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WEATHER
WEST TEXAS: Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, occasional light rains in East portion; little change in temperature.

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Greeks Capture 1,000 New Prisoners Police Detective Kills Oklahoma Extortion Case Suspect

Officer Fires When 70-Year-Old Man Refuses To Take Hands Out Of Pockets And Submit To Arrest In Oklahoma

Detective Ordered To Arrest Oklahoman For Questioning In Connection With Extortion Letter Sent To Laundry Manager, Asking \$500

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 31 (AP)—John Kirby, 70, was shot and killed today by Clyde Anderson, police detective, who said he fired when Kirby refused to take his hands out of his pockets when the officer sought to question him in an extortion case.

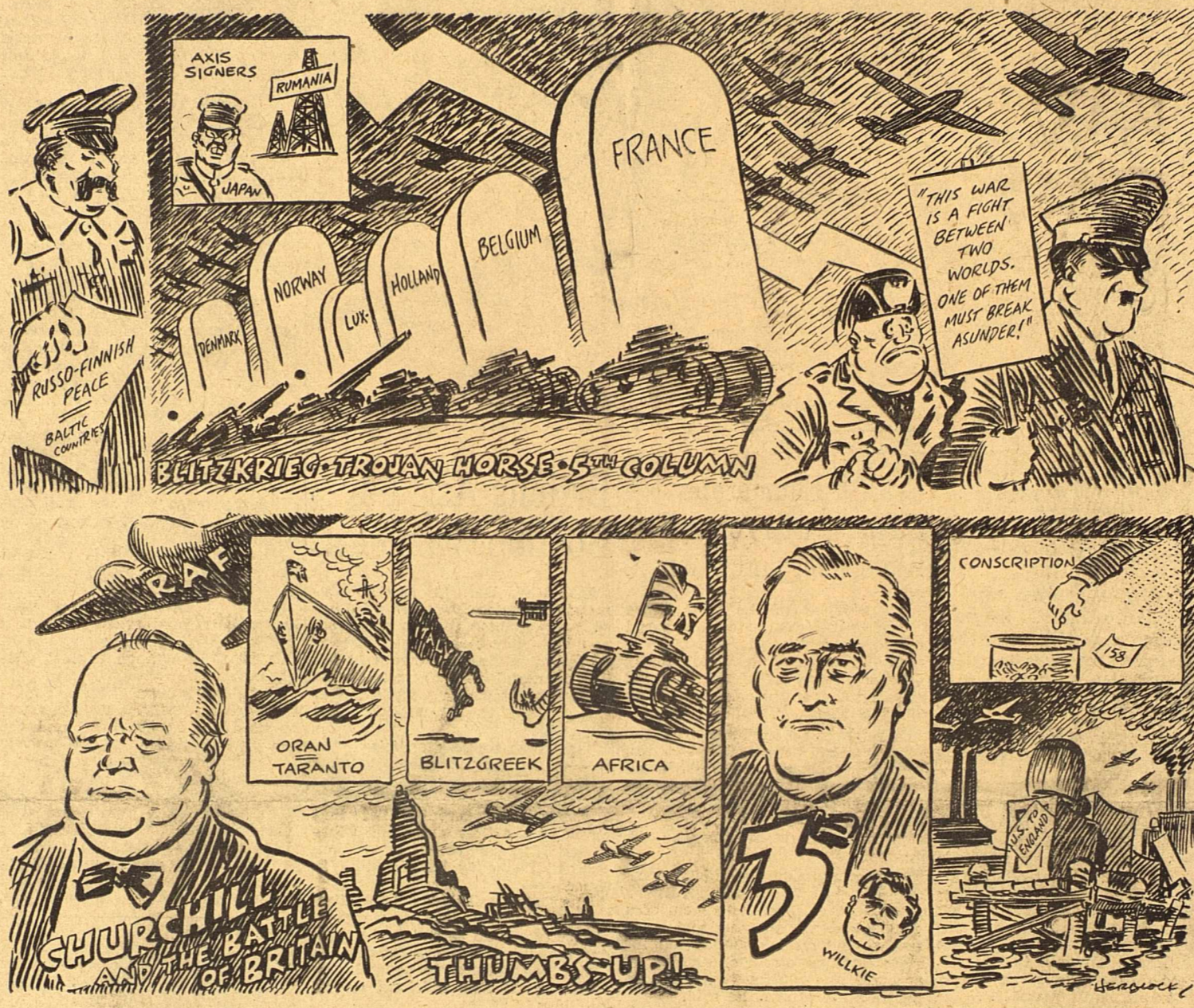
Senator Lee Says Rich Oil Merchant Is Promoting Case

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Senator Lee (D-Okl.) said in a statement today that the "angel" of the No Foreign War Committee headed by Verne Marshall, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, editor, "is a rich international oil merchant" with a great financial strike in a German victory.

Senator Wheeler Believes Peace Is Possible In Europe And Urges Every Effort Be Made Quickly To End War

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31.—Senator Wheeler (D-Mont.), in outspoken disagreement with President Roosevelt today on the question of peace in Europe, urged that the United States exert every effort for an immediate end of the war.

Herblock's Own History Of The Year THE WORLDS OF 1940



First Silurian Pool Gains Second Test In Gulf 6 Wristen Brothers, Staked East Of Discovery Oil Well

By Frank Gardner
Oil Editor
Second test in the Shipley Deep pool of Southeastern Ward County, first Silurian producing area in the midcontinent region, has been staked by Gulf Oil Corporation at No. 6 Wristen Brothers, Tract "A", in Southeastern Ward County.

LATEST NEWS FLASHES

Submarine Chases Tanker.
NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—The British tanker Donax reported in a message picked up by Mackay Radio today that she was "being chased by a submarine" about 450 miles west of Scotland.

Italy Has Industrial Dictator.
ROME, Dec. 31 (AP)—Renato Ricci, minister of guilds, became virtual dictator over Italy's industry today with absolute control over the handling and distribution of all raw materials.

British Buy Flying Boats.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Morris Wilson, representing the British ministry of aircraft production, announced today the purchase of three flying boats of the Atlantic Clipper type from Pan-American Airways.

British Requisition All Tankers.
LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP)—The shipping ministry announced today that the British government was requisitioning all tankers still under private control. The statement said all ocean-going merchant ships now had been requisitioned.

Better Leave Auto In Garage Tonight
CHICAGO, Dec. 31 (AP)—If you're going anywhere tonight leave your car in the garage and use a bus, train or taxicab.

Air Corps To Take Charge San Angelo School Tomorrow
WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—The Air Corps said today it would take over tomorrow its new \$1,600,000 basic training school at San Angelo, Texas, and begin the training of approximately 100 students there about February 15.

Retailers To Close
Retail business houses will be closed tomorrow in observance of New Year's Day it has been announced by Bill Collins, Chamber of Commerce secretary.

Closing Hours Of 1940 Bring Lull In Aerial Siege Of Great Britain While Hitler Predicts Nazi Victory In 1941

Greeks Claim Strong Italian Counter-Attacks Smashed Despite Fact Mussolini's Legions Are Fighting With Renewed Intensity In Battles

By The Associated Press.
The closing hours of 1940 brought a lull in the aerial siege of Britain today while Adolf Hitler, in a New Year's message to his troops, declared 1941 would bring completion of "the greatest victory of our history."

Hitler Promises Fighting Forces Victory In 1941

By The Associated Press.
BERLIN, Dec. 31.—Adolf Hitler denounced "the Democracies" and their capitalistic workings in a New Year's message today, and promised his fighting forces that 1941 would bring them victory.

Community Inherits Million-Dollar Oil Concern From Schock

MOUNT JOY, Pa., Dec. 31 (AP)—This community became the amazed inheritor today of a thriving million-dollar oil company, the gift of owner Clarence Schock, who believes that "a man's estate should go to the general welfare."

British Torpedo Italian Transport

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, Dec. 31 (AP)—Reports reaching Belgrade said that an Italian transport vessel loaded with war materials for Albania was torpedoed by a British warship in the Adriatic Sea today and went down off the Yugoslav port of Bar.

RAF Grounded

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And the RAF, urged by Londoners to "give it back to them," also was said to have been forced to give up its almost nightly blows at Germany and the coastal "invasion" bases and blockade ports.

Be Sure To Eat Black-eyed Peas

Want to be sure your "pockets will jingle" with coin during 1941? Then be sure to eat black-eyed peas to eat tomorrow.

U. S. Population Is 150,621,231

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Final returns from the 1940 census today put the total population of the United States and all its territories and possessions at 150,621,231, an increase of 8.8 per cent over the 138,439,069 count in 1930.

Fight Flu... Paste These U. S. Public Health Service Rules in Your Hat



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Another Year Of Wonders

In the days when it was still fashionable to toss Latin phrases into writing to show the author's versatility, they used to call such a year as the one just passed "Annus Mirabilis," the "wonderful year." The poet Dryden popularized the phrase by his poem of that title on the year 1666, which was such a time for England, crowded with great events, the great fire of London, the defeat of the Dutch fleet, and a shower of others.

By any such standard, 1940 was certainly such a year. Free nations fell like ten-pins, and a vast world war found a growing number of people locked in bloody combat from Chungking to Athens.

To prophesy of the year to come would be fun, but it would be dishonest. What will happen during the next 12 months we do not know. All we know is that events of the greatest gravity are in the making. We know that two worlds are at war (we have that on no less an authority than Hitler himself) and we know that even during the year, one or the other may become triumphant.

In years past it has been our fate to read in the history books of those tremendous periods when the world was in flux . . . when the Asiatic invasions of Europe were finally hurled back . . . when the Roman Empire at last fell prey to the northern Barbarians . . . when the Moors were driven from Spain . . . when Napoleon's name became a charm to frighten the children of a continent. And always we wondered: what must it have been like to live in such drifting, dangerous days?

Well, now we know. We, too, live in just such a time. We know what life is when humanity has launched mighty events, like men who open a dike to the sea only to be swept away on the tide of their own making.

To a child, every new day is as if the world had begun again. The child grows, and begins to think in terms of weeks, of months, then of years. But man, with his short span, never grows so old that a year loses significance. To the oldest man or woman, the dawn of a new year has a certain fascination. After all, these pages are clean, they have not yet been neatly lined with constructive deeds or spotted with destruction. Both the good and the evil remain to be recorded.

Let the auspices be never so dark and menacing, we cannot be sure. The evils so clearly presaged may never happen at all; there may be on any of those white days—pages good and happy things which have failed to cast any shadow before them. Such is the fascination of the new year, such is its ever-recurring hope.

May we meet the good with thankfulness, the evil with courage, and all with the grace to play our part well. And so—Happy New Year!

Ford Company Union Men Threaten Strike In Retiring Dispute

DETROIT, Dec. 31 (AP)—The United Automobile Workers (UAW) petitioned the National Labor Relations Board here today for a re-employment election in the Lincoln plant of the Ford Motor Company to determine whether the UAW-CIO should be granted exclusive bargaining rights.

Yesterday the union charged that the company was ignoring national defense needs with an "intention" to disregard a rehiring agreement involving Lincoln plant employees.

DETROIT, Dec. 31 (AP)—A threat of strike at the Ford Motor Company was held forth today by the United Automobile Workers (UAW) who charged that the company was ignoring national defense needs with an "intention" to disregard a rehiring agreement.

The union asked federal intervention while asserting that the UAW-CIO was "doing everything within our power to effectuate the purposes mentioned by President Roosevelt" in his Sunday night fire-side chat.

"We feel it the responsibility of the government to see that the Ford Motor Company likewise responds to the president's appeal," said Michael P. Widman, Jr., chairman of the union's Ford organizing drive.

Workers Vote Strike
In a telegram to John R. Steelman, director of the conciliation service of the department of labor, Widman disclosed that union workers in Ford's Lincoln plant had voted to authorize a strike if necessary to enforce the rehiring agreement.

