

HITLER ASSERTS 1941 TO BRING GREATEST VICTORY

Berlin To Characterize President's Address As Undignified And Weak

Hitler's Reply For the Present To Be Left Up To the German Press, But Authorized Sources Declare It Will Be Described As An Appeal To Lowest Instincts Of American People

Berlin, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Adolf Hitler's reply to President Roosevelt's Sunday night speech on the United States and the war will be given for the present by the German press, informed sources said today.

And the press, they added, will put Mr. Roosevelt's talk down as "undignified in tone, weak in argument and not convincing."

In addition, it was said, the talk would be characterized "an appeal to the lowest instincts of the American people."

At the same time, far from the present handling of the German-American situation here as it is reported from the President's talk, it seemed evident that Germany does not choose to be provoked.

From the viewpoint of strategy informed sources intimated, the press will hold that the President's speech is uninteresting because "American support of England, no matter in what form it comes can not delay, much less prevent, Britain's defeat."

It was said that the German press would comment further that the speech "neither politically nor from the viewpoint of its content caused any surprise" and would add:

"It is remarkable however, for its accumulation of partialities, untruths and insults to Germany and Italy."

The German press further was expected to express surprise that "the political leader of 120,000,000 Jewish take up such phrases of the Jewish press and makes them the subject of discourse to his people."

88 Defendants In Court Last Month

Eighty-eight defendants were tried in Municipal court during December, compared with 87 in November, the monthly report of H. H. Duncan, clerk of the tribunal, revealed today.

Fines during December totaled \$66.70, compared with a total of \$180 in the previous month. The fines were turned over to the school fund.

Costs of court in the amount of \$204.80 were assessed against 22 defendants in December, while 33 defendants paid \$315.70 in November. The State Department of Justice and the Police Pension Fund were swelled by \$22 each during December and by \$33 in November.

CCC Will Accept More Pitt Youths

Any young man between the age of 18 and 23 who can otherwise qualify and who desires to enroll in the Civilian Conservation Corps is urged to see K. T. Futrell, county welfare officer, immediately.

Mr. Futrell disclosed today that there was good possibility that the quota of 25 white boys for this quarter would be increased since he had received instructions to take several qualified alternates to Washington, N. C. with him next Monday when he goes to enroll the original quota of 25 white and six colored boys.

Boys enrolling are required to have dependents and must not have more than two years previous service in the CCC. Part of the money paid the enrollees is sent to dependents, part is given the youths each month and the remainder is kept for the boys until their release.

The welfare officer expressed the belief the CCC offered a wonderful opportunity for young men without jobs and with dependents.

W. L. Smith, Jr., Joins Radio Station Staff

W. L. Smith, Jr., who has had wide experience in the field of advertising, has assumed the position of commercial manager of local radio station WGTC.

Busy



Nazi "trouble-shooter" in the Balkans is Franz von Papen, German ambassador to Turkey, who recently was called to Berlin for long chats with Hitler. He's rated a shrewd diplomat.

RETAIL SALES IN CITY SHOWN

1939 Total Considerably Higher Than 1935 Gross

Preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of Census and released through the Greenville Chamber of Commerce offices today show that this city gained 24 retail stores during the 1935-39 period.

The report also revealed that the city's 1939 retail sales totaled \$6,724,000, compared with \$6,022,000 in 1935, reflecting a gain of \$702,000.

The city's population showed a gain of 3,497 for the past 10 years, jumping from 9,194 in 1929 to 12,691 in 1939.

The figures show that Greenville had more than half of the retail sales volume reported for the entire county in 1939. The county's retail sales amounted to \$11,885,000 for the year, with the city accounting for \$6,724,000 of the total.

The county's population for 1939 was reported at 61,237, compared with 54,466 in 1929, a gain of 6,771 of which the city accounted for 3,497, or more than half of the gain.

State figures show a gain in population from 3,170,276 in 1929 to 3,563,174 in 1939 and a gain in retail sales from \$460,083,000 in 1935 to \$633,240,000 in 1939.

GUS E. FORBES LEASES HOUSE

Pays \$8,300 For Gorman's Warehouse For 1941 Season

Gus E. Forbes, well-known Greenville tobacco warehouseman, has leased the Gorman warehouse for the 1941 season for \$8,300, the lease having been officially confirmed and the papers filed at the court house this afternoon.

The warehouse was leased by the Gorman heirs at public bidding on Saturday, but the lease was confirmed only this afternoon. The house was erected by the late J. N. Gorman. It is located on Eleventh street and was operated during the past season by Matt Long, Jack Move and Yock Joyner.

Mr. Forbes is one of the best known warehouse operators in Greenville. Last year and for a number of years past he was associated with W. Z. Morton in the operation of the Forbes and Morton warehouse.

Mr. Forbes could not be reached following the confirmation of the lease this afternoon, but it was understood that he had sold his interest in the Forbes and Morton warehouse to Mr. Morton and would operate the Gorman's warehouse next season.

Bond Issues Approved Raleigh, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The Local Government Commission today approved issuance by five governmental units of \$273,500 worth of bonds, including Washington public school district \$10,000 refunding bonds, and Henderson \$16,000 refunding bonds.

U. S. URGED BY SEN. WHEELER TO SEEK PEACE

Takes Issue With Roosevelt's Defense Broadcast

IS CRITICAL OF GENERAL POLICY

Asserts This Country Not Trudging Along Road To War, But Running Toward Conflict

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—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.

He took direct issue with the President's defense broadcast statement that this nation had "no right or reason to encourage talk of peace under existing circumstances."

Wheeler raised the peace question during a radio broadcast last night which was frankly critical of much of the general policy which the chief executive outlined to the nation Sunday.

"The United States," the Montana senator further declared, "is no longer trudging along the road to war. We are running—and don't be fooled."

A short time before the Wheeler address, Verne Marshall, chairman of the No-Foreign-Weapons committee, charged at a press conference that the administration already had rebuffed one Nazi proffer of "honorable and just" peace terms. Despite this, he said, a peace conference still could be arranged if the administration would approve.

Marshall's assertions were challenged almost immediately in a State Department announcement which said that no "feasible" peace proposal had been submitted to the government.

Senator Wheeler and Marshall, two leading figures in the ranks of those opposed to administration ideas on British aid and kindred subjects, were joined in their criticism yesterday by a number of others who expressed alarm over some of Mr. Roosevelt's Sunday utterances.

In the opposite camp, meanwhile, there was continued commendation for the policy outlined. The White House reported an extraordinary volume of favorable messages and Mr. Roosevelt was described as "tremendously pleased" by the reception of his address.

Prowler Is Still Busy In Greenville

Officials of the Greenville police force today revealed that the city's most recent prowler, who has entered a number of local homes recently, evidently visited the Salvation Army home on Chestnut street last night.

Officers were called to the home about 9 o'clock but were unable to find any sign of the prowler, who is believed to have fled across the woods after his presence was detected.

Police Chief George Clark has expressed the opinion one man, more than likely a Negro, is responsible for the outbreak of breaking and entering reports recently.

To Meet Thursday On Rehabilitation

All township and committee chairmen are urged to attend a meeting of the county organization for the rehabilitation of discharged and paroled prisoners to be held in the court house here Thursday night at 7 o'clock.

J. F. Harrington is chairman of the county organization. K. T. Futrell, the secretary, today called attention to the meeting and declared that it was important for all local chairmen to be present as they would be instructed as to the duties with which they and their self-chosen associates will be charged under the program which is aimed at restoring ex-convicts to their proper place in society.

The rehabilitation movement was recently started on a state-wide basis and similar organizations that established in Pitt have been set up in other counties.

The first American battleship to be made entirely of iron was the Texas, 6,315 tons, launched in 1889.

Gable Goes To See Doctor



Clark Gable and his wife, Carol Lombard, enter the office of a Johns Hopkins hospital physician in Baltimore where he was to have an examination of an old shoulder injury. Gable said he expected to enter the hospital for three or four days after the examination. The man holding his arm at left was not identified.

BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR 1941

By Roger W. Babson

ROGER W. BABSON'S WORD'S-EYE VIEW FOR 1941

BUSINESS—10% Gain Over 1940, With Defense Program in High Gear
TREND—Present High Levels Should Be Exceeded Before Spring
POLITICS—No More New Deal Legislation in 1941
MARKET—Gradual Uptrend, But Careful Washington Scrutiny
FARMERS—Income Up About 5%, Benefits At Present Levels
WORKERS—Employment, Pay Rolls At Peak Figures
RETAILERS—5 to 7% Gain in Sales; Prices Slightly Higher
CONSUMERS—Less Than 5% Rise in Living Expenses
REALTORS—Residential Building Up 20%; Rents Steady
INVESTORS—Bullish Outlook For Selected Stocks
SUMMARY—Best Volume of Business in Nation's History

By ROGER W. BABSON
Babson Park, Mass., Dec. 31.—A question to discuss before making a forecast for 1941 is: "Will World War II continue throughout the year?" My answer is that it will surely continue at least until the fall. For the purposes of my forecast, this is equivalent to the entire year of 1941.

"Germany is storing up huge quantities of arsenic to be used in an attempt to destroy the crops of Great Britain next summer or next fall. If England is also storing arsenic and succeeds in destroying the crops of Germany, the war may end next fall. It is evident that both sides will attempt destruction by arsenic, fire, or otherwise. I say this because the effect of such a crop-killing campaign would be more serious for Germany than for England. England is dependent to the extent of only 35 per cent on her home crops, while Germany's dependence is 90 per cent. Germany, however, is unable to import except by robbing adjoining nations, and hence, must conserve all her own crops. People are not frightened by bombs, as only one person out of many thousands suffers from them; but the fear of starvation will throw a nation into panic. Hence, statisticians believe that the ending of the war in favor of England depends upon the success of the British blockade supplemented by the destruction of German crops.

Let's Look At The Record
Let me say that 1941 should be the best business year this country has ever witnessed. Everything from staples to coffins, including dividers and pay envelopes, should show a fine gain over 1940. We fear much howling about taxes. When you consider, however, that the excess profits tax on firms with large invested capital does not begin until they earn 8 per cent net, even taxes are not so serious.

