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in Dells.  
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L.T. - SUNOCO. THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 1939. (POUGHKEEPSIE)

GOOD EVENING EVERYBODY:

I have given my news broadcast from some extraordinary places during the past nine years, but none more extraordinary than tonight. In the past some of my news broadcasts to you have come from the capitals of Europe, down deep in the earth in a mine, in airplanes, and at sea. Oh yes, and a couple of weeks ago the N.B.C. engineers set up the microphone in a ladies' room of a little railroad station at the foot of Mount Tremblant, north of Montreal, in the Laurentians. Where could I be tonight that is still more unusual. Well, I am in a night club. Or maybe I should describe it as a roadhouse. Sitting in front of me are a thousand sportsmen and I don't mean tin horn sportsmen either. They are members of the Federation of Dutchess County Game Clubs. And, the only place in Dutchess County that would hold them happened to be a place called the Dells a couple of miles north of Poughkeepsie and just over the hill from the President's home at Hyde Park. My farm is here in Dutchess County. And a lot of my friends

said I had to be on hand for this big game club dinner. So, the Western Union operator rigged up his telegraph key in a corridor here at this roadhouse and the N.B.C. engineers have set up my microphone on the little stage where the night club orchestra usually is. And in front of me, ready to devour their dinners are a thousand fanatical fishermen and hungers ~~and~~ -- the fishermen keyed up, ready for the first day of the fishing season, next Saturday, April 1.

I imagine they haven't a thought in their minds except the thought of the fun they are going to have fishing a week from Saturday.

Now for a few moments I am expected to take their minds off fishing and tell them the news of the world as I tell it to you.

Instead of telling you a lot about Dutchess County, which I would like to do, I think I'll try directing some of my news items at this crowd. For instace:-  
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HINES.

*Here's one of the most interesting items tonight!*

A new lawyer will represent James J Hines in asking that the Tammany leader be let out on bail while his case is being appealed. Immediately after the sentence today, Hines counsel, ~~L~~ LLOYD striker said he thought it would be better if his client were represented by another lawyer in the bail proceedings. So Loyd Stryker stepped out and Martn W Littleton stepped in. ~~But~~ now that well known counsel will represent Hines.

The sentence imposed on James Hines, convicted of being political fixer for the Dutch Schultz policy mob, is from four to eight years. The judge inflicted ~~a~~ various prison sentences on various counts, totalling from four to eight. With the acts of grace the law allows, the minimum is three years. Under the senetence, Jimmy Hines will have to serve in prison that long - - three years/ Dixie Davis, ~~him~~ the Dutch Schultz lawyer who turned state's evidence, got one year, minus the time he has already been in jail. He'll actually serve less than six months. Schoenhaus, another Dutch Schultz henchman who testified against Hines, free on probation. <sup>R</sup> The judge today told sixty two year old James Hines that ~~have~~ for his age, the

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sentence would have been much more severe. He might have  
got <sup>27</sup> years. And likewise the judge remanded Hines to the  
~~Hankins~~ Toombs instead of sending him to Sing Sing - -  
while his plea for bail is being argued.

ROUMANIA

*And now for some*  
~~Here's exciting news from abroad!~~  
 at five thirty PM Bucharest time. Roumania signed on the dotted

line, - Roumania signed itself inside of the German orbit.

It's the trade agreement which has been reported, one of those complicated Hitler commercial pacts that <sup>sews</sup> ~~knits~~ up a nation's trade.) Right now Germany is taking more than fifty percent of the merchandise that Roumania exports. That's the economic background as (King Carol's regime signs a buying and selling agreement that makes it economically a vassal of Germany.)

*TR* The democratic powers cannot count on Roumania - - that's the gist of it.

## CHAMBERLAIN

(Today Prime minister Chamberlain again echoed his new mood of firmness to the dictators. He told the House of Commons that

~~He~~<sup>He</sup> said Britain will stand against any new attempt to destroy the independence of smaller nations by threats of armed force.

Britain is resolved to oppose any such aggression in the future

- - quote "resolved by all means" unquote - - said Chamberlain.)

