts cooperatively. 425 families will shortly receive rural electric energy cooperatively. 150 farmers bought commercial fertilizers and seed Irish potatoes cooperatively.

Rodent control was encouraged by making poison grain available to all farmers. Three hundred twenty-eight land owners of 143,947 acres of land were organized into 13 community management associations.

In 1939 there were 276 club boys enrolled in Eastland County in 13 4-H clubs. Eighty-six boys completed 91 demonstrations. Sixteen boys with peanut demonstrations made average returns of \$16 per acre.



New Year
Greetings
and . . .
**BEST WISHES
To Everyone**
May the New Year of
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**GHOLSON
BEAUTY SHOP**
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We are told that highly valued things usually come in small packages. This small ad we make our wish for you.

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We Hope You Often During 1940

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New Year Greetings

Your patronage, courtesies and any past favors during the closing year have pleased us greatly.

May this New Year be as good to you as you have been to us.

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1939 **WE MAY NOT BE AS SMART AS THE RITZ. BUT OUR FOOD IS JUST AS GOOD!** 1940

**HAPPY NEW YEAR
AND BEST WISHES
TO ONE AND ALL**

Sunday's Menu Dinner

Choice Italian Antipasto - Fruit Cocktail - Cream of Tomato Soup
Filet of Sole, Marguerite - Tenderloin of Beef, Fizzaro
French Mixed Grill
Roast Chicken, Country Style - Virginia Ham Steak, Chamaigne
Sauce - Small R. C. Sirloin, Mushroom Sauce
Italian Chicken Ravioli, Parmesan Cheese
Veal T-Bone, Baked Tomato
Roast of Chicken, Eugene - Braised Beef, Demi Glace
Head Lettuce, 1939 Island Dressing
Browned Potatoes - Cauliflower in Butter - French Peas
Hot Rolls
Bartlett Pear - Sliced Peaches - Ice Cream
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We specialize in Good Steaks and French and Italian Dishes!

THE GHOLSON COFFEE SHOP
Main St. Tony Toti, Prop. Ranger, Texas

Two hundred farmers received direct information on insect control and news stories on insect control served as a source of information to many others.

A county dairymen's association was formed and it sponsored an unofficial dairy day in the county at Rising Star. Dairy cattle were exhibited at four county and nine out-of-county shows. Eastland county was one of the leading counties in Texas in number of dairy animals registered.

General information on beef cattle feeding and other problems of beef cattle management was given to more than 50 breeders and feeders. Several breeders used information on creep feeding of calves.

Control of parasites of sheep and goats was encouraged and more than 25 used recommendations offered along this line. A county goat day was attended by 250 interested persons. One demonstration in control of goat lice with wettable sulphur was started, bringing the county total of such demonstrations to six.

Two poultrymen who kept production records of 1,045 hens proved the soundness of proper poultry management. Four who used sulphur to control coccidiosis in their flocks of young birds got excellent control results. One adult farmer and one 4-H club boy raised baby beef turkeys, sell-

**Greetings For
The New Year**

**L. R. PEARSON
Attorney**

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Our relationship with our patrons during the year 1939 has been most cordial and pleasant and we feel that they are worthy of a sincere wish for a

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**WE, TOO, JOIN IN SAYING
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

And may this New Year bring to all Ranger and the surrounding territory that prosperity that will make us more appreciative of our opportunity to render that very service to make all people happy.

SOUTHERN ICE COMPANY
L. W. MEADOR, Manager
And All Employees

SENSATIONAL NEWS!

FOR 1940

H. H. VAUGHN

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**TO MY FRIENDS
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... and you will be happy
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farm visits were made called on the agents...



A Home For The Homeless Jew

Editorial from the Chicago Daily News of Dec. 12, 1939. These are the home-coming days of the year.

There's no sweeter word in the English language than "home."

And yet 1939 is the year of the "homeless" peoples, those who have no spot left on earth they can call "home."

Hitler has made a hell of what was home to the kindly, music-loving, gentle people of Austria.

Czechoslovakia is now but a name for what was once a homeland for twelve million liberty loving people.

Poland is a waste, peopled by helpless, starving women and children, whose men folk are killed or carried off into slavery in an enemy country.

Russia is rapidly making a shambles of the cities and villages that spelled "home" to the Finns.

Millions upon millions of helpless, hopeless, homeless souls! But among the millions there is ONE class more homeless than all the others—the Jews.

Maybe in some brighter day the Austrians will find themselves out from under the Hitler yoke.

Gone are all the chimerical schemes for settling the outcast Jews, driven like cattle from the lands that they called "home."

Hard put to it to feel acutely, as we all are in these days of incredible madness, we cannot withhold our sympathy and our admiration for the sturdy, resolute endurance that drives the feet of these pilgrims to seek a place that they can call "home."

And what a sorry story is the current story of British official indifference to the fate of the Jew!

A little more than a year ago Chamberlain was halted in his announced purpose to scrap the terms of the mandate, under which Britain ruled Palestine.

