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THE CHINESE REPUBLIC

After the ancient empire of China became a republic in 1912, President Yuan Shih-kai tried to rule with a firm hand. Indeed, he believed in a limited monarchy; but even before his death in 1916, serious civil war had broken out. Different provincial rulers, tuchuns or war lords, raised armies of their own. They fought among themselves, frequently changing sides, and were not above playing the game of foreign interest, especially with the Japanese. Hundreds of thousands of men were constantly under arms. During the first World War, China finally took the side of the Allies. Afterward the Western powers began to show more good will. In 1922, nine of the powers, including Japan, agreed to see to it that China should continue as a nation and that no one should take any of her land.



The old and new in transportation on the Bund in Shanghai—famous street along the waterfront. A modern bus and quaint coolie-drawn rickshaws compete for the passenger trade.

Some concessions which had been made to foreign countries were actually returned. During all this time the Peking government, though it made treaties and undertook some constructive work, was very weak.



The real "Father of the Chinese Revolution" was Dr. Sun Yat-sen, a highly educated and intelligent man. He was, in fact, the first president of the young republic but gave way to Yuan Shih-kai for the sake of harmony. Dr. Sun formed a party called the Kuomintang — which literally means "Country-People Association." It was a patriotic party that wanted to restore China to the Chinese. We call such a movement nationalism. The Chinese nationalists under

The Neighbors

By George Clark



"Why, h is NOT homely! But you're lucky he's a boy so it doesn't make any difference."

MUNICIPAL TAX RATE INCREASED

Budget Adopted By Council; Two New Firemen Added To Force

Wilmington's municipal tax rate today has been increased 45 cents to \$1.80 and the city is shouldering a record-breaking budget of \$1,503,252.

In addition, water rates were increased about 15 per cent with a water department budget of \$377,308 on the books. There will be an assistant city manager at a salary of \$3,600 annually but no wage increases for city employees.

The city will continue with its present fire department personnel with the exception that two men were added to the force.

Those actions highlighted the weekly meeting of the city council yesterday in adopting the budget six weeks late.

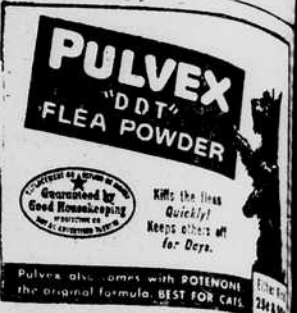
Many towns in the United States have names indicating that they are state lines, such as Arkana, La., Calxico, Calif., Arkoma, Okla., Tennga, Ga., Texhoma, Okla., Kenova, W. Va., Texico, N. M., Texarkana, Ark., and many others.

LOCAL MAN FREED BY GOV. CHERRY

L. A. Rivenbark of Wilmington, today again is a free man, Governor R. Gregg Cherry yesterday placed Rivenbark on parole.

He was convicted here in 1943 on a charge of manslaughter in the connection of the death of his wife, Clara. A jury, specifically, found him guilty of negligently striking his wife with his automobile on the Castle Hayne road

in May of 1945. He was sentenced to five to seven years.



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Dr. Sun finally established a separate government in Canton South China, which began to enlist considerable support. Dr. Sun himself died in 1925, but he left his followers a simple, clear program. The year after his death, the new nationalist forces started a spectacular advance under young Marshal Chiang Kai-shek.

By the end of the year, Chiang controlled most of China south of the Yangtze. A few months later, Shanghai and Nanking were taken by his men, and Peking followed in June.

The seat of government moved to Nanking, the ancient southern capital, much to the distress of Peking, which was given the name of "Peiping" meaning "City of Northern Peace." Chiang's newly established government was still far from controlling all China, but it set about the task of reconstructing the ravaged nation. A complicated new constitution was adopted, and recognition was obtained from many Western powers.

However, trouble continued with Japan, which steadily strengthened its hold on China. In 1931, the Japanese began to occupy rich Manchuria where they had valuable interests. They also landed troops in Shanghai, and during the fighting much of the native city was burned. Despite China's show of resistance, despite the Nine-Power Treaty, the Japanese occupied Mukden. The three provinces of Manchuria, together with some territory in Mongolia and northern China, were formed into a new state called Manchukuo. This was under Japan's influence, though it was supposed to be independent.

