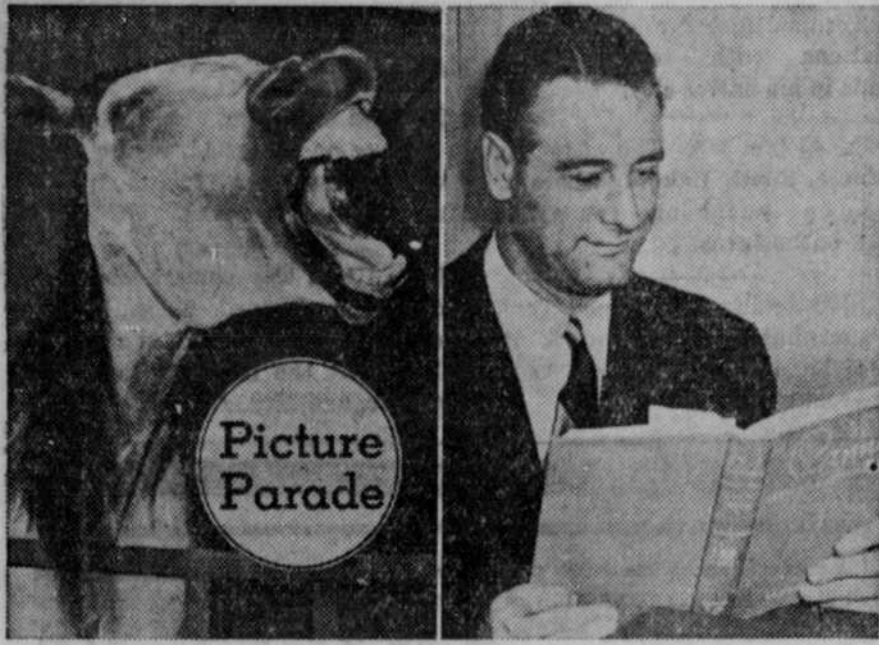


January 1 Is Great Day For—



Picture Parade

RACE HORSES—This is Grayhound. He and all other horses have a birthday January 1.

LOU GEHRIG—Ex-Yankee slugger, he begins 10-year term on New York's crime commission.



Pacific Ocean

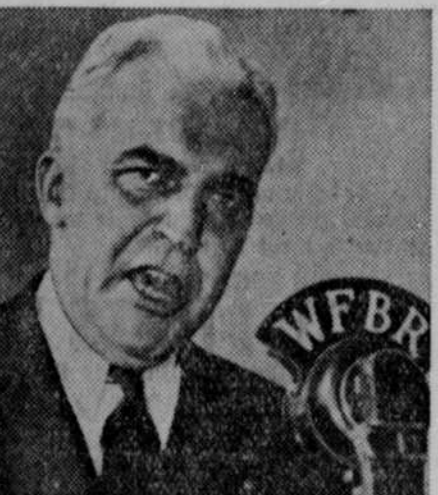
MATANUSKA—U. S. withdraws aid for colonists. Rumor says many will now return to "mainland."



DUCHESS OF WINDSOR—She opens French chateau as hospital for wounded on January 1.



OBSERVATORY—Only man who knows it's New Year's, officially, is operator of master clock at Washington's naval observatory.



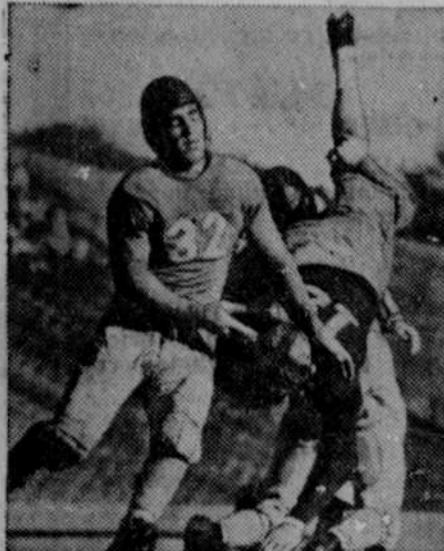
PAUL McNUTT—His U. S. social security agency begins annuity payments on January 1, date having been moved ahead two years.



LEWIS LAWES—Warden of New York's Sing Sing prison completes 20 years on the job.



STREET SWEEPERS—In every city, they must clean up the debris left by celebrants.



FOOTBALL—"Bow" games in the West and South usher out the 1939 grid season in a blaze of glory.



ELY CULBERTSON—He and all other bridge players must learn new contract rules effective January 1.



