

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Controversy With Secretary Wallace Forces Peek Into a New Job—Education Begun in CCC Camps—Sumner Welles Comes Home From Cuba.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

GEORGE PEEK'S controversy with Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and his assistant, Professor Taggart, was put up to President Roosevelt and he speedily found the way to settle it. Mr. Peek was persuaded to resign as agricultural adjustment administrator and a new position much more to his liking was devised for him. He was called a special assistant to the President and named to head a temporary committee which will recommend permanent machinery for co-ordination of government efforts to expand foreign trade.

From Mr. Roosevelt came a letter full of optimism which was read to the delegates. The President, who is a member of the New York state farm bureau, expressed appreciation for the federation's support and outlined the first effects of federal money "getting into the hands of people who need it," yet he cautioned farmers and others to guard against letting a rise in farm income tempt us to forget the realities of supply and demand.

Secretary Wallace and Mr. Peek both were on the list of speakers and were well received.

MOST of his duties having been transferred to Acting Secretary of State Morgenthau, Thomas H. Stewes resigned his position as assistant secretary and followed Dean Acheson and Professor Sprague out of the administration. All three of these men had been in the department since Mr. Hoover is never expected to resume his duties, and Mr. Stewes is a close ally of Attorney General Cummings.

General Cummings in Washington, where he is executive treasury assistant, would retire very soon to become head of the Federal Reserve Bank and Trust company of Chicago.

CHERISHED and honored by hundreds of Americans and Cubans, but snubbed by the Cuban government, Sumner Welles departed from Havana by plane to Miami, Fla., where he is going to Washington, where he resumes his former post as head of the Latin American affairs bureau in the Department of State.

Jefferson Caffery, who succeeded him in Havana, will be, for the present, the representative of President Roosevelt rather than ambassador. Whether he will be able to move Mr. Welles in the way of restoring peace and prosperity in Cuba is a question.

Dr. Carlos Menéndez, leading oppositionist, said that the strife, with no end in sight, is keeping the island sunk in economic bankruptcy and threatened by strikes. He said the nation resents control by a government backed by army dictatorship and the student dictatorship of the young who are decidedly Communist leanings.

Augusto Salasriga, a director of the ABO opposition, declared that 50 per cent of the population is against President Grau's revolutionary socialist regime. Salasriga expressed the opinion that the only solution is either a native revolution or United States intervention. A revolution seems impossible as long as the army remains loyal to Grau but failure to start a pay day might prove the start of a revolt.

At the Pan-American conference in Montevideo, Uruguay, Cuban minister of labor, attacked the Cuban policy of the United States. Failure to recognize the Grau regime, he said, was an act of intervention, since it was upholding a minority group of the people and propagating revolution.

ROBERT FECHNER, director of emergency conservation work, announced that a great program for education of the 300,000 men in the civilian conservation corps had been approved by the President and was being put into effect immediately. Educations advisers to the number of 1,485 are being placed in the forest work camps and as individual program of instruction for each camp is being developed.

To a considerable extent the advisers are drawn from lists of unemployed teachers that have been submitted to Congress by federal commissioners of education, by state directors of education.

"It is the hope of the President," Mr. Fechner said, "that the educational program, by emphasizing forestry, agriculture and other subjects, will assist the men in readjusting themselves to civilian life after the country life instead of city life—and to assist them in improving themselves educationally and vocationally."

"A great number of the young men in these camps arrived at working age at a time when there was no job. Many of them had meager educational advantages. We propose to give them a chance for an education, to furnish them vocational guidance which will aid them to earn a living."

The opportunity for education will be given to the men in the corps, but participation in the courses of instruction will not be mandatory. The available working hours for forestry projects—40 hours per

week—will not be disturbed. The plan is to utilize those hours when normal working periods and periods of inclement weather for purposes of instruction.