In 1937, the Japanese suddenly launched an undeclared war in China. In the months that followed the Chinese lost their seaports one by one; their capital, Nanking, was captured and sacked; other important districts were captured. The Japanese expected the Chinese to give up. But China continued fighting for eight years, throughout World War II, until Japan was finally defeated by the Allies in 1945. (Copyright, 1946, by the Grolier

HOME DEMONSTRATION CLUB P.I.C.N.I.C. TODAY

The County Home Demonstration club and families will have a picnic this afternoon at Kures Beach, it was reported yesterday

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TOMORROW: — New Flowers, Fruits and Vegetables.

by Miss Anne Mason, county home demonstration agent.

The families of the club women are looking forward to the picnic at which there will be swimming, fishing, and games, as the featured activities of the evening.

A picnic supper will be given at 6:30 p. m.

More than three times as many people died from burns and scalds in the United States during 1944 than died in the eight most disastrous fire catastrophes since 1871.

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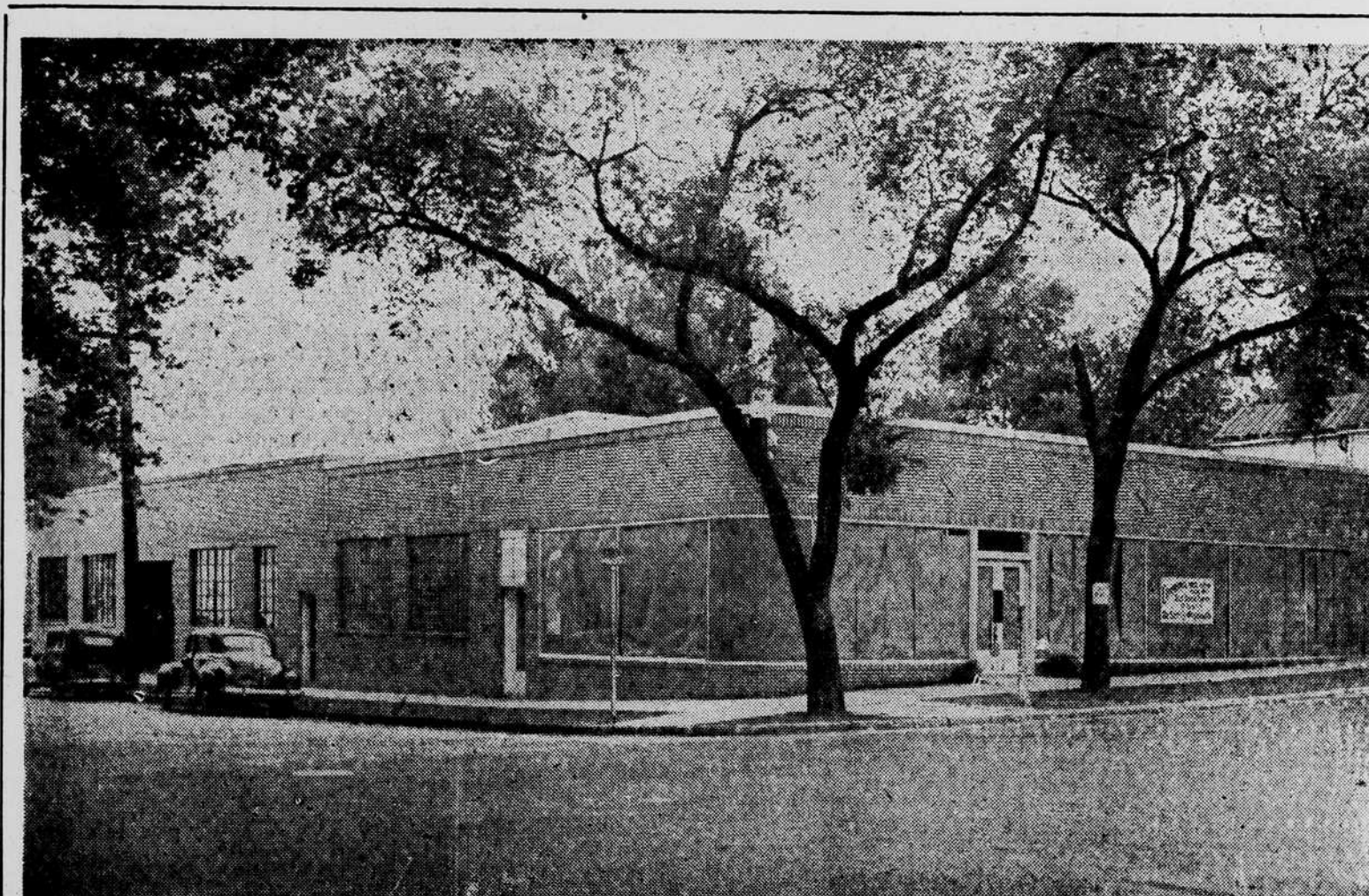
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