Industrial activity directly related to defense will account for about 10 per cent of total 1941 business. Production indirectly related to defense will also aggregate about 10 per cent. Thus, in 1941, 20 per cent of our total business activity will come from armaments. I expect the Babsonchart Index of Business to average about 100 per cent higher than in 1940. Notable gains should take place in textiles, shoes, clothing, food, printing, publishing, ship-building, building, freight traffic, and many other industries. By spring business volume will be recording a new all-time high.

It would be foolish to put a definite figure on what the Babsonchart Index will show in 1941, but I should not be surprised if it averaged 125. Estimating the country's income for 1940 at \$74,000,000,000, I forecast a rise to well above \$80,000,000,000 for 1941. The 1939 figure was \$70,000,000,000. The great national income to date was in 1929, when it was \$82,885,000,000. This calls for a reduction in unemployment of 50 per cent, an increase in building of 20 per cent, and an increase in retail trade of 5 to 7 per cent. This means that sales of physical volume of merchandise will show moderate gains, as retail prices will average only slightly higher than they were last year. This is a very healthy sign.

Business Will Be Better
I believe that we would have a prosperous 1941 irrespective of our defense program. The big business backlog, the great shortage of housing, and the unprecedented supply of idle funds are bound to lead to a return of good times. When we add to this fact the tremendous effect of the defense program, the result is staggering. If you have any doubt, read in your newspaper of the contracts made by the government every day for supplies of all kinds. Not only will the demand for goods be greater during World War II, but our industries are in far better position to handle the business. The automobile industry, for instance, has built approximately 76,000,000 cars since 1918. It is now preparing to build airplane engines and machine guns, as well as trucks, and tanks.

The electric-power industry, thanks to President Roosevelt, has covered the country with a vast network of transmission lines, furnishing today power at rates 40 per cent below those of 1918. Our generating capacity is from four to five times that of Great Britain or Germany. Experts say that the war will be won by OIL. If so, as a fortunate in having three-fifths of the annual world's production, distributed by over 95,000 miles of pipeline to all parts of the world. The physical condition of our railroads has improved as money, which heretofore has been spent on interest, has been put into maintenance. Let us not forget our telephone service which connects 40,000 communities with nearly 100,000,000 miles of wire. All of these items show tremendous increases from every point of view. Whatever may be the truth as to the nation's preparedness for war, it is certainly true that we never before were so well prepared for a great industrial expansion.

Funeral Held For Mrs. Sallie Butts
Funeral services for Mrs. Sallie Moore Butts, 52, who died at 8 o'clock yesterday morning at her home near Snow Hill, were conducted from the home this afternoon at 3 o'clock by Rev. Dan Beaman. Interment followed in the Williams cemetery in Greene county.

Mrs. Butts, daughter of R. M. and Betty Phillips Moore, had spent her entire life in the community in which she died.
Surviving are her husband, Lonnie Butts; five sons, Paul, Bill, Horace, Lonnie, Jr., of Snow and George Washington Butts of New Holland N. C.; two daughters, Betty May and Sally Ann Butts of Snow Hill; one brother, Willie Moore of Wayne county; two sisters, Mrs. Macy May of Pitt county and Mrs. Maude Vincent of Pitt county, and her step-mother, Mrs. R. M. Moore.

Only Partial Holiday For City January 1st
Although a number of Greenville business houses will take a respite from business tomorrow, no general holiday will be observed and the county and city offices will be open. The banks will observe a holiday and all ABC stores in the county will be closed for the day.

What About The Railroads?
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UTILITY HEAD IS CONVICTED IN N. Y. COURT

Howard C. Hopson Faces Possible Prison Sentence

ROSE TO RANKS FROM A NEWSBOY

Founder Of Associated Gas And Electric System to Hear Sentence Passed on January 9

New York, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Howard Hopson, who rose from newsboy to the upper realms of high finance only to see his billion dollar utilities system toppled like a house of cards, was convicted today on charges that may send him to a federal penitentiary.

After alternately moaning and dozing through a trial which began almost two months ago, the 58-year-old founder of the Associated Gas and Electric System heard a jury of 11 men and one woman convict him of mail fraud growing out of the juggling of nearly \$20,000,000 of the system's assets.

He was acquitted on a lone conspiracy count.

His co-defendants, Attorneys Garrett A. Brownback and Charles M. Travis, were acquitted on all counts.

The government charged that Hopson defrauded the system by padding bills, profiting on bond deals through the buying and selling of securities among the system's many subsidiaries and using the system's money to settle stockholders' suits against it in order to keep the alleged frauds from the public.

Hopson was expressionless as the verdict was announced. He had sat mute throughout the trial as the government tried to prove his financial dealings of the last 18 years crossed the bounds of legality.

Judge Alfred C. Coxes set January 9 for sentencing. Hopson faces a maximum sentence of 85 years in prison and a fine of \$17,000.

Busy Morning For Pitt County Court

Faced with a docket of more than a score of cases, county court attaches got down to work today following last week's Christmas vacation and by the luncheon recess nearly half of them had been disposed of.

Cases tried were: Johnnie Brown and Robert Moore, colored, larceny. Brown four months and Moore six months; Alfred Anderson and Jesse Speight, colored, possessing and transporting illegal liquor, judgment suspended upon payment of costs and Anderson's driving license suspended 60 days; J. P. Case, driving carelessly and recklessly and hit and run, 90 days, suspended upon payment of \$50 fine, damage to Dow Walters and license revoked 12 months; Thurman Gray, driving drunk, \$50 fine, court costs and license revoked 12 months.

J. F. Case and J. P. Taylor, possessing liquor for sale, Case fined \$200 and filling station ordered padlocked immediately and given eight months suspended sentence, appeal noted to Superior court and bond set at \$300. Taylor given 90 days suspended upon payment of costs and Thelma Blount, colored, disorderly conduct on highway, fined \$10 and half of costs; Herman Leggett and Walter O'Neal, possessing illegal liquor, pay costs; Heber Lee Blount, colored, disorderly conduct, pay \$10 fine and half costs; Lutha Harris non-support, pay \$5 now and case continued.

Year Ends With Revenue Sources Running Ahead
Raleigh, Dec. 31.—(AP)—North Carolina bade farewell to 1940 and the first six months of the current fiscal year today with all major revenue sources running well ahead of last year.

The Revenue Department reported collections of \$7,637,155.24 in December, as compared with \$6,756,131.82 in December, 1939, and collections for the fiscal year to date of \$35,973,034.63 and said this was \$2,847,874.28 more than the \$33,125,160.35 taken in the like period of 1939.

General fund collections in December 2 were \$2,120,390.13, or 13.8 per cent more than the \$1,862,621.63 harvest of December, 1939. Since July 1 the general fund has collected \$17,105,420.26, or \$1,439,012.38 more than in 1939.

Collections of \$5,516,765.11 in December and \$18,867,614.37 in the fiscal year to date were reported for the highway fund. This compared with \$4,983,510.19 in December, and \$17,458,752.47 in the first six months of the fiscal year.

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Addresses Soldiers As Closing Hours Of 1940 Bring Lull In Air Siege

Canadian



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Bad weather on both sides of the English channel kept British and German bombers alike grounded overnight and ushered in the last day of 1940 quietly, but amid forecasts of still more intensive aerial warfare in the new year.

Not a single German raider was reported seen over Britain, where fire bombs set the heart of London ablaze in a tremendous assault the night before.

And the Royal Air Force, 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.

Strike Threatens Ford Motor Plant
Detroit, Dec. 31.—(AP)—A threat of strike at the Ford Motor Company was held forth today by the United Automobile Workers, CIO, which charged that the company was ignoring national defense needs with an "intention" to disregard a re-hiring agreement.

The union asked federal intervention while asserting that the United Automobile Workers was "doing everything within our power to effectuate the purposes mentioned by President Roosevelt" Sunday night.

"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.

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 re-hiring agreement.

Weather Report
J. A. CLARK (Always Observer)
TEMPERATURES
High yesterday 60
Low yesterday 40
At 1:30 p. m. 50

PRECIPITATION (In Inches)
For 48 hrs. ending 1:30 p. m. T
Total for month 1.08

BAROMETER (Pressure)
7:30 last night 29.84
7:30 this morning 29.90
Prevailing Winds and Velocity
7:30 last night W-5
1:30 p. m. W-5

Social and Personal

Social Calendar

WEDNESDAY

7:30 p. m.—Mid-week service at Presbyterian Church.

THURSDAY

7:30 p. m.—Modern Woodmen meet.

7:30 p. m.—Knights of Pythias will meet.

7:45 p. m.—The Methodist choir will meet for rehearsal.

FRIDAY

6:30 p. m.—The Kiwanis Club meets.

7:30 p. m.—The Red Men will meet.

Jean Cox Ill.

Friends of Jean Cox, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rodman Cox, will be sorry to learn that she is ill at her home on West Fifth street.

Undergoes Operation.

Friends of little Mary Joyce Harris, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Harris of Belvoir, will regret to learn that she is in Pitt General Hospital having undergone a mastoid operation Monday night.

Mobley-Rudisill.

Mr. and Mrs. John Henry Rudisill announce the marriage of their daughter, Margaret Elizabeth, to

Mr. James Robert Mobley on Sunday, December twenty-second. Nineteen hundred and forty Rocky Mount, North Carolina.

Mrs. Mobley's former home is in Cherryville, N. C., and at present she is a teacher in the schools at Pineflop.

Mr. Mobley is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Mobley of this city.

Honored At Reception.

Bethel, Dec. 31.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Taylor was the scene of a lovely reception Thursday evening when Mrs. L. E. Barnhill, Mrs. Archie Coburn, Mrs. Edward Cherry, Mrs. Fred Mayo and Miss Rosalie Bullock entertained in honor of their brother, Garland Bullock and his bride, the former Miss Louise Roebuck of Robersonville.