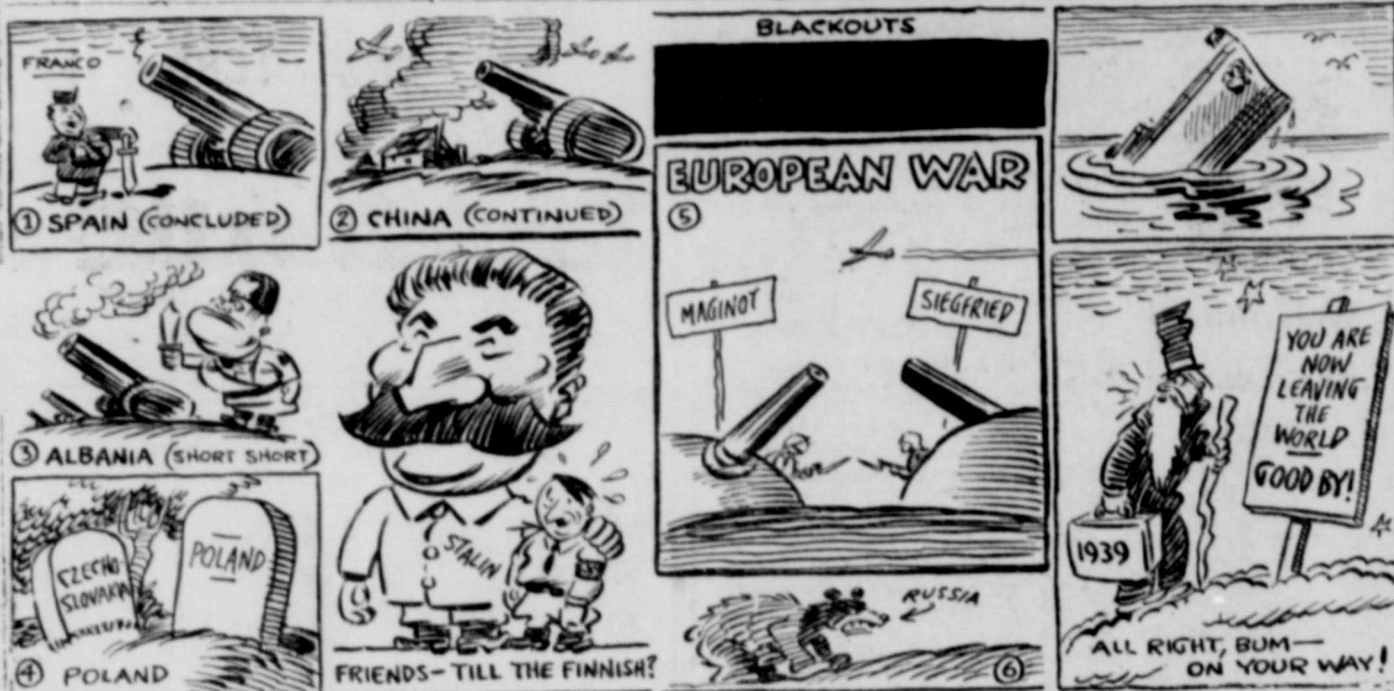
To its credit, the League of Nations committee to which this plan was submitted, refused approval.

Then came the war. Nowhere under the Union Jack was the response to the plea for support of the mother country more prompt than in Jewish Palestine.

The whole story is an epic, written in blood and tears—a vast canvas that comprehends the heights of stark courage, indomitable resolution, ineffable kindness, and the depths of hate, intolerance, and bestial cruelty.

The voice of America—where in our citizenship we know neither Jew nor Gentile, and where an understanding Congress has approved the setting up at last of a homeland for the disinherited Jews of the world in Palestine—calls to England "to do justice and to love kindness and to walk humbly with thy God"

Mussolini comes pretty high up on the list of persons whose shoes we would not care to be in.



Be Your Own Prophet For New Year

Current events seers who charted the world's fevers in 1939 found the patient turning up with surprising ailments at the wrong times.

Why not take your own clinical thermometer in hand and chart for yourself the fevers of 1940?

Here, for example, are some things that may—or may not—happen in 1940. Sharpen your pencils and write your own ticket for the New year.

- AT HOME 1. Will F. D. R. be a candidate in 1940? 2. Is it a "Democratic ear?" 3. Will the Browns and the Phillies be last again? 4. Will business be better or worse? 5. Will the government spend more than it makes again? 6. Will "Tobacco Road" fold this year?

- ABROAD 1. Will the war in Europe, in Asia, be still going on? 2. Will Russia ever get across the Karelian Isthmus? 3. Will the Nazis and the Reds split up? 4. Will any revolutionary new methods of warfare be introduced? 5. Will either Poland or Czecho-Slovakia be restored? 6. Will Hitler either marry or confirm reports that he is married?

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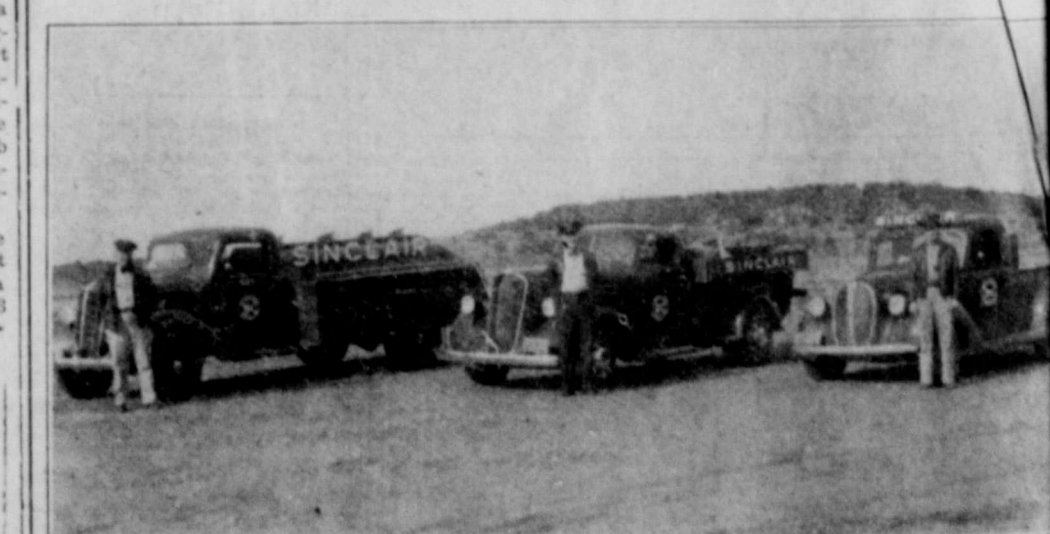
(Continued from page 1) participated in many activities during the year, including radio programs, judging contests, a trip to the Southwestern Exposition and Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth.