James F. Dewey, federal conciliator, negotiated the agreement Dec. 19 in a dispute in which the union charged discrimination and the company said men were laid off only because of a holiday slack. The strike authorization was voted Dec. 20, Widman said.

Advised of the union's action, Harry Bennett, Ford personnel chief, declined to comment.

A strike in the Ford organization would be a test of union strength. The company claims only a few of its employees are union members. The union asked has Ford, with negative results, to consent to a labor board election among employees.

Calles Asks Support For New President
SAN DIEGO, Dec. 31 (AP)—Pharos Elias Calles, 65, exiled former President of Mexico, today urged his countrymen to support the administration of President Avila Camacho.

Oil News . . .

(Continued From Page One)

One mile south of Stanolind Oil & Gas Company No. 1 A. L. Green, producer in the Cedar Lake pool of Northeastern Gaines County, the San Andres Production Company of Dallas will start with rotary immediately in No. 1-A J. C. Johnson. Location is 660 feet out of the northwest corner of section 6, block C-30, public school land. It is on one of two tracts farmed out by Sun Oil Company carrying 1/16th override on pumper and 1/8th override on flowing wells.

Gulf No. 4 Mallett, wildcat in Northwestern Tarrant County, was showing a little oil on water as it swabbed through tubing 4,400 feet from surface. It has been plugged back to 5,070 feet from total depth of 6,000. Water may be drilling fluid, it is said.

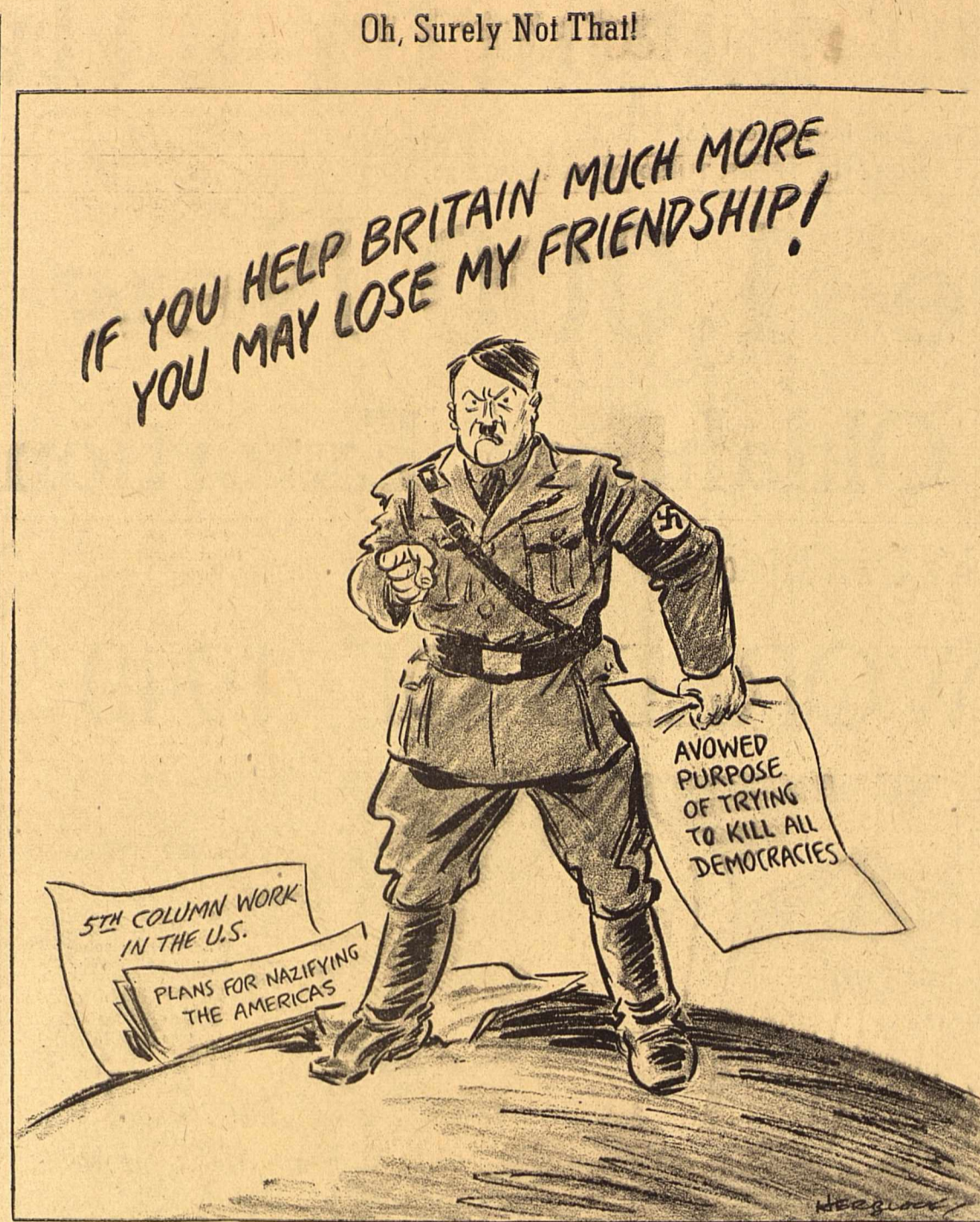
Phillips Petroleum Company No. 2 M Bar, in Southern Andrews County, this morning was drilling at 5,131 feet in lime while its No. 1 University-Andrews had reached 4,492 in lime.

Stanolind No. 1-B W. F. Cowden Heirs, in Northern Ector County, is drilling ahead with cable tools at 4,336 feet in gray lime after testing a large percentage of water in the San Andres lime zone. Operators probably will re-rig rotary at 4,400 feet and carry the test to the Holt pay near the top of the Clearfork lime.

Looking For Air
Cosden Petroleum Corporation will drill its No. 1 fee as a 1,460-foot test for air four miles east of Big Spring in Howard County. It is not far from a huge air well drilled three years ago by Dick Graham and Roy Westbrook. Cosden plans to use the air for motive power. Location of the test is 450 feet from the north, 275 from the east line of section 47, block 32, township 1 north, T. & P. survey. It is near the center of Cosden's tank farm and close to its refinery.

Former Women's Club Leader Dies In Tulsa
TULSA, Okla., Dec. 31 (AP)—Mrs. Roberta Campbell Lawson, pioneer Tulsa and former president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, died at her home today.

LARRY MILDREN DIES OF HEART DISEASE
TULSA, Okla., Dec. 31 (AP)—Funeral services will be conducted here tomorrow for Lowry (Larry) J. Mildren, 72, widely known inventor of oil field equipment, who died last night of heart disease. Burial will be in Ponca City, Okla.



Asks Culberson To Keep Workers

AUSTIN, Dec. 31 (AP)—Genial Lon A. Smith, member of the Texas Railroad Commission, today closed a career of 45 years in public service with a plea to his successor to retain his appointees among state workers.

Addressing Olin Culberson, former utilities division director for the commission who won the six-year post from 17 other candidates last summer, Smith stated:

"I am today passing to you the keys of the office, which I am voluntarily vacating. There is no significance to this act. I am also handing you a list of the names of women and men, girls and boys now on the payroll of the Railroad Commission by my appointment. There is significance attached to this act. These people come from among the best families in Texas . . . representing the entire state in general and 69 counties directly. (They) are capable, experienced, honest, dependable, courteous and loyal—true to their convictions and devoted to the state's service."

Smith asserted a number of the "girls and boys" would be unable to continue part-time attendance at the University of Texas if released.

Italy Claims Capture On Albania War Front

ROME, Dec. 31 (AP)—Italian troops have inflicted "considerable losses" on Greek forces on the Albanian battlefield and have captured both prisoners and war equipment in fighting "mostly of local character," the high command reported today.

Fascist warplanes and naval units operating in the Adriatic were said to be cooperating, meanwhile, in an "intensive bombardment" of Greek troop concentrations and supply centers with "visible effects" claimed for the naval shelling.

Listed among the targets which Italian planes were said to have bombed with "excellent results" were the Aegean port of Salonika, the naval base of Preveza on the west coast of Greece, and airfields at Ioannina and Kotzani.

Defenders Of Bardia Wait On Developments

CAIRO, Egypt, Dec. 31 (AP)—The British middle east command reported today that Italian defenders of besieged Bardia, pounded relentlessly by artillery, "continue passively to await events."

Indications still were lacking of an early British attempt to storm the Fascist-defended Libyan port which has been under British siege for two weeks.

It was believed here the British would refrain from a costly assault, preferring instead to starve out the Italians.

Elsewhere in African operations, today's brief communique reported renewed patrol activity along the border between Kenya and the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

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Griffith Enumerates Changes Of Proposed State Reorganization

Endorsement of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce's proposal for reorganization of state governmental functions was unanimously voted by members of the Midland Lions club today at its meeting at Hotel Scharbauer.

It followed an explanation of the program by Daniel H. Griffith, Midland accountant. He discussed lack of fiscal plans and policies, in financial control, responsibility and management, and accounting systems in the state government.

Recommended Cabinet
The proposed plan, he said, recommended the creation of a governor's cabinet not to exceed 18 men, of a department of finance and control, a civil service commission for state employees, and of division of accounts and control. It would centralize state affairs, he said.

A report on the annual children's Christmas party last Tuesday at the Yucca Theatre was made by J. Howard Hodge. The party was sponsored by Lions and Rotary clubs, the American Legion and the theatre.

A. L. Gilbreth and W. B. Harkrider were appointed to a program committee for the next two weeks.

Two Senators State Higher Income Taxes Needed For Defense

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Heavy new income taxes were put in the "must" class today by Senators Connally (D-Tex.) and Johnson (D-Colo.) who said higher rates were needed to help finance defense.

Connally estimated that the new Congress would have to raise at least \$1,000,000,000 in additional revenue from all sources. He listed personal and corporate incomes, electricity, cosmetics and luxury products generally as the probable fields.

Specifically, the Texas Senator said reporters that substantially higher rates should be imposed in the tax brackets from \$4,000 to \$100,000 or \$150,000.

HEAVIER GENERAL TAX

"Persons with incomes of \$10,000, \$15,000 and \$20,000 should make a very substantial additional contribution," he declared.

Both Connally and Johnson are members of the finance committee. Johnson expressed the belief that "there will have to be heavier taxes on everybody."

He said that the additional taxes should be earmarked for defense purposes and used over a period of years to retire obligations issued to finance the defense program. In all, he said, it probably would be necessary to issue about \$200,000,000 of such defense bonds.

Poison Gas May Develop As Next Big War Problem

By DeWitt MacKenzie
Associated Press Staff Writer

The British government's charge that the fierce Nazi attack on London yesterday with incendiary bombs was a deliberate attempt to destroy the city by fire—a charge which circumstances do not refute—gives us an altogether terrifying preview of the hell which the war still holds in reserve.

It is increasingly clear that as this life and death conflict among empires becomes more and more critical, and the probable winner is better defined, we may easily witness acts of desperation beside which the effort to burn the heart of the world's greatest metropolis is mild.

One of the ghastly possibilities is the use of poison gas.

It is with considerable hesitation that I raise the subject of chemical warfare. The world has been praying that this horror might be averted and has avoided discussion of the subject.

However, with the smoke rising from old churches and other monuments which have linked England with her ancient past, there would seem to be small reason not to face the possibility of the employment of gas.

There has been no report of the use of gas thus far in the present war. This probably has been due to two things:—(1) The mechanized war of motion on the ground has been too fast to permit of its employment. (2) Fear of reprisals has restrained any belligerent from spraying gas from warplanes or dropping gas-bombs.