Guests were greeted at the door by Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Manning and introduced to the receiving line by Mrs. Irvin Taylor. In the drawing room the decorations were of the Christmas motif with burning red candles giving illumination. The receiving line was composed of Mrs. L. E. Barnhill, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Bullock, Mrs. Bruce Roebuck, Miss Magnolia Roebuck, sister of the bride, Mr. Alton Whitley and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Coburn.

Mrs. Fred Mayo directed the guests to the dining room, where Miss Hazel Whitehurst and Miss Zora Deen Barnhill seated at each end of the table served ices, individual cakes, and salted nuts. A lighted gum drop candle was placed on each plate as a favor. They were assisted by Misses Mary Frances Barnhill, Frances Mae Rives, Margaret Brown Martin, Jean Rook Jane Bunting, and Earl Proctor Andrews.

In the dining room the table was centered with a lovely arrangement of floral decorations in white and silver, flanked with burning white tapers in silver holders. Many lighted tapers cast a soft glow throughout the room.

Miss Rosalie Bullock, sister of the groom, directed guests to the bride's book, which was presided over by Miss Alma Hammond and Mr. James Carney. Music was rendered by Mrs. Sam Whitehurst, Mrs. John Hooker, Mrs. Millard M. Johnson and Mrs. John Mayo, Jr.

Goodbyes were said by Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gurganus.

About 125 guests called during the evening.

Out-of-town guests were: Mrs. Casey Baldwin, Whiteville, N. C.; Mrs. Jesse I. Clement, Oxford, N. C.; Mrs. Dwight Thomas, Emporia, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. A. Q. Roebuck, Farmville, N. C.; Mrs. Earl Ward, Dunn, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Cox, Winterville, N. C.; Miss Elsie Mae Mills, Greenville, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Robbie Dail, Ayden, N. C.; Miss Magnolia Roebuck, Mrs. Bruce Roebuck, Miss Edith Roebuck, Miss Marjorie Roebuck, Mr. James Roebuck, Miss Dora Everette, Mr. Chandler Smith, Mr. Elliott Barnhill, Miss Mae Kridger, Hargrove, Mr. Herbert Pope, Jr., Mrs. Vernon Ward, Mrs. Kelly Rawls, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Matthews, Mrs. R. J. Nelson, Mrs. W. T. Hurst, Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Mrs. Otis Woolard, of Robersonville, N. C.

CHEER! FOR 1941

"1941" has at last begun. With cheering and singing from every single one. Old hearts are filled with sadness. Young hearts are filled with joy. Happiness and gladness for "1941" once more.

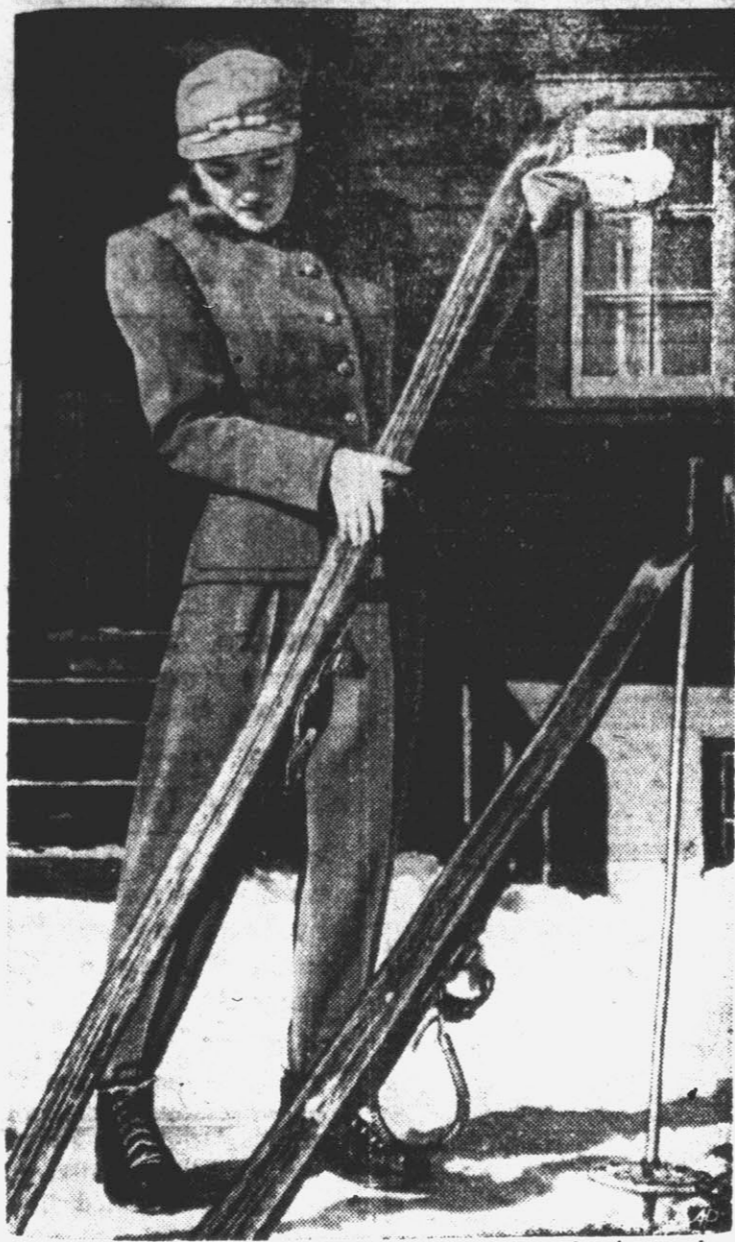
To people of American nationality. We hope you'll show your real personality. Give thanks to God in a good natured way. So you can look for him to help you along each day.

New resolutions we hope you'll make. Old resolutions we hope you'll undertake. So why can't "1941" be a year of work, happiness and fun.

—Mildred Adams

MODES of the MOMENT

by Amy Porter



Learn to wax your own skis, if you mean business about your sport. And wear a fall-proof suit such as this handsome one of blue wool whipcord with silver buttons. Photographed at the foot of Quebec's famous hill "70."

Forty Years Ago Today

THE DAILY REFLECTOR
December 31, 1900

Christmas German

On Monday night a very enjoyable German was given in the Perkins opera house by the U. S. R. Club. It was a festive occasion and among the couples who were initiated into the Christmas holidays were: W. H. Dail with Miss Mary Blow, M. I. Fleming with Miss Bertha Patrick, Durwood Wilson with Miss Ethel Skinner, Stags: C. S. Forbes and Frank Wooten of Norfolk.

This is the last day of 1900 and the 19th century. The old year and old century have moonlight to take their departure by.

Hollywood Sights And Sounds

By Robbin Coons

Hollywood.—Carmen Miranda of Brazil is learning English for the movies, but after meeting the lady I'm not sure it isn't pretty much a waste of effort.

With scarcely any spoken word, she can tell you what she thinks of riding in airplanes. "I tell about her sensations while trying to shop in New York. She accomplishes this by characteristic broad and sweeping gestures, by the toss of her head, the dancing of her brown eyes, the expressive gyrations of her hands. She is a stunner, a version of Lupe Velez, with the ingenious, rather impish impression of a Sonja Henie. She is Hollywood's current excitement.

She was wearing navy blue slacks and a subdued blue bandana when I saw her in her dressing room. She looked smaller than in "Down Argentine Way" or on the stage. The Turbans, she explains, give her additional height. She does much of her explaining through Aloysio Oliveira, leader of her Bando da Lua which is here with her for "The Road to Rio," and through Zacharias Yaconelli, a technical adviser and her current English teacher.

Between Miss Miranda's own words, her sign language and her interpreters, I gathered that she had been to her first Hollywood party the evening before, had stayed out too late—to 4 a. m.—and it was a grand party. She had expected to find Hollywood a "village" and was delighted to find it not. She never act' before, till now, but she lov' it—"everybody help. Mees Fave-Meester Ameche, and—what's-his-name, the direc-tor? Meester Cummings, he's so ni-i-ze!"

She lov' pictures—in New York. "Many times I am go to pictures after my show, at 12 o'clock, and see two features. I learn words zat way and through the ray-zjo too. I meet here so far only Cesar Romero beside those in the picture with me. I am afraid to meet some—of my favorites—afraid they not look the same out of pictures. But many I see look better. I myself not like to see much—maybe I not feel well and fan say. "Uh, that Miranda—not so good without makeup, heh? Better for artists not be seen too much. . . ."

Her real name is Mario do Carmo da Cunha. She was born in Portugal; she's about 27, and educated in a convent in Brazil. She was less

to talk about the explosives which are being manufactured by the du Pont and other powder-producing plants; but surely some of the statistical explosives on my desk should be the basis of some real fireworks in 1941. I emphasize this so strongly because the defense program has hardly started. Recent Army and Navy monthly expenditures have been only about 30 per cent of what they will be during 1941. Construction is just starting on so many of the plants which are necessary to produce hundreds of thousands of needed items and materials, that statisticians estimate it will be the fall of 1941, at least, before we get fully under way.

It is estimated that it cost Germany twenty billion dollars to arm. During the five years she was engaged in this, she paid her workers 25 cents per hour. If we must pay our workers three or four times that, you see what it will cost this country to duplicate the German war machine. A year from now it will be time enough to discuss 1942, 1943, and 1944; but as far as 1941 goes, nothing can stop us—not even peace talk if it should come in the fall of 1941. The world is entering a new era—industrially, economically and socially. It is hard for us older men to become reconciled to these changes; but every day there are 4,000 funerals. The undertakers are bringing back prosperity!

Homebuilding Will Continue

During World War I, the building of homes was restricted. Contractors were not allowed the necessary cement, bricks, lumber and nails for building homes. World War II, however, is an entirely different war. The building of a hundred-thousand-dollar airplane does not take much material, but rather labor, skill, and time. It is true that we must enter a shipbuilding program—both of naval vessels and merchant ships—but otherwise, there is nothing to interfere with home building. I, therefore, often predict that residence construction in 1941 will show an increase of nearly 20 per cent over 1940.

