

Bright '40 Prospect Seen for Town as Year '39 Reviewed

Every Indication That New Decade Will Develop an Era of Business Prosperity; Herald Presents Day by Day Report of News.

Manchester is today doing more than merely starting its progress in a new year. Today the town begins to tackle a new decade, the 1940's. There is everywhere indication that an even greater distinction is dawning—the change-over from an era of business depression to a period of prosperity.

As we face the future, and leave the events of the year 1939 to history, there is reason to recall the completed record of the past twelve months. Just as 1940 is the beginning of a long hoped-for change in fortunes, 1939 completes a ten year cycle that has had high local significance.

Outstanding in local news during 1939, the sudden decision to encamp and train the entire 169th Infantry and attached units in Manchester looms as the biggest item. Close to it in interest was the chain of events leading up to the strike of velvet weavers at the Cheney mills and the subsequent settling of that dispute.

The outbreak of war caught several local persons at points abroad, and the experience of James Jastie in the torpedoed "Athens," in which he was injured, furnished a first hand war story.

There was a shift in the fall in the membership of the Board of Selectmen when Harold Symington and S. Raymond Smith were elected to the body. Selectman Lawrence Converse was defeated in the return of Selectman Richard Martin withdrew, leaving the openings for the new men.

There was a lot of fault found with the water supply at the north end, and of political significance here was the return of the town court to GOP control under Judge Raymond R. Bowers.

The highlights of the year are recounted as follows from the files of The Herald. Dates noted mark publication of the items to which reference is made.

First Quarter January came in with shivering necks of a sugar at large in the Buckingham roads. Promptly

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Searchers Find Lost Students

11 Missing in Freezing, Snow-Covered Mountains for 12 Hours.

Haverstraw, N. Y., Jan. 1.—(AP)—Eleven New York City College boys and girls on a holiday hike were lost in the freezing, snow-covered mountains near here for 12 hours last night, but were found early today by state police searchers with bloodhounds.

The 11 were among a party of 35 who had come to celebrate New Year's Eve at a hotel here.

They had started out yesterday morning, but two trail-blazers who went ahead of the rest came back yesterday afternoon and said they had lost them. Two other stragglers returned soon afterward.

The last students, sought first on Dunderberg Mountain, finally were found on Mount Timp, seven miles away.

They had followed the trail blazing a fire.

More than 200 persons were in the searching parties, composed of state police, mounted park patrolmen and civilians. They set out in near-zero temperatures after the four who separated from the main party had returned with their story.

Five girls were in the group of 15 evening session students at City College who started on the hike which was to have been followed by a New Year's Eve party. They were clad only for a brief walk, and searches feared for them as a biting wind swept up the Hudson river into the Palisades Interstate park at Bear Mountain.

Lieut. Walter F. Reilly headed troops in the search, and J. J. Tammen, Palisades park superintendent, led 40 park police and a number of mounted park rangers. Dunderberg mountains, trees

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Security Plan Starting Full Scope Today

To Provide Death and Retirement Benefits For Elderly Workers, Families and Survivors

At Least Thieves Left Truck's Chassis, Body

Salt Lake City, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Arthur Mason took his truck to a garage for repairs.

Returning, he got in the cab, stepped on the starter—and nothing happened.

He looked at the battery connections. The battery was gone.

Then he discovered all four tires were missing.

Alarmed, he lifted the hood. The engine summoned a garage attendant. Helplessly, he pointed to a sign "Not Responsible for Loss Due to Fire or Theft."

Gayety Marks Year's Advent For America

Young Mr. 1940 Stumbles Around in Confusion in Europe as Hillary Jackpot Is Hit.

By The Associated Press

Life began for Young Mr. 1940 today and he liked it.

For the first half dozen hours of his life the infant year heard nothing but laughter and music; saw nothing but gayety and merry-making. That was in America.