Two Schools
There are two schools of opinion among military men. One holds that fear of reprisals will continue to preclude the use of gas. The other believes that it will be employed if it seems to serve any useful purpose.

The Germans introduced gas as an effective weapon in warfare in April of 1915 during the world conflict. They used chlorine against the French on a four-mile front and, because of the surprise, paralyzing resistance to a depth of several miles. The allies were quick to reply in kind.

The upshot of all this was that gas accounted for 800,000 casualties in the World War.

Most of these, however, were among the fighting forces. The world is still awaiting the use of this frightful weapon against civilians.

At least a section of British military opinion believes that gas will be used against England, and the country is prepared both defensively and for reprisals. Germany hasn't expressed any view publicly, but she, too, is set for action if and when the occasion arises. For that matter, when I was in Berlin at the time of the Munich crisis, a year before the war began, civilians were provided with gas masks and were ordered to keep them handy.

Rankin Wool Group Members Elect Neal President For 1941

MCCAMEY, Dec. 31 (Special)—Members of the Ranchers Wool and Mohair Association of Rankin have elected officers for 1941.

H. F. Neal was re-elected president; W. H. Holcomb vice-president and secretary, and Tom Bond manager of the warehouse. The following members were appointed to serve on an executive committee with the president and vice president: Jack Smith, J. P. Rankin, C. Snell, J. O. Barfield, and O. W. Parker.

The committee selected to help with the sales of wool for 1941 is: George Akins, J. O. Barfield, W. M. Jackson, Dick Midkiff, H. F. Neal, O. W. Parker, Earl Powell, Jack Smith, M. Tippett and C. Snell.

The Ranchers Wool and Mohair Association handled more than one and one-half million pounds of wool in 1940. An annual financial report showed a substantial profit for the year.

BEN PILLOW DIES

AUSTIN, Dec. 31 (AP)—Funeral rites will be held tomorrow for Ben S. Pillow, 92, one of the oldest Master Masons in Texas and long time Austin resident who died last night.

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Japanese Purchasing Power Is Restricted

WASHINGTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Japan faces increasingly severe difficulties in purchasing vitally needed raw materials and supplies abroad in 1941, according to a survey of its financial status after the strain of 43 months of war in China.

Japanese purchasing power in the United States, the survey indicated today, already has been restricted to about \$200,000,000 annually—a sum which represents most of the money derived from sales of Japanese goods here and their newly mined gold.

The extent of future Japanese buying in the United States will depend, trade experts here believe, on the volume of Japanese-made goods sold to the American market and also on the extent Japan is able to increase its gold production.

Commerce department figures for the first ten months of 1940 show imports from Japan amounted to \$122,667,000, a slight decrease from the \$123,312,000 worth of silk and other products purchased by Americans in the equivalent period in 1939.

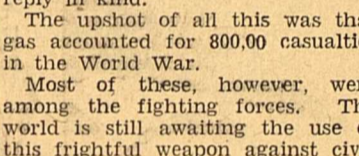
During the first ten months of 1940 Japan purchased American goods valued at \$191,413,000, buying heavily in iron and steel, scrap metal, and other vitally needed supplies which now require export licenses before they can be shipped to Japan.

Mustangs To Hold Mock Trial Saturday

The Mustang Boys Club will be closed Wednesday night for New Year's.

On Saturday night the boys will hold a mock trial—training session for newly-elected officers of the Mustang Boy Court. All boys are urged to be at the clubhouse Saturday morning for target practice.

Congratulations to:



Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Ramey on the birth of twin daughters in Western Clinic Hospital this morning. The babies weighed 5 pounds 12 ounces and 6 pounds 7 1/2 ounces. They and the mother are reported doing well.

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Plane Crash Kills Flying Lieutenants

SAN ANTONIO, Dec. 31 (AP)—A training plane crashed and burned near Kendallia, 30 miles north of here, yesterday, killing Garritt W. Mack, 25, and William S. Cathcart, 21, reserve commissioned second lieutenants in the army air corps.

Mack was from Birmingham, Mich., and Cathcart, who married during the Christmas holidays, from Fargo, N. D. They were graduated from Kelly Field last month and were assigned to Randolph Field as instructors.

An investigating board sought the cause of the crash. Randolph Field authorities said the two were on a routine instrument flight training course.

Daily Crude Oil Production Declines

TULSA, Okla., Dec. 31 (AP)—Daily crude oil production in the United States declined 233,425 barrels to 3,369,740 for the week ended Dec. 28, the Oil and Gas Journal said today.

East Texas was down 73,775 to 301,350; all Texas, 206,750 to 1,136,600; California, 16,250 to 604,500; Illinois, 1,650 to 323,200; Kansas, 13,350 to 186,350; and Louisiana, 1,500 to 288,490.

Eastern states increased 70 to 106,120; Michigan, 360 to 42,145; Oklahoma, 5,225 to 397,100; and the Rocky Mountain area, 750 to 94,430.

British To Make Part-Time Defense Work Compulsory

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP)—Herbert Morrison, minister of home security, announced tonight the British government was planning to make part time civil defense work compulsory for every Briton.

Morrison made the announcement in a radio address calling on British men and women to form a "civil defense home guard" to defeat the menace of Nazi incendiary bombs by guarding property where they live or are employed, leaving the vast fire department forces free to fight the worst and most dangerous fires.

The government, he said, has decided on "the principle of compulsion" and details are being worked out.

The speech was made after a day of virtual quiet over Britain and after demands had arisen in many quarters for compulsory fire watchers to defeat any repetition of Sunday night's devastating "fire raid."

Garner Leaves For FDR Inauguration

UVALDE, Tex., Dec. 31 (AP)—Vice-President John N. Garner left today for Washington. He expected to reach the nation's capital Thursday and to remain there through the inauguration of President Roosevelt and Vice-President Henry A. Wallace, Jan. 20.

Garner was traveling alone by train. Mrs. Garner went to Amarillo for a week's visit with their son, Tully, and his family.

The vice president has spent little time in Washington since the Democratic national convention.

Goodfellows Have \$35 Left For 1941 Campaign

The Goodfellows organization which distributed Christmas baskets to approximately 250 families closed its campaign business last night with \$35 left for the 1941 fund.

The central committee met in the Chamber of Commerce office, authorized payment of bills, reported the \$35 surplus, and attended to other business matters. W. I. Pratt, chairman, Mrs. J. Howard Hodge, George Barton, Claude Crane, Dr. J. B. Thomas, and Delbert Downing are on the committee.

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Advent of New Year Will Be Marked With Varied Entertainment

Retail Business Houses To Close For Tomorrow; Dance, Watch Service, and Prevue Among Tonight's Festivities

Whether they welcome the New Year eagerly or turn regretful eyes on the Old Year as it departs, most Midland citizens will vary their usual routine of work and play tonight and tomorrow in deference to the mystic change which makes one minute 1940 and the next minute 1941.

Country Club members and their houseguests will watch the ringing in of the New Year and the ringing out of the Old, with a dance at the clubhouse, which is to climax with a breakfast at 2 o'clock or thereabout in the morning.

The clubhouse will be decorated with balloons and favors, hats, and other paraphernalia of the traditional watch night party will be used to greet the New Year.

Joe Buzze's orchestra will play for dancing.

Party At Theatre

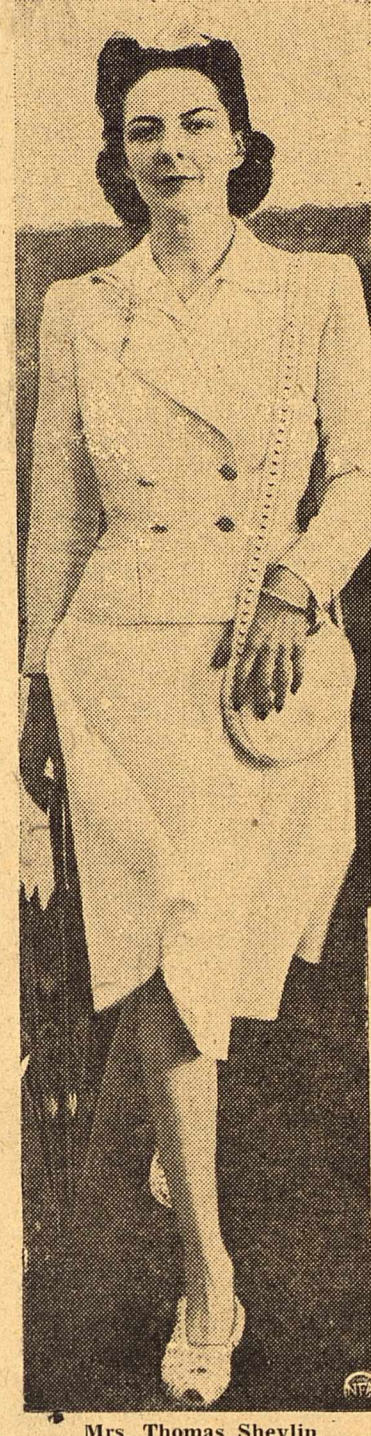
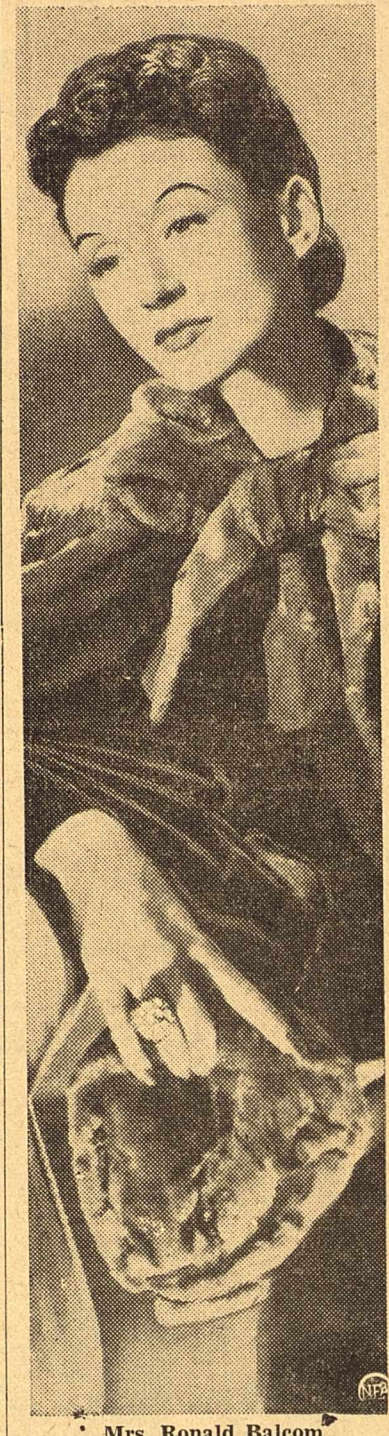
The theatre management will hold its annual preveue New Year's party tonight at the Yucca with other shows continuing on regular schedule. Favors and housemakers will be distributed among the audience at the Yucca and there will be some stage entertainment in addition to the film shown.

Numerous parties are expected to be held in homes tonight and tomorrow, with New Year open houses carrying on the theme of friendly hospitality.

Watch Night Service

The training union of the First Baptist Church will sponsor a watch night party from 7:30 o'clock until one minute after midnight tonight. The "four hours and 31 minutes" which the Rev. H. D. Bruce states is the length of the program will be in three parts. The first 45 minutes will be devoted to a business session of the training union, and the second 45 minutes to the regular

No One Is Better Dressed Than They



Mrs. Harrison Williams

Mrs. Ronald Balcom

Mrs. Thomas Shevlin

Here are three good reasons to follow the experts' advice on fashion. They're the three best-dressed women in America, heading the list of 15 recently selected by New York's 50 famous fashion designers, style executives, and fashion editors. Number One: Mrs. Harrison Williams, who has been on every "best-dressed" list composed since 1933. Second place was a tie between Mrs. Ronald Balcom, the former Millicent Rogers, and Mrs. Thomas Shevlin.