PETITACTRESS

Grid for crossword puzzle titled 'PETITACTRESS' with horizontal and vertical clues.

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German Consul Is Sure War Will End By Christmas, 1940

By United Press
 EL PASO, Tex.—Peace by Christmas in 1940—and possibly sooner—as a result of German unrestricted sea warfare is foreseen by Baron E. F. von Spiegel, German consul general of southern states with headquarters in New Orleans, La.

Von Spiegel believes the war simply "will peter out" when England comes to realize that Germany is much stronger and more enduring than was "first suspected."

The former U-boat commander

in the Imperial German Navy foresaw on a visit here that Germany will have 400 submarines in her naval armada by next spring. Through use of mines, airplanes and unrestricted submarine warfare, the Reich will gain supremacy of the seas by early summer, he said.

"England is vulnerable, relying on shipping lanes, and we are not vulnerable at this time," he added.

The people everywhere will grow tired of war. "What is it for," they will ask. Poland will be forgotten and by Christmas next year we'll be under the peace angel."

Entry of the United States into the war is unlikely, the baron believes.

"What for," he asked, raising his eyebrows. "Send more soldiers to the Maginot Line where they

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already have so many they don't know what to do with them?"

Von Spiegel foresaw a stalemate on the Western Front, with Fuehrer Adolf Hitler "too humane" to sacrifice a million lives in an attack on the Maginot Line and the French "too wise" to attempt a similar assault on the German West Wall.

Commenting on the Nazi chancellor's orders to scuttle the German pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee outside Montevideo, Uruguay, after a battle with three British cruisers, the consul general said he believed the decision "wonderful" and "humane." It

Railway Line Has Been Abandoned At Mineral Wells

By United Press
 MINERAL WELLS, Tex.—After 27 years of service, the Gulf, Texas and Western Railroad has discontinued its trains between Jacksboro and Mineral Wells.

The last trains moved over the 35-mile track Dec. 26 and then the stretch was abandoned—at least for the present. The GT&W, operated by the Frisco, began running trains between the two towns on May 27, 1913, when 2,600 persons rode the first cars through the ice and sleet and every business house closed up to celebrate at Jernyn, roundhouse headquarters on the Seymour-Jacksboro run.

The abandonment resulted from an Interstate Commerce Commission ruling that the Texas & Pacific subsidiary—the Mineral Wells & Northwestern Railroad—adequately serves the area. It runs from Mineral Wells to Salesville Junction.

The Jacksboro-Seymour trains will continue to be operated by the Frisco pending conclusion of a contract, already tentatively approved by the ICC, under which the Rock Island Railroad will take over the route, probably increasing the schedule from one to two trains daily in each direction.

It seems to be becoming a case of Lo, the Poor Red Mora-cc.

cheated England of a "cheap victory" and spared the lives of the crew, which otherwise would have fought to the death, he added.

"All Hitler's decisions are wonderful," Von Spiegel said.

Political Year May See Some Changes In Campaign Style

By United Press
 AUSTIN, Tex.—Vice-President John Nance Garner's candidacy for the democratic nomination for president will focus political attention of his fellow Texans during the first part of the year. But before that race is decided the state will be in the throes of its bi-ennial selection of state officers.

Some look for a return to the conservative type of campaigning. They believe the pendulum of public opinion has swung back from the hillbilly band type of campaign that gave Gov. W. Lee O'Daniel his nomination in 1938. Others believe the swing style may grow and predict that O'Daniel and Railroad Commissioner Jerry Sadler will be conducting rival shows.

It will be an off-year for change in state policies because these usually are determined in the years when the legislature meets. The state railroad commission, however, plans a distinct change of policy. Through the greater part of 1939 the commission ordered the state's oil fields shut down a various number of days monthly in order to curb total production. Beginning in February the commission has determined to abandon the shut-down policy and let the fields run daily.

A new etiquette book for gentlemen warns never to give a cab driver a nickel tip. That's not etiquette. That's self-defense.



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A New Year's Message

accordingly—to level out the peaks and valleys of production and employment.

Our payrolls are now the largest in recent years. Because the increased business of last year permitted it, we raised the wage rate of thousands of our men. We also put into effect a \$150,000,000 insurance plan for the benefit of our employes.

A lot of other things have resulted from the success of the low-priced automobile. The roads that have been built. The oil and gas and tire and service businesses that have grown up. The new markets that have been built up for farm products to be used as raw materials in industry. The freedom that people have to move around and see their country.