He stumbled around in confusion in Europe—entering the war-stricken countries guided only by the flash of cannon. The nightly blackout was a somber setting but there was not much gayety across the Atlantic.

Americans hit the jackpot of hilarity in the dying hours of 1939 and then spent their enthusiasm welcoming the new year and new decade.

Aided by Sabbath Holiday

The celebrants—there were hundreds of thousands—started early and stayed late for the business at hand. Some of the merry-makers had their celebrations slightly curbed because of the Sunday liquor laws but for the most part there were no restrictions and millions of dollars were spent in night clubs, bars and hotels.

Today's football games brought thousands of visitors to the "bowl" cities and they joined in the revelry. Los Angeles had the widest celebration in a decade. The central downtown area was blocked off to all but pedestrians.

The movie celebrities were at the high-priced Hollywood and Beverly Hills cafes and night clubs. Amusement piers and nearby beach towns were jammed.

Miami—in the midst of the Orange Bowl festival—had a riotous celebration. Harried policemen gave up efforts to control traffic and pedestrians. In New Orleans another "bowl" city, the merry-makers crowded wide Canal street in hornblowing jamboree and night clubs turned away crowds.

New York's Times Square and Chicago's Randolph and State streets were massed with horn-toters and cowbell ringers. The swank Everglades Club at Palm Beach had its largest party and other resort night clubs had sell-outs.

Celebrations Hampered

States where liquor was not sold on Sunday included Pennsylvania, Washington, Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Missouri, and celebrations in some cities in these states were somewhat hampered. Some cities observed Saturday night and held private parties last night.

The new year wasn't even a minute old before claims were made for honors as the first baby of 1940.

In Chicago there were two claimants. A nurse at St. Bernard's hospital said Norine O'Toole was born one second after midnight to Mrs. Anna O'Toole, 29. The Lewis Memorial Maternity hospital said Mrs. Della Feely, 30.

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Review of Town Events Today's Herald

A Chronology of Manchester News for the Year 1939 Will Be Found On Pages Eight and Nine of Today's Herald.

SPORTS REVIEW, TOO

A Complete Review of Sports Activities in Manchester in 1939 Will Be Found On Pages Ten and Eleven of This Issue.

Finns Claim Gains; Face New Attack

Russo-Finnish war, in which (1) Finnish "hit-and-run" ski forces harried Russians; (2) Stockholm reported Russians had brought up additional guns to fight the Finnish drive toward the Murmansk railway; (3) Soviet troops were reported digging in near the Arctic ocean; (4) British reports said 2,000 Italian volunteers had arrived at Tornio with Italian planes; (5) the Finnish air force reported silencing with bombs at least one long-range gun; (6) a small band of Finns reportedly held Kiviatto batteries under heavy fire; and (7) the Russian air force opened a new attack on southwestern Finland.

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The board has estimated that 900,000 men, women and children would share in more than \$100,000,000 in old age benefits this year. The estimates are subject to revision, depending on the number of deaths among workers before and after the retirement age of 65.

The primary benefits to insured workers are based on their average monthly wage since Jan. 1, 1937. Benefits for wives, widows and children consist of fractional proportions of this sum. Wives and children are entitled to monthly payments equal to half the wage-earner's benefit, and widows get three-fourths of the primary sum.

In the three years of preparation for the pay-off, the government has collected in excess of \$1,400,000,000 in payroll taxes to establish a reserve fund. The employee and employer each were taxed one per cent of the employee's wages.

On the basis of estimates supplied to the Senate Finance Committee, the government expects to collect \$501,000,000 in social security taxes this year against an estimated distribution of \$114,000,000 in benefits.

In the succeeding three years to the end of 1943—the income and outgo of social security funds is estimated as follows: 1941—\$565,000,000; income and \$298,000,000 outgo; 1942—\$504,000,000 and \$431,000,000; 1943—\$919,000,000 and \$538,000,000.

The 1943 income of \$919,000,000 is estimated on the basis of an increase in the number of insured workers.

