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FONDA STARS IN 'GRAPES OF WRATH'

PRES. ROOSEVELT NOTES BIRTH OF LILLIAN MATTHEWS



NEWS OF ARRIVAL REACHES WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON (AP) - The President of the United States, Franklin D. Roosevelt, proclaimed that today be a day of national celebration, heralding the birth of Lillian Matthews on Monday, Jan. 1, 1940.

The White House sent a bouquet of carnations, the flower for the month of January, to the family.

Celebrities Share Jan 1st Birthday

January 1st seems to be a popular day to be born, at least according to the impressive list of rich and famous people born on that day! Also born this date are Xavier Cugat, Dana Andrews, Don Novello, Frank Langella, Nancy Lopez, and Paul Revere.

It's interesting to note that Frank Langella was also born in 1940. That means both Frank Langella and Lillian were born 25,203 days ago!

Reds Win 1940 World Series

CINCINNATI - It was celebration time in Cincinnati as the Reds captured the 1940 world title. It was a hard loss for the Detroit Tigers of the American League, as the National League team took the series four games to three.



Congress Debates Consumer Prices

CAPITOL HILL (UPI) - Heated discussion marked the House floor today as Congress debated the state of consumer prices. Many congressmen complained that the average American just can't afford a new house at today's price of \$6,558.00.

Split along party lines, many Republicans felt that twenty-six cents for a half gallon of milk was a solid consumer bargain, while Democrats pointed out that twenty-seven cents for a pound of bacon was too expensive for many. Since the average U.S. worker now earns a record annual wage of \$1,400.00, many members of the House felt that eight cents for a loaf of bread was quite affordable.

Vice-President John N. Garner noted that while ten pounds of potatoes had risen to twenty-four cents, he said that the American public had, in 1940, more buying power than ever before.



NEWS AROUND THE WORLD Making Headlines In 1940

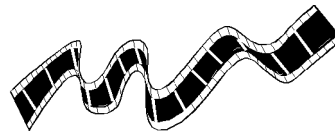
- World War II Escalates In Europe
- Winston Churchill New Prime Minister
- German Troops Occupy Paris
- Italy Enters War On Germany's Side
- Florey Develops Penicillin

The 13th Annual Academy Awards

"May I Have The Envelope, Please?"

HOLLYWOOD (TBC) - It was the stars' night out as The Academy of Motion Picture Arts & Sciences honored the industry's finest. The most eagerly awaited award of the evening was Best Picture of 1940, won by "Rebecca."

Best Actor honors went to James Stewart, and Ginger Rogers took center stage for Best Actress. Rounding out the evening's ceremony was the Oscar for Best Song, captured by "When You Wish Upon A Star".



Music, Music, Music The Top Hits of '40

What a year it has been for the music industry! With hit songs like "Fools Rush In," and "High On A Windy Hill," success was assured. Who could forget the enchanting melody of "When You Wish Upon A Star," or stop humming, "I Don't Want To Set The World On Fire," one of the year's most popular songs? Yes, the tunes of 1940 will remain in our hearts for a long time to come.

Chinese Celebrate Year of The Rabbit

CHINATOWN - It only seems natural that the birth of Lillian Matthews might be cause for great joy in the Chinese community. After all, this lucky person was born during the Chinese Lunar Year 4,607, the year of the Rabbit, a very auspicious year!

Persons born in this year are said to be lucky, talented and articulate. Today's fortune cookie says, "It's A Good Time To Be With Friends!"