But the most important thing we have found in these thirty-seven years is that this country is always good to a business that never sells the country short—a business founded on the belief that this country is going steadily ahead, and is willing to invest everything it has in the future.

That is why our plant here at Dearborn is never completely "finished" in the way that a house is finished. That's why we are always rebuilding and adding to our facilities as we are, even now, to provide for the new tractor.

That's why we can say Happy New Year with confidence. We know that, no matter what happens, America will be able to review some more real progress at the end of 1940.

Henry Ford
Edsel Ford

BEST WISHES TO ALL FOR A HAPPY NEW YEAR

For your co-operation and assistance during the past years, we wish to extend our sincere thanks and appreciation.



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SERIAL STORY

BLACKOUT

BY RUTH AYERS

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YESTERDAY: Terrified by the man following her, Mary runs to her cabin. Calm slowly returns and she resolves to shake off her morbid mood. She dresses Anna in one of her most glamorous gowns and stands in amazement at the transformation. Anna is grateful, supremely happy. But the overtones of impending tragedy continue.

CHAPTER VI

AS Anna turned slowly to leave the cabin, Mary Carroll caught up her own gold leather evening purse. "Here," she cried, tossing it to Anna. "There's make-up and everything in it, just as it was the last time I carried it. Wait for me in the salon. If I don't have to plow through swarms of admirers to reach you, I'll be disappointed." It was the exact right note to strike with Anna. Smiling, suddenly confident, she left the cabin.

When the door closed, Mary's shoulders sagged. It had been exhilarating to work the Cinderella transformation. But now that it was complete, the same black mood she had been trying to fight off overwhelmed her again.

She had promised to join Anna, and she turned to her own dressing. Disrobing, she opened the traveling case for the negligee she would wear to the shower.

Her hand reached into the pocket and touched a card. It was the card she had tucked there on the morning in London two days ago.

She read again its message—"At Midnight."

Her words leaped up like something evil. Her tortured mind began to go over the events of the past few days. This was the card the waiter had brought to the table in the restaurant where she and Vincent had dined. Vincent had not shown it to her, but in the panic during the air raid alarm the card had slipped from his hand and somehow had lodged in the bow of her dress.

It had frightened her when she had found it, but the next morning she had dismissed her fears with the thrilling thought of sailing to the Moravia with Vincent. She had convinced herself the card had been unimportant and meaningless.

At a sudden, a shattering sound struck her. That note...

The woman who had come into the restaurant and exchanged such an intimate glance with Vincent.

"The message was from Carla!" Mary was unaware she spoke aloud.

She dropped her head on her hands before the dressing table and in her alarm everything became clear.

Carla Marchetta, the hostess of celebrities, Carla, at whose Mayfair house Vincent had been a guest.

As a reel unwinding faster and faster, flashbacks came to Mary. She and Vincent had been separated in the rush to the shelter. After the young American doctor had carried her to the basement shelter, Vincent had been strangely jarring.

Had it been because of Carla that Vincent had failed to sail on the Moravia?

"No, no," she moaned, "I'm hysterical—I'm mad."

A SHARP rap sounded on her door. Expecting the steward, she stood up and, wrapping her robe around her, said, "Come in."

The door opened slowly. "Pardon, Mademoiselle, I believe this is your beret."

The blond young man who stood in the doorway, a forced smile on his lips, spoke with a foreign inflection.

Mary scowled. "Yes, it's my beret," she said coldly. "It blew off when I was on deck."

The stranger nodded. "You must not mind, Mademoiselle, because I bring it back myself instead of sending it by the steward."

Mary looked at him. The only one who would have known about her tam blowing off was the man who had been shadowing her on the deck.

"You were following me!" she blazed hotly. "How dare you!"

There was nothing ominous about the face or figure of the flaxen-haired youth now. In the light from the passageway, he was quite innocuous except for his eyes. He turned on her with a haunted, beseeching look.

Taken aback for a minute by Mary's sharp accusation, he recovered his poise and said in the

same low voice, "Is it wrong for a man to gaze at a beautiful girl who strides like a Valkyrie on a dark deck?"

Mary stood invincible. "I am quite sure you were waiting purposely for me to pass."

He bowed courteously. "I am sorry if Mademoiselle misunderstood." He offered the beret to her. "Perhaps later I may have the chance to prove what you believe is untrue."

Mary took the tam and bowed. "Thanks and good night," she said, but her voice was no longer sharp.

WHEN she shut the door, she had a disturbing feeling the young man still stood in the passageway. Resolutely, she rang again for the steward. She mustn't delay any longer in dressing to join Anna.

Anna's gray uniform dress with the prim white cuffs was still on the chair; her practical black handbag on the dressing table.

Mary pushed them aside as she began to lay out her own clothes for the evening. She chose a gossamer white dress. "White for heartbreak," she said to the silence of the room.

She was still puzzling about the strange encounter on the deck when the bath steward entered.

"Will you see if the shower is ready?" she asked.

"Yes, Miss, the shower room is empty—three doors down."

THROUGH the night, the blackened ship cut through the heaving Atlantic. A few more days and it would dock in New York harbor.

As Mary Carroll picked up her bath kit, lights in the cabin blinked and went out. In the dark, a shuddering thud resounded from below.

An ominous silence followed the deafening sound. Then a terrific din of shrieking, gasping voices struck the air.

Mary groped for the bunk for support. She felt a splash of cold water pouring in through the shattered porthole.

She was pitched headlong across the cabin as the convulsed Moravia listed to starboard.

