

TEN BIGGEST NEWS STORIES OF YEAR

New York, Dec. 21.—At the crossroads of the world's news on the Associated Press general desk, the 10 biggest news stories of 1936 appeared to be:

1. The British empire crisis over the King Edward-Mrs. Simpson romance.
2. U. S. political campaign, 1936.
3. The Spanish civil war.
4. Italy's conquest of Ethiopia.
5. Civil war in labor's ranks.
6. U. S. business recovery.
7. Remilitarization of Rhineland.
8. U. S. drought floods.
9. Hauptmann's execution.
10. Development of Dr. Charles G. Abbot's solar steam engine.

This list, as can any, may be turned upside down without losing effect. A hundred other stories may have been more important. A thousand others might be added by a thousand different editors. It is an arbitrary list, made up from a consensus of 20 working Associated Press editors, and it represents in the main the news which they remembered and which was displayed in greater volume than others by the American press.

Briefly, the reasons for inclusion of these stories are:

Empire Crisis

Because it threw into bold relief the trend of thought about the monarchy which has been in ascendancy in recent years; because it was a modern fairy tale come to life; because it pretended so much for an empire which had been held together by such a traditionally slender thread; because it cost a king his throne.

The Political Campaign

Because, culminating in the reelection of President Roosevelt and the Democratic sweep of congress and state tickets, it held those elements of suspense, struggle and surprise which always intrigue. It was important to the world because many believe it gave effectiveness to a far-reaching social program inaugurating a new era in American democracy, and gave point to the president's peace efforts in the Americas.

The Spanish Civil War

Because it sharply delineated the broad mass movement of fascism and socialism in Europe and was revealed as the possible forerunner of another great world war, demonstrating the possibility of modern war and what modern war means.

Italy's Conquest

Because it was the first outright seizure of one nation by another for keeps in this century and marked the final defeat of League of Nations sanctions and other non-military efforts to stop Italy and it was, in Prime Minister Baldwin's own words, "the humiliation of Great Britain. A formidable rival to her was set up in that part of the world for the first time since Napoleon was driven from Egypt."

The Labor Dispute

Because after decades of adherence to the craft principle of organization, the issue of industrial unionism came out in opposition to the A. F. of L., with a powerful leader, the final outcome affecting millions of workers in the United States—evidence of labor's new grip on the American way of living.

U. S. Business Recovery

Because the wave of wage increases and dividend declarations apparently marked the beginning of an end of the depression and the start of what some called a "boom" which would test the mettle of government and big business leaders to prevent a repetition of 1929.

Remilitarization of Rhineland

Because it marked the definite end of the Versailles attempt at a peace structure and ushered in another phase of post-war diplomacy centering in efforts to maintain peace by armed strength and alliances.

U. S. Drought and Floods

Because, following the 1934 drought the drought proved to be the greatest natural disaster of the year and brought about sustained interest in conservation. The floods unexpectedly inundated sections of such large cities as Pittsburgh, Hartford and Johnstown and caused great loss of life and property.

Hauptmann Execution

The finale to the greatest "natural" story, together with Lindbergh's exodus to England.

Solar Steam Engine

Because it marks a step along the trail of science which some day may lead to man's harnessing the elements to provide power.

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Leading in Race for Speakership



WASHINGTON . . . On the left is Congressman Sam Rayburn of Texas and on the right is Representative O'Connor of New York, one of whom now appears most likely to be the new Speaker of the House in Congress, which convenes January 5th. Rayburn is supported by the Southern Democratic wing while O'Connor's support is from the North and East.

N. Y. A. Activities

For the information of many who have inquired concerning my NYA activities, I am pleased to report briefly.

My district supervisor, Mr. L. W. Targue, gave to me a handful of names and assignment slips, along with words of encouragement (which he never fails to give us, and which inspires us to do our best). He told me I was now county supervisor of NYA out of school youths.

We understood the big objective was handicraft activities. The fine co-operation of our advisory committee, and citizens enabled us to get started helping us secure buildings in which to carry on our handicraft activities, helping us with equipment, fuel, etc.

My NYA youths were very much interested. A number of my boys were interested more in rustic furniture and novelties made from laurel, rhododendron, and other woods, than other handicrafts. They have worked like beavers from the first, designing and making many beautiful and useful pieces of furniture.

They receive many orders, which they put off project hours. The material is all native, even to the beautiful ladder-back chairs, which aren't rustic.

The girls are doing textile handicrafts, designing and making hooked and braided rugs, baskets, aprons, painting pictures, etc.

My NYA boys and girls are planning to open shop in the future, on our beautiful scenic highway and sell our wares to the many hundreds of tourists who visit our county. All the youth who are employed on my projects are making fine records, and doing effective work which is useful both to them and to the communities in which they live.

MRS. CLARA SIMPSON.

J. C. Lynn, farm agent, reports that several Mitchell county farmers plan to dig trench silos next spring to help solve the winter feeding problem.

Spiders can go 18 months without food.

LIONISM

By HERMAN WILCOX,
(In Charge of Publicity)

The Democrat has kindly agreed to permit me to use its columns so that the Lions Club may bring before the good people of this city and county data on this national organization.

It will be my purpose to try to tell you of some of the outstanding things for which this club stands, such as data on its growth, origin, its principles, purposes, and the scope of its activities. The club will feel honored if the people of the town and county would study these articles each week so that you may know just what we hope to do for the upbuilding of our town, county and state.