Presumably, it will cost a little more to build a home in 1941 than it has in the past few years; but there is a reasonable available supply of building materials. Besides masons, carpenters, plumbers and painters are primarily interested in their year's income rather than their hourly wage. Therefore, if they can be sure of finding work every day they should be content with present wages. Another thing: During World War I, there were no such available funds as there are today. It was then impossible to borrow government money for the building of homes. All the conditions are entirely different now. Hence, I disagree with those who say that homebuilding will be shut off in 1941.

What About Congress?

Nineteen forty-one will witness a different Congress than has ever been seen before. This is a very rash statement; but you wait until the year is over. It will be neither a brave Congress nor a rubber-stamp Congress. It will be a paralyzed Congress. It just will not know what to do, or what not to do, except to expand money. It will want to help Great Britain, and yet see so much havoc ahead for both Great Britain and Europe that it will dread getting into the mess. Certainly Congress will be in no mood to vote for declaring war against Germany, Japan, or any other nation. It will be bewildered and afraid to "fish, cut bait, or go ashore."

The new Congress is a conservative body, although it is democratic. It not only dreads war for its own sake, but believes that if we enter World War II, we really will end up with a dictator. This, moreover, is not merely "third term" campaign talk. There is a latent dread of this among the labor and farming elements as well as businessmen. All groups are beginning to see that special legislation—starting with "protective" tariffs fifty years ago—has led from one thing to another until the cure is worse than the disease. They wonder if the answer may not be to wipe all out and start over again.

Cost Of Living

Perhaps the most important figures for readers to watch in 1941 are those of the cost of living. During World War I, the cost of living increased greatly; but the prices of farm products went up with the prices of manufactured goods. Since then, however, the prices of farm products have fallen 60 per cent, while the prices of manufactured products dropped only 30 per cent. Prices may increase slightly more during 1941, but need not do so if no group kicks over the applecart.

We are now asked to supply only Great Britain with food and goods; while during World War I, we had to supply France, Italy, Russia, Japan, and other nations in addition. The airplanes, which England needs most, do not take a large amount of raw materials. This applies as well to many of our other exports, although not to the ships which England must build here. Concerning food products, which England will need in large quantities, we already have an excess. Certainly there is no fear of a shortage in 1941 of sugar, which in 1920 sold at 22 cents a pound; or wheat, which in 1918 sold at \$2.50 a bushel. Perhaps most important of all is that we have learned much about controlling prices.

What About Wages?

In certain lines such as among tool makers, shipbuilders, and plane makers, there will be wage increases in 1941. If by chance the number of unemployed is reduced from 7,500,000 to a normal figure of 4,000,000, then other wage increases are inevitable. Generally speaking, however, the cost of living should be the answer to the wage question. If the government acts sanely about taxes and if employers are reasonable about profits, then improved manufacturing processes should keep down the average cost of living. Cer-

tain materials such as metals, for which there is a great foreign demand, will increase in price; but other items, like cotton, the export of which has been severely cut, should show little change in price.

In short, if we will be reasonable and keep down the cost of living, most wage workers will not ask for more money. It is true that labor leaders usually feel they must get something for their union members each year in order to hold their jobs as labor leaders and collect dues from members. In 1941, however, these leaders will have a good excuse and a fine alibi for not doing this. They can "pass the buck" to the government and to Mr. Hitler! I am very serious about this. Let us all, whether employers or wage workers, act in 1941 as if we were in the army, whether or not we have on a uniform.

Higher Payrolls—Fewer Strikes

Total pay rolls will be bigger in 1941 than ever before in our history. Even today with 7,500,000 unemployed, total pay rolls are higher than at the peak of the past period of prosperity, and much greater than during the silk shirt era of World War I. There are three reasons for this: (1) The United States has 20,000,000 more people. (2) The working week has been reduced from 48 hours to 40 hours. (3) Hourly wages have increased in nearly all lines. Also, inventors and research engineers are making our dollar go further. Hence, when turning his pay envelope into food, clothing, and shelter, the man with a job is better off than ever before.

I do not believe any sensible labor leader, wage worker, or employer is going to think of striking during 1941. If the cost of living goes up, then let wages be amicably adjusted correspondingly. I surely forecast no industry-wide strikes during 1941. As to the Communique element, the vote on last November 5 shows this is declining. Even the most radical know what has happened already to labor unions and their leaders in every country but the United States. I believe labor will show appreciation for its blessings by being extra fair during 1941.

Farm Income Uncertain

Ordinarily, farm income from marketing and benefit payments in 1941 should exceed the 1940 figure of around \$9,000,000,000, but I cannot promise this. Weather is a very unpredictable and important factor. Exports will be so severely cut and such large surpluses already exist that I am not too optimistic on farm prices. Yet, if the cost of the things which the farmer must buy is kept down, he should at least be as well off in 1941 as in 1940. Interest rates will be in his favor, and taxes should not hurt him. There will be no new gadgets, such as automobiles, refrigerators, and radios, offered to his family during 1941 which he must buy! Furthermore, if Germany and Great Britain begin to use arsenic next summer to kill each other's crops, U. S. farmers may save the situation and really prosper. Considering all these things, I think the farmers' cash income in 1941 may exceed 1940 by \$450,000,000, or about 5 per cent, despite the reduced exports of cotton, wheat, tobacco and fruits.

All of this means that present benefits to farmers will continue throughout 1941 at around \$800,000,000. In addition to the existing reasons, for such benefits to continue, there is the additional pressure of South American diplomacy. The people of South America have only wheat, cattle, and other agricultural products to sell. We must help them sell them to keep their good hand on U. S. farmers. If our farmers are to accept this burden, it surely is up to the rest of us to help them carry it. Hence, farm benefits will be more logical in 1941 than ever before.

Foreign Trade Outlook

Foreign trade will be very irregular during 1941. If allowed to take its natural course, it will slowly but steadily decline. Every now and then, however, something gives it a shot in the arm. Any hypodermic has a stimulating effect for awhile. The recent \$100,000,000 loan to China and the talked-of loans to South America are illustrations. If we repeal the Johnson Act, allowing

loans to Great Britain, this will boost foreign trade for awhile. While the summer months and even September, 1940, showed constant slumps, October and the succeeding months have shown improvement.

Business And Taxes

Every cloud has a silver lining. The need of huge taxes by the government insures good business. We cannot pay taxes without profits, and we cannot get profits without good business. But you say: "The government takes 50 per cent of the profits one year, but does not share the loss another year." This is true to a certain extent. Hence, to get out of debt and avoid future losses should be one aim of every businessman in 1941—except those to whom the government is allowing heavy plant charge-offs.

When computed on an invested capital basis the Excess Profits Tax applies only after 8 per cent is earned. Have you ever figured what 8 per cent will give you when compounded annually? For instance, \$5,000 at 8 per cent compound interest would amount to over \$50,000 in 30 years. When you multiply the amount by 10 or by 100, the result is stupendous. Moreover, it makes little difference to a conservative investor or businessman whether this 8 per cent goes into dividends, or to plant improvement, or to debt reduction. I once asked Thomas A. Edison who was the world's greatest inventor. He flashed his eyes and replied: "That chap who invented compound interest!"

Outlook For Utilities

Although the eastern railroads should do better during 1941, so many banks and investors are waiting for a chance to unload, I do not foresee much prospect of a boom in railroad stocks. As for utility stocks, the situation is only a little better. The increase even in normal taxes will hurt the utilities more than any other group. Utilities, moreover, cannot raise their rates, at least during 1941. Therefore, the increase in normal taxes from 20 to 24 per cent or more, comes out of the stockholders. This is not the case in many industries where the increase in normal taxes can be absorbed by higher prices of finished products. The only hope is that the increased consumption of electricity will offset this tax increase or else that the commissions will be more lenient as to depreciation.

Bonds And Industrial Stocks

High-grade, long-term, low-coupon bonds are today in the same dangerous position as were the blue-chip stocks in 1929. They can move in only one way; and that is down. May not an investor be crazy to tie up his money at 2 or even 3 per cent for 30, 20, or even 10 years? There is justification for an insurance company, which knows that in 1960 it will need so much money and can base its premiums on a 2 per cent rate, to buy these good bonds, but a bank or private investor has no right to do so. Also, I am not very keen for second-grade bonds except in special cases with which I personally am fully acquainted.

On certain groups of industrial stocks, however, I feel bullish. Stocks of companies having real assets in the ground look good to me. These include oils, coppers, pulps, chemicals, and certain steels. Insurance stocks appear to be a safe group with good prospects—especially the fire insurance companies which are building up a conservative casualty business. During the inflation era following World War I, insurance stocks stood up almost the best of any group. Some of the banks and investment trusts, where the assets can be bought at a discount of nearly 50 per cent, also look attractive. I believe 1941 will see very much higher prices for certain stocks.

Severe inflation would hurt shopkeepers; but 1941 will not see such. Certainly, the 1941 total volume of retail sales should exceed anything which this country has ever seen. With industrial activity continuing to rise, good merchandisers should prosper. This will also help service businesses and professional men. All down the line almost everyone should be in clover. Collections should be exceptionally good, while installment sales will reach great proportions. Main Street, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, will be wide open with music, lights, and billboards galore! The U. S. will witness a shortage of only two things—parking space and character.

Existing inventories should show profits in themselves; while money properly spent upon promotion and advertising should pay handsome dividends. Salesmen who have been doing their missionary work during the last few years should now cash in with the biggest commission checks since 1929. Newspaper advertising, especially, should be upped at least 15 per cent. Let me add here that the recent political campaign and war news have caused many consumers to become so upset by the radio, that they are now returning to their newspapers.

There really is only one thing which troubles me about 1941. It is that our prosperity may make us less dependent upon God. Whom we need now more than ever. The material destruction facing Europe and England—terrible as it will be—may develop there a spiritual awakening of tremendous value. History shows that the re-birth of nations has come through adversity—never through prosperity. Hence, we must be on our guard that America with its material wealth is not left the most pagan of all nations. Making life easy does not make it better. Avoiding war does not insure us against disaster. More money does not mean more self-control. Automobiles, electric refrigerators, and radios will not take the place of self-reliance, self-denial, and the willingness to cooperate for the common good. We all know that the great need of the entire world today is more of the Christ-like spirit—of wisdom, sacrifice, and charity. Let us emphasize this during 1941, as otherwise our prosperity and our temptations will be our downfall.

