

A YEAR OF TRAGEDY

To a greater degree than most years, 1937 was a year of tragedy at home and abroad. Seldom has so much of disaster, destruction and death been crowded into a period of twelve months. And most of the troubles which have beset the world throughout the year were created through the folly of human beings themselves.

The most horrible pages of the year's record were written in war-torn Spain and China, where the slaughter of non-combatants—men, women and children—is without a parallel in history. And no end to that slaughter is yet in sight.

Two major disasters occurred in the United States, the Ohio and Mississippi flood, which claimed 890 lives and the school explosion at New London, Texas, in which 455 perished. Minor tragedies were nu-

merous, the most spectacular being the explosion of the dirigible Hindenburg with a loss of 36 lives. Many airplane crashes took a heavy toll, the worst in history killing 19 persons in Utah.

More people were killed by automobiles than in any previous year, the total reaching close to 40,000 with more than a million injured.

In the economic field, costly strikes, the feud between rival labor organizations, the business recession and increasing unemployment have been disturbing factors continuing into the new year, not to mention the anxiety over what the administration and Congress may do next.

MRS. HESSE ILL

Mrs. J. F. Hesse has been confined to her home the past week.

BEATTY-DAYLIGHT PASS

Another highway project that is under consideration is the eight and one-half miles from Beatty to the boundary of the Death Valley national monument. The remaining four miles which will connect this section with the California highway at the state line is to be constructed by the National Park service.

Just as soon as the plans for the construction of this road are approved by the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads in San Francisco, bids will be called for.

Plan to Celebrate 250th Anniversary Swedenborg's Birth

AMAZING as it seems that one mind could encompass so many varied realms of knowledge, nevertheless it is true that Emanuel Swedenborg, the 250th anniversary of whose birth will be observed January 29, 1938, made important contributions in many fields of science, theoretical and practical, in statesmanship, philosophy, and religion.

In 1716-1718 he published the first scientific periodical in Sweden, containing records of his mechanical inventions and mathematical discoveries, which included the first airplane design to have fixed wings and moving propeller, the first air-pump to employ mercury, and the description of a method for determining latitude and longitude at sea by observations of the moon among the stars. As assessor of the Swedish Board of Mines he devised many improvements in the mining industry of his day, and his works on iron and copper were authoritative throughout Europe. In the "Principia," a work on physics and cosmology, he arrived at the nebular hypothesis theory before Kant and Laplace. He advanced a molecular magnetic theory which anticipated certain modern views, and he was 150 years ahead of any other scientist in his works on the functions of the brain and spinal cord, and on the functions of the ductless glands.

Swedenborg served as an active member of the parliament of his country for more than fifty years, introducing fiscal reforms and much general legislation. He published works on algebra, higher mathematics, chemistry, engineering, physical science, metals and metallurgy, anatomy, physiology, psychology, and philosophy.

At the age of fifty-five Emanuel Swedenborg discontinued his scientific pursuits and began his work as a theologian, publishing the "Arcana Coelestia, Apocalypse Explained"; "Heaven and Hell"; "Four Doctrines"; "Divine Love and Wisdom"; "Divine Providence"; "Apocalypse Revealed"; "Conjugal Love"; "True Christian Religion"; and other miscellaneous theological works. Information regarding the life and achievements and the works referred to, will be sent without charge by application to the Swedenborg Foundation, New York City.

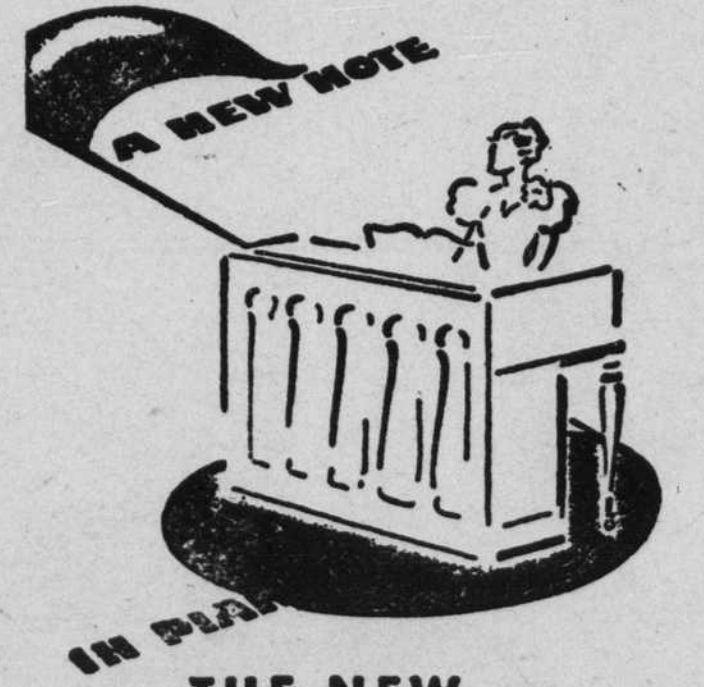
WINNEMUCCA PURCHASES LAND FOR FLYING FIELD

WINNEMUCCA — Work is expected to start soon on a Winnemucca emergency airport, following action last night by the city council in approving purchase of 80 acres of land from the Southern Pacific company.

Application has been made to the WPA for labor to be used in placing the fields in shape.



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