HISTORY OF LIONISM

Prior to the World War there were scattered throughout the United States a mere handful of unaffiliated business men in their particular communities. These clubs functioned effectively as business clubs, but their activities for the most part did not extend beyond this. It was with Melvin Jones, of Flossmoor, Illinois, now secretary-general of Lions International, that the idea was conceived to unite these clubs, not only on the basis of maintaining high business practices in their particular industries, businesses, and professions, but on the greater basis of service.

On the basis of service the Lions organization has grown from 42 clubs with 2,346 members in 1917 to approximately 2,700 clubs with 80,000 members at the present time. Though the youngest in years, the International Association of Lions Clubs has shown the most remarkable growth—an average of one or more clubs each day during the past four years.

The first general meeting was held in Chicago June 7, 1917. About 20 delegates attended, representing more than 50 clubs. They met at the Hotel LaSalle, and adopted a resolution under which the International Association of Lions Clubs was organized, and a call was issued for a national convention to be held at Dallas, Texas, October 9-11, 1917. It was, therefore, on June 7, 1917, that the Association of Lions Clubs came into being. Since this time there has been held 20 annual conventions, and here is a brief report on the twentieth annual convention held in Providence, R. I., July 21-24, 1936. Lions from eight countries convened at the largest convention in the association's history up to that time. During the year three new countries—Panama, Costa Rica and Colombia—had entered the international fold. Edwin R. Kingsley, of Parkersburg, W. Va., was elected president for

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1936-37, and Chicago, Ill., was selected as the convention city for 1937, the date being set for July 20-23, 1937.

NOTE: Brother Lions—If you have any information you think would be of interest to this column, I would appreciate it if you would advise me.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Timely menus, recipes and other suggestions for meal time by well-known home economists will be found regularly in the American Weekly, the big magazine published every Sunday with the BALTIMORE AMERICAN. Get your copy from your news dealer.

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CARD OF THANKS

We take this method to thank our friends and neighbors for their good assistance and help during the sickness, death and burial of our dear, sweet babe that was taken from us December 17, 1936. We also thank Rev. Levi Greene for the nice talk he gave us at the funeral. May God bless each and every one of you, both now and forever, is our prayer.

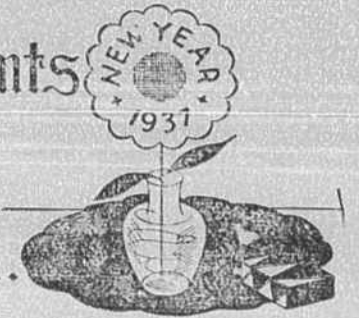
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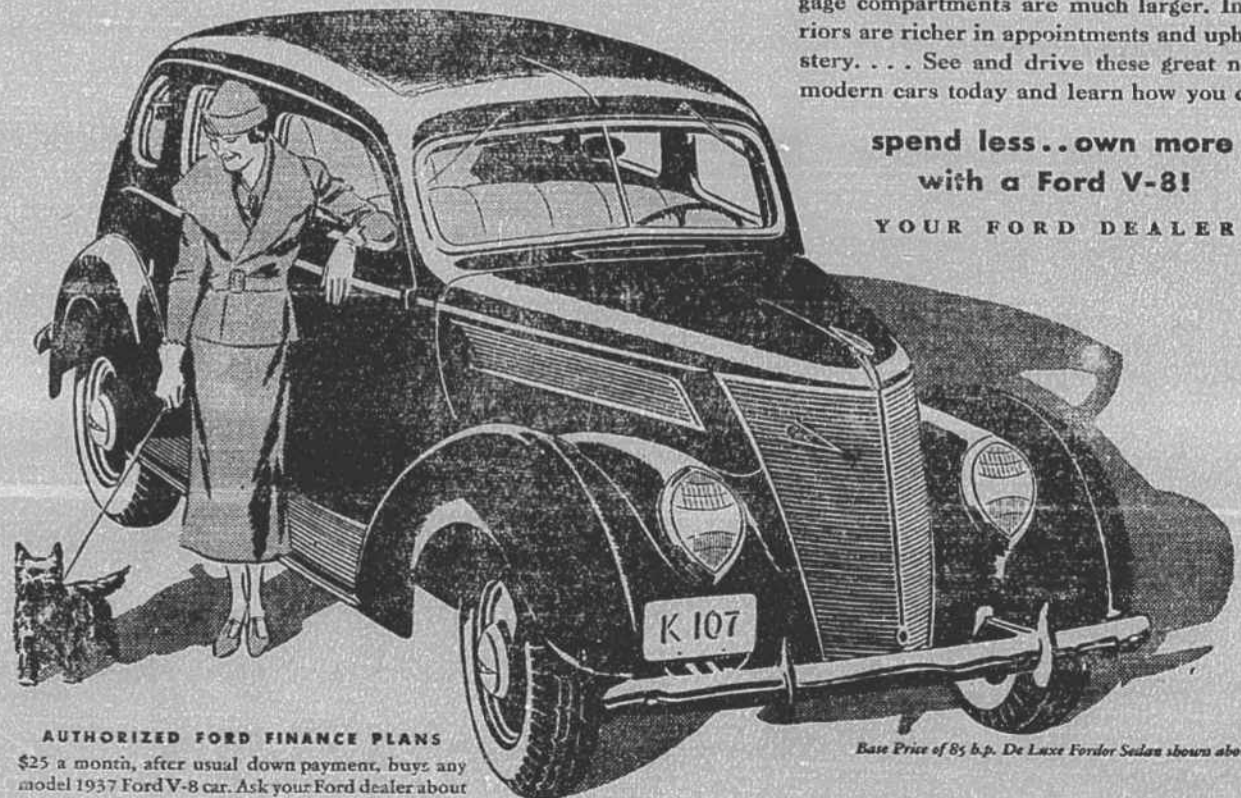
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