WILLIAM C. BULLITT, ambassador to Russia, was received in Moscow in a manner entirely unprecedented since the establishment of the Soviet regime. Other envoys on arrival at the capital have been accorded little or no attention until they have presented their credentials; but Mr. Bullitt was greeted with extraordinary enthusiasm by officials and populace alike. When he crossed the Russian frontier at Nogorelsk he was installed in a sumptuous private car provided by the government and in light of the fact that he was being taken to Moscow, he was escorted to the city by a Russian military band.

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Mr. Bullitt himself and his nine-year-old daughter occupy an elaborate three-room apartment which last summer was tenanted by Col. and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh.

AGE cannot wither James A. Reed, who for so many years uninvited the sessions of the senate with his dramatic personality. The Missouri statesman, who is seventy-two years old, assembled 20 guests for a game dinner in Kansas City Tuesday night, and, after marrying, there and then, Mrs. Nell G. Donnelly, wealthy garment manufacturer who has long been his political supporter and friend. Two years ago Mrs. Donnelly was kidnapped and held for ransom, and Mr. Reed helped to bring her back and prosecute her kidnappers. Later Mrs. Donnelly divorced her husband. Mr. Reed's first wife died in October, 1932.

DOWN in Montevideo the Pan-American conference was talking about ways of ending the strife between Bolivia and Paraguay, without getting anywhere. Meanwhile the forces of those countries are engaged in a bitter struggle, with the result that the Paraguayans captured more than 15,000 Bolivian troops, with many prisoners. The engagement more than 600 Bolivians were killed, according to the official announcement. The Bolivians are now marching through decorated streets and corresponding despair in La Paz. The Bolivian capital.

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT let it be known that the Interdepartmental committee on communications and highways of the Commerce Department had completed its study of the matter and laid its report before him. This report will be submitted to Congress and may result in legislation for rigid government regulation of money and money markets, telephone and radio companies, the reorganization of the whole communications industry and some huge mergers. The committee favors a trend toward monopoly, which figures are being taken into account. Outright government ownership is an alternative.

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Warning

National Topics Interpreted by William Bruckart

Washington—Since the treasury has just succeeded in marketing a new issue of \$1,000,000,000 in government securities, it seems to be a good time to take a look at Uncle Sam's debt.

Uncle Sam's debt is a big thing. It is the only thing that is not a liability of the taxpayers who, after all, are the folks on whom a government bond or other security rests.

Let us begin by recalling that the national debt amounted to the gigantic sum of \$23,541,157,711 at the end of November 1932. The result of the security sale of December 15 was to add approximately \$250,000,000 to that sum. Then, a second fact: the only way the government has to raise money for payment of its debts and running expenses is by taxing the people.

As far as the safety of an investment in government securities is concerned, I entertain no fear. No debt is more likely to be paid than a government debt, owed by the United States of America. But quotations may fluctuate; the prices offered may fall below par value of the bonds or notes or certificates of indebtedness. Treasury issues, but the security rests on the safety of the United States. And to this I might add, with the times comes, if the government is not careful, a heavy burden of taxation.

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parison of these figures with emergency expenditures in the corresponding five months ending with November 30, 1932, because they were all included in the general treasury expenditures until this year. The President holds, however, that these are not recurring expenditures and, therefore, should not be included in the regular budget of federal expenditures. That is why the administration can keep on saying the budget is balanced. They mean the budget of ordinary federal expenses, household expenses, if you want to call them that.

But, getting back to the point from which we started, we find that all of these extraordinary expenditures come out of the treasury and the amount by which the expenditures exceed the income has to be borrowed, and that is why it becomes part of the public debt of the nation.

The following tabulation shows in just what manner the nation's public debt is a fluctuating thing. It is the time of the declaration of war, by the United States, in the year 1917.