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SO ROSE THE QUEEN—Red, white and blue gowns and floral flags sound a patriotic note for Pasadena's rose tourney queen, Sally Stanton (center), seen with princesses—Elizabeth Allensworth, Anne Stratton; Patricia Hops, Ellen Harmon (front).



OLD HAND AT ARMS—For 19 years Sgt. Ernesto Renteria has been in the army of Mexico, which is now preparing for the start of compulsory military training Jan. 1. Renteria is the father of five children and makes about \$12.40 a month, in the service of his country. He belongs to the 47th Mexican battalion. The compulsory law calls for training of 50,000 reserves annually.



PROFIT IN A HOBBY—Just the type for type are these lads, Philip Merriam, 17, and Everett Boone (rear), 15, who have their own print shop in the Merriam home attic at Rutherford, N. J. Both are pupils in schools at Rutherford, a quiet commuters' community whose children consistently show intelligence quotient averages higher than the nation's average.



DESIGN FOR LIVING—Utility and comfort must prevail in the rooms she designs, thinks Eileen Mason, 15, who's busy with a miniature house in art class at Rutherford, N. J. Eileen is a ninth grader at Rutherford where about 100 of the 2,200 students in Rutherford's first 11 grades surveyed scored more than 140 points—the "genius" class. Nation's average is 100.



THAT LONG REACH COUNTS—With these long arms and huge paws hidden by basketballs, Art Mathisen, 65", center, is always a problem for whatever team the Illinois basketballers are meeting. This shot was made during Illini date in New York. Left to right: Capt. John Drish, forward; Walter Evers, forward; Mathisen; Vic Wukovits, guard; Bob Richmond, guard.



MEASURES UP—Miss Typical Freshman Coed at Wichita university, Kansas, is Rachel Reber, 18, who came nearest the average measurements of some 200 girls enrolled. She's 5'4" tall, weighs 118 pounds, plays badminton.



JAPAN'S LOSS THEIR GAIN IS CLAIM—Large quantities of Japanese war materials, including these guns, were said by authorities with Chiang Kai-shek to have been left by Japanese forces upon their abandonment of Kwangsi province. A Chinese soldier stands guard. Other Chinese soldiers and labor corps repaired the damaged Kwangsi highways.



GRIT—Her five years' effort to clear her father's name brought its reward to Mrs. Helen Drake (above) when Lonnie Jenkins walked from Detroit court, free after serving nine years of life term in the fatal shooting of wife.



GOOD WILL ENVOY FROM ARGENTINA—Only the last laps of his journey stretch before Marcelino Soule (left), self-styled good will envoy from Buenos Aires, Argentina, who stopped off at the Argentine consulate in New Orleans, while on his way to Washington, to sign his horse up from South America, to visit F.D.R. Reviewing plans is Consul General...



WAR BOSS—Revision of Italy's army command put Gen. Ugo Cavallero (above), 69, veteran of three Italian wars, at head of general staff, replacing Marshal Pietro Badoglio who resigned. Cavallero first fought in Libyan war of 1912-13.



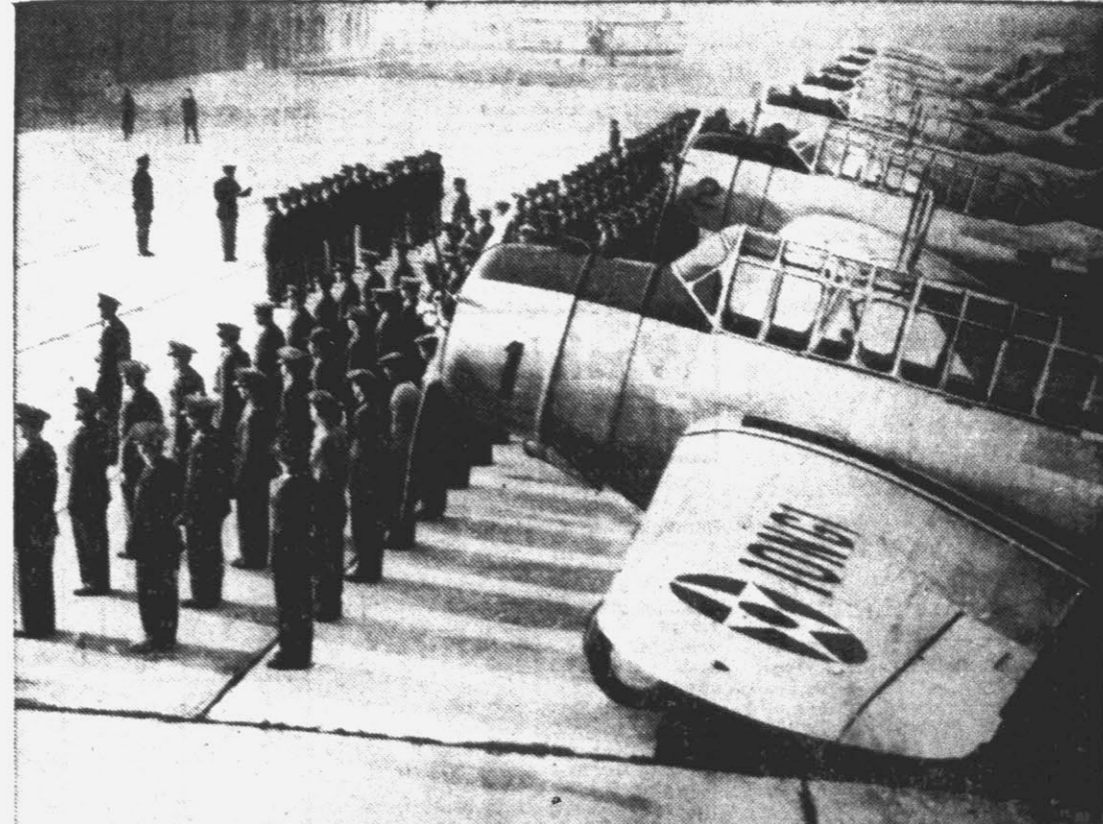
HOT STOVE LEAGUE—Quaint as they are, these little stoves around St. Sauveur, Quebec Inns, know their business—the present chore being to warm up two fans already in the ski season. They're dressed in wool for correct after-ski lounging.



SUN NOTE—On the other side of the weather calendar is Miss Fifi Squiers of Paris, France, and East Hampton, Long Island. She wears a coral cotton print at Palm Beach, Fla.



CAUSE OF JUSTICE—Bashfully Katka Palle, 2, daughter of Vladimir Palle of Czechoslovakian ministry in Washington, meets Supreme Court Justice Hugo Black at holiday party, in center is Senora Don Adrian Racinos of Guatemala.



UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT—Members of the 110th observation squadron, Missouri national guard, inducted (above) at St. Louis into year's federal service, will be at Little Rock, Ark.

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Strength For The Day

THE TIME IS NOW... The bells will all be ringing at midnight tonight, and the words New Years will be on the lips of everyone.

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Out of human experience as well as out of the pages of the Word of God comes this timely counsel, "Now is the time of salvation."

A NEW YEAR

Tomorrow marks the beginning of a new year and it is customary to extend greetings and wish for all a Happy and Prosperous New Year, but with the beginning of another year comes the usual uncertainty and the year that begins tomorrow is no different from those past unless it offers even more uncertainties because of the world's present unsettled condition.

Denmark Builds Labor Camps... Copenhagen. (AP) - Denmark has decided to spend eight million kroner for the erection of labor camps for young people.

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Died Month Afterwards... William Henry Harrison (1841) the grizzled old Indian warrior of 68 summers, rode up the avenue on his white charger in a raw wind and stood hatless and without overcoat for hours in the frigid weather while the ceremony dragged out.

Thomas Jefferson, the first president inaugurated in Washington, escorted by a company of Virginia riflemen, walked across the stumped clearing from his boarding house on New Jersey avenue to his inauguration and when it was over walked back to his boarding house.

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was administered by R. R. Livingston, chancellor of the city of New York. The President then went to the Senate chamber to make his inaugural address, setting a custom which it was presumed would continue forever. But by 1817, when James Monroe was inaugurated, the young nation already was busting out of its traditional vest and the ceremonies came out in the open.

Harding's Was Sombre... Probably the most sombre was that of Warren G. Harding when the usual inaugural spirits were sobered by the presence of pitifully broken Woodrow Wilson.

For the most part, though, the inaugurations have been gay, colorful affairs. President Pierce's had the presence of a dozen brilliantly uniformed fire companies; Grant's had the greatest military display the country ever had seen; the first Roosevelt's the splendor of bands of Indians (with old Apache Geronimo most prominent), scores of cowboys, smart companies of West Pointers, Puerto Ricans and Filipinos in native costumes.

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In Mr. Hocutt's eyes, that's about perfect. The driver is held blameless, but still there is no loose talk of "unavoidable" accidents leading the general public to believe that they are things which just have to occur in spite of all that can be done.

Who Killed Aunt Maggie?

By MEDORA FIELD

Chapter 48 The Shot "SHUT UP, I've told you not to call my name. How do we know he may not hear?"

"All right, Buddy, all right. But what I can't see is what you wanted to do the old gal in for? Well, Hell, I told you she was on the way here. She had found the key—that rhyme. I tried to dissuade her. Tried to convince her it was just a crazy riddle. But there was no stopping her. She started to scream. Then—then I did stop her. And when I put my hands on her—there was glow of a flashlight. "Want to make you a present, Buddy," said Spike throatily, "just in case they ever find you. Gonna let it look like suicide. Sweet of me, ain't it? Well, I ain't so keen about runnin' into the cops with the wrong gun on me at a place like this. Not under all the circumstances. Heavy breathing and fumbling sounds made it all too easy to imagine what must be taking place on the other side of the screen.