PARADES—Among them, the Mummer's parade in Philadelphia.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

World Looks Forward to Busy 1940, Fraught With Important Questions

By ROGER BAILEY (Released by Western Newspaper Union.) NEW YORK.—Before the infant 1940 becomes a graybeard his book of contemporary history may be heavily inscribed.

The new year is destined to be the most important in a decade, a year of supreme testing for men and their military machines, for politicians and dictators whose philosophies and systems are even now waiting in abeyance until 1940 has spoken its verdict.

You can lay your bottom dollar that the European turmoil will crystallize in 1940 to the point where observers can see definite trends. We'll probably know, for instance, whether Nazi Germany can withstand the pressure of an allied economic blockade, meanwhile trying to stave off French-British assaults on land and sea. Or will Hitler's machine crack up, the victim of internal discontent?

What Is Finland's Fate?

Valiant little Finland, whose early stand against the Russian invaders was acclaimed throughout the world, looks forward to 1940 as the year in which she will retain her freedom or fall vassal to the Kremlin.

It's a pivotal year in the Balkans, too. If Russia succeeds against Finland, she'll undoubtedly turn to a new conquest in Rumania, already pressed by Hungary, Germany and Bulgaria. And if that happens the observers are pretty certain Italy will join the melee to fight for Balkan independence. If these little states can stay free of war in 1940, they've little to worry about.

Even as Russia marches in 1940 she will answer the question world militarists have been puzzling for the past 10 years, namely, is her huge army and air force really so formidable? The Polish invasion, in which Russia knifed a fleeing enemy in the back, was no fair test. Neither were early days of the Finnish invasion, because the hardy defenders were able to outpoint Soviet troops under extraordinary arctic fighting conditions.

Will FDR Run Again?

At home the year's biggest story will be November's presidential election and the campaign leading up to it. Will President Roosevelt break tradition and seek a third term? Will eight years of the New Deal be vindicated by election of a New Deal chief executive, or will the public repudiate this leadership in favor of a Republican?

Closely allied with this issue is the question of continuing or stopping national spending. Most Washington observers believe there will be no way of avoiding an increase in the national debt limit, which

has almost reached its legal peak of \$45,000,000,000. President Roosevelt will leave revenue matters strictly in congress' hands, he has intimated.

Organized labor faces a critical year in which anti-trust suits may set a precedent by laying the unions open to prosecution under the Sherman act. Moreover there are signs that congress will amend the Wagner labor act following revelations before the Smith house committee during December.

Will Social Security Work?

Old age benefits under the federal social security act will be distributed for the first time, and by year's end America should know if the plan actually works. The Supreme court will receive its fifth appointment from President Roosevelt, gaining a clear New Deal majority.

How about the Far East? Japan, balancing precariously on the international fence since Europe went to war last September, must jump one way or the other, siding with the dictators or the democracies. Right now she is busy playing both ends against the middle, trying to frighten the democracies into line by smiling benignly on Russia.

The United States is especially concerned with Asiatic developments because the 1911 trade treaty with Japan, repudiated last summer, will become abrogated officially on January 26. Before Washington is willing to renew it, Tokyo must agree to cease threatening American interests.

Will Chiang Surrender?

The Japanese, meanwhile, hope to end their war with China in 1940. Despite continued resistance from Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, the Japs plan to establish a puppet government under Wang Ching-wei as a means of pacifying Chinese nationalistic sentiment.

Not all of 1940's news will develop in the political and military fields. Followers of the boxing wars are wondering if a "white hope" will arise to strike down the colored heavyweight behemoth, Joe Louis. And throughout the hot stove league they're wondering about that perennial question—can the New York Yankees win a fifth straight pennant?

Even the penguins of Antarctica have something to wait for in 1940. Rear Admiral Richard E. Byrd and his government expedition will soon sight the snow-capped peaks of this desolate land, beginning what promises to be one of the year's most fascinating adventures.

Rabbit Adopted WASHINGTON COURT HOUSE, OHIO.—George Groves' pet cat adopted a young rabbit into her family of five kittens. The unusual family addition went unnoticed until Groves observed unusually long ears on one of the "kittens."

Swing Gives Way to Classics As 'Talking Machine' Reappears

NEW YORK.—The death of a swing-mad 1930-40 decade finds classical music regaining its traditional place in American artistry so fast that phonograph manufacturers and radio networks can't keep up with the demand.

This Christmas season the old-fashioned "talking machine" has been streamlined, while thousands of phonograph records have been placed around the family Yule tree in keeping with a revival of the like of which America has never seen before.