He referred to the Hitler destruction of Czechoslovakia and spoke of what he means. It might mean a lot. In Chamberlain's

own words: "It raises the question of whether the Reich is ~~near~~

~~not~~<sup>w</sup> seeking by successive efforts to dominate Europe and perhaps

go farther than that."

## GAS MASKS

French canadian opposition to any foreign war was dramatized today by a march of students on the Montreal city hall. They shouted, "Down with conscription" and they chanted a refrain in these words - - "French canadians will have nothing to do with foreign wars." The Mayor of Montreal is a leader in a movement to keep canada out of wars in which the British empire may engage. He received the student demonstration with the statement - - "I will <sup>s/</sup> save you from the shot and shell of foreign wars."



STATE DEPARTMENT

The United States is not particularly concerned by Hitler's acquisition of the city of Memel. That was stated by Acting Secretary of State Sumner Welles today. He announced that the state department has received official word from the Republic of Lithuania about the handing over of Memel. The acting secretary said the affair looked constitutionally legal and was different from the Hitler destruction of Czechoslovakia. Memel, after all, is a German city.

NAVY

Today a formidable proposal was made for a new drydock at New York - - formidable because of the reasons given for it. Admiral Leahy, chief of Naval operations recommended to congress that the government help private interests in building a New York drydock, ~~big enough to handle the largest vessels of this nation - - and the largest vessels of foreign nations.~~ ~~It's the foreign angle that attracts most attention.~~

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The chief of Naval operations pointed to the possibility of a world war. If that happens, he said, it was probable the European dockyards would be bombed. "And", ~~said he,~~ "it will be desirable to have a newyork harbor, a dock that can take care not only of the largest merchantmen but the largest foreign battleship." So that if European docks are bombed in war we will be able to accomodate foreign navies.

Hi Carroll.

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ALIENS

Out with aliens who oppose our form of government - - that was the slogan in Congress today. The house of representatives passed a bill to exclude and deport all aliens who agitate for any fundamental change in the american form of government. The House passed this exclusion and deportation bill without any opposition, and sent it to the Senate.

ADD ALIENS

I recall last summer, or was it the summer before, that the word<sup>a</sup> went around Dutchess County and was featured in newspapers from coast to coast, that up here ~~x~~ at Sylvan Lake, just over the hill from the Dells where I am at this moment, there was supposed to be a Communist colony, with agitators denouncing our American form of government. How did that come out Hi? (Hi Carroll here beside me is known as a rock of Gibraltar of the law here in Dutchess County. If anything goes wrong call Hi, ~~and~~ He'll fix it.

Sheriff, what happened to those agitators?

For HI CARROLL:

We didn't let them worry us much but we have had some trouble with nudists.

L.T. What is the crime situation in Dutchess County, Sheriff?

HI CARROLL: Crime, we haven't any!

L.T.: I wish every ~~county~~ county in America could say the same. What a difference it would make to the taxpayers!

DUTCHESS COUNTY

It is tough luck that Uncle Bill couldn't be here tonight. Uncle Bill Cookingham who is now going on a hundred, is the oldest owner of a fishing license in New York State. I had hoped to have Uncle Bill here to tell you a fish story, a whopper. But Uncle Bill is sitting up at Amenia, nursing a cold and trying to get in shape to celebrate his 100 years by going fishing on April 1st.

It would do Uncle Bill's heart good to see the display of things all around me on this little stage. Dozens of firms have sent presents to this game club dinner tonight and these presents are to be raffled off - door prizes. If someone were to give me a ~~push~~ push here is what I would land in: A mass of fishing hooks, spoons, red eye wigglers, and lures of all kinds, fishing line, tackle boxes, rubber boots, special dog food for retrievers, fishing vests, hunting coats, rifles. Oh yes, and I see many cans of Sunoco motor oil, evidently presented by my radio sponsors, and rods, reels, creels and nets. And to give you a picture of the spot from which I am broadcasting: My mike is set up on a piano, and one of the most distinguished citizens