"All set now," Spike said finally, muttering a curse as his light died out. "Last one I had. How'm I gonna find that damn trick door catch in the dark? May have to wait a while, anyway, if the cops are too plentiful."

Spike shuffled through the door, evidently feeling his way. I was shaking from head to foot, but I knew what I must do. I waited until he reached the step that I dashed around the screen with my flashlight and, averting my eyes from that figure on the floor, I grabbed up the gun and was behind Spike in a flash.

"Hands up," I ordered. "I've got you covered." Perhaps, I had learned that from the movies, but it must have sounded convincing, for with the flashlight trained on him I could see Spike's hands waver slowly upward, while he swore beneath his breath. Thank heaven, I was able to hold that flash fairly steady too.

"All right," I said, "go on. Open that door, but keep your hands up."

"Hell," he growled, "how'm I gonna keep 'em up and open the door?"

Perhaps he was not dissembling, but I wasn't trusting. "One little move the wrong way," I warned, "and it will be good night for you."

Watching closely in order that I might note the location of the trap-door spring, as well as any false move on his part, I managed to hold both the flash and the gun trained on him without undue wavering. A lever off to the right apparently controlled the action of the door, for with his hands still above his head Spike reached out and grasped it. No doubt, in my wild grabbing as I fell, I had touched the flash and thus closed the door behind me.

The trap door was opening. Now I had my greatest danger to face. Walking up the stairs behind him as I was, it would be easy for him to turn and rush me. Or with equal facility, once he was on the landing above, he could close the door in my face and make a dash for it.

"All right," I ordered, when I was halfway up the steps, "march." Unconsciously I was handing back to him the words he had used only a few minutes before in the secret corner.

It seemed to me that he hurried just a little more than was necessary. Perhaps it was only that I myself was pretty near the breaking point. Anyway, I turned loose and fired a shot off at his right.

Let him run now, if he chose. Let him shut the door behind him. That shot would bring others running.

He let out an unearthly yell as the bullet whizzed past, a yell that met and mingled with another that was also like nothing I had ever heard before a strange, blood-curling, atavistic cry that could have come only from the wild heart of Africa.

As my head emerged above the opening I could hear Andrew, even before I could see him. "Don't shoot no mo', Miss Sally!" he screamed, his voice full of savage exultation. "I got my razor on him!"

Doors were opening. Feet were coming from all directions. Roberts was first to reach the scene, and even in all the excitement I was struck with the look of bewilderment on his face. But he lost no time putting handcuffs on our whimpering, cowering prisoner.

"I thought—" said Roberts, his tone all perplexity, "anyway, he's gone and Mr. Dodson was so sure."

"Down there," I said, pointing toward the still open trap door. "Get a doctor. Get a doctor. Get a doctor."

Outside of the Rockefeller's, who resurrect ancient towns and villages as a hobby, James Melton has one of the strangest pastimes I know. He continues to collect fields of old cars, early American style just for the fun of it. Included in his collection, among others, are a 1901 Pierce Arrow; a two-cylinder (1905) Buick; and an 1894 Fiat steamer. He also has a 1907 Maxwell and a 1918 one-cylinder DeBouton Victoria.

ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE... Having this day qualified as Administrator of the estate of W. E. Peader, deceased, late of Pitt County, notice is given to all persons holding claims against said estate to prove and file the same with the undersigned within twelve months from this date, or this notice will be null and void. All persons indebted to said estate will make settlement with the undersigned.

Man About Manhattan... New York.—Several of us, after the fight the other night, were sitting around a restaurant table talking of tense, exciting moments in the crowd was a dramatist, a football coach, two fight reporters, and a novelist named Green. The name wouldn't mean anything to you because he writes under a non de plume.

Man About Manhattan... The following lands: Situate and being in Winterville township, Pitt County, being the southern end of the L. H. Worthington home place, joining the lands of Addie Worthington, A. W. Ange and others. Beginning at the intersection of the Greenville and New Bern road with a ditch, on the dividing line between the L. H. Worthington land and Addie V. Worthington, and running thence with the Addie V. Worthington line S. 85-50 E. 1872 feet to a corner, thence N. 6-20 W. 356 feet to iron stake corner, thence with the Ange line N. 83-35 W. 1830 feet to the center of the Greenville-New Bern road, and where said road is intersected by the road that leads out to the McLawhorn place, thence with the Greenville-New Bern road N. 2 W. 425 feet, 10-10 W. 310 feet to the ditch that leads from the road out into the field, thence with the ditch S. 81-25 W. 239 feet to the intersection of ditch with cross ditch, thence across the field S. 81-10 W. 490.5 feet to a small ditch thence with the small ditch S. 88-45 W. 162 feet to where the small ditch enters the big ditch, thence crossing the big ditch S. 83-15 W. 361.5 feet to a stake corner between lots 1 and 2, thence S. 70-20 W. 131.5 feet to a corner in the Addie Worthington line, thence with her line S. 78-20 E. 493 feet to a poplar on the ditch, beginning with the ditch back to the beginning, containing 37.75 acres, more or less, and being lot No. 2 in the division of the L. H. Worthington land.

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Crossword Puzzle

Table with crossword puzzle clues and solutions. Clues include: 1. Nourished, 2. Expert diving, 3. Duck, 4. Hewing tool, 5. Course of water, 6. Edible rootlike stem, 7. Precious stone, 8. Musical instrument, 9. Teo, 10. Striking power, 11. Association of Russians, 12. Small round mark, 13. Favor, 14. Killed, 15. Existence, 16. Pronoun, 17. Resinous substance, 18. Asiatic palm, 19. Exist, 20. Addresses, 21. Stick in the mud, 22. American author, 23. Pronoun, 24. Weight, 25. Stalk, 26. Pronoun, 27. Jumps, 28. Rich brown color, 29. Cry of the cat, 30. God or spirit, 31. Hindu myth, 32. Toward the sheltered side, 33. Branches, 34. Mouth of the foot, 35. Garden plots, 36. Employa, 37. Bend in timber, 38. Down, 39. Only substances, 40. Period of time, 41. Let in, 42. Wild animal, 43. Having a head of medium proportion, 44. Pigeon, 45. Accessories of automobiles, 46. Kind of cat, 47. Gavel, 48. Covering, 49. Cut down, 50. Like, 51. Asiatic nomad, 52. Pretenses, 53. Restrict, 54. Destroy, 55. Exclusive newspaper, 56. Deserves, 57. Cover, 58. Devoured, 59. Marks for misconduct, 60. Affecting sympathy, 61. Renewed, 62. In the direction of, 63. Palm lily, 64. Clap, 65. Did, 66. Comes together, 67. Asiatic nomad, 68. Rational, 69. Otherwise, 70. Destroy, 71. Contradict, 72. French point

Grid for the crossword puzzle with numbers 1-72 indicating starting positions for words.

College Pirates Set For Tough Opening Tilt To night

PANTHER FIVE TO PLAY HERE

Initial Game Of Season Starts At 8 P. M. Tonight

Coach John Christenbury and his East Carolina College basketball squad were all set for tonight's opening battle with the strong Panther team of High Point college, but they will enter the game as the underdogs.

The Pirates have undergone hard training for the opening game, realizing that they will be up against one of their mightiest foes in the opening contest and that a victory in tonight's encounter would give them a good send-off for the 1941 season.

Most of the players returned from the Christmas holidays early to resume work on the court, but several important cogs in the cage machine did not make their appearance until yesterday.

George Roberts, six-foot-four, is expected to start at center, with Jack Young and Lee Peterson holding down the forward positions and Floyd Hinton and Bob Young are slated to get the call for the guard posts.

Coach Christenbury, however, has a number of reserves who will be on the bench and ready for the call and it is likely that more than the five starters will see action.

HOCUTT URGES SAFETY IN '41

Highway Safety Director Appeals To Drivers

By HENRY AVERILL
Raleigh, Dec. 31.—On the eve of a new year, Ronald Hocutt, director of North Carolina's Highway Safety Division, today issued an appeal to all motorists for better and more courteous driving on the highways during 1941.

A 1940 death toll of practically 10,000 and a casualty list reaching at least 10,000 injured were cited by the Safety official as he pledged himself and his division to intensified efforts to hold down the gruesome figures and urged greater cooperation by the public.

He listed a ten-point program of safe driving and called for its strict observance.

The Hocutt statement follows: "We are on the threshold of a new year. During 1940 about 10,000 people lost their lives and approximately 10,000 were injured through automobile accidents. Each month since August has been a tremendous increase in accidents over the corresponding months of 1939.

"This is a challenge to every person in the state to push more vigorously for safety, through our schools, civic clubs and through all our media of information and education.

"There must be no relaxation of effort on the part of anyone. The slaughter on our streets and highways is too great. I want to urge everyone to redouble his caution and care in 1941.

"I pledge to wage a harder fight against recklessness so as to cut down this awful toll and I earnestly solicit everyone's help in saving lives and protecting property. The most important element in this safety program is the individual driver and pedestrian. The things that cause automobile accidents are things that we, as drivers and pedestrians, can and should control.

"We need to conserve man power for our national defense program. We must not go on killing our people on the highways as we have been doing in the past.

"To this end, I am going to offer ten concrete suggestions which, if carried out, will bring about a reduction in highway accidents:

1. Never overtake and pass a car unless you are positive that there is plenty of room ahead and never pass on a hill or curve.
2. Slow down when approaching intersections, including private driveways. Have your car under control and be prepared to stop.
3. Slow down when approaching any pedestrian, particularly a child and be prepared for any unexpected movement by him.
4. Keep your brakes, lights—in fact, your entire car in good mechanical condition.
5. Stop on red traffic signals and stay stopped until the light has turned green. Rushing signals invites disaster.
6. Come to a dead stop at stop signs, then proceed with caution if

Sports Upsets Of 1940



Galathea, 37-1 shot, beat Ethelish in Kentucky Derby.



Henry Armstrong (left), one-time triple champ, was stripped of welterweight crown by Fritz Zivic in a savage bout.



Texas Aggies' long victory string was snapped in last game by Texas as Fullback Pete Layden crashed through Aggie line.