That summarizes the state of music at the end of a decade which sent Bach, Beethoven and Wagner scurrying for cover under a barrage of swing, and brought them back again when swing had swung itself out.

The thirties also brought their share of good popular tunes. A survey by the National Broadcasting company revealed the following list of favorite tunes. How many do you recall?

- 1929—Happy Days Are Here Again. 1930—I Got Rhythm. 1931—Stardust. 1932—Play, Fiddle, Play. 1933—Love in Bloom. 1934—Wagon Wheels. 1935—Red Sails in the Sunset. 1936—Is It True What They Say About Dixie? 1937—Viene, Viene! 1938—A-Tisket A-Tasket. 1939—Over the Rainbow. Musicians give radio much of the

credit for the rebirth of classical music. Grand opera, once the plaything of a select few, has been popularized by regular broadcasts, chiefly over NBC during the Metropolitan season in New York. Symphony concerts are broadcast throughout the year, two outstanding examples being the Saturday night NBC series under Maestro Arturo Toscanini, and the CBS broadcast of New York Philharmonic concerts each Sunday during the winter season.

European Concerts Helped. Until the war, many concerts came from abroad. In 1938, for example, 18 European orchestras contributed 24 programs to the NBC network. There were three operatic broadcasts from the Salzburg festival in Austria, one from Bayreuth and two from the Verdi anniversary festival at Turin.

In addition to network programs, an increasing number of individual stations are now broadcasting regular periods of classical music. One small station in New York broadcasts nothing else, all day long!

New Cocktail Glasses Built 'On the Square' NEW YORK.—They've finally got a glass that's on the square.

It's the new square-shaped "Vermouth glass," which was designed by speedboat champion Count Theo Rossi especially for the serving of vermouth straight.

Vermouth is a mild drink which has long been a favorite before-dinner appetizer in Europe and South America. It has recently taken in such an upswing of popularity in this country—imports are up 30 per cent—that American glass manufacturers decided there should be a special vermouth glass.

This trend to vermouth, it is claimed, is one good indication that Americans are turning to moderation in their drinking.



ROOSEVELT: Will the President seek reelection, and if so, can he win a third term?



RUSSIA: Will this juggernaut, stopped by little Finland, retire defeated or threaten all Europe?



CHINA: Will Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek (shown with wife) make peace with Japan this year?



ITALY: Will Benito Mussolini turn against the Rome-Berlin axis and fight Hitler's ally, Soviet Russia?



GERMANY: Will the hard-pressed German Reich, utilizing all its resources, be able to withstand the blockade?

Root Area of New Tree Should Be Safeguarded

Soil around transplanted evergreens should be kept thoroughly moist before it freezes. The root area needs the protection of a generous mulch of leaves or litter. If the position is exposed, it would be well to support large trees with guy wires for the first year. The trunk of an evergreen is not so widely exposed as that of a deciduous tree and therefore does not need to be wrapped.

FARM TOPICS

NEW SEED ACT AIDS GROWERS

Latest U. S. Law Requires Additional Labeling.

By MISS JESSIE FISKE The passage of the new Federal Seed act early last fall brings into operation a piece of agricultural legislation which is of great importance to all the farming sections of the country. This became apparent after a study made of the law at Rutgers university.

It is the product of two years of study and preparation by the United States department of agriculture, all farm organizations, seed analysts, and the seed dealers of the United States.

Regulations are now in the hands of the U. S. secretary of agriculture and the law is expected to be put into effect in the near future. The most outstanding change from previous legislation seems to be that a larger percentage of seed shipments will be subjected to the requirements of seed control than has been the case in the past.

The provision of the new act requires that all interstate shipments of seeds be labeled if transported for seeding purposes, or properly identified if transported for seeding purposes, or purveyor will be required to make representations concerning every interstate shipment of seed. This regulation overcomes one of the glaring weaknesses of the old law, which provided that penalties for misrepresentation should be made, but failed to require that a representation be made.

There has been introduced into the new legislation another departure in the seed control program as it has developed in the past 30 years. All persons transporting seed in interstate commerce will be required to maintain a system of records which will carry through all the steps from production to consumption.

Another feature of the law which offers added protection deals specifically with the noxious weed seeds. Henceforth all interstate shipments of seeds must meet the noxious weed seed requirements of the seed law of the state into which the shipment is destined.

Group Machine Buying Benefits Small Farmer

Small farmers, forced to compete with larger, mechanized units operating on a scale big enough to afford expensive equipment, have banded together in recent years to purchase heavy equipment and expensive services which none of them could afford to buy individually, the Farm Security administration reports.