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of Dutchess County, is helping me out by acting as my timer. He is taking ~~plax~~ the place of the N.B.C. official who is usually with me at Radio City. Who is this distinguished man? Dutchess County is famous for distinguished people. Is it the President or one of the girls from Vassar College, just down the road? No, ~~there~~ it is not one of the Vanderbilts, Vincent Astor, or a member of the Ogden Mills family who live right near by. Nor is my timing being done by the President of the United States, whose home is just around the corner. Nor is it the Secretary of the Treasury who is simply known as a Dutchess County apple farmer up here. I suppose you think it is one of the Smith Borhters, one of the cough drop kings from Poughkeepsie. No, the one who is doing my timing is a motion picture and radio star. His name is Lanny Ross. You all know him.

(Shouts - Cheers)

L.T.: Thanks Lanny for holding the stop watch for me. And by the way, how do you happen to be here?

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LANNY ROSS: Why Lowell, I just came up to meet some prominent fish!



Dutchess County, by the way, is a rather large place which covers \$19 square miles, and is broken up into twenty ~~townships~~ townships, a county of gorgeous hills, large fields, and streams filled with trout. In fact is ~~is~~ so large that I haven't yet been able to get away from the highest part of it, Quaker Hill, where I live, long enough to see half of it.

SHIRLEY TEMPLE

As, here's one that may interest Lanny Rosse. Lanny you're just back from Hollywood. And this item concerns your Hollywood friend, Shirley Temple. Shirley won't have to pay half a million dollars, which is a lot of money for a nine year old girl to shell out. It is estimated that the child queen of the movies has earned five million bucks. And, she was sued for ten percent of all that. A director named Jack Hays did the suing, claiming it was he who discovered Shirley Temple. He discovered Shirley, said he, when she was three years old -- and taught her dancing and dramatics. For that, he told the court, he was entitled to ten percent of five million.

The suit was filed two years ago, but was not pressed and brought to court until now. And today the Hollywood judge, Jude Rip Flannery see if you agree; the Hollywood judge made that two year delay the principal point in his decision. He said the plaintiff had not used due diligence in going ahead with the case. And so his Honor dismissed the half a million dollar suit entered by the man who says he discovered Shirley Temple.

TARZAN

Now for

~~Here's~~ one that may interest the sheriff of Dutches County and his men. In the wild lands of Wyoming, a posse of more than a hundred

riflemen today called for artillery, a trench mortar. Also -- a bombing airplane to drop tear gas and high explosives.

Why all the war equipment? They want to catch or kill one

man. But that one man is the Berserk ~~woodsman~~ <sup>the the (of Wyoming)</sup> Tarzan, ~~one of~~ <sup>an outlaw</sup> the most deadly marksman of the new northern forest, renowned

for his unerring accuracy with a gun.

The big posse with bristling rifles has him cornered in the Bear-Tooth mountains. Tarzan is holding out in a natural fortress of rocks, his lair. They don't dare to attack -- don't dare to venture from their shelter in the pine woods.

Last evening they tried it. Tarzan fired two shots and killed two men. <sup>R</sup> When he went on his murderous ~~rampage several~~ <sup>rampage several</sup>

days ago he killed two men. Thus far he has fired five shots, and his score is <sup>5</sup> four lives taken. Today the posse was waiting for an aviator to fly over and bomb Tarzan with tear gas and high explosive. And the sheriff has asked the military commandant

at Ft. Warren, for a trench mortar, to blast Tarzan in his rocky refuge. The ~~post~~ <sup>at the Fort had</sup> commander ~~had~~ to relay the request to the

The posse is one horse thought.

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War department in Washington. And today Wyoming Senator (Mahoney put in his plea with the army chief of staff, General Malin Craig, The Wyoming Senator<sup>begging</sup> for a trench mortar with which to blast the Tarzan of Wyoming from his hideout in the cliffs of the Bear-Tooth Mountains.

Gentlemen of the Federation of Dutchess County Game Clubs, there's a wild and wooly story for you!

And SO LONG UNTIL TOMORROW.