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An Illustration of the 'American Way'

We do a good deal of talking about the "American way" of doing things, but we don't often stop to figure out exactly what it means. The last year's record in regard to traffic deaths offers a good example.

During 1938, approximately 31,500 people in the United States were killed by automobiles. That, heaven knows, is certainly an appalling figure; yet there is a lot of encouragement in it because it is about 8000 below the figure for 1937 and it indicates that the nation is at last beginning to solve its traffic death problem.

And it is in the way the problem was tackled, the things that were done to solve it and the way the machinery was set in motion that this much-talked-of "American way" can be seen in action.

Let it be admitted freely that there was a terrible delay in getting started. The yearly traffic toll was a shocking disgrace for years before anything very effective was done. Nevertheless, the public did at last wake up to the situation. Public opinion was stirred from the ground up, and elaborate studies of the things that could be done to take the hazards out of auto traffic were made—made by private organizations and by tax-supported bodies simultaneously.

So the problem was studied on a broad front. The best brains available were put to work on it. Every angle was examined, from the work of school safety patrols to the possibility of eliminating danger through better highway engineering. The results were pooled and made easily available to authorities everywhere. And then the campaign got under way.

Like the original study, it was carried on on a broad front. The public was given a course of education. Traffic codes were revised. New systems of police control were built up. And gradually the campaign began to be effective. People began to see that auto traffic was not an irresistible juggernaut but something that could be brought under control. The control was devised—and now we can be reasonably confident that within a few years the death toll will be got down to a level which a civilized community can view with some degree of equanimity.

Now all of that is a pretty fair sample of what we call the "American way"—or, if you prefer, the democratic way, the way of a free society—in operation.

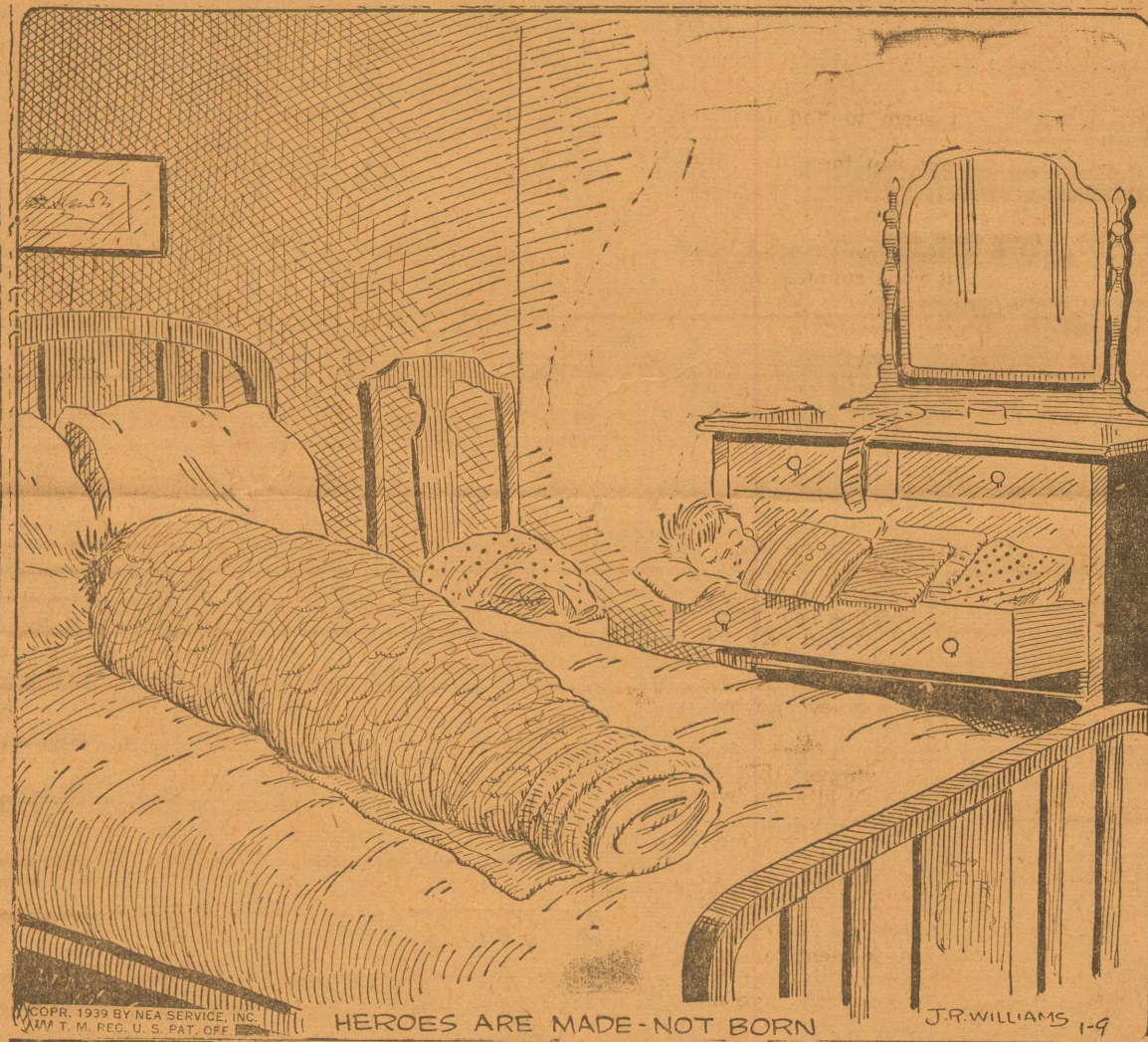
It was not a campaign imposed from above. Instead it developed in response to a completely aroused and informed public opinion. There was no censorship to keep news of the situation from reaching the people; there was no repression to keep each man from speaking his mind about it; there was no regimentation to keep a score of solutions from being tried at once, so that a process of experimentation could call out the worthless ones.