Debt Fluctuation
February 27, 1917—\$1,282,044,430.
August 31, 1919—\$20,900,701,430.
June 30, 1920—\$10,331,197,748.
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November 1, 1933—\$23,541,157,711. This is seen that the debt reached its peak in the year 1920, after the armistice had ended hostilities in Europe, having grown more than \$20,000,000,000 in the 30 months between the end of the war and the time of the peak. Immediately after the peak was reached the job of selling surplus war materials and salvaging the wreckage began to take place. War profits, against which wartime excess profits taxes and high income taxes were operating, continued to furnish revenue. There came a few lean years, but unprecedented prosperity followed them and under the rising tide of business and death on business, the public debt had been whittled down below \$10,000,000,000.

The figures given, being for fiscal years ending on June 30, reflect the first impact of the depression in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1933. Profits of prosperous years continue to that time to pile up as the base for taxation of incomes, but by the time another twelve months has passed the rising tide of business and death on business, the public debt had been whittled down below \$10,000,000,000.

And while we are discussing the disastrous subject of debt, we may as well call attention to the fact that the government is now spending more money than it is taking in. The government is now spending more money than it is taking in. The government is now spending more money than it is taking in.

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Howe About: This Week

By ARTHUR BISSANNE

Optimist to Pessimist
Lack of New Buildings
High Speed
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By ED HOWE
I WAS once an Optimist, who smiled more or less contentedly, a man wrote me. "Then some one was very fond of, and had great confidence in, but he over the head with a blackbird, and converted me into a Pessimist."

A lot of Argument, Indignation goes with this. The reader may suppose it. My indignation book is full for a year ahead. Besides, I'm rather gutting indignation. Surprise and Argument, as I can't see they do any good.

I have traveled a good deal through the South, and always been impressed with the absence of new buildings, of great height. I lately traveled twelve hundred miles by automobile, from New Orleans to St. Louis, Mo., and Springfield, Ill., to Chicago, and returning by another route; Chicago to Rockford, Ill., and thence to Des Moines, capital of Iowa, and thence to my home. So far as I know, there is no new building in the north, east or west than the I traveled through, every foot of the way paved with the best concrete. During the entire trip I did not see a 10-story building being erected, or a house of any kind being painted. The South has the last gasp of its old order, and the north is in the way.

Does anybody really know anything about money? The President does, apparently, for up now his experiments are working well. Scores of "distinguished Americans," already possessing millions, throw themselves into the grave, adding "just a little more" to the billions they have already accumulated. They never see or enjoy their wealth—accountants show them. Men are not so foolish in England or France. There, financial independence means mental and physical freedom. Here, once the harness is put on, only death takes it off.

Vienna reports from Graz, Austria, one of the greatest landslides in history. An entire mountain side covering three square miles is sliding toward the village of Wienen and authorities believe the village is doomed.

Interest our descendants millions of years hence. Mountain slides and mountain avalanches constantly slipping down the crumbling effect of frost and erosion helping the work. A million streams wash soil into the sea, constantly filling the depths. Volcanic eruptions and landslides do little to counteract this eternal "leveling power."

In time, within the few hundred million years that men still have to go on this earth, their planet may be a smooth, featureless round and smooth. If that happened the oceans would cover the earth miles deep everywhere, and men could take their choice of living atop, eating sea food or digging canals big enough to hold the oceans and lakes.

Some scientists believe that the inhabitants of Mars, a planet 500,000,000 miles older than the earth, have already died. They think they see Martian canals as straight lines in the telescope. Twenty-two members of Italy's senate swore "allegiance to their country," but omitted from their oath the usual pledge of loyalty to the king. Mussolini, who is now premier, said that the king would probably not be disturbed, but many Italians believe that the king will have no success. Italy may decide to do without a king, but gratitude to the royal house that has served Italy so faithfully will have survived among patriotic Italians.

Credit Gold Men Cling to Money Eternal Leveling Power

Credit and the value of money appear to be matters of public concern. It is not unusual for a nation to go entirely crazy or become financially crazy, as Germany did, and in some thousands of billions of worthless paper.