The FSA makes group loans to its rehabilitation borrowers and other low-income farmers who cannot get adequate credit from other lending agencies, public or private, to help them finance the purchase of machinery, live stock, equipment, and services which none of them could afford alone.

The loans are repayable in from one to five years, according to the amount of the loan, the type, and the life of the service. Three per cent interest is paid on loans for equipment and service and 5 per cent on loans for purchase of supplies and materials which are consumed during the year's farming operations.

The list of equipment and services obtained by such group loans is almost limitless. It includes combines, silage cutters, purebred sires, cold-storage plants, bulldozers, terracing equipment, syrup mills, hay balers, hatcheries, tractors, health services, and veterinary services. During the past four years, Farm Security has made more than 10,000 such loans involving over \$6,000,000 and benefiting more than 180,000 participants.

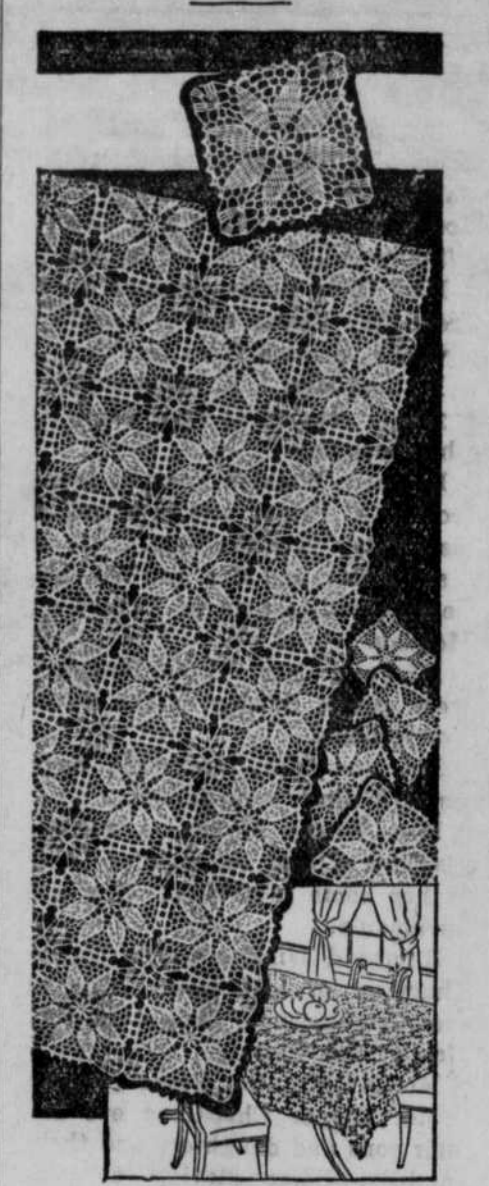
The number of horses on farms is now the smallest in 60 years and the number of mules is estimated to be the smallest in 30 years.

The use of canned milk has increased steadily for a number of years, but American consumers still get less than 10 per cent of their milk in cans, an economist says.

For electricity in poorer farm homes, the REA is developing a small transformer and accompanying equipment which will permit a power line to be tapped for a charge as low as \$1 a month. Such equipment will permit use of an electric iron, a radio and a few light bulbs.

That American farmers are using more machinery is indicated by figures showing that farm machinery sales were 350 per cent higher last year than at the bottom of the depression.

Crocheted Medallion For Heirloom Cloth



Lovely as lovely does and goodness knows this crocheted medallion does things for any room, even though it's the very A B C of crochet. Try it and see! Pattern 1959 contains directions for making medallion; illustrations of it and of stitches; materials required; photograph of medallion.

Send 15 cents in coins for this pattern to The Sewing Circle, Needlecraft Dept., 82 Eighth Ave., New York, N. Y.

Please write your name, address and pattern number plainly.



Right Bait "You must have used a lot of patience to catch so many fish." "No—worms."

And Finally That Politician—Now, ladies and gentlemen, I just want to tax your memory—Audience—Good heavens! Has it come to that?

They tell me an editor has written a book of poems. I'm not surprised. They often turn out poets.

Same Method "I caught my husband flirting." "That's how I got mine, too."

Greater Field "I hear your son is to be a dentist. You said recently that he was to be an ear specialist." "Yes, he wanted to be, but I persuaded him that a man has 32 teeth and only 2 ears."

A millionaire says it's easy to get rich if you spend less than you make. I'd rather make more than I spend.

Now and Then "Is this village lighted by electricity?" "Only when there's a thunderstorm."

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