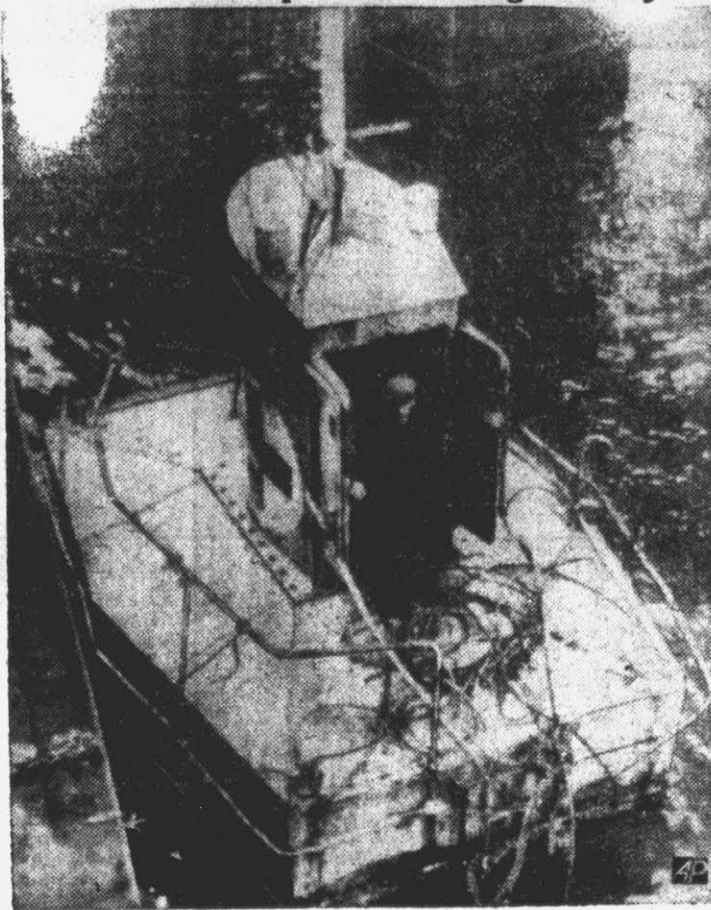


Don McNeill beat Bobby Riggs to win tennis singles crown.



Lew Jenkins' sharp, terrific punches bowled over Lou Ambers and won Jenkins the lightweight boxing championship.

Sea Casts Up Nazi "Refugee Buoy"



Identified as a German flares "refugee buoy," this device was washed ashore by heavy seas at a southeastern English port. The buoy, described as a "floating hospital" for the use of Nazi airmen shot down at sea, contains four bunks, food, clothing and medical supplies. A British guard is peering out of the tower.



NEW GENERATION—Younger Roosevelts took the spotlight during their weekend visit to the White House. Sara, 9, the daughter of Franklin Roosevelt, "mother" Franklin, 3rd, two-year-old son of Franklin Roosevelt, Jr., and the former Ethel duPont. The unwilling Scotty is Falls, the President's pet.

Colored News

Clemons school had its regular monthly P. T. A. meeting Tuesday, December 17. The meeting was conducted by its president, Mrs. J. Chanle.

Everyone was in a jolly Christmas spirit. The report from the Achievement day exercises was given. The following people were those winning prizes for superior specimens exhibited on December 3:

String beans, canned—First prize, M. L. Perkins; second prize, Annie B. Sutton.

Peas, canned—First prize, Hattie Whitfield; second prize, Annie Williams.

Pickled Peaches—First prize, Hattie Whitfield; second prize, M. L. Yarrell.

Cucumber Pickle—First prize, Marjorie Ebron; second prize, Mary Peoples.

Cake—First prize, Verna Wilson; second prize, Cora Wilson.

Sweet Potatoes—First prize, B. D. Perkins; second prize, James Robertson.

Quilt—First prize, Odessa Teel. Luncheon Cloth and Pillow Set—First prize, E. Page.

Canned Whole Peaches—First prize, Audrey Little. The winners offered the worth of each prize to the lunch room project.

The Clemons basketball team began its season by defeating Cherry Lane's team 27-11.

There was a Christmas tree given at the Selby Chapel Church last night. All presents were made in Lillie Langley's class from the WPA school in the Bamma section.

Dolls were made out of flour sacks, old skirts and cotton and sawdust. Baskets were made of match boxes. Candy was made of syrup, vinegar and popcorn.

Lewis Lumpkin is student council leader.



BASKETBALL

E. C. T. C.

vs.

HIGH POINT

— Tonight, Dec. 31 — 8:00 P.M. —

College Gymnasium Adm. 15c-35c



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FOR RENT—UPSTAIRS UNFURNISHED apartment. Steam heat. Private front and rear entrances. Garage. See B. H. Stancill, Blount-Harvey's Shoe Store. 9-1f

MEAT SALT, SAUSAGE SEASONING, liquid smoke, pepper, sage, sausage grinders and stuffers, and all necessities for your hog killing. J. A. Watson, Seeds and Hardware. 2-1f

FOR RENT—ONE UPSTAIRS apartment, one downstairs apartment at 1212 Dickinson Ave. Automatic heat. E. H. Taft, at Taft Furniture Co. 6-1f

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FOR RENT—THREE OR FOUR room furnished apartment. Electric stove, refrigerator and all conveniences. Phone 3762. Nov. 19-1f

NOTICE—FARMERS, ATTENTION—Herbert Fleming is having a sale on the third of January, 1941—on Farming Equipment—one pair mules, wagon, cart, tobacco trucks, plows of all kinds, harness, transplanter, smoothing harrow, mowing machine, stock wire, and tobacco sticks. At 9:30 a. m., on the third day of January. Four miles east of Ayden, N. C. 30-31

COMFORTABLE BEDROOM FOR rent in heated home, in College View. Mrs. Joseph Smith, Dial 3371. 30-31

FOR RENT—NICE TWO-ROOM furnished apartment, with gas, lights and electric refrigerator. Very reasonable rent. West Greenville. Dial 2285. 30-31

FOR RENT—HOUSE ON FOURTEENTH street. In good condition. W. M. Cox, Dial 2761.

FOR RENT—NICE PAIR OF heavy mules—good workers—guaranteed sound. See or write A. A. Forbes, Greenville, R. 1, Falkland highway, 31-2 miles from Greenville. 30-6f

FARM FOR RENT—SEVENTY acre farm, twelve acres tobacco, five acres cotton allotment. Apply R. R. Barbour, Morehead City, N. C. 28-31

FOR RENT—SIX ROOM UNFURNISHED apartment. Cor. Ninth and Evans streets. Dial 2784. 28-31

FOR RENT—THREE ROOM furnished apartment for light housekeeping. In front of college. Mrs. C. W. Wilson, Dial 3467. 31-2f

FOR RENT—ROOM TO GENTLEMEN—close in Steam heat. Dial 3052. 27-4f

I AM NO LONGER WITH DELUXE Barber Shop, but have gone into partnership with Elbert Hudson in the operation of Simp's Barber Shop on Fifth Street. W. C. Stokes. 30-6f

SPECIALS FOR WEDNESDAY—Chess Pies, Sugar Cookies and Beaten Biscuits. People's Bakery. PERSONAL

WANTED TO RENT—GOOD location, building 30x80 feet. Answer "Building," P. O. Box 408, Greenville, N. C. 31-2f

FOR RENT—THREE ROOM UNFURNISHED apartment. Hot water and lights furnished. Private entrance. Mrs. J. L. Nobles, 302 Summit St. Dial 3781.

FOR SALE—1936 CHEVROLET. IN fair condition. Priced for quick sale. See Lonnie Steton at Steton's Native Market, Fleming's Cross Roads, Greenville, N. C.

FOR RENT—ONE SIX-ROOM bungalow and one six-room apartment, in College View. Both places recently painted. Both places heated. Dial 3565. Thu-Sat-Tue.

LOST—A COSTUME BRACELET—gold discs set with topaz. Was lost either at the library, down town, in front of Mrs. J. L. Fleming's, or in front of Miss Betsy Grene's. Miss Jesse Move.

FOR SALE—SIX-ROOM BUNGALOW. "College View." \$1,000. You can finance balance like "College View." means everything when buying a home. L. J. Smith, Real Estate—Insurance.

ON PITT SCREEN WED.



"Chat Hanna" in technicolor stars Dorothy Lamour, Henry Finda, Linda Darnell and is from Walter D. Edmunds best seller. Movie opens at the Pitt Wednesday for three days.

Richmond Livestock

(Courtesy J. N. and J. L. Williams) Richmond, Dec. 31—Hogs, quotations are based on hogs producing hard carcasses after normal chilling. Hogs producing soft and oily carcasses are discounted 40 cents and 80 cents, respectively, from hard hog prices. Market 10 cents higher than Friday, top \$7.10. Good and choice 180-225 lbs. \$6.90-\$7.10; 100-120 lbs. \$5.10-\$5.60; 120-140 lbs. \$5.60 to \$6.10; 140-160 lbs. \$6.10-\$6.55; 160-180 lbs. \$6.55-\$6.90; 180-225 lbs. \$6.90-\$7.10; 225-250 lbs. \$6.40-\$6.90; 250-300 lbs. \$6.10-\$6.60; over 300 lbs. \$6.00-\$6.50. Sows under 350 lbs. \$5.35-\$5.85; over 350 lbs. \$4.85-\$5.35. Cattle, steer market opening steady to strong. Most sales medium to good offerings \$8.50-\$10.00 with common slaughter steers downward to \$7.00. Market on cows and bulls fully steady. Good fat cows quotable \$5.50-\$6.00; canners and cutters \$3.50-\$5.00. Practical top on good sausage bulls \$6.75, light weights around \$5.00-\$5.50, vealers scarce. Demand active, practical top on good offerings around \$11.00. Note: The Richmond Union Stock Yards will be closed all day Wednesday, January 1.