Coming Events

WEDNESDAY

Jollitee Club will meet with Mrs. C. R. Fitch at her home at the Atlantic Tank Farm at 2:45 o'clock, Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Lley Pratt, 911 W. Kansas, will be at home to their friends from 4 o'clock until 6, Wednesday afternoon. No invitations will be issued.

THURSDAY

Sans Souci Club will meet with Mrs. A. H. Riley, 608 W. Cuthbert, Thursday afternoon at 2 o'clock for a dessert-bridge.

FRIDAY

Red Cross knitters will be given instruction at the home of Mrs. F. E. Lewis, 1407 W. Illinois, Friday morning from 9 o'clock until 12.

Dos Reales Club will meet with Mrs. Burt Atkinson, 304 North D street, Friday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock.

Belmont Bible Class will meet with Mrs. R. Chanslor, 605 W. Ohio Friday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

SATURDAY

Story Hour will be held in the children's library at the courthouse, Saturday morning at 10 o'clock.

Midland county museum in the courthouse will be open to the public Saturday afternoon from 2:30 o'clock until 5.

New Slant On Stripes



KNIT woolen fabric, diagonally striped in bright red and white, is used to fashion this slenderizing princess swim suit for southern resorts. The V-neck is banded in solid red knit, continuing into cross straps in the back. Separate wool pants are in matching red wool.

FEMININE FANCIES

By Kathleen Eiland

One of those Christmas gifts that is so essentially feminine that it will make any woman gasp with delight is a scarf of black chiffon (the very material of glamour) printed or in-woven with immense, softly-colored blossoms. The very thing to add a finishing touch to a costume for a gala moment in life.

And speaking of gifts, another one that is noteworthy as being something different is a book rack in our favorite medium, carved wood. This is a very special kind of rack in which the book ends of the carved material fold down when not in use and in which the wooden base on which they are set may be extended or shortened at will, according to the number of books one wishes it to hold.

There's something about carved wood that fascinates us. And this example of it was made in India and holds the extra fascination of the unusual and foreign.

Out in California they are liking a new kind of footwear—crocheted play shoes which they often designate as patio shoes. It all goes to show just how changeable the human race is, swinging from one extreme to the other. Last year and the year before, wooden shoes were smart for play hours. Now it is the very opposite, a shoe of crocheted.

Everybody to his own taste, of course, but we are convinced that crocheted shoes would have short shrift in West Texas. Sand would sift into them too badly.

National Defense Is Voted Biggest News Story Of 1940 In Texas By AP Newspaper Managing Editors In Poll

By Dave Cheavens
Associated Press Editor.

Managing editors of Texas Associated Press newspapers today overwhelmingly voted national defense in all its regional phases the biggest news story of the year in this state.

The recurring bold, black splash of the draft, National Guard mobilization and training, huge new camps and a welter of big and little army and navy contracts totalling millions of dollars overshadowed the weather, crime, and politics on page one day after day.

Not one crime story was voted into first place by the executive editors who have the say in what Texas daily newspapers print or drop into the wastebasket as unworthy of reader time. The weather rated a close second to national defense; the Roosevelt-Willkie campaign and its offshoots including the McDonald walkout was third; W. Lee O'Daniel's whirlwind second campaign and nomination as governor without a runoff was fourth; and the ups and downs of the great Texas A. and M. football team was fifth.

Sixth was the train-truck crash in the Lower Rio Grande Valley which stretched the maimed bodies of 29 farm laborers along the right of way at a grade crossing; seventh, John Nance Garner's presidential announcement, campaign and ultimate hold-out at the polls; eighth, the elevation of Sam Rayburn and Jesse Jones to even higher positions in national life ninth, the census; tenth, the Board of Control hearing at Austin on complaints against Dr. W. J. Johnson, superintendent of the San Antonio State Insane Hospital.

Also ran were the Dies committee investigations in the state; the recapture of Howard Pierson and his return to a cell in the insane asylum where he was confined after the slaying of his parents, Supreme Court Justice and Mrs. William Pierson; the brief life and death of the Van miracle baby.

Write-In Votes.

There was quite a write-in ballot for the high school football campaign, but not enough votes to get this perennial fall news flower into the first fifteen. Other write-ins included: The deer hunting season, the city safety seminar at Austin; Hal Collins' speech before the Mineral Wells Democratic convention; "Dana Bible braintrusts Aggies" out of the Rose Bowl Nov. 29; a different twist to the story that ran in the congressional steeplechase in the 18th (Panhandle) district; the collapse of the bleachers at the SMU-Aggie football game; actual start of newspaper production at the Lufkin paper mill; completion of the last link of the hug-the-coast highway through vast ranch domains in Southwest Texas.

Surprisingly, several editors did not include the Texas angles of national defense among the first ten at all on the basis that it was really national news, but most of those who voted for this story placed it at the head of the class. Hardy at home, not a community, has escaped some participation in national defense. Obviously important phases are the establishment of huge training camps for National Guardsmen or draftees of Texas and other states at Brownwood, Abilene, El Paso, Palacios, Mineral Wells and elsewhere; the mushrooming growth of communities nearby; the million-fold contract for new destroyers to be built at Orange; expansion of army and navy air training centers at San Antonio, Corpus Christi, San Angelo.

Rites For Kidd Child Are Held

Helen Kristin Kidd, seven-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barron Kidd, Evansville, Ind., was buried in Fairview Cemetery yesterday afternoon after funeral services at the home of the grand-parents, Mayor and Mrs. M. C. Ulmer, 111 North C.

The child died in Evansville Sunday of pneumonia shortly after the family returned there from a visit here with relatives.

Palbearers were A. W. Cherry, Fred Fuhrman, Joe Crump, M. D. Self, R. L. York, and O. C. Harper. Services were officiated by Dr. W. Angie Smith, pastor of the First Methodist Church in Dallas, and the Rev. William C. Hinds, Midland Methodist pastor. Ellis Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

Immediate survivors include the parents, and a brother, Barron Ulmer Kidd.

Sun Bowl Officials Will Announce Victors Tonight

The winner of the princess contest at the Sun Bowl carnival in El Paso, in which Midland is represented by Miss Edna Earle Linebery, will be announced tonight at a ball.

Miss Linebery, selected by the Chamber of Commerce, has been at the carnival since Sunday with her mother, Mrs. T. F. Linebery. They will return to Midland Thursday.

Local Topics

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hoskins went to San Angelo Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hembree.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Philipp and Miss Mary Reising were among Midland citizens attending the Wayne Moffett funeral at Stanton Sunday.

Mrs. Loraine Bucy and children, Martha Jane and Ralph Davis, of Lubbock, arrived Monday for a brief visit here.

Mrs. F. S. Williams of Abilene is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Dona Dunagan, here.

The Rev. W. J. Coleman will leave tonight for Dallas, where he will attend the Cotton Bowl Game tomorrow.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Keith and daughter have returned from Winnboro, Texas, where they visited Mrs. Keith's mother who is ill. The patient is reported improved.

Mrs. Willie Stell Oliver was hostess Sunday to a group of out-of-town guests including her sons, Jack and Harold Reed and the latter's wife, all of Lubbock; Mrs. P. P. Rumph of Plainview; and Mr. and Mrs. Stell and daughter of Quitaque. Jack Reed remained here for a few days' visit with his mother.

Miss Virginia Ford left Monday for Dayton, Ohio, where she is attending school. She had spent the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace M. Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Lenton Brunson and Mrs. Henry Brunson went to Abilene Sunday for a dinner party. Mrs. F.M. Oliver returned to her home at Abilene with the Midland group. She had been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Faye Fagg, here.

Addison Wadley left Monday night for Dallas where he will transact business and attend the Cotton Bowl Game tomorrow.

Mrs. Edna Rochester of Odessa visited Mrs. Jim Schroder here this weekend.

Baptist Young People Honored At Banquet

About 45 guests were present for the banquet with which young people of the First Baptist Church were entertained in the young people's department of the church, Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The banquet was a cozy affair with silver bells and wreaths of holly.

Gay little sugar plum trees added festivity to the tables and twinkled merrily as guests entered the room to find it lighted only by candles. Favors were lighted candles in gum drop holders.

Songs and impromptu toasts were given during the dinner.

Afterward games were played under direction of Mrs. Joseph Mims.

Mrs. H. D. Bruce was in charge of the food and Mrs. Robert Cox in charge of the decorations.

The banquet was a courtesy for members of the young people's department, with special invitation having been extended to college students home for the holiday.

Booth Tarkington Believes Democracy Will Survive 1941

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 31 (AP)—Booth Tarkington, veteran observer of the human scene, took a backyard glance at 1940 today and opined that Democracy, both at home and abroad, would survive the New Year.

The 71-year old hoosier novelist pictured Great Britain's war as one to save free government.

"Britons are fighting for their life and liberty," he said in an interview.

"The Nazis are fighting to retain our people's property that they have taken.

"A man fighting for life, other things being equal, will put up a harder battle than a man fighting to keep something he took from somebody else."

LIBRARY TO BE CLOSED

Midland County Library will be closed all day Wednesday in observance of New Year's Day.

We, the Women

By Ruth Millett

This is the season when the "Winter Willies" get you in their grasp. You're worn out from the holidays and there's not much to look forward to. The weather is nothing to brag about, and your favorite indoor sport is wishing you were on a winter vacation, lying on a beach soaking up sunshine.

Well, if that's out of the question, you can lick the "Winter Willies" by putting your mind to it.

TRY LOOKING UP OLD FRIENDS

One good way is to look up old friends—persons you really care about, but haven't been able to find time for in months.

Don't wait for them to call you. Get on the telephone and arrange a time and place for meeting.

And how about doing some of the things you promised yourself last fall you would get around to this winter for sure?

If you start carrying out some of those big plans, you'll snap out of the "Willies" in a hurry. They don't bother people who feel they are accomplishing something.

Maybe you have a little time, too, for being nice to some of the people who could use a little attention. Nothing will make you like yourself better than to do something really thoughtful, that takes time and effort for those you know really need what you could do for them.

The "Winter Willies" attack you every year. You know that. So don't let them get you down. They're really easy to lick—once you decide to do it and give up moping.

ODESSA BOY HAS SURGERY

The small son of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. McComb of Odessa underwent an appendectomy in Ryan's Hospital last night. He is reported doing well today.

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By Wm. E. McKenney
America's Card Authority.

The Hamilton Club of Philadelphia is located at 41st and Irving streets. The club obtained its name from its location in what was originally known as Hamiltonville or Hamilton Village.

Glancing over its history, I found that in June, 1889, a meeting was called to consider new quarters. As a result, the club bought its present clubhouse, now more than 50 years old.

On each of the card tables in the club, there is a plate on which is engraved some one of the victories of the Hamilton Club in bridge competition.

The echo as described in today's hand was not originally a come-on card, but in the days of whist, played years ago at the Hamilton Club, there was no dummy and the echo asked your partner to lead trump.

On the opening lead of the king of spades, East played the eight, an "encouraging response" urging West to continue. West cashed the ace, and the fall of East's four completed the echo, showing ability to ruff the third round. So West led a third spade, East trumped, and then the ace of club set the contract.

Son Of Great Sportsman Dies After Long Illness

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 31 (AP).—Walter Camp, Jr., 49, son of that well-known sportsman popularly known as the "Father of American Football," died at his suburban Westwood home today after a long illness.

Associated for many years with the New York banking firm of W. A. Harriman and Company and a member of the board of Madison Square Garden, Camp had been inactive since his retirement in 1935 as president of Inspirational Pictures, Inc.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Margaret J. Camp of Westwood; a son, Walter Camp III.