Gold experts who "know all about money," said President Roosevelt's financial policy was ruining United States credit. Then Uncle Sam said, "I should like to borrow about a billion dollars," and the people promptly offered him three billions at low interest rates. Fact outweighs theory.

A curious fact about gold and the thing we call money is related by R. C. Forbes. When the government paying more than \$34 an ounce for new native gold, and European gold, plenty of gold offered by jewelers and others for \$27 an ounce could not find buyers. Mr. Forbes quotes a jeweler, with plenty of refined gold, 24-karat, made from old jewelry, and virgin gold, offered by miners, who wonders why government will pay \$34 an ounce for some gold and won't pay \$27 for other identically similar gold.

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There is the routine supply of murders, lynchings, kidnappings and holdups. You observe that President Roosevelt wisely demands a low tax on liquor to discourage bootlegging. The British impose and collect on whisky a tax more than five times as great as they ever have suggested here, and they are bootlegging. But British citizens obey their own laws and their officials enforce them. They do not break the law, or "respect the law," as we say. They do not break the law, or "respect the law," as we say.

Mrs. Dolly Gann, sister of famous Vice President Curtis, says if you want to write a book, "Just let down those whores you think of as being interesting. Write the notes into a book." That is one way, and simple; there are other ways.

An able Frenchman, who wrote "The Three Musketeers," could die two novels at once to different publishers, by writing the same story in two different characters.

Goethe adapted the preparation and play of "Faust" from a German story. He was past seventy when he wrote the second part.

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It might be a much better world if everybody who owns a Bible read it now and then.

January 15 is the limit set on 1933 autographs. After that date its either dress up the old bus with a new tag or let it enjoy a holiday in the garage.

From merchants in practically all Florida communities come gratifying statements that the holiday trade has been the best enjoyed in the State for several years.

Nearly 200 persons killed in one railroad wreck in France. Lots of rail accidents in France. That's the reason we don't ride more on French railways. One reason, anyway.

A person who would apologize for stepping in the path of another will risk his own and other lives, in addition to heavy financial loss, to be guilty of glaring discourtesy when driving an auto.

If you were to lay aside a dime a day until next Christmas you would have \$36 for spending money at that time. Easy to do, yet not one person out of a thousand has the stamina and perseverance to do it.

It was a good Christmas. It is probable that never before was as much done for the needy. Never before was the brotherhood of man better exemplified. In spite of many things discouraging to contemplate, the world grows better.

At the forthcoming session of Congress the President probably is going to be Congress, just as he was in last session. There are those who would throw wrenches into his plans, but they know that the sentiment of the people is overwhelmingly with him.

Asher Frank is putting out some excellent suggestions in a campaign for safety, among them being the admonition, "Refrain from any accident as if it had been yourself." Of course, there are numerous persons who might regard themselves or be regarded as accidents.

We don't wish to take any joy out of the lives of some ardent prohibitionists, but when they gleefully point to instances of drunken drivers on Florida roads, charging these to repeal, with a joyful clamor of "we told you so," we might remind them that Florida still has the same prohibition and the same consequent trouble with drunken drivers that the State has contended with for the past 15 years.

If anybody has any money under the mattress or in tin cans hidden among the rafters, they can bring it out and put it in the bank with confidence, provided it is one of 13,000 banks in the United States that have met the requirements for government guarantee of deposits. It will do you and the country much more good in the bank, and will be infinitely safer, than in your hiding place, for after next Monday Uncle Sam stands behind your deposit up to the amount of \$2,500. Six months later larger deposits will be insured, but we have a hunch that to a large majority of those to whom these presents come a \$2,500 guarantee will cover the requirements for the time being.

Some one is always picking out of the world's millions the ten he or she may consider best as regards some particular line, accomplishment or attribute. For the picker it is a pleasant and interesting way to do nothing whatever, for the selections are seldom convincing except to the selector. One person's opinion in such matters being as good as another's. Now some one has made a list of the world's ten most charming persons. But if you consult almost any ten young married people you know, each of them will—and should—name his or her consort as the most charming person in the world, and you will have a list just as authentic as that of any "charm expert." Especially an expert who names Mussolini as one of the most charming ten.