(To Be Continued)

"OUT OUR WAY"

By Williams

Petsamo Is Taken In Many Wars Through Centuries

WASHINGTON — News dispatches from the Arctic war front describing the battle between the Russians and the Finns recall the turbulent history of the main point of conflict—the Petsamo seaport. The seaport, less than 20 miles from the present border of the Russian Kola Peninsula, is important in the current struggle, as it is ice-free the year round, while harbors as far as 1,000 miles to the south are frozen over for several months. The National Geographic Society explains that the Gulf Stream flowing nearby is the cause of warm waters. The region has been contested for centuries between Finns, Swedes, Norwegians and Russians. At times its ownership has been so confused that it was once called "common land" and inhabitants were paying taxes to as many as three governments. The Petsamo region is a narrow strip of land between Norway and Russia that covers more than 4,000 square miles, yet its population is only estimated at 3,400, including a few Russians. Between the 16th and 19th centuries the entire Petsamo region was the scene of frequent frontier disputes and unofficial warfare between northern neighbors. At one time it was divided between Norway and Russia, but later the port and adjacent territory went to Norway when the rest of land was ceded to Russia. During the Russian revolution British expeditionary force tried the port of Petsamo and Finnish troops made an unsuccessful attempt to take the city. In 1920, following the establishment of Finland as an independent nation, a treaty with Soviet Russia again opened up the region to the Arctic, giving the country control of the Petsamo port.

Motor Plates For 1940 Individualized

WASHINGTON — The American Automobile Association that color schemes for the automobile license plates varied as the political changes in the quadrennial political elections. Among the more unusual the AAA reports in a survey color combinations for the tags were Idaho's green on North Carolina's maroon on minimum, and Pennsylvania's marine blue on golden yellow. Puerto Rican plates have the three-color plate with pattern on white and blue. The AAA denotes a trend in the direction of individualizing plates with special shapes or slogans. Georgia will advertise the "Peach State" under the tagline "New York tags under the sun again to proclaim the 'New World's Fair,'" and Wisconsin will let everyone know they are from "America's Dairyland."



BUSINESS AND PLEASURE

ANYTHING and everything known to aviation.

Everyone was satisfied with the maneuverability of the plane and its sturdiness after Jensen had whipped it into every stunt he knew. Its cruising speed was established at 110 miles an hour, and its landing speed at about 40.

Designed with extreme streamlining, with all struts and braces concealed inside the wings, the ship proved to be at least 25 miles an hour faster than other planes in its class and horsepower. It is equipped with a new Franklin 60-horsepower airplane motor.

Ivory colored with a light blue trim, the plane is constructed with plywood covering overall with a new bakelite finish resistant to weather. Inside the fuselage, the upholstery is of orange and gray cloth similar to that used in higher-priced automobiles.

The ship will fly 30 miles on a gallon of gasoline.

In flight, the plane looks like an army pursuit craft because of its streamlined structure. The wings are much smaller than those of other ships, the same length from propeller to tailskid, and the wings taper at the outer ends.

Principal features of the monoplane conform with desires of pilots throughout the country as found in a recent poll conducted to determine features of an "ideal" plane for civilian fliers.

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS



Behind Winter Snow, Waits Spring!



If winter can't get you down, wait for spring! Not in Rochester, N. Y., as last, where pretty Ayce Page brushes off a street sign to find a reminder that behind the December snowdrifts lies spring—at least across the street.

Garage Airplane Meets First Test

By United Press CHARLESTON, S. C.—Martin Jensen opened the throttle wide on a trim little low-wing monoplane which he built after 20 years of study and experiment.

The ivory-colored craft began moving slowly at first, into the wind. Quickly it gained speed, and after a 75-foot run it nosed upward and was in the air.

Thus the first flight of a plane that is expected to fulfill a long-felt need of aviation was under way.

As the ship's wheels left the ground, Jensen cut it sharply with a kick on the left rudder. The plane reared toward the sun with never a falter. Then Jensen circled and climbed higher, leveling off at 3,000 feet.

Some 500 spectators who had assembled to watch the maiden flight agreed that the craft did

France Grants Her Soldiers More Food

By United Press PARIS—The French government, which claims to have the best fed army in the world, has not forgotten Napoleon's slogan—"an army marches on its stomach."

Every French soldier gets the following daily allotment: Fourteen ounces of meat; three and a half ounces of dry vegetables; two ounces of sugar; one and a half ounces of coffee; two ounces of bread, and one and a half pints of wine.

In addition, every soldier gets 6 cents a day extra food allowance, which he may spend on fresh fruit, cheese and chocolate.

America has nothing to worry about so long as we have our traditions of democracy, free enterprise and Shirley Temple.