KRLH PROGRAMS

- TODAY
- 6:00—Fulton Lewis, Jr., MBS
 - 6:15—Brook Haven Trio, TSN
 - 6:30—Sport Spotlight, MBS
 - 6:45—News, TSN
 - 7:00—Wythe Williams, MBS
 - 7:15—East, West Football Game, mbs
 - 7:30—Ned Jordan, MBS
 - 8:00—Dance Music, TSN
 - 8:15—Cotton Bowl game preview, mbs
 - 8:30—Dance Music, TSN
 - 8:45—Morton Gould's Orch., MBS
 - 9:00—Henrik Wilton Van Loon, MBS
 - 9:15—Tom Martin, TSN
 - 9:30—Valley Church, TSN
 - 9:45—Chick Maugh's Orch., MBS
 - 10:00—News, TSN
 - 10:15—Eddie Duchin's Orch., MBS
 - 10:30—Sammy Kay's Orch., MBS
 - 10:45—The Den Orch., TSN
 - 11:00—Guy Lombardo's Orch., MBS
 - 11:15—Alvino Rey's Orch., MBS
 - 11:30—Joe Reichman's Orch., MBS
 - 11:45—Dick Jurgens's Orch., MBS
- TOMORROW
- 6:45—Morning Tunes
 - 7:00—Musical Clock, TSN
 - 7:15—News, TSN
 - 7:45—Desert Drifters, TSN
 - 8:00—News, TSN
 - 8:15—Piano Moods, TSN
 - 8:30—Rhythm Wranglers TSN
 - 8:45—Keep Fit to Music, MBS
 - 9:15—What's Doing Around Midland
 - 9:30—Organ Melodies, TSN
 - 9:45—Margaret Johnson, pianist, TSN
 - 10:00—Backstage Life TSN
 - 10:15—Easy Aces TSN
 - 10:30—Neighbors, TSN
 - 10:45—Our Gal Sunday TSN
 - 11:00—Songs of Carol Leighten, TSN
 - 11:15—To Be Announced.
 - 11:30—News, TSN
 - 11:45—Conservation of vision, KBST
 - 12:12—It's Dance Time
 - 12:30—Eleven Thirty, Inc., TSN
 - 12:45—Man on the Street
 - 1:00—News and Market Reports TSN
 - 1:15—Winger and Alexander, MBS
 - 1:30—French Croquet's Orch., MBS
 - 1:45—The Cheer Up Gang, MBS
 - 2:00—Texas A&M vs. Fordham, MBS
 - 3:45—East vs. West, MBS

Completes Work On McCamey Scout Hut

McCAMEY, Dec. 31 (Special).—Following renovation of the Boy Scout hut by a committee of the McCamey Lions Club with the assistance of a large group of citizens, the McCamey troop has one of the finest huts in the Concho Valley Council.

The hut was built in 1933 with funds raised by the Lions Club. The work was under the supervision of a committee of R. L. Jackson, Oliver O. Jacobsen, Wallace Littlejohn, Jack Ott, Yale Key, and P. R. Shaffer.

Those assisting were: C. W. Hooper, A. M. Coplen, Ross Litz, J. O. Carl, Harris Machine Shop, Evans Sheet and Metal Works, L. E. Bass,

British Will Have To Do With Less Meat

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP).—Lord Woolton, Food Minister, in a broadcast today urged Britons to eat more homegrown potatoes and oats and warned that "we shall have to do with less meat in 1941."

Lord Woolton warned that the danger to food supplies now is much greater than in the last war.

West Texas Utilities Co., E. L. Mitchell, S. G. Reed, O. D. Smith, Cliff Oden, I. F. Bearden, Lloyd Hollifield, George Gannells, J. A. Taylor, Kenneth Babcock, Ray Boggs, D. M. Verlis, Clayton Smith, L. W. Stacey, Bill Thomas, Popular Variety Store, Richard Kemper, Harris Luckett Co., A. S. Houdek, H. Y. Schrader, Burton Lingo Lumber Co., Continental Supply Co.

Japanese Premier Warns His People

TOKYO, Dec. 31 (AP).—Premier Prince Fumimaro Konoye warned Japan in a New Year statement today to "prepare fully to meet any eventualities on the assumption that various international pressures may be imposed upon Japan in the New Year."

Foreign Minister Yosuke Matsuoka, in reviewing Japan's foreign policy and looking ahead to "what the new year will bring to this country particularly and to the world in general," declared:

"In my innermost heart I fear lest this year prove most tragic and unfortunate for all of mankind. I pray God and wish that all truly God-fearing people throughout the world cooperate with me in saving

Chinese Told 1941 Will Be Better Year

CHUNGKING, China, Dec. 31 (AP).—Vice Premier and Finance Minister H. H. Kung told the nation in a New Year's message today that China would be nearer victory in her war with Japan in 1941.

Kung declared a financial, economic, military and diplomatic review of 1940 showed the nation definitely had progressed.

This year from degenerating into the first year of reconstruction of modern civilization." Finance Minister Isao Kawata noted that Japan's budget for the 1941-42 fiscal year showed an increase of \$200,000,000 from the previous fiscal period.

Mexico Police To Guard When Picture Is Shown

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 31 (AP).—Reliable sources in the central department, which administers Mexico City, reported today that special police precautions would be taken tomorrow to prevent any disorders when Charlie Chaplin's anti-axis film, "The Great Dictator," opens at a local theater.

The foreign office yesterday rejected a protest from German minister Rudolf Von Colleberg requesting the picture not be exhibited because of its characterization of the Nazi regime.

Recently theaters showing anti-Nazi films have been the scene of numerous disturbances.

Independence Hall Bell To Ring Out 180 Times

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31 (AP).—The bell in the tower of historic Independence Hall will peal 180 times at midnight tonight to welcome 1941.

Members of the building's staff will ascend the tower and swing the clapper in strokes 1-9-4-1, followed by 165 equally separated strokes to designate the years since the Liberty Bell first rang in the same tower for the singing of the Declaration of Independence.

The Liberty Bell itself now is enshrined on the first floor.

MISS PRIDDY TO DALLAS

Miss Frances Priddy has gone to Dallas for a visit with friends. The roof will be fire-proof.

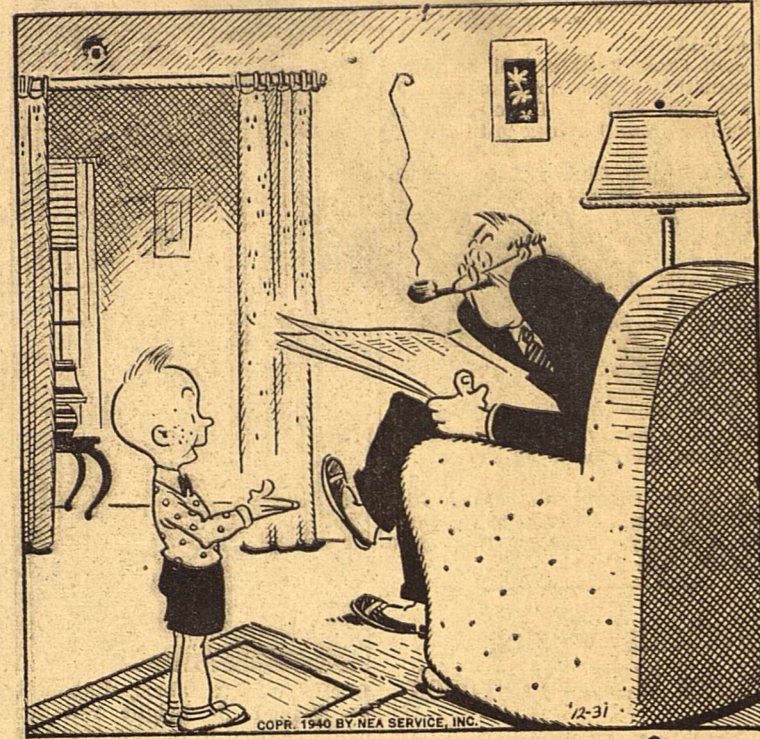
Highway Projects Near Pecos To Start Jan. 15

PECOS, Dec. 31 (Special).—Work will start about Jan. 15 on three highway projects, two federal and one state, within 50 miles of here. Contracts were let this week at Austin for the work, amounting to approximately a third of a million dollars. The projects will include two stretches on U. S. Highway 80, and the Pecos-Port Stockton Highway.

Service Building Work Will Be Completed Soon

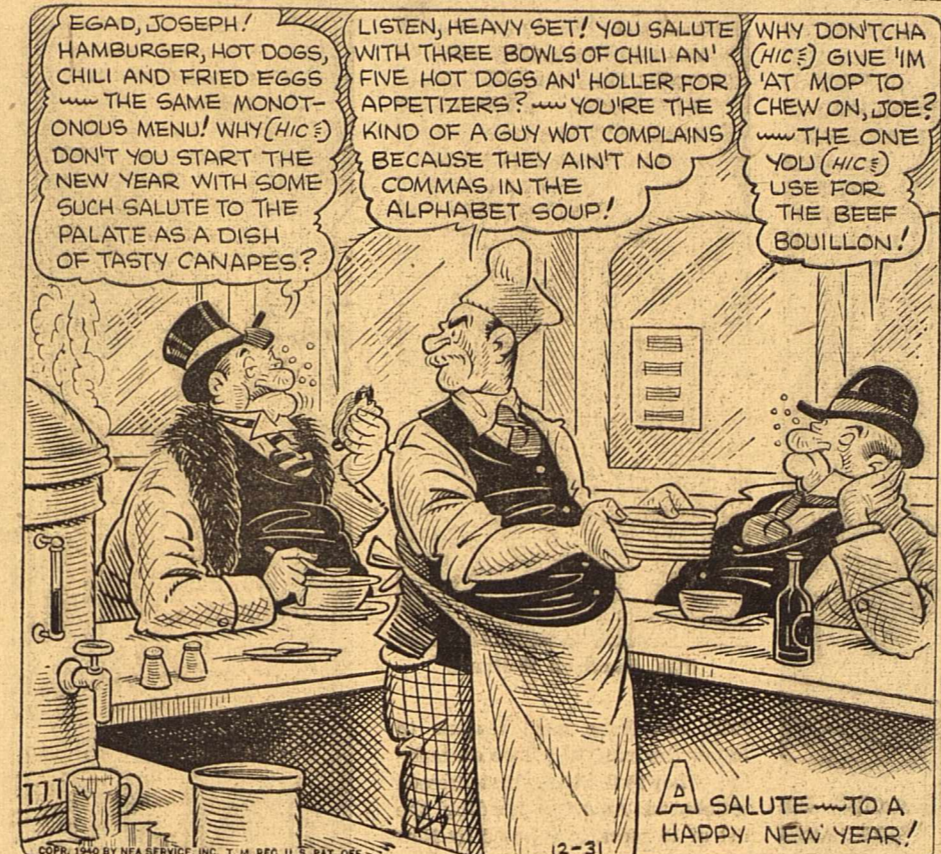
A new roof on the Texas Electric Service Co. garage and storeroom building at East Wall and Weatherford streets is expected to be completed the first part of January. Work started about a month ago. The roof will be fire-proof.

Funny Business



"Last year you made resolutions to quit smoking—what New Year's resolutions are you making this year, Pop?"