Avon Park appreciates honorable mention in PEB's poetical Christmas felicitations to Florida communities in The Tribune, but being A1, alphabetically at least, our fair city considers she might have been nearer the top of the list, and not jammed in toward the close with such insignificant hamlets as "Gainesville, Sarasota and Oh Lordy!" Not but what Oh Lordy may be a very nice place, indeed.

We are inclined to concur in the conclusion of the writer of our "Random Jottings," "that an infinite capacity for taking pains" is not a true definition of genius. Each of these terms is descriptive of a different and distinctive gift, though either endowment may make possible the same degree of accomplishment. Genius is a gift bestowing particular aptitude for doing some special thing superlatively well without great effort. "An infinite capacity for taking pains" is a gift that enables one to do something superlatively well through the power of extraordinary and sustained effort. Of the two gifts the latter is the most to be desired. Genius often carries with it a distaste for exertion that renders it futile. An infinite capacity for taking pains is almost sure to be productive of results equal in value to those of genius.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By RUSSELL KAY

You probably remember the yarn about a timid old lady who was taking her first trip on an ocean liner. The second day out a terrible storm came up and the sturdy ship was reeled from stem to stern. It tossed about like a cork. Giant waves swept over the deck while the passengers clustered about in fearsome groups.

It was a serious situation and nobody knew it better than the grizzled old Captain who stood on the bridge directing the well trained crew. As the fury of the storm increased it seemed that the ship could not possibly withstand the terrific strain.

Among the frightened passengers were those who KNEW the ship would sink. They wept and prayed and pictured over and over the horror of the disaster that would soon be upon them. Others, equally as concerned and with just as much at stake, remained calm. They spoke words of faith and encouragement and predicted that the Captain would bring them through safely.

The timid old lady heard the calamity howlers and her heart sank. Then she listened to the words of hope and cheer and her faith was momentarily restored. Just then the Captain appeared. Rushing up to him she cried: "Captain, Captain, do you think the storm will ever cease?"

Wearily from the strain, his nerves taut, the old sea veteran turned to her and calmly replied: "Well Madam, it always has."

His simple answer, so direct, confident and sure, struck a responsive chord in the troubled hearts of the passengers. Some laughed and then everyone was laughing. Of course the storm would pass, they always did, and this one was no exception.

It did pass with the arrival of the dawn. The winds no longer howled. Angry seas were calmed and a friendly sun appeared above the horizon. The good old lady, bated and shewn, ploved steadily on.

So it is with most of us today. We have been riding a severe storm. We have listened to the wail of the calamity howlers, heard words of encouragement from cooler heads, and now the dark clouds of night are fading in a grey dawn that heralds the coming of a bright and cheery day.

It has been an experience to try men's souls, but we have the firm assurance of the Captain that the storm will pass. Reason and experience tell us that he is right. "It always has."

As we look to the last sheet from the old calendar and throw the old scorebook for 1933 into the waste basket of the past, let us put our faith and hope in the year that lies ahead.

Such hope and faith is justified. Things really are better. Individual avarice and greed, which brought this nation to its prayerful knees, is being driven back, but these stubborn foes cannot be conquered in a day.

1934 gives promise of being a wonderful year for Florida. Tourists are already here in greater numbers than for many years. Business in most every line shows steady improvement.

Federal funds are giving employment to thousands and at the same time will provide the state with many worthwhile improvements, needed airports and landing fields, parks, playgrounds, public buildings and roads, all of which in the years to come will serve to attract and hold private industrial development and stimulate greater tourist trade.

1934 is a year to look forward to, a year bright with promise. Our job is to recognize the opportunity it brings and make the most of it.

Don't just say "Happy New Year." Do your part to MAKE it so.

