

Big Stories Of 10 Years Stress War

By The Associated Press

War and war threats dominate the annual 10 top story selections of Associated Press newspaper editors in the past 10 years. Here's the lineup:

1941 — Pearl Harbor, Reuben James sunk, Nazis attack Russia, Lend-Lease, U. S. defense program, Atlantic Charter, six battleships sunk, Hess parachutes to England, U. S. Army breaks defense plant strikes, Dodgers win pennant.

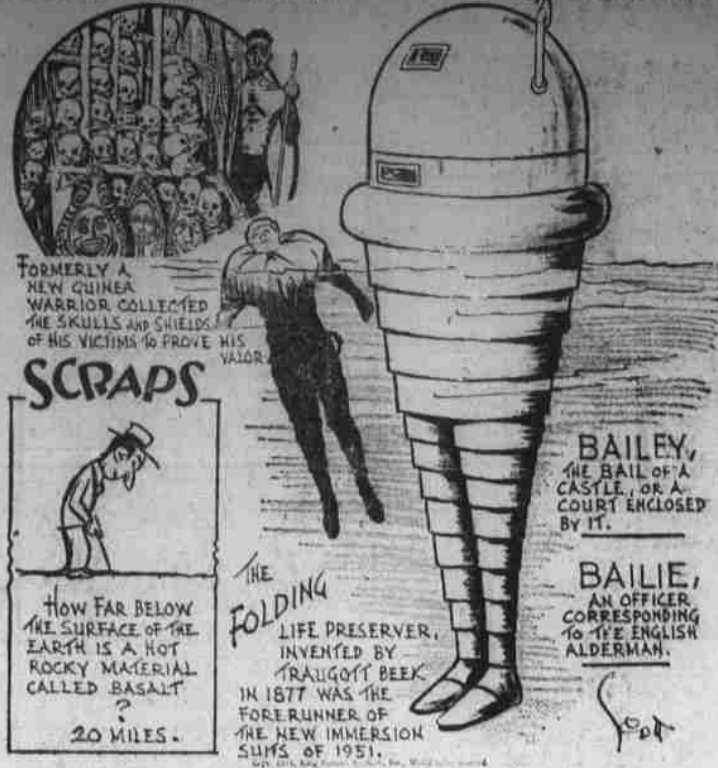
1942 — Allies attack North Africa, Pacific offensive, Russia counterattacks, Japan carves an empire, stronger two-party government for U. S., Tokyo air raid, wartime economy, saboteurs executed, Rickenbacker rescued, Dieppe raided.

1943 — Allied blueprint for war and peace, Russian offensive, Germany bombed, Italy surrenders, Pacific offensive, Mussolini topples, pay-as-you-go taxes, Oakes murder case, coal strikes, U-boats beaten in Atlantic.

1944 — Normandy invasion, Roosevelt's fourth term, Philippine invasion, Japan bombed, Hitler assassination attempt, Nazi V-1 and

SCOTT'S SCRAP BOOK

By R. J. SCOTT



FORMERLY A NEW GUINEA WARRIOR COLLECTED THE SKULLS AND SHIELDS OF HIS VICTIMS TO PROVE HIS WARRIOR.

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IN 1877 WAS THE FORE RUNNER OF THE NEW IMMERSION SUITS OF 1951.

V-2's, Hartford circus fire, Russia drives on Germany, Wendell Wilkie dies, Baikan crackup.
1945 — A-bomb, Japan surrenders, Nazi collapse, Roosevelt dies, labor

For A Better Look

ROCHESTER, N. Y. (AP) — Those pasty-faced TV cowboy heroes should look a lot better now — through special TV eyeglasses which are supposed to minimize and provide softer, more human pictures for the viewer.

Produced by Bausch & Lomb Optical Co. here the glasses are precision ground and polished. Scientists worked a year to perfect the glass. Research specialists said, however, that the glasses are not intended to remedy visual defects such as nearsightedness.

Crashing Chords

KENDALLVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Trucker Clyde McEntarfer reported a highway collision with musical effects. He said a piano tumbled off a pickup truck ahead of him on Ind. 3 and rolled into his truck. The damages — \$100 on the truck, \$25 on the piano.