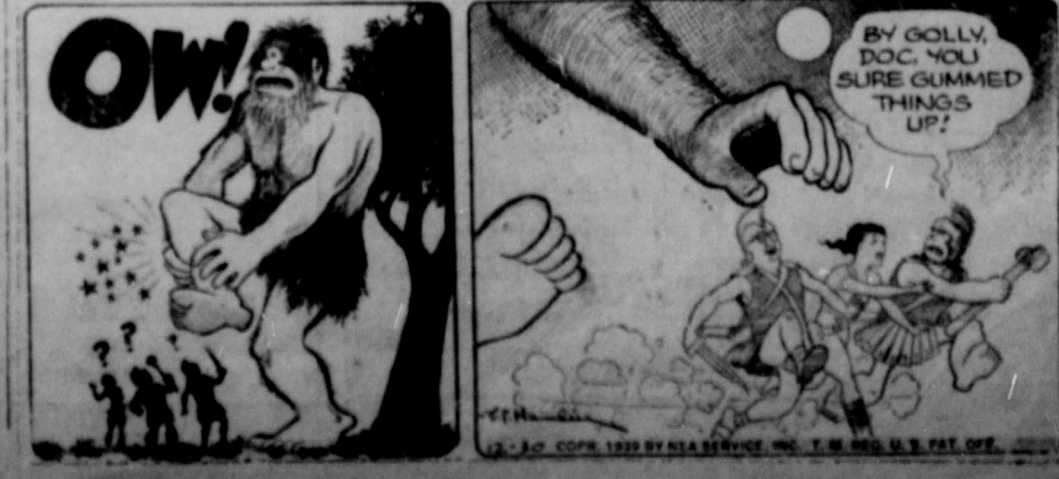
RED RYDER

By Fred Harman



ALLEY OOP

By Hamlin



THIS CURIOUS WORLD

By William Ferguson



ANSWER: In January the sun is approximately three miles nearer than in July.

Girl Instructor Of Flying Finds Men Harder To Teach

By United Press
 TROY, N. Y.—A blue-eyed slip of a girl, who teaches flying to C-foot engineers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, believes it's safer to teach women students.
 "They are more willing to do as they are told," according to Miss Barbara Kibbee, 23-year-old, 115-pound Civil Aeronautics Authority flight instructor.
 The soft-spoken flier, who learned to do spins and figure-eights at the Ryan School of Aeronautics in San Diego, Cal., said the biggest obstacle to more women taking to the air is psychological.
 Despite their fear of the air, Miss Kibbee said, average women "know they know nothing about flying or mechanics or engineering or physics," and are consequently easy to teach.
 "On the other hand," she continued, "I find that some men think they know how things should be done and sometimes are not as ready to follow instructions. This is particularly true of middle-aged men, who have been successful in business and who as executives have become accustomed to giving rather than taking orders."
 Miss Kibbee, one of the few women flight instructors in the country, was already a licensed commercial pilot and instructor before her appointment to Rensselaer's pilot training program.
 At the Ryan school in San Diego she was one of three women students among 200 men. Of the three, Miss Kibbee alone carried on to become a licensed commercial pilot.
 "I haven't found that my sex handicaps me as an instructor," she said. "Some men at first question the idea of being taught to fly by a slender little woman, but after the first flight all this changes. If they see she knows her

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business and has as much nerve as they have, that's all there is to it." She believes that in time women will fly planes as commonly, in proportion, and as well as they drive automobiles now.
 Her co-instructors at the institute, Bob Reno, a veteran of 15 years, and Howard Pember, keen air enthusiast, are inclined to agree with her.

State Sets Up A Shop Course For Unskilled Labor

By United Press
 HARTFORD, Conn.—Connecticut is meeting a shortage of skilled help in the state's booming factories by opening the first of a group of special experimental all-night schools for industrial beginners.
 Gov. Raymond E. Baldwin, mentioned as a possible candidate for the Republican Vice Presidential nomination, declares this "job-training" school the first of its kind in the United States.
 It was opened here with 70 unemployed youths enrolled. No jobs were promised. They were offered a 200-hour course of general shop training, considered sufficient to permit them to get jobs as apprentices in industrial plants, which were expected to absorb them quickly.
 Most of the large factories are cooperating, principally by lending skilled employes to teach the youths the rudiments of shop practice.
 Classes are held from 11 p. m. to 7 a. m., five nights weekly at

Stolen Auto Found In Better Shape Than When Taken

EAST LIVERPOOL, O.—Edward B. Martin almost wishes the same person who drove his car away from his home would do it again, because when he got it back, Martin was considerably to the good.
 "My car was gone all week-end," Martin said. "I fretted and fussed, but finally found it. I noticed a marked improvement in its running."
 Inspection at the police station revealed that although the car had more than 200 more miles on it, there were eight more gallons of gasoline in the tank, a new fuel pump and distributor head had been installed and the front wheels rebushed.
 "All I need now to make the overhaul complete," Martin said, "is a new set of spark plugs. I don't know how the thief overlooked changing the spark plugs, though."

between 16 and 25.
 "Special training" is being given to older workers who "through prolonged unemployment, may have become skill-rusty."
 The "job-training" program began after a special state commission studying unemployment of men past 45 discovered the problem of unemployed youth was a greater one in Connecticut at the moment.
 The commission immediately shifted from the problem of age to youth when complaints came in from industry that not enough skilled help was available in the state, and that importations of out-of-state workers would have to be made.

1. The completion of the course does not guarantee a job. Every effort, however, will be made to obtain one.
 2. The first week is to be considered a probationary period. If at the end of this period the enrollee has not shown sufficient progress, he will be dropped from the class and another called to take his place.
 3. It is to be understood that the course does not aim to produce skilled toolmakers and machinists, nor should the enrollee expect to obtain the type of work done by these tradesmen when entering industry. Its purpose is to give such training as will enable a person to have some small understanding of shop processes and an appreciation of the accuracy required in machining operations.
 4. The state trade school is not responsible for any injuries which may occur to members of the class.
 These instructions are for the unemployed youngsters, just out of school or a little older — be-

Mary Martin Film Here Sunday



Above is a scene from "The Great Victor Herbert" starring Mary Martin of Weatherford, Texas. Miss Martin is well known in Ranger, having conducted a dancing school here some three years ago. The film comes to the Arcadia Sunday.