BUSINESS IMPROVES

From all sections of the country come reports of better Christmas business than in recent years. Certainly in Lakeland the volume was much greater than in at least two years. The civil works payrolls for the past four weeks are largely responsible, although other payrolls have contributed to this satisfactory condition. The citrus interests have released about as much money as in former years at this period, but the strawberry industry is backward, on account of depredations made by the September freeze.

There is a good winter still ahead. Civil works will soon add several hundred more men to the list of workers, it is hoped, and fruits and vegetables will make their contributions to community business. There is every reason for optimism during the present year. For one thing, nobody seems to be afraid of the commodity dollar, the monetization of silver or any of the experiments being made by the federal government.

People were never more confident of their government and its money. What else is needed to promote better conditions?—Lakeland Ledger.

EXCELLENT INSTRUCTIONS



SOCIAL and Personal News

By MRS. HARCOURT JOHNSON
Society Editor

Betty Touchton Has Birthday Party

One of the prettiest of the parties given in the Christmas season was a birthday party for Betty Touchton given by her parents on Saturday afternoon.

The party rooms were beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations and a large tree with lights added further to the festive scene.

After an afternoon of games the young guests were served ice cream and individual ice cakes. Favors were Santa Claus bags filled with candies and nuts. The table in the dining room was decorated with a large decorated birthday cake with nine burning candles.

The young hostess received many lovely gifts from her little guests who were: Jane Hart, Elizabeth Hetherington, Nellie Reed, Dorothy Lawton, Barbara Allen, Marilyn Ruth Pendleton, Nita Bryant, Barbara Radcliffe, Juliette Dornier, Willie McGibbons, Jane Clements, Mary Clements, Janie Halliday, Shirley Coates, Peggy Mandis, Martha McNeel, Sara Jane Hobbs, Gloria Hughes, Josephine Reck, Marjorie Wells, Dorothy Welch, Anna Catherine Carter, Louise Bishop, Betsy Roberts, Faye Lake, Margaret Miller, Virginia Spencer, Winifred Hood and Veda New Yearwood.

Sara Lucy Trent Has Dance

Miss Sara Lucy Trent entertained in honor of Miss Ella Maude Lander of Lakeland with a delightful dance on Thursday evening.

The affair took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier. Christmas decorations and a profusion of flowers added color to the festive scene and the evening was spent in dancing and games.

Punch and cookies were served to the guests who were: Misses Ella Maude Lander, of Lakeland, Patsy Loomis, Oletha Bighie, Carmen Booth, Virginia Spencer, Dorothy Roberts, Letta Reck, Marjorie Boyce of Sebring, Evelyn Clements, and the hostess Sara Lucy Trent.

Nelson Smith, Walton Touchton, Robert Roberts, Paul Baldwin, Billy Martin, Bill Lacey, Phil Lacey, David Lander of Lakeland, Fred Reddick, Junior Stebbins, Raymond Breeding of St. Petersburg, Jack and Howard Skipper of Sebring.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. Neal H. Trent and Mrs. Mamie Lander of Lakeland chaperoned.

Mr. and Mrs. Elder Entertain Christmas

One of the largest dinner parties given on Christmas day was that of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elder.

The dining room was effectively decorated with flowers and Christmas decorations and a beautiful old-fashioned Christmas dinner was served to over thirty guests.

Those present for this delightful occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elder, Mayor M. E. Covington, Mrs. J. P. Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Mountain of Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. Hope Elder and sons, Leland, Jack and Elsie, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Clint Rutledge, and children, Nell and Hildred, Mr. and Mrs. Raphael Elder and Dan and Ruth, Mr. and Mrs. Alton Elder and baby, Dan and Gerulinda, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lee Elder and baby, Dan and Betty Jo, Messrs. Felton and Ellis Elder, Miss Grace Elder, Mr. and Mrs. Milburn Hart, Messrs. Ossie Burke, Russell Massey, Thomas Rutledge and Boyd Rutledge, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence King of Sebring, Messrs. Bob Kitter and Grady Fowler, and David Elder.