Instead there was a pooling of brains, so to speak; a uniting of the nation's best thought and best effort. And because the program was evolved in that way, it will stick.

For the First Couple of Weeks, Anyhow



"OUT OUR WAY" By Williams



The Year 1938 In Retrospect

AUGUST

1. Eastland county was to be officially represented at a special meeting of the Texas County Judges and Commissioners association at Fort Worth when a detailed study of the counties' and state road bond indebtedness was to be reported, Judge W. S. Adamson stated.
2. Issuance of 37 marriage licenses in July brought the year's total in the county to 196 as compared to the 1937 seven-month total of 180.
3. The nation sweltered in heat waves on both coasts. Police investigated the theft of \$25 in merchandise from the Sinclair Service station in Eastland.
4. Desdemona made plans for a home coming Saturday, Aug. 13. Thomas L. Blanton returned to Abilene from Warrington and said he was to make his home in the Taylor county seat.
5. The Royal Blues team of Eastland was winner of the district A. S. A. A. tournament at Eastland.
6. The Desdemona deep test was plugged at total depth 5,291 1/2 feet.
7. J. E. Lewis, Sr., of Eastland, in a Fort Worth hospital because of a paralytic stroke, was reported "much better."
8. The short route to Fort Worth, highway 80, was topped fully and open to the public, it was announced.
9. Repairs to the First Christian church at Eastland were completed.
10. Prospective football team members of the area were reporting for practice.
11. Henry Pullman was new commander of the Eastland Legion post.
12. Twenty-five youths had signed up to A. & M. College at College Station and occupy the Eastland county Project House. George A. Davison Jr., of Eastland received an injured neck when a West Texas whirlwind near Quanah struck a trailer attached to the rear of the automobile of Pierce Brooks, candidate for governor, and caused the car to overturn twice.
13. T. P. Oilers of Ranger became men's champions of the district A. S. A. A. tournament at Eastland, after defeating Texas Electric of Eastland.
14. W. Lee O'Daniel defended his endorsement of state run-off candidates.
15. Mrs. S. E. Ratliff, mother of A. J. Ratliff of Ranger, died at her home in San Angelo.
16. "The Valiant" was presented by the Eastland Little Theatre. Lee Dockery was elected commander of the Ranger American Legion.
17. Mrs. Ida L. Utz, 78, died at Ranger.
18. Margaret White of Eastland was chosen president of the recently formed auxiliary to the Cisco Post 3359, Veterans of Foreign Wars.
19. A total of 191 persons attended the second annual Hagar family reunion at the city park in Eastland.
20. Annual encampment of 4-H club boys of the county began at Eastland.
21. Order was placed for lights on the Bulldog stadium at Ranger.
22. A 9 o'clock curfew was ordered for children of Cisco under 16 years of age.
23. A subsidiary of Swift and company purchased the Carbon Peanut company holdings at Carbon.
24. Omar Burkett lead in the second primary vote for representative of the 107th district and John White in the district clerk race. Texas Electric softball team of Eastland defeated Coker grocery of Wichita Falls in the regional men's ASAA tournament.
25. John Webb, long-time resident of Eastland, was found dead near the home of relatives. Officials said the death was natural. Funeral services for Miss Ovada Mae Anderson, 17, and Herald Nelson Hesson, 21, who were killed when their car collided with a freight train in Ranger, were conducted.
26. Saturday closing of Texas oil fields will be added to Sunday shutdowns in September in an effort to balance production and consumption, it was announced from Austin.
27. Coach E. B. Grady, Jr., told of need of lights for the football field in Eastland. He spoke at a meeting of the Eastland Lions club.