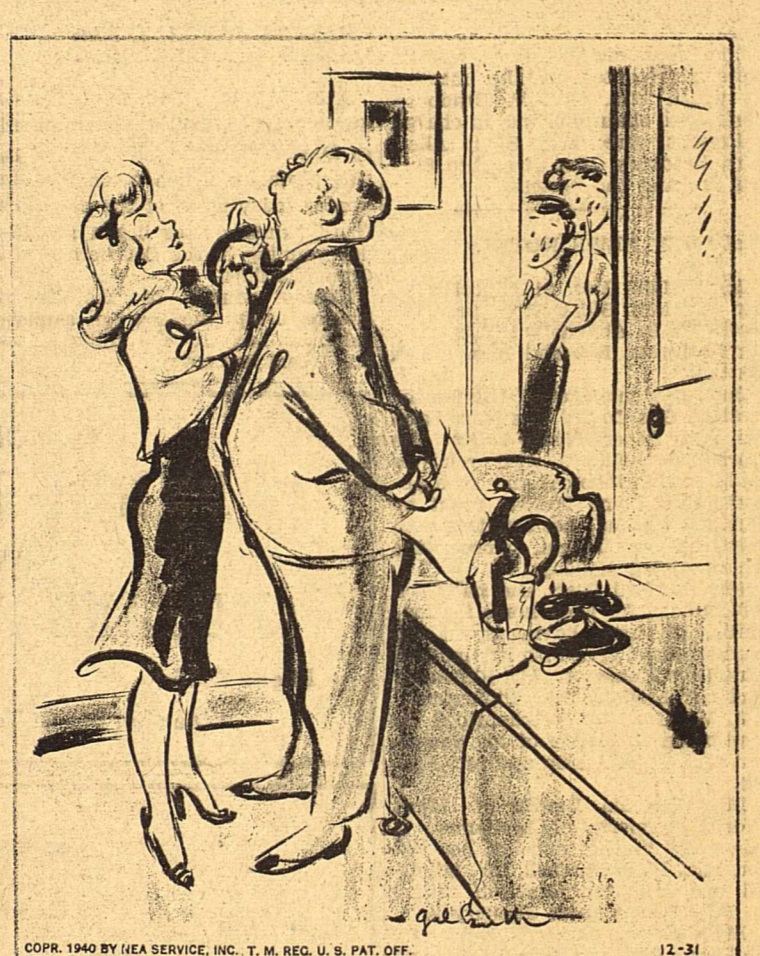
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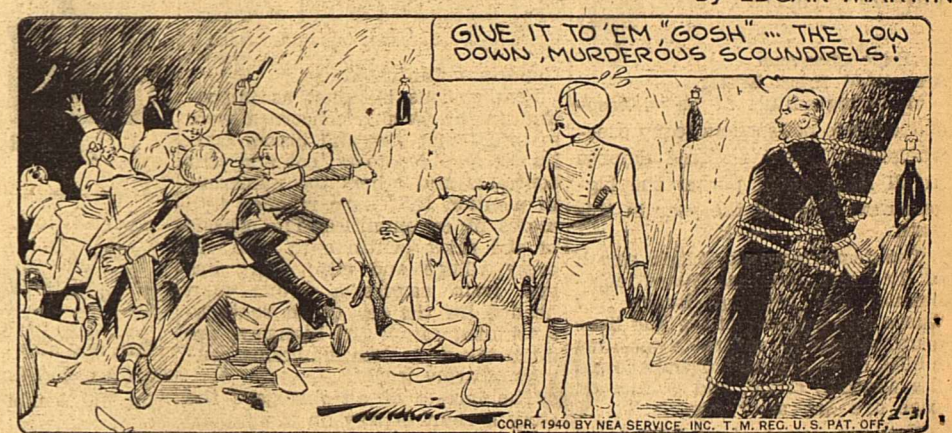


"I admire her nerve, whatever happens—he'll either fire her or make her assistant manager."

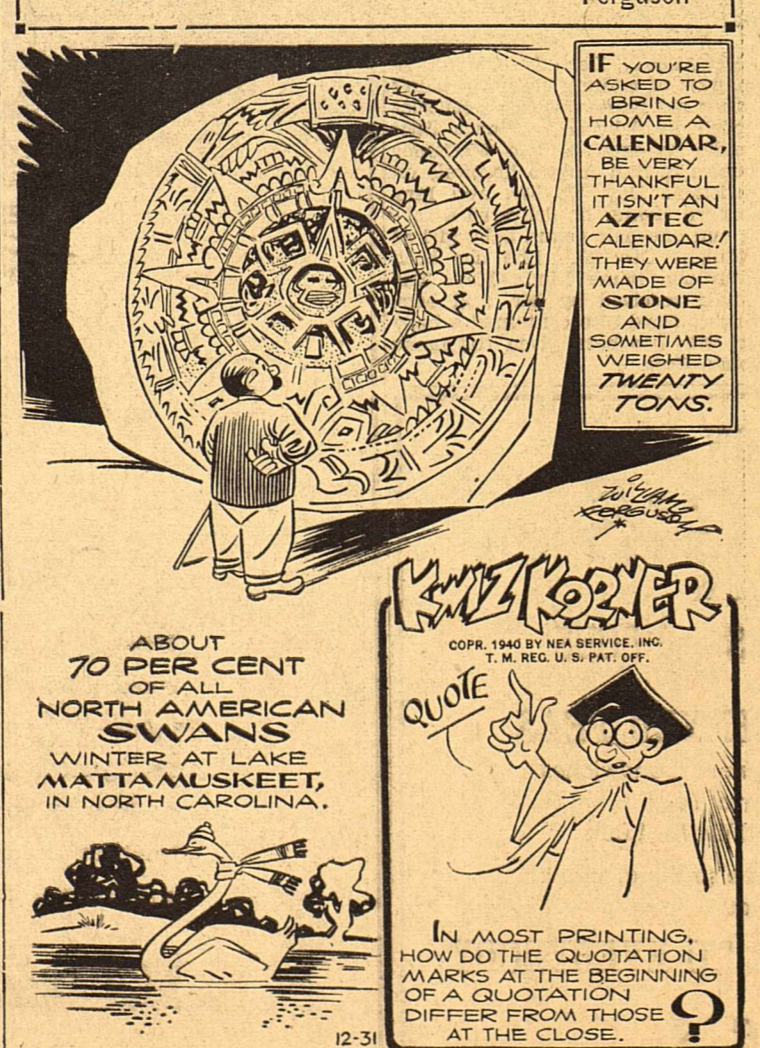
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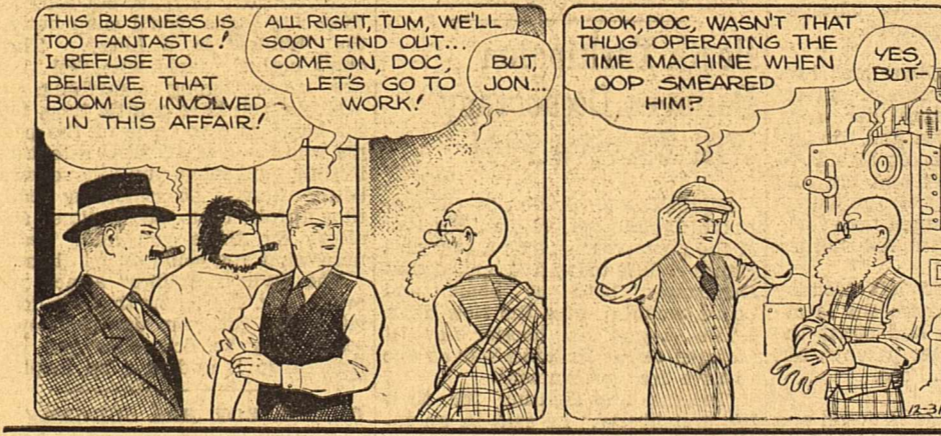


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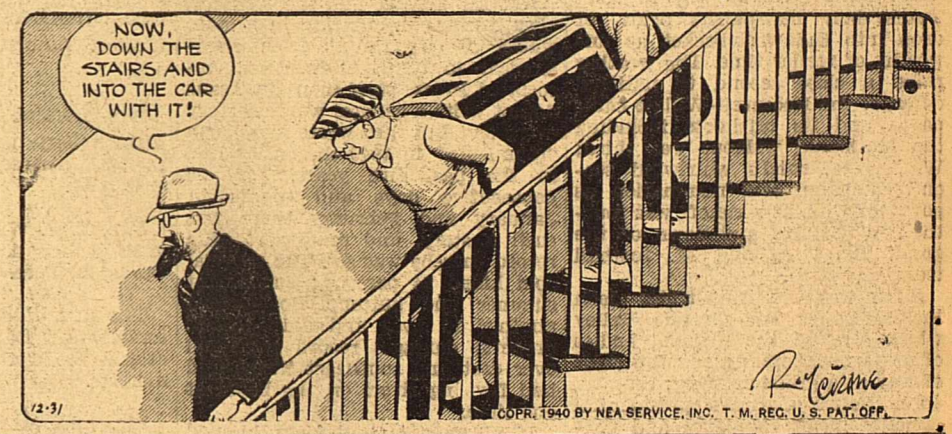
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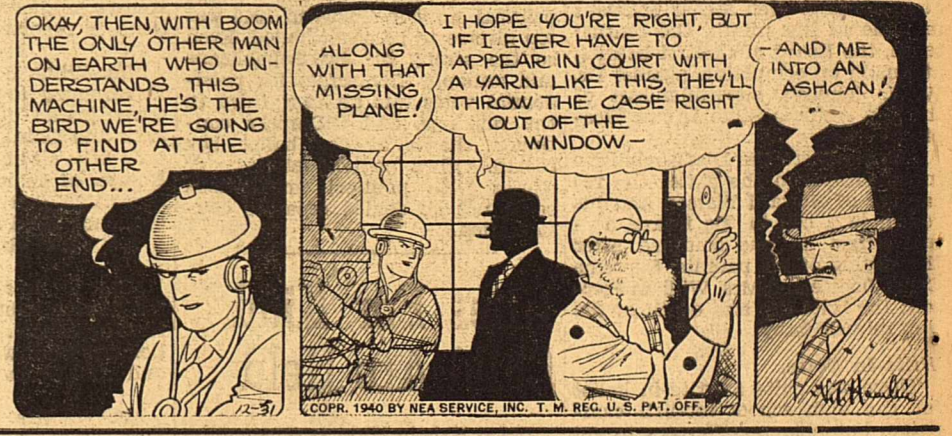
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NEXT: Traveling along with Mother Earth.

Rose Bowl Coaches Lapse Into Jitters

By Russ Newland.
PASADENA, Calif., Dec. 31 (AP)—Nebraska's Cornhuskers and Stanford's Indians breezed through easy football workouts today in a whoop and holler training wind-up for the battle of the Rose Bowl tomorrow.

The final drills were more or less superficial—muscle looseners and play polishers. It was a lark for the players but a zero hour approach for the coaches who appeared to have a corner on the worry market.

Major Lawrence "Biff" Jones, the Nebraska coaching nabob, and Clark Daniel Shaughnessy of Stanford seemed to have reached a physical and mental state that would qualify them for a national jitterbug contest. They were for fairly even terms in this respect.

Bulky "Biff," a Rose Bowl luminary for the first time, was as jumpy as a popo stick. Prof. Shaughnessy, enjoying similar fame by virtue of the outstanding first season coaching feat in the history of the sport—undefeated Stanford won the conference championship—was in a similar fix.

Stanford favored, odds of 5 to 11 favored Stanford, with even wagering at 7 points. The wise men of the game considered the outcome strictly of the toss-up variety.

One sour note blew out of Stanford's secret practice. Milt Vucinich, 202-pound second string full-back and a mighty handy fellow to have around, was believed definitely out of the classic. He injured a knee in practice.

When top man Norman Standlee was out of commission for two important games, Vucinich carried the load. Standlee is hale and hearty again and behind him as replacements are Rod Parker and Bob Crane.

Nebraska also had a physical problem in Roy Petch, 175-pound quarterback. Petch has been troubled with a back ailment and while regarded as a starter, may or may not stand the rough going.