Young Seaman Is Honored But He Is Unaware Of Fact

LONDON—Unaware that he has been honored for gallantry, Dennis Bird, 19, is somewhere at sea with the navy.
 His parents have been informed that their son, formerly an officer on the steamer *Loania*, which was sunk by a submarine, has been awarded the Liverpool Shipwreck and Humane Society medal and certificate for his "gallant attempt" to rescue a seaman.

Political Announcements

This newspaper is authorized to publish the following announcements of candidates for public office, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:
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Germans are hauling new naval victories; scuttling of Nazi ships to prevent the British from sinking them.

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MEET OUR STAR SALESMEN!

No, they're not on our payroll. They probably know very little about us. But we still consider them our "star salesmen"! Why? Well, because they do a great job of selling our bread—Schooley's bread. They're "sold" on it themselves. They like its fresh taste . . . it's flavor. They know it's pure and wholesome because Mother has often remarked about it. They're even a little bit scientific, too, because they realize it provides them with the energy they need for school and play. So they tell their friends about Schooley's — which makes them our star salesmen!

SCHOOLEY'S BAKERY
 Phone 7 Ranger

GOOD BYE 1939

AND MAY THE New Year 1940 BE A PROSPEROUS ONE

BROWN'S TRANSFER CO.
 Contract Operator T.P. Transport Phone 635

OIL CITY PHARMACY

SEASON'S GREETINGS!

When happy associations are passed they leave pleasant memories and as we look over 1939 we have fond recollections of our association with you.

May the New Year Bring You HEALTH, WEALTH and HAPPINESS

OIL CITY PHARMACY
 E. E. Crawford, Nicol Crawford, Jack Hall, Steve Preslar, J. B. Houghton, Jr.

GOOD NEWS
 For Winter Appetites
 You Can't Go Wrong on These

Rib Roasts Ham Steaks Beef Steaks

LOU'S QUALITY MARKET
 at CLOVER FARM STORE
 Phone 60 We Deliver

What Interested Texas Newspaper Readers 100 Years Ago Revealed By A Copy of Old Austin Paper In Library

AUSTIN, Tex., Dec. 30.—What interested the people of Texas 100 years ago is revealed by the state library's copy of the Austin City Gazette issued on Jan. 1, 1840.

Season's Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year 1940



You have been most generous with us during all the years we have been serving you in Ranger—Thanks.

WOODS GROCERY & MARKET
Phone 72 We Deliver Strawn Road



HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL

AND MAY EVERY DAY OF THE NEW YEAR BRING YOU HEALTH and HAPPINESS

RANGER FURNITURE EXCH.

Colonel Brashier - F. P. Brashier - Bill Brashier

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO YOU

ON SEEKING BEAUTY



WHAT THE POETS NEVER KNEW IS NOT SO NEW TO YOU,

A PERMANENT, A FACIAL, A RINSE, A MANICURE, SHAMPOO—

EVERYTHING THAT BRINGS YOU BEAUTY EVERYTHING TO CHARM YOUR PRINCE TO GIVE YOU IS OUR DUTY

IZETTA'S BEAUTY SHOP
Opposite Young School

NOTICE!



Interest on customers' deposits is payable January 1, 1940. For the convenience of our customers, unless payment in cash is requested, all interest amounting to 30c or more will be credited on January electric service bills.

TEXAS ELECTRIC SERVICE COMPANY

Under a heading "Latest News" Editor Samuel Whiting grouped a series of items from various parts of the world. The Gazette apparently had a Walter Winchell on its staff. From England it reported that Queen Victoria was expected to bestow her hand upon Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg.

Strangely enough some of the matters were parallel to the events that intrigue newspaper readers today.

The British minister was notifying the Austrian cabinet that his government was resolved at all hazards to maintain inviolate the integrity and independence of the Ottoman Empire.

Spain had not yet finished its civil war of that period. General Cabrera was reported to be keeping the field in favor of Don Carlos.

The Russians were in somewhat similar position to that they occupy in the news now. The Circassians were described as remaining free and unconquered notwithstanding large masses of troops opposing them. Russian forces were reported to have lost 12,000 men in one battle.

In the United States a "valuable gold mine" had been discovered in Randolph County, Alabama. This New Year the world considers a rediscovery of gold in a southeastern state.

More locally, the paper of Jan. 1, 1840, noted promising signs of resumption of trade with Mexico. A large Mexican trading party had arrived at Austin with 170 head of cattle to exchange for goods and groceries.

Special attention was directed to a report made by Col. Wedwar Burleson on the defeat of the Cherokee Indians headed by Chief "Egg" about three miles below the mouth of the San Saba River. Chief "Egg" was killed in the engagement.

The colonel's report was sent to Albert Sidney Johnson, secretary of war of the Republic of Texas, later to become famous as a Confederate general in the war between the states.

Edwin Waller, whose grandson still is a frequent candidate for office at San Marcos, was announced as the nominee for mayor of Austin. He laid out the original plot of the city.

A proclamation by President Mirabeau B. Lamar warned Texans against any attempt to invade Mexico.

Pages one and two of the paper were devoted to a report of the proceedings of the first session of the Fourth Congress of the Republic of Texas.