Milk and milk products give us all the calcium we need in our day-to-day diets. Include soups made with milk, creamed or scalloped dishes, milk desserts and ice cream often in family menus.

1946 — Republican landslide in 11-year election; coal strike, OPA controls, Nuernberg war crime verdicts, A-bomb experiments, Suzanne Degnan murder, U. S. foreign policy gets tough, railroad strike, hotel fires, St. Louis Cards in world series.

1947 — Inflation, east-west split, Hartley Law, Texas City explosion, U. S. aid to Europe, war contracts probe, India wins freedom, Princess Elizabeth weds, Palestine troubles, Florida-Gulf coast hurricane.

1948 — Truman election, Berlin blockade, birth of Israel, Gandhi shot, Marshall Plan, inflation, Communist surge in China, Mrs. Casenkina's leap to freedom, Babe Ruth dies, U. S. probes domestic aids.

1949 — Russia splits the atom, North Atlantic Treaty, Berlin blockade ends, Navy-Air Forces squabble, trial of U. S. Communists, voronice fire, Kathy Fiscus dies in well, Mindszenty case and Red pressure on church, Communists take over China, steel workers win pensions.

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The Progressive Farmer Picks Two 'Men Of Year'



REV. DUMONT CLARK



L. Y. BALLENTINE

The January issue of The Progressive Farmer magazine names Commissioner of Agriculture L. Y. Ballentine as "Man of the Year in Service to North Carolina Agriculture" and the Rev. Dumont Clarke as "Man of the Year in Service to Southern Agriculture."

The member can raise an animal and sell it for the church. "How is 'Stag' Ballentine helping farm folks? Well, as commissioner of agriculture in addition to directing vital regulatory work of the department he's stressing three things: 1) cooperation between all agricultural agencies to speed up farm progress, 2) development of better and more extensive agricultural research, and 3) streamlining and strengthening marketing and processing of farm products."

Chief reason for honoring the Rev. Mr. Clarke is his work in promoting the Lord's Acre movement in the rural South. The Lord's Acre plan provides that each church member plant one acre of some crop, tend it, and harvest it, and give the proceeds to the church. Or, if more convenient,

Ninety per cent of all tragic transactions are settled by written check.

Joel Poinsett, U.S. Statesman, Noted for Flower

Although he was a brilliant statesman, and the friend of four American presidents, Joel Roberts Poinsett is famous chiefly because he introduced the Mexican plant known as the "Painted Leaf", of "Mexican Fire Plant" into the United States.

Poinsett, then U.S. ambassador to Mexico, called the plant to the attention of American botanists and grew the plant himself as a hobby at his South Carolina home, after he left Mexico.

The plant grew heavily in American favor—especially popular at Christmas time—and was renamed poinsettia, in honor of the man who brought it to this country.

Contrary to popular impression, the flaming red bracts of the poinsettia are not flowers, but leaves, and it is these bracts that the plants are grown.

It is possible to have variations of either pink or white varieties, as well as of the more usual red, popular because it carries out the holiday color scheme of rich bright red with a contrast of the dark green of the leaves.

The beautiful poinsettia, almost a "must" as far as Christmas decorating is concerned, is one of the most temperamental of plants.

The poinsettia thrives in its native Mexico, but elsewhere must be handled carefully—perhaps pampered slightly. However, the brilliantly colored flowers it has at Christmas time is reward enough for any efforts needed to make the plant thrive.

Constant warmth is needed by poinsettias. Temperatures should be kept between 70 and 80 degrees during the day and no less than 60 degrees at night. Any sudden change in temperature and drafts will cause the plant to drop its leaves.

Abundant water is also a necessity, but it should be applied but once a day so that the plant may become moderately dry between waterings. This permits needed oxygen to reach the roots.

Try to give the poinsettia the sunniest spot available. It is wise to fertilize it occasionally with a good commercial food tablet.



STABLE AT BETHLEHEM: The shepherds "came with haste and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger."

Holly Superstition: It Will Determine Ruler in Household

HUSBANDS and wives! Attention! There is an old superstition about holly that will interest you. It was a belief of the ancients that the first to bring Christmas holly into the house, either husband or wife, would be the one to rule the household during the ensuing year.