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Man Is Killed In Rail Wreck

Possibly Two Score Injured in Rear End Collision Early Today.

Aroca, Ill., Jan. 1.—(AP)—One man was killed and possibly two score were injured, several seriously, in a rear end collision between two Illinois Central passenger trains here early today.

Authorities said the dead man was tentatively identified as W. T. Talmadge, of Evanston, Ill. Eight persons were sent to hospitals at Tuscola and Mattoon with serious injuries.

Running Hour Late

The accident occurred about 6 a. m., when the No. 4 passenger train from New Orleans running about one hour late, was pulling out of the Aroca station. It was rammed in the rear by No. 6, the road's Panama Limited, also out of New Orleans. One coach in the middle of No. 4 was telescoped and the tender on No. 6 was jammed into the baggage car.

Both trains were filled with holiday travelers. Talmadge was en route to

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British Plane Downs Nazi Over North Sea

Pursuit Craft and Anti-Aircraft Fire Drive Off Germans Flying Over Shetland Islands.

London, Jan. 1.—(AP)—One of two German warplanes raiding the Shetland Islands today made a plover dive over a British warship, dropping bombs as it swooped low but failing to inflict damage. British officials announced. The Air Ministry said one of the raiders apparently had been shot down, as a third German plane in an encounter with a coastal patrol plane over the North Sea. Anti-aircraft guns on the warships, which the announcement did not identify, directed heavy fire at the plane which leveled off and flew away from the Shetlands. The air ministry said there were "no casualties."

London, Jan. 1.—(AP)—A British fighting plane today shot down a German plane over the North Sea today, while British pursuit craft and anti-aircraft fire drove off two German planes which flew over the Shetland Islands.

A communiqué said it was believed the German plane was shot down.

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Beauty Slain; Men Quizzed

Police Hope to Find Clue To Brutal Murderer Of Argentine Girl.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Police hoped today to find from the men in the life of Mary Vila a clue to the murderer who brutally beat and strangled the 23-year-old Argentine beauty and left her nude, mutilated body in her bed.

A dozen persons, including two men known to have been friendly with the girl, were questioned concerning the slaying, discovered by her roommate early yesterday. None of those questioned was formally arraigned.

The roommate, 25-year-old Anna Ocilowski, made the grisly discovery as she crept into the bed they shared, and felt the cold nude body between blood-soaked sheets. Throwing back the bedclothing, she gasped in horror at the mutilated body and ran, screaming for help.

"There is little doubt," said Capt. James Kelly of the homicide squad, "that Miss Vila was killed by someone who knew her well. The killer apparently had access to her room; in fact, may have been waiting for her."

Based on information from reports of the coroner's physician, police theorized that the murderer knocked the pretty, unemployed waitress unconscious with blows to the head, smothered her with a pillow and then, to make certain of death, dug strong fingers into her throat, which was still marked when detectives arrived.

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Flashes!

Oil Operator Arrested

Los Angeles, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Postal inspectors today arrested Samuel Myers, 51, oil operator, in his Beverly Hills home, on a charge in New York of using mails to defraud. The officers said he was indicted with 78 others by a New York Federal grand jury in investigation of sales of oil and gas leases and deeds for Texas and Oklahoma lands. Myers waived removal proceedings and posted a \$2000 bond to insure appearance in New York when ordered to do so.

Garner Silent On Intentions

Washington, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Vice President Garner, arriving for the 1940 session of Congress, said today he had "no comment" on the weather, politics, economy or any other subject you might mention. The Texas Democrat is known to be in good health and is expected to be in New York for the session which starts Wednesday.

Jack Johnson Probably Ill

San Francisco, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Jack Johnson, former world heavyweight boxing champion, was in Alameda hospital Sunday in a bad condition, it was reported. He is believed to be suffering from what was at first believed to be pneumonia. Hospital attendants said his illness "is not serious" but that he will need medical attention and rest.