Although a sell-out and capacity crowd of 90,000 is assured, there were reports some ticket holders had mailed back their pasteboards, probably influenced by rain which has swept the coast intermittently for over a week. Local sources were ready to gobble up any returned tickets.

Experts Install Vols Favorites In Sugar Classic

By Whitney Martin

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31 (AP)—Two football teams with 20 miles of Gulf Coast between them, but nary an alibi, were ending the year and their practice simultaneously today in the quiet of their respective camps as enthusiasm over their meeting in the Sugar Bowl classic tomorrow slowly worked its way toward mass hysteria.

At Bay St. Louis, Miss., an apprehensive Frank Leahy sent his Boston College Eagles through a mid-workout to brighten any dull spots and then prepared to spend New Year's eve worrying in all dimensions about what might happen tomorrow.

Eastward along the coast at Edgewater Park, Bob Neyland and his confident Tennessee Vols went through a similar routine.

With the recovery of Gene Goodrealt, star Boston end, from a knee injury, both squads are in top shape physically.

Meanwhile this always-festive city was beginning to look like all the county fairs rolled into one as trains, buses, automobiles and boats hourly disgorged hundreds of rabid fans.

From all lips came one question—"who do you like?"

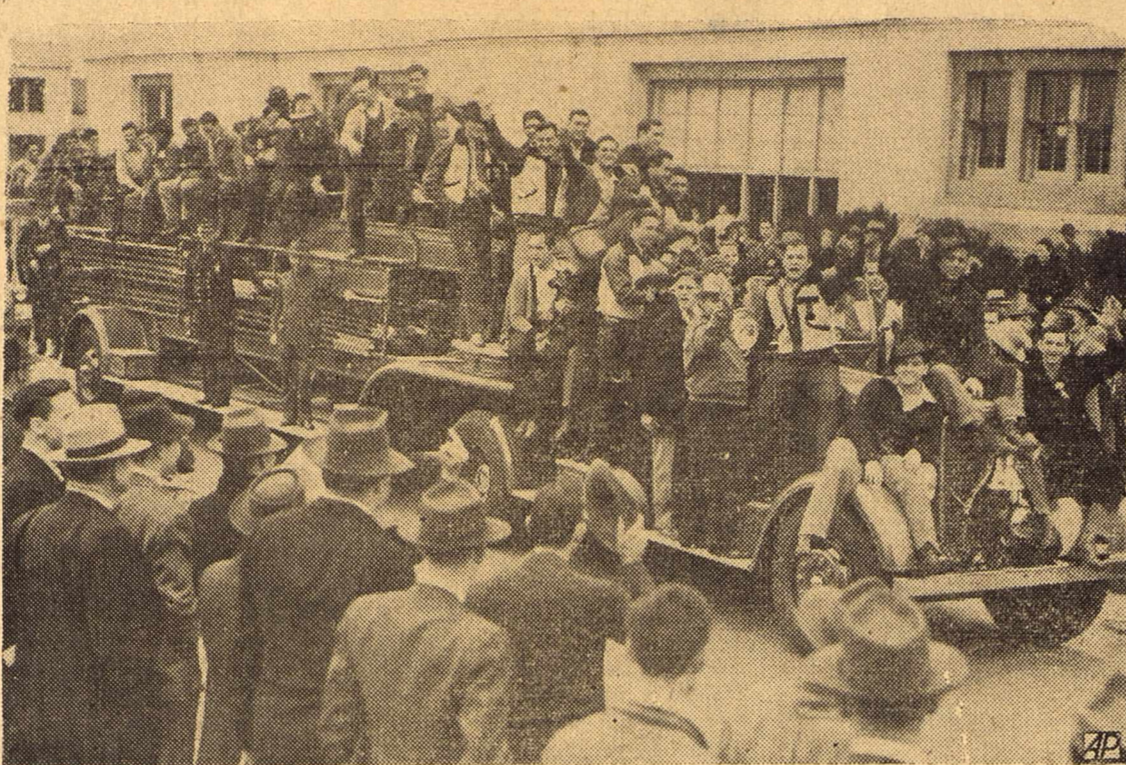
It came with a soft, Dixie accent, or with a crisp down-East twang. The answer always brought an argument. Oddly enough, except for the rabid Tennessee fans and the equally rabid Bostonians, the choices were usually based on a cold analysis of each team, with Tennessee usually coming out on top in this kind of competition. So much in fact, that the Vols were rated 2-5 favorites, although the margin was expected to narrow as the North-easters increased in number.

Odds or no odds, the belief was general that 73,000 spectators would see a great, and possibly free-scoring, battle between two undefeated teams tomorrow.

The weatherman promised sunny skies.

READ THE CLASSIFIEDS

Aggies Arrive For Fordham Battle



Texas A. & M.'s football squad rolled through the streets of Dallas on this big fire wagon, to the accompaniment of wailing sirens, upon their arrival for the New Year's battle with Fordham.

Norton Declares Aggies May Need Two Touchdowns

By Felix R. McKnight

DALLAS, Dec. 31 (AP)—Two, probably three, touchdowns will be needed to outscore Fordham University in the Cotton Bowl classic tomorrow, the master mind of the Texas Aggies dolefully agreed today.

Potency of the Fordham offensive was admitted by Coach Homer Norton in his pre-game analysis of a battle that will lure over 70,000 into the big saucer.

"The Aggies will need two touchdowns—probably more, to win the game. We know Fordham has one of the best rounded backfields in the game and we also have respect for their line. Frankly, we think we are playing one of the best teams in the nation."

The Aggies, a great senior team seeking to erase the blot of that Texas game, will meet the kickoff without the meekest alibi.

"We are in better physical condition than we were for the Sugar Bowl game last year," said Norton. "We are probably a smarter team. But I can't tell yet about the mental attitude. That remains to be seen right after the game starts."

Norton yesterday brought his charges from the quiet of College Station to the noisiest reception, a football team ever received in Dallas, got a brief workout at Southern Methodist and then confirmed reports that he would probably start sophomore Bill Henderson, phenomenal pass receiver, at right end.

Thus, Henderson, a boy who had never played football until he entered A&M last season, will be making his first starting game in a bowl classic.

Meanwhile, Coach Jim Crowley of Fordham got in his last two-a-day drills, planned only light workout today and freely made the Aggies favorites "because of their very fine record over the past two seasons—with the same club."

"The Aggies will have about a two-pound weight pull in the line with an average of just about 200 pounds, but will weigh in a backfield approximately 20 pounds per man heavier than the Fordhams."

Norton admitted that if the prop-conditions arose he would try to use two teams against the Rams.

"We have never been able to use two teams effectively—that is, until now. And then the other day our second team jumped up and beat our first team in a 60-minute scrimmage session, 9-6."

Skies were cloudy and occasional rain seeped throughout the night, but there were prospects of a better day tomorrow for the first Cotton Bowl sellout.

Hunters In Texas To Close Season Tonight

AUSTIN, Dec. 31 (AP)—Texas' army of outdoor sportsmen—except those hunting quail—will put away their guns tonight, closing the season on deer, turkey, javelina, ducks and geese.

Quail hunters, Secretary Will J. Tucker of the state game commission pointed out today, have until Jan. 16 to pursue their favorite sport. Fur trappers must quit Jan. 31.

Tucker stated that while Texas enjoyed a good hunting season, estimates of the total take will not be available until after wardens and field biologists file full reports.

Odds In Sun Bowl Incense Edwards

EL PASO, Dec. 31 (AP)—Coach Bill Edwards of Western Reserve University had his dander up today upon finding his Red Cats on the short end of the odds for the New Year's day Sun Bowl game against Arizona State of Tempe.

"It's a little difficult to understand why we're supposed to be the underdogs since my team has a record just as good or better than the Bulldogs," said Edwards.

"My team is ready and willing to accept the odds favoring Tempe, however."

Coach Dixie Howell's Arizonas resigned only slight favorites to whip the Cleveland eleven. Some of the long shot bids were taking Tempe and giving 10 points, however.

If the Bulldogs defeat Western Reserve, it will mark the first victory by a Border Conference champion in the Sun Bowl.

Football Tutors Into Closing NCAA Meeting

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—Saddle-weary from two solid days of "conventioning," members of the National Collegiate Athletic Association and the country's football coaches went into their closing sessions today, resigned to hearing more speeches.

A check-up at the two-thirds point of the annual gathering revealed that nothing of import had happened so far. The coaches had made a number of mild suggestions designed to improve the game, and it was thought that the rules committee later in the week might adopt one of them—widening of the goal posts to encourage field goal kicking.

Out of all the coaches milling around and electioneering for the important Ohio State post, all were hopeful and none had been definitely chosen. Rumors of coaching jobs "sewed up" for this or that were a dime a dozen, and the only one deserving credence was that Tuss McLaughry, now of Brown University, would be at Dartmouth next year.

Mississippi Coach Wants Better Luck

MIAMI, Fla., Dec. 31 (AP)—When Orange Bowl talk centers around Mississippi State's favoritism over Georgetown, Coach Allyn McKeen of the Maroons keeps his fingers crossed.

He can't forget that two other football teams from the state of Mississippi lost Orange Bowl games by a single point each.

"I don't believe in jinxes," McKeen smiled, "but you can put it down that we will be out to show the Orange Bowl people we can win."

Mississippi State, slightly favored mainly because the Maroons played a tougher schedule than Georgetown, uses the orthodox Tennessee system but also concentrates on blocking assignments for the return of kicks and intercepted passes.

Jack Hagerty's Georgetown outfit, however, may come up with most of the spectacular play. The Hoyas boast a huge line and an adequate corps of ball-handlers. Anything can happen from their unusual spread formation.

American Aircraft May Decide Victor

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP)—American-made aircraft will prove a decisive factor in the air war in 1941, a high R.A.F. official told United States correspondents today.

East-West Game Heads Criticize British Benefit

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 31 (AP)—The recruiting of Tommy Harmon and a batch of other East-West football stars for a British War Relief game at Los Angeles on Jan. 5 aroused the ire of Shrine officials here today.

The Shrine has worked for 16 years to build the East-West game into a New Year's day classic and fears that if the players go barnstorming off afterward for this belatedly-arranged Los Angeles affair it will jeopardize the goodwill of universities which allow their players to come West.

"This thing is a bit of an absolute steal," said one Shrine official. "I am not challenging the worthiness of the cause X X X but we fear the danger of the precedent."

"We had to overcome objections of Eastern and Midwestern conferences to allow their boys to come out here. We had to assure faculty men their boys would play in this game and no other and would not go barnstorming off during the holidays."

"The East-West game, to be played at Kezar Stadium here New Year's before a sellout crowd of 62,000 is for the sole benefit of the hospital for crippled children."

Captain Norman Glover, secretary of the British War Relief Association of Southern California, has announced that the Los Angeles game would be played for the benefit of the British War Relief Association and that most of the East-West players already have agreed to play in it.

Bobby Riggs Is Sugar Bowl Tennis Champion

NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 31 (AP)—Bobby Riggs again is Sugar Bowl tennis champion, after beating the tournament jinx and Gardner Mulloy of Coral Gables, Fla.

The Chicagoan outclassed Mulloy 6-2, 7-5, 6-0, yesterday in the finals and became the first player ever to win the Sugar Bowl tourney twice.

He won it also in 1937.

In the doubles final, Jack Krammer of East Los Angeles and Ted Schroeder of Glendale, Calif., won over Riggs and Wayne Sabin of Portland, Ore., 9-7, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Reports 43 000 Tons British Shippings Lost

LONDON, Dec. 31 (AP)—The admiralty announced today that 43,300 tons of merchant shipping were lost due to "enemy action" in the week ending Dec. 22.

Eighteen ships were lost, it said, of which 15 totalling 32,849 tons were British and three with a tonnage of 10,451 were neutral.