But don't put too much stock in the belief. Like other Christmas legends, the truth might be lost in history.

The Druids were great admirers of the holly plant. They believed that its evergreen leaves attested to the fact that it was never deserted by the sun, and was therefore sacred.

Legends have related how the crown of thorns was platted from holly. The leaves of the plant were white until the Crucifixion, after which they turned a deep, blood red.

A holly wreath placed on the door is believed enough to frighten away even the boldest of witches.

'Christkindli' Is Swiss Counterpart of Santa
Santa Claus plays a very insignificant part in the Swiss celebration of Christmas, observed mostly on December 24. It is Christkindli, the Christ Child, who makes the rounds of Swiss homes on Christmas Eve.

This radiant angel is said to have come from the North, traveling on a y-like sleigh pulled by reindeer, in the fashion of our Santa Claus. Christkindli brings good Swiss children a beautiful tree, and many gifts. Like Santa, he stresses obedience and admonishes naughty youngsters.

For Sunday night supper arrange thin slices of broiled ham on split toasted English muffins; top with poached eggs and Hollandaise or rich Cream Sauce. Garnish with sprigs of parsley.

West Pigeon CDP Meeting Re-Set

The recently postponed West Pigeon CDP meeting will be held in the lunch room of the Bethel School on Thursday, Dec. 27, at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Henry Garner, chairman, urges all members to be present. "It will be a very important meeting," she said, "for in addition to the election of new officers for the coming year, a representative of the Blue Cross-Blue Shield Insurance Plan will be present to answer all questions."

Jack Pot

NEW YORK (AP) — A 19 Force Sergeant David Callahan of Brooklyn got more than he bargained for when he and two service buddies hit the jackpot on NBC's television show, "Break the Bank."

They hit for \$1,500. In trying to figure out what to do with their windfall, the other two, Army Sergeant Bill Downs, Elkins, W. Va., and Marine Pfc. Joe Kling, Lakewood, N. J., discovered that Callahan was in a bad way financially. He had debts and his wife was expecting. Downs and Kling decided to chip in part of their winnings to help out.

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DEATHS

MRS. MARY FRANKLIN
Funeral services for Mrs. Singleton Franklin, 85, who Tuesday in the Haywood Cemetery after a brief illness, held Friday in Dix Creek Church. The Rev. Thomas officiated and burial was in the Cemetery.

Nephews were pallbearers, nieces were flower bearers. Surviving are five sisters, Nan Singleton, Mrs. Laura M. Mrs. Ora Morris, Mrs. Lon Chers and Mrs. Ed Thompson, Haywood County and one, Bill Singleton of Buncombe County. Wells Funeral Home in charge.

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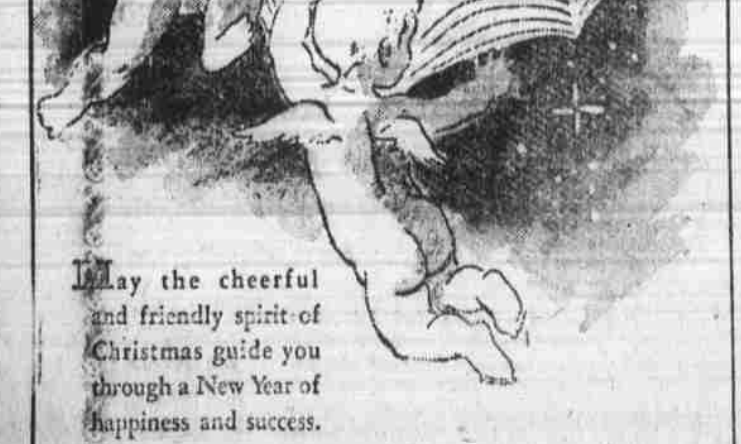


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In Seclusion



Walter Wanger

EDITORS—This exclusive photo of producer Walter Wanger, taken as he relaxed in his Beverly Hills, Calif., temporary home, is sent for your possible use with news developments. A felony complaint was to have been sworn out against him in connection with the shooting of Jennings Lang, agent for Wanger's wife, actress Joan Bennett. (CENTRAL PRESS)

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