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Finnish Patrols Hunt Down Fleeing Soviet Soldiers in Forests

Japanese Navy Claims Planes Down 21 Foes

Bomb Railroad Near Border of French Indo-China in Big-Scale Battle in South China.

Shanghai, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The Japanese Navy reported today its planes had shot down 21 Chinese aircraft in a big-scale battle in South China and bombed the Hailong-Kunming railroad near the border of French Indo-China.

The railroad, built, owned and operated by the French, is one of China's "lifelines" for the import of materials.

Damage to the line was reported slight, but Chinese were said in Hongkong to consider the bombing significant, since it followed a Japanese request to discontinue transporting Chinese supplies.

Loss Only One Plane

The Japanese said that in the battle over Luichow, in central Kwangsi province, they lost only one plane while bringing down the 21 Chinese.

Reports from the Chinese provincial capital, Chungking, said Japanese air raids had caused more than 200 Chinese casualties Saturday at Ichang, 175 miles west of the central China city of Hankow.

(The Chinese Army news organ, Saotung-Pao, said at Chungking the Japanese had suffered 400,000 casualties in 5,200 engagements during 1939. Neutral observers said the estimate was at least 50 per cent too high.)

Meanwhile, from the northwest China frontier town of Foshoulin in Suiyuan came details of a 28-day battle of 10 days ago in which Chinese got inside the walls in a daring effort to retake the place.

Enticed Into Trap

The Japanese said they enticed 10,000 Chinese into a trap and shot 5,000, mostly north of Foshoulin, with the aid of bombing planes.

The Japanese reported their own dead were 10 officers and 300 men, but Chinese sources said 10 times that many Japanese were killed.

Although the Japanese asserted all danger was past now, an Associated Press staff man who visited

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Mystery Fire Burns Palace

Two of Finest Examples of Renaissance Architecture Are Lost.

Rome, Jan. 1.—(AP)—Fire of mysterious origin burned through the Palace of the Cancellaria and the adjacent Church of San Lorenzo today, wrecking two of the finest examples of Renaissance architecture.

Police said they suspected incendiaries because it was the second fire to break out in the former papal chancery in five days. The first fire was attributed to a short circuit.

The second fire started last night and ran out of control despite streams of water from hoses. Thousands of Romans, out for New Year's Eve, gathered on the Corso Vittorio Emanuele, in the center of the city, to watch.

Within a few hours, the blaze

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Witchcraft Scare Stirs Little Mountain Hamlet

Mora, N. M., Jan. 1.—(AP)—A witch scare inflamed this little hamlet of Cristo mountain hamlet.

Sporadic fears of the Spanish-speaking folk have reached the hamlet and state police were ordered to investigate a weird story accusing Evelino Espinosa, known locally as "the frog man," of witchcraft.

Crowds of mountain people thronged the courtyard while Espinosa was arraigned. He was held for preliminary hearing Jan. 8 on charges of mayhem. Acquaintances quickly provided him \$1,000 bond.

Complaining witnesses, Espinosa's wife and her cousin, accused him of "hexing" them as they slept Christmas night.

Story of Testimony

R. E. Cooper, assistant district

Happy New Year Hint For Police Raiding Squad

Boston, Jan. 1.—(AP)—"Who's there?" demanded a voice within a Roxbury district apartment as Sgt. Chester A. Henchy and a raiding squad arrived.

"Happy New Year!" shouted Henchy in his best greeting manner.

The door opened. The raiding squad took away nine persons charged with violating the gaming laws.

Nazi Steamer Is Interned By Uruguay

Freighter Which Stood By Graf Spee in Final Hours First Victim Of Neutral's Rulings.

Montevideo, Jan. 1.—(AP)—The German freighter Tacoma was interned for the duration of the war by the Uruguayan government at the expiration of a 24-hour ultimatum demanding her departure from this neutral port.

The 8,208-ton freighter, which stood by the scuttled pocket battleship Admiral Graf Spee in her final hours and therefore was adjudged a neutral internment regulations.