FRECKLES and HIS FRIENDS—By Blosser



PRESIDENT OF U. S. A.

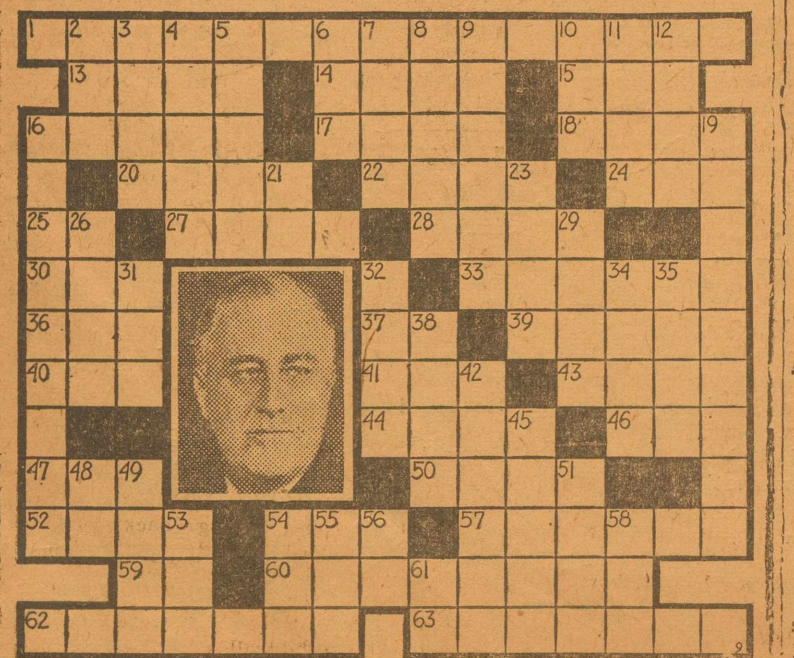
HORIZONTAL

- 1 President of the U. S. A., Franklin
- 13 Game on horseback.
- 14 In the style of.
- 15 Yellow bugle.
- 16 Employer.
- 17 Obnoxious plant.
- 18 To warble.
- 20 Gaelic.
- 22 Naval officer assistant.
- 24 Constellation, Lion.
- 25 Compass point.
- 27 This is his second in office.
- 28 Fiber knots.
- 30 Split pea.
- 33 Marked with spots.
- 36 Frozen dessert
- 37 Form of "be."
- 39 Flavor.
- 40 Tea.

Answer to Previous Puzzle

VERTICAL

- 19 He was formerly of New York (pl.).
- 21 Noun termination.
- 23 Dactylic hexameter.
- 26 Every.
- 29 To pierce with a knife.
- 31 Field.
- 32 Serene.
- 34 Grandparental covering.
- 35 Bull.
- 38 Dinner.
- 42 Fire worshiper.
- 45 Copal.
- 48 Whirlwind.
- 49 Bitter herb.
- 51 Pace.
- 53 Brother.
- 54 100 square meters.
- 55 Pronoun.
- 56 Africa.
- 58 Sooner than.
- 61 All right.



A Study in Faces as President Talks



Intent on the President's message to Congress is Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, left, while she holds Commerce Secretary Hopkins' daughter, Diana, who cranes her neck to see what the President's mother, Mrs. Sara Delano Roosevelt, is studying. Almost obscured from the camera is Frederick Delano, the President's uncle.