Advertisements in the paper included an offer by Alexander Russell to buy \$10,000 worth of military scrip. Another column

advertised the opening of regular stage coach service between Austin and Houston, and William Ranney notified the public:

"The gentlemen of, and strangers visiting the city of Austin, the capital of the great republic, can get a comfortable shave at Austin City Saloon on Congress Avenue, or have their hair cut in neatest style."

War's Confusion Aids Young Doctor

By United Press

LONDON.—A young London doctor, who only a few months ago was barely able to pay his office rent, now holds a high government position—and all because of a mistake.

Shortly after the outbreak of war, he received a letter from the ministry of health appointing him to take charge of a children's department outside of London.

Almost overcome with surprise and joy at being recognized by the



government, the young man left London to take up his new post. Later, it was discovered that it was a well-known Harley street specialist of the same name for whom the letter was intended, but by this time the young doctor was making such a good job of his new work that his appointment was regularized.

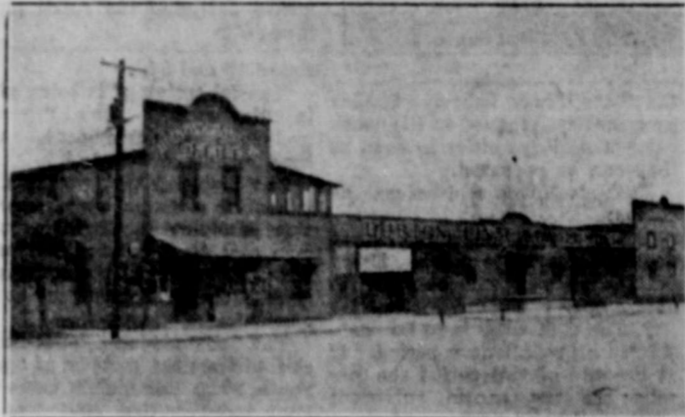


New Year Greetings To All

We welcome the New Year and hope for each one the best of all the good things.

We are better prepared than ever before to give you the very best in Dry Cleaning.

Ranger Dry Cleaning Plant
S. P. BOON



New Line of Beautiful WALLPAPER

Season's latest designs and patterns. All kinds of building supplies.

We have gained a number of friends during the old year and have kept our old ones. So we feel that 1939 is one that we can be justly proud of. We look forward to 1940 as one with golden opportunities. We resolve to do more than ever for our friends and customers.

BURTON LINGO LUMBER CO.
R. S. BALCH, Mgr.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

And we mean it. We are anticipating a glorious year and are improving our service that we may make each year better.

We eagerly look forward to serving you through the New Year, 1940.

EUREKA TOOL COMPANY
Phone 139 E. F. Arterburn, Mgr.



The pages of the calendar have been replaced by those of the New Year.

Whatever its record might have been lets forget it and profit by the mistakes of the past and give a greater service during all the 365 days of the year just ahead.

THANKS FOR YOUR MANY FAVORS DURING 1939

H. P. EARNEST, Consignee
TEXAS COMPANY PRODUCTS
Ranger, Texas

NEW YEAR



and best wishes to our friends and neighbors

Through the kind patronage of our customers the past year has been one of success and pleasure. We take this means to thank all and wish for each of you a New Year of Prosperity.

CLEMMER DAIRY
J. H. Clemmer and Sons

Happy New Year and Best Wishes



T. L. DUPREE

No one could wish you more happiness or be more grateful than we are.

Drop in and let us service the car—it will make the first day of the New Year more pleasant.

T. L. Dupree Service Station
Sinclair Oils and Greases



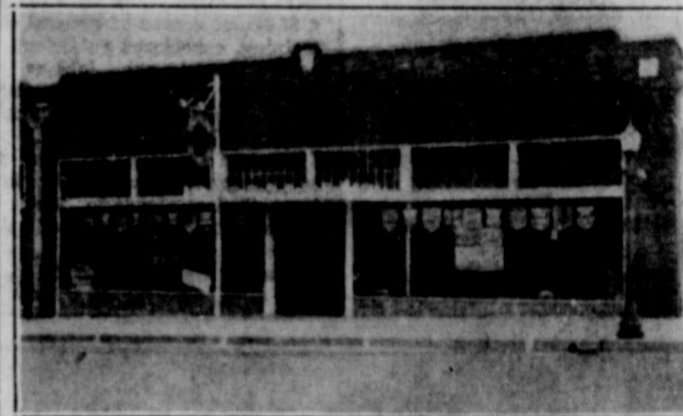
Happy New Year To Everyone

and may each day of the entire year bring you peace and happiness.

That Good Gulf Gasoline

Milton George Service Station
New Eastland Highway
Your Business Appreciated

Home of Plymouth Agency



HAPPY NEW YEAR ... and Best Wishes to All

See the new 1940 Plymouth on display at our show rooms.

Top and body works. Wrecker Service
General Automobile Repair Work

CLARKE MOTOR CO.

W. H. CLARKE, Prop.
Main & Marston Phone Day 571—Night 308-M

TRY A WANT AD—IT ALWAYS PAYS!

BEST WISHES AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Lum Love

We appreciate your many kindnesses of the past and look forward to seeing you many times during 1940

Handling Sinclair H-C Gasoline, Sinclair Opaline Motor Oils

SINCLAIR

PRODUCTS 100 PER CENT

Tires - Batteries and Accessories, Specializing in Washing, Greasing, Polishing and Tire Repairing.

LOVE & CRAWLEY SERVICE STATION

Your Business Always Appreciated



Price Crawley

Better Cars Have Been Built

STUDEBAKER

See The New 1940 Models in Our Show Rooms.