The Tacoma was in the roadstead just inside the harbor breakwater, where she had lain all night in apparent indecision, when a Uruguayan-Uruguayan vessel pulled alongside shortly after expiration of the 24-hour period at 9 a. m. (6 a. m., e. s. t.).

Captain Mogno, secretary of the port authority, announced to Capt. Hans Know, the Tacoma's skipper, that his time was up and she must be interned according to international law.

Know signed the certificate of internment. Whether the crew will remain aboard or be interned ashore was not immediately decided. Uruguayan officials said the ship would remain where she was for two days and then be brought into the inner harbor to be moored for the duration of the war.

Early today, upon the 8 a. m. (6 a. m., e. s. t.) deadline set by Uruguay for the departure, the government announced the Tacoma would remain and be interned.

Fifty Uruguayan Marines aboard the Uruguayan Navy's steamer La Vallesia went out to the Tacoma.

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Trail Panicky Quarry Through Snow in Region of Suomalainen

Ready to Fight or Take Prisoners in Surrender—'Great Victory' Reported After Battle.

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Cheney Workers Have Appeals Denied

Denial of four appeals for unemployment compensation, filed on the part of workers at the Cheney Brothers mills, was handed down Saturday by Frank R. Odum, commissioner of the state labor department.

Local Women's Sister Is Dead

Mrs. Caroline Bell Lutz, sister of Mrs. Lutz, died at her home in Santa Barbara, Calif., Saturday, Dec. 31, 1939.

Finns Patrol Hunt Down Fleeing Red Soldiers in Snow

Finland's military police are hunting down Red soldiers who fled from the Finnish front in the snow.

Wants to Rename Roosevelt Forest

A group of citizens in Stratford, Conn., want to rename the Roosevelt Forest in honor of a local hero.

Manchester Date Book Out of Pop

The Manchester Date Book, published by the local Chamber of Commerce, is out of print.

Funerals

Funerals were held for several local residents who died during the past week.

Feet Not Frozen, Man Just Drunk

A man whose feet were frozen during a winter storm was found to be just drunk.

Police Investigate Burning of Girl

Police are investigating the burning of a young girl in a recent fire.

Public Records

Public records show several marriages and deaths in the community.

President Kallio Asks Active Aid

President Kallio of Finland asks for active aid from the United States.

Stock Overlooked Taxib

A taxicab driver was overlooked by stock market analysts.

Escaped Prisoner Surrenders

An escaped prisoner has surrendered to authorities.

Why It's Cold Up in Finland

The cold weather in Finland is due to the winter season and the location of the country.

Nazi Is Downed Over North Sea

A Nazi aircraft was downed over the North Sea during a recent mission.

Weddings

Several weddings were celebrated in the community during the past week.

One Man Is Jailed In Flogging Case

A man was jailed in connection with a flogging case.

Chain Stores, Public Have Common Interest

Chain stores and the public have a common interest in economic stability.

Special Rites For Memorials

Special religious rites were held for the memorials.

Attempted Suicide Is Linked to Upheaval

An attempted suicide is linked to a recent social upheaval.

State Records Fewer Deaths

State records show a decrease in the number of deaths.

Violent Deaths

Violent deaths were reported in several instances.

Improved Conditions May Solve Congress Problems

Improved conditions may solve the problems of Congress.

Five Are Missing As Liner Burns

Five people are missing as a liner burns in the ocean.

No Republican Dinner Guests

No Republican dinner guests were invited to the event.

Crump Resigns Mayor's Post

Crump has resigned his position as mayor of Memphis.

Republican Victor In Special Vote

A Republican candidate was victorious in a special election.

School Vacation Ends Tomorrow

The school vacation ends tomorrow.

American Pageant Shown in Parade

An American pageant was shown in a recent parade.

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The head of A. & P. says that developments in 1939 are clear for greater service in 1940.

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