Astronomer Holds Year 1939 Should Be At Least 1943

PHILADELPHIA.—This year should be 1943 A. D., or perhaps 1944 or 1945, rather than 1939,

according to James Stokley, associate director of the Franklin Institute in charge of astronomy. Josephus, the great historian, wrote that King Herod died soon after an eclipse of the moon, Stokley said, and the only such eclipse of that time in the Holy Land occurred on March 13, 4 B. C. Since Christ was born before Herod's death, his birth must have occurred at least four years before

the time set by the Christian calendar, the astronomer explained. This year is 2599 in Japan, he said. According to the ancient Roman calendar, the year 2692 would begin Jan. 14. The Mohammedan new year begins at sunset Feb. 20, when 1358 is ushered in. Sunset on Sept. 13 will bring the Jewish year 5700 while the following day will be the beginning of 7448 of the Byzantine era.

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SERIAL STORY

NO TIME TO MARRY

BY ELINORE COWAN STONE

CAST OF CHARACTERS
JANET DWIGHT, heroine. She was engaged to handsome young architect...



But she had gone out with a new undercurrent of excitement to dance again with Lance Barstow.

CHAPTER I
GREAT-AUNT Mary Cantrell glanced up from the towel on which she was embroidering a monogram toward the chest into which Janet was tenderly folding fragile garments of lace and rainbow-tinted satin.

man seemed to hold for the other women there. After Janet, partly because she was always kind to shy people,

AUNT MARY dropped small blue-veined old hands into her lap and sat up a little more erect in her straight-backed chair, her eyes girlishly bright with reminiscence.

and partly because, in his quiet diffident way, he sometimes said unexpectedly amusing things, had danced with him for the third time, Cynthia laylaid her in the powder room, and warned her with that air of tolerant sophistication that Janet often found very trying.

"White satin," she said softly. "It had a snug bodice, with crystal buttons down the front, and a very full skirt—even though the times were hard, and we were starting out only the next day to homestead in the west. . . . I had a veil, and orange blossoms—artificial ones, of course."

"The depression?" snapped Aunt Mary. "In heaven's name, why the depression? Do you suppose this country's never seen hard times before your generation came along? When I was young, we scratched for every bite we ate—that is, our men-folks did. But nowadays young men seem to expect a living handed to them on a silver tray."

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Suddenly, she couldn't tell why, she felt that something was wrong.

CHAPTER II
STILL deliberately avoiding Janet's troubled eyes, Cynthia turned to Mrs. Cantrell. "Sorry to have passed you and Jan up for lunch, Grams," she said.

with a hasty, "Sorry I haven't time now to tell you just how lucky I think you are, Jan. I have a date this evening," went

belied the cynicism of the eyes. "Well," Janet said, "to begin with, he's years older than you."

Barney McKnight's face stiffened ever so faintly. He was a big young man, with an aggressive, faintly comical nose, alert blue eyes under a turbulent mass of black hair—and a general air of knowing that the world was his own particular oyster.

JANET said after an incredulous silence, "You don't mean that you won't marry Barney because you're afraid of being poor, Cyn?"

"No, Janet!" Cynthia, who had continued to stand by the window as if rooted to the spot, broke in sharply. "Don't. You must wait till Lance—"

SISTER MARY'S KITCHEN

BY MRS. GAYNOR MADDOX

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Tomorrow's Menu
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JOHN T. FLYNN

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It is reported that the Securities and Exchange Commission is being "called off" in its study of the Trans-America Corporation.

went in for all sorts of other business as well. An argument can be made for holding company banking. It is not a good argument but at least it has some substance in it.

MYRA NORTH, Special Nurse -- By Thompson and Coll

Comic strip panels for Myra North, Special Nurse. Panels show Myra North being hit by a car and then being rescued by a doctor.

ALLEY OOP -- By Hamlin

Comic strip panels for Alley Oop. Panels show a cavewoman named Myra North being rescued from a cave by a cavewoman named Myra North.

THIS CURIOUS WORLD By William Ferguson

Advertisement for 'The Sun' featuring a cartoon of a man carrying a large barrel of coal and text about the benefits of sunlight.

Motorist Stops a Runaway Street Car
NEW HAVEN, Conn.—Douglas Brill was driving home early one morning when he saw a trolley moving slowly downhill without an operator or passengers.