Chicago Grain Market

(Courtesy Vernon Parrish)		Open	Close	Pr. Cl.
WHEAT—		86 3/4	87 1/4	86 3/4
May		81 1/2	82 1/4	81 3/4
Sept.		81 1/2	82 1/4	81 3/4
CORN—		62 1/2	63 1/4	62 1/2
May		62 1/2	62 3/4	62 1/2
July		62 1/2	62 3/4	62 1/2
Sept.		62 1/2	62 3/4	62 1/2
OATS—		36 1/2	37 1/4	37
May		33 1/2	33 3/4	32 3/4
RYE—		47	47 1/4	47
May		48 1/2	48 3/4	48

N. Y. STOCK LIST

American Radiator	6 1/2
American Telephone	167 1/2
American Tobacco B	7 1/4
Anacosta	26 1/2
A. C. L.	14 1/2
Atlantic Refining	24 1/2
Bendix Aviation	34 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	86 1/2
Chrysler	72 1/2
Col. Gas and Electric	4 1/2
Commercial Solvent	10 1/2
Consolidated Oil	5 1/2
Curtis Wright	9 1/2
Dupont	164 1/2
Electric Power and Light	3 1/2
General Electric	33
General Motors	48 1/2
Liggett and Myers	97 1/2
Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
Reynolds Tobacco B	31 1/2
Southern Railway	129 1/2
Standard Oil of N. J.	34 1/2
U. S. Steel	69 1/2

N. Y. Stock Market

New York, Dec. 31.—(AP)—The stock market stumbled today after three successive rallying sessions. Quiet strength persisted for selected issues, but a number of recent climbers took a rest behind small minus marks. Volume dropped appreciably under that of yesterday and, near the fourth hour, quotations were well mixed.

New York Cotton

New York, Dec. 31.—(AP)—Cotton futures opened unchanged to one higher. Final prices were four to seven points higher, middling spot 10.63 up three.

HOG MARKETS

Richmond	7.15
Rocky Mount	6.75

Movie Goes Joan Of Arc

New York.—(AP)—Radio Songs—Bess Wall, lured at women who wear architectural hats in the movies, has organized a "hats-off-in-the-movies club."

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It's Funny About Flannels—They're In Style!

By AMY PORTER
AP Fashion Editor



The classic draped satin gown and sheer coat ensemble is the most popular type of lingerie gift.

Lingerie is developing as many independent ideas as hats, and the woman who was due for an intimate apparel gift Christmas wasn't surprised when she found a pair of ruffled pantaloons hanging from the tree.

They are part of a skating costume, probably intended as much for warmth as for show. Long red flannels are revivals, too, for skaters and skiers.

Even more conventional lingerie and at-home costumes show new style trends. Consider:

Military Motifs—A pale blue cotton pique housecoat has a stiff stand-up collar and self-fringe epaulettes. Two-piece pajamas in red and blue flannel are decorated with military braid. College girl cottons—pajamas and housecoats—are done in red, white and blue, with patriotic motifs used on a sleeve or the breast pocket.

Chinese Influence—The kimono blouse with upstanding collar is seen in both nightgowns and pajamas, in plain silk or rayon richly banded in embroidery, or in heavy brocaded silk.

Pretty-Pretties—Elaborate hand-made are available in smaller quantity this year than last, because they are no longer imported from France. But domestic handwork through more expensive, compares favorably in quality. This year almost every lacy nightgown has its matching robe or jacket, done in chiffon or satin.

Old-Fashioneds—Long-sleeved nightgowns of the 1906 era are extremely popular, in cotton, silk, or very fine wool, usually edged in modest lace.

New Lounging Footgear (we used to say bedroom slippers) includes white wedgies initiated in red, bead-trimmed moccasins, slippers made entirely of fur or fur-bordered, rope-soled sandals, leather booties with sheepskin lining.



Young and slightly military—these white cotton flannel pajamas are ornamented with red military braid.

Crowning Touches For Trim Coiffures



A semi-circle of spiral ornaments brought this blonde coiffure into the spotlight, Fred Behr, the designer, planned these spirals especially to complement a coiffure with bangs. They can be used effectively across the back of a longer bob or around a bun for really long hair.



A pompadour plus enigma curls slightly below the natural hairline in this suggestion of the Coiffure Guild of New York. The front can be pompadour or curls as you like. The important thing is that horizontal part near the center of the head. It starts the sleek effect.



A single rose of ornaments set into the side of a pompadour is a trump trick, especially if you are wearing other jewelry. Quaint indeed is the idea of taking several of these big brilliant swirls to make a top-knot splash as substitute for grandmother's best pompadour.

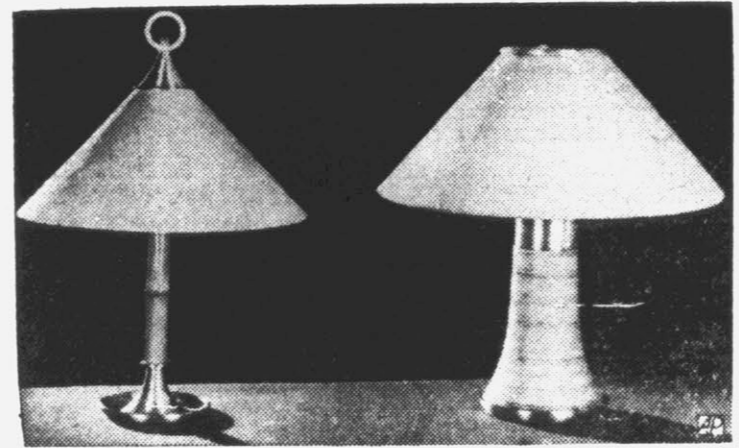
Something Old With Something New

AP Feature Service

Informal modern lamps give zip to a room, whether its decoration is early American or in the modern American way. Old materials are combined with modern metals and plastics.

The lamp at left has a mulberry fiber shade and combines a white plastic ring at the top with brass and bamboo. The shade is adjustable.

The one at the right has a brass base wrapped with reed, a slanting shade and brass eye-plate.



Five Lynchings In Nation This Year

The Tuskegee Institute of Tuskegee, Ala., founded by Booker T. Washington, outstanding Negro leader, in 1931 today released its annual statement regarding lynchings during 1940 which showed that five persons were lynched during the year.

Of the five one was white and the other four Negroes.

The offenses charged were: wife-beating and drunkenness, one; attempted rape, one; attempting to qualify to vote, one; altercation with a white man, one; failure to refer to a white man as "Mr.," one.

Of the five lynchings, Alabama and Georgia reported two each and Tennessee one.

Seeing Stars The Painless Way New York.—(AP)—Five hundred naval reserve midshipmen are learning navigation the easy way at the Hayden Planetarium of the American Museum of Natural History.

Constellations are projected inside the black dome as they would appear in various parts of the world and lecturers explain how to determine a ship's position. Captain J. J. London reports, "We are training midshipmen to become navigators in a very short time."

FDR May Discuss British Aid Plan

Washington, Dec. 31.—(AP)—President Roosevelt, it was indicated at the White House today, probably will discuss in his annual message to congress next month a plan for lending and leasing war equipment to England.

Stephen Early, the President's press secretary, said it would seem logical to him for Mr. Roosevelt to talk about the proposal at that time. At any rate, Early said, the entire proposal will go before Congress soon after the start of the session January 3.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE

Pursuant to the power and authority contained in a certain deed of trust dated the 15th day of October, 1937, executed by Bernard I. D. Smith and wife, Elvira T. Smith, to T. C. Abernethy, Trustee, which deed of trust is duly registered in the office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County, North Carolina, in Book of Mortgages No. E-22, page 147, securing a certain note payable to HOME OWNERS' LOAN CORPORATION, default having been made for a period of more than thirty (30) days in the payment of said note as provided therein and in the performance of certain covenants set out in said deed of trust, and demand of foreclosure having been made by the holder of said indebtedness, the undersigned Trustee will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at the Court House door in Greenville, Pitt County, North Carolina, at 12 o'clock noon on the 20th day of January, 1941, the following described real estate, to-wit:

All that certain lot, tract or par-

cel of land situate, lying and being in the City of Greenville, Greenville Township, County of Pitt, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described and defined as follows:

All that certain lot or parcel of land situate on the south side of Fleming Street and west of Pamlico Avenue in the Town of Greenville, Greenville Township, Pitt County, State of North Carolina, bounded on the North by Fleming Street, on the East by the Thad Fleming heirs, on the South by the Henry Taylor heirs, and on the West by M. K. Blount, more particularly described according to a survey made by W. C. Dresbach, C. S., on the 15th day of March, 1934, now on file with the Home Owners' Loan Corporation as follows: Beginning at a stake on the south side of Fleming Street 999 feet west of the southwest corner of Fleming Street and Pamlico Avenue; and running thence with Fleming Street N. 75-50 W. 72.25 feet to a stake, M. K. Blount's corner; thence with Blount's line S. 14-10 W. 150 feet to a point in the Henry Taylor heirs line; thence with the Taylor heirs line S. 75-50 E. 72.25 feet to the Thad Fleming heirs corner; thence with the Fleming heirs line N. 14-10 East 150 feet to the beginning. Being the property whereon William J. Forbes and wife, Olivia K. Forbes now live, (formerly

lived). Being the same lot conveyed to William J. Forbes and wife, Olivia K. Forbes, by Charles H. Patrick and wife, Violet B. Patrick, by deed dated November 15th, 1919, and filed for record in the Office of the Register of Deeds of Pitt County on the 26th day of April, 1922, and recorded in Book B-14, page 356 thereof. And being the same property conveyed by T. C. Abernethy, Substituted Trustee, to Home Owners' Loan Corporation by that certain deed of record in Book D-22, page 128, of the Pitt County Registry, and being the same land this day conveyed to Bernard I. D. Smith by the Home Owners' Loan Corporation, and which will be registered in the Pitt County Registry.

The purchaser at this sale will be required to make a cash deposit of 5 per cent of the purchase price to show good faith.

This the 14th day of Dec., 1940. T. C. ABERNETHY, Trustee. Julius Brown, Atty. Dec. 19-26-Jan. 2-9-16.

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