Naval circles commented that the lowered rate of sinkings of the past two weeks indicated that counter-measures taken against submarines will succeed in reducing "materially" the effects of their attacks.

"So far," one informant commented, "the quantity of shipping destroyed by enemy raiders causes no undue alarm."

The average weekly loss during the war, excluding losses in the withdrawal from Dunkerque, was placed at 63,287 tons.

Christofordis Will Fight Melio Bettina

CLEVELAND, Dec. 31 (AP)—Anton Christofordis and Melio Bettina will fight here Jan. 13 and the winner will be recognized by the National Boxing Association as the successor to Billy Conn as world lightweight champion. Promotor Bob Brickman announced today.

Knickerbocker Goes To Chicago White Sox

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—The New York Yankees today traded Billy Knickerbocker, veteran utility infielder, to the Chicago White Sox for Kenneth Sylvestri, young catcher. No cash was involved.

Revival Held At Gospel Hall

A non-denominational revival is in progress at Gospel Hall, 500 S. Lorraine, the Rev. J. D. Jackson, pastor, announced today. The public is invited and a special invitation is given ministers of the town to attend the services. A watch service will be held tonight.

Coaches Arrange Stanton-Midland Cage Doublebill

The Midland Bulldog cagers will see their second action this season tomorrow night against two Stanton teams playing here.

Coach Earl Clark said this morning that he and Coach Homer Poole of the Buffaloes had arranged a doubleheader between the first and second teams of each school. The "B" teams are scheduled to play at 7:30 and the varsities at 8:30 or 9:00.

The Bulldogs started daily double drills yesterday as Clark sought to whip his squad into shape to meet a San Angelo club there the night of Jan. 1. Several members are handicapped with colds, but Clark anticipates no serious consequences. The Bulldogs will play the Sweetwater Mustangs here Jan. 10, and enter a district tournament Feb. 21 and 22.

Midland's team fell victim to the Odessa Bronchos in its opening game of the season.

The probable starting varsity lineup tomorrow night is: Leonard Sheppard and Bill Hall, guard; Charlie Kelly and Clarence Hyatt, forwards; and Maurice Bratton center.

The "B" team lineup hasn't been determined.

New Year's Day Four-Star Tilts

By The Associated Press

Here are the contestants, starting times, probable weather, attendance and Associated Press Staff Writers covering the principal college football classics on New Year's day: (All time Central Standard):

Rose Bowl at Pasadena—Stanford vs Nebraska, 4:15 p. m., fair, 90,000, Robert Myers and Russ Newland.

Sugar Bowl at New Orleans—Tennessee vs Boston College, 1:15 p. m., cloudy, 73,000, Whitney Martin and Mortimer Kreeger.

Cotton Bowl at Dallas—Texas Aggies vs Fordham, 1:15 p. m., partly cloudy, 45,500, Felix McKnight.

Orange Bowl at Miami—Mississippi State vs Georgetown, 1 p. m., partly cloudy, mild, 32,000, Larry Rollins.

All-Stars at San Francisco—East vs West, 4 p. m., showers, 62,000, Richard Cushing.

Sun Bowl at El Paso—Tempe (Ariz.) Teachers vs West-View, 3 p. m., partly cloudy, 15,000, John E. Ward.

Pineapple Bowl at Honolulu—Hawaii vs Fresno (Calif.) State, fair, 22,000.

Wheeler . . .

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Will Extend Help—Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau indicated that the administration's "lease-lend" war supply plan, if approved by Congress, would be extended to China and Greece, and as soon as pressing British needs were met, China, it was said, would receive such surplus materials as could be spared, in the meantime.

Mr. Roosevelt held a lengthy conference with Arthur B. Purvis, British purchasing agent, and Morgenthau. Purvis said he had a "general talk on supply matters and the situation in London," but no fresh British requests had been presented.

Senator Wheeler said that although "we stand as close to the brink of war as we stood in January of 1917—some people still oppose a European peace." x x x

"I firmly believe the German people want peace just as any other people prefer peace to war—and the offer of a just, reasonable and generous peace will more quickly and effectively humble Hitlerism and break the morale of the German people than all the bombers that could be dispatched over Berlin," he continued.

"A working basis for a just peace might involve among other factors the following:

"1. Restoration of Germany's 1914 boundaries with an autonomous Poland and Czechoslovakia.

"2. Restoration of independent France, Holland, Norway, Belgium and Denmark.

"3. Restoration of Alsace-Lorraine to France.

"4. Restoration of German colonies.

"5. Protection of all racial and religious minorities in all countries.

"6. Internationalization of the Suez Canal.

"7. No indemnities or reparations.

"8. Arms limitation throughout the world."

Pittsburg Beats Longhorn Cagers At Oklahoma City

OKLAHOMA CITY, Dec. 31 (AP)—The Pittsburg (Kans.) Teachers, newly crowned champions of the Oklahoma City all-college basketball tournament, placed two men on the all-tournament team, announced today following a poll of officials, coaches and writers.

The Kansans won the title last night by coming from behind with a blazing last-half rally to nose the University of Texas Longhorns, 39 to 38, in the finals.

The Oklahoma Aggies, dethroned champions and three-time winners of the tournament, took third place by beating West Texas State College, 44 to 41, in a game between the semi-finals.

LeRoy Uhlenhoph, senior guard and captain of the Pittsburg team, was named the tournament's most valuable player.

The all tournament selections:

First Team—Forward—Merle King, Pittsburg (Kans.) Teachers.

Forward—Lonnie Eggleston, Oklahoma Aggies.

Center—W. D. Houpt, University of Texas.

Guard—LeRoy Uhlenhoph, Pittsburg (Kans.) Teachers.

Guard—Udell Moore, University of Texas.

Second Team—Forward—Price Brookfield, West Texas State.

Forward—Grady Vaughan, Baylor University.

Center—Vern Schwertfeger, Oklahoma Aggies.

Guard—Don Martin, Warrensburg (Mo.) Teachers.

Guard—Will Rothman, University of Wyoming.

Tilden Stops At Hotel Overnight

Big Bill Tilden, explosive national tennis figure who usually, in his long and turbulent career, has been up and down, was up early this morning and stole away from Midland practically unnoticed.

The former athlete, registering from Hollywood, and a companion, P. Lilley, New York, arrived last night and stayed at Hotel Schreiber. They were up and away at 7 a. m., east-bound and maybe headed for the Cotton Bowl game tomorrow in Dallas.

In the rear seat of his car was Tilden's usual large repertoire of tennis rackets, models of those which he used to blast his way to the world's championship during the twenties.

Today's Markets

LIVESTOCK
FORT WORTH, Dec. 31 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Cattle, salable and total 1,600; calves, salable and total 800; all classes fully steady, some of the light yearlings, calves and bulls strong; common and medium beef steers and yearlings 6.00-8.75; good fed offerings 9.25-10.50; beef cows 4.50-6.50; canners and good fat calves 8.00-9.00; common and medium 5.50-7.75; culls 4.50-5.50; good and choice stock steer calves 9.00-10.25; stock heifer calves 8.00-9.00.

Hogs, salable 2,000; total 2,200; market mostly 10c lower than Monday's average; top 6.60; most good and choice 1.90-3.00 lb. 6.50; good and choice 1.50-1.85 lb. 5.50-6.45; pigs 4.00 down; packing sows steady, 5.50-7.50; sheep, salable and total 1,000; market steady on all classes; woolled fat lambs 8.00-50; fall shorn yearlings mixed grade shorn 2-year-old wethers 4.50 with aged wethers out at 3.25; feeder lambs 7.50 down.

Wool
BOSTON, Dec. 31 (AP)—(U. S. Dept. Agr.)—Scattered sales were closed on domestic wools in the Boston market today. Moderate quantities of grades combining one quarter blood, bright fleece wools were sold at 44-46 cents, in the grease, but the three eighths blood grade of similar wools were sold in small quantities at 42-45 cents, in the grease, and the scored basis prices were being estimated at \$1.10 to \$1.12. Oriental wools, in small quantities at \$1.03 to \$1.05, scored basis, for good French combing lengths, and at \$1 to \$1.02, scored basis, for short to average French combing length.

Cotton
NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—Cotton futures prices today closed 4 to 7 points higher.

Selective Stocks Gain Ground Today
NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—The stock market emerged from a gloomy 1940 on a selective rising note today.

While many traders elected to cash in on the three-session upswing and trends were moderately irregular from the start, reinvestment demand was a bolstering factor throughout and a number of issues went into new high ground for the past 12 months or longer.

Quotations were at the worst in the forenoon but offerings were relatively light. Prices stiffened in the concluding hour although volume failed to pick up appreciably. Transfers were around 1,000,000 shares.

Universal Pictures preferred, a 10-share trading unit, jumped about 11 points on a small turnover. It touched a new peak for the year, along with Savage Arms.

Bonds and commodities maintained their balance.

PATIENTS WILL RETURN HOME

Mrs. Martha Holloway is to return to her home today from Ryan's Hospital where she has been treated for a fractured hip. J. McGrew, medical patient in the hospital, will also return to his home today.

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Sports Roundup

By Eddie Brietz

NEW YORK, Dec. 31 (AP)—Don't let this jar you, but Jarrin John Kimbrough will demand a 25 grand to play pro football. . . . Hard to believe, but New Orleans reports Boston College rooters down there want 14 points. . . . Dallas scalpers are asking \$25 per copy for \$3.30 Cotton Bowl seats. (Not even the specs can get \$4.40 pasteboards). . . . Cubs may be stuck with Billy Herman. Reason: \$20,000 salary.

F. B. Rumor Foundry
Francis Schmidt may wind up with the Detroit pros. . . . Bill Edwards, who put his Western Reserve in the Sun Bowl, is said to be on or near the top of the Marquette list. . . . And what Southern coach is expected to sign with an Eastern school right after the holidays? . . . Tom Stidham has two more years to go at Oklahoma and politicians who're gunning for him may have to hold their horses. . . . Marchie Schwartz, now at Stanford, reportedly headed for the No. 1 spot at U. C. L. A.

Sports Cocktail
We got 14 of those yah, yah, yah wires burning us for picking California over Georgia Tech and is our face red. . . . A Minneapolis high school had to forfeit 17 football victories when the draft disclosed one of its stars was over age. . . . Sammy Sneed, a native Virginian, has been called a West Virginian so much he is beginning to believe it himself.

Today's Guest Star
Gordon Spear, Billings (Mont.) Gazette: "The strange life of a bowling pin is 10,000 knockdowns. . . . Well, at least the bowling pins know when to quit."

New Year Couplets
Though to the bowl games we can't go, We'll get them—on the radio.

And now we hoist a cup of cheer To wish you all a grand New Year.

German Press Answers FDR

By Louis P. Lochner
BERLIN, Dec. 31 (AP)—The German press, with a nod of consent from the German government, released today a torrent of caustic comment on President Roosevelt's latest suggestion to give every possible American aid to Britain.

With the appearance of explosive editorials on the subject there was evidence on every side of tensing emotions. But at the same time there were loud declarations that Germany would not permit herself to get unduly excited or allow herself to be provoked.

There was a disposition to refer the whole controversy back to the "conscience of the American people." The attitude was that the United States knows how Germany feels—and that America has a chance to reflect before she is committed to a course more hostile to Germany.

An informed source said that the press comment, for the present at least, would constitute Adolf Hitler's reply to Mr. Roosevelt's Sunday night speech.

Before the appearance of afternoon papers, the press attitude was outlined as putting down the president's fire-side talk Sunday night as "undignified in tone, weak in argument and not convincing."

SEES NAME ON SIGN, SNAPS INTO ACTION
SUMMITER, S. C., Dec. 31 (AP)—A tourist getting gas and oil at a service station glanced casually across the street at a highway sign, then bounded to his car, pulled out a camera and began snapping pictures.