Mrs. Kempton Has Tuesday Club

The Tuesday bridge club met this week at the home of Mrs. W. H. Kempton.

Poinsettias were used in the effective decorations and after four progressive high score prize was awarded Mrs. C. H. Pardee.

Mrs. Kempton served Christmas pudding with whipped cream and coffee.

Guests present were: Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Mrs. S. G. Pardee, Mrs. S. B. Hart, Mrs. S. Y. Hart, Mrs. Olive Anderson, Mrs. George Scott, Mrs. J. B. Moore, Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. Norton

Wednesday Bridge Club Meets

The Wednesday contract bridge club met this week with Mrs. C. E. Lanier at her charming home on Lake Lotela.

The party room was prettily decorated. After several progressive high score prize was awarded to Mrs. W. D. Dornier, guest high score to Mrs. Dornier of Fitzgerald, Georgia, and cut prize to Miss Irene Lang.

The hostess served a dainty sweet course of ambrosia, fruit cake and coffee to her guests who were: Mrs. W. D. Dornier, Mrs. Dornier, Miss Irene Lang, Mrs. E. W. Lang, Mrs. E. W. Hart, Mrs. T. A. McNeel, Mrs. Herbert Reck, Mrs. P. L. Rumpsa, Mrs. Jack Head, Mrs. E. E. Melton, Mrs. W. G. Touchton, Mrs. E. T. Younquist and Mrs. Lindsay Hutton of Boston.

Wednesday Night Bridge Club Meets

The Wednesday night bridge club met this week at the home of Mrs. Lulu Bass. The entire house was decorated with Christmas decorations of red and green and the dining room from which was served a dainty sweet course was beautifully appointed. Poinsettias centered the table which was covered with a lace cloth, and tall red tapers burned at each end.

After several progressive Dr. and Mrs. George Scott McKnight were awarded the couple high score prize.

Those present for this occasion were: Dr. and Mrs. McKnight, Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hart, Mrs. Olive E. Anderson and the hostess, Mrs. Bass.

Christmas Tree for Church School

The children of the church school of the Church of the Redeemer had their annual Christmas party and tree on Thursday afternoon, Holy Innocents' Day.

The children met in the church for a carol service and a presentation of their gifts at the crib. Afterward they went to the parish house where they played games and received gifts and pretty cellophane bags of candy.

Punch and cookies were served by Mrs. W. R. England, assistant superintendent, assisted by Mrs. Robert Fairbanks.

A large number of parents and friends also attended this enjoyable affair.

Hancock Tells of Spirit of Christmas

A. H. Hancock, pastor of the First Methodist church, was introduced to the Kwanza club Tuesday, and spoke upon the theme and spirit of Christmas. He announced his pleasure, and that of his family, in their new location, and asked to be of service in any manner in which the community needed him—Clermont Press.

Baptist Church Has Christmas Party

The First Baptist church had its annual Christmas tree and program on Friday evening.

The tree was beautifully decorated and after an interesting program the children received candy and other gifts.

American Legion Auxiliary to Meet

The American Legion Auxiliary will meet next Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Ned H. Trent with Mrs. John Hood as co-hostess. All members are urged to be present.

Miss Mertie Coker is spending a few days in Tampa this week.

T. H. Hughes spent a few days in Madison this week.

Wendell Roberts who spent the holidays here has returned to Clearwater.

Virginia Guthrie of Orlando, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Guthrie.

Frederick Wild of Lakeland is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Wild.

Miss Monophee Hatchell of Miami has been visiting Miss Anna Dee Roberts.

Walton Touchton has been spending a few days this week in DeLand as the guest of Fred West.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Picheur had as their guests on Monday John and Jack Caldwell of Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gilmore have returned from a pleasant trip to Clearwater and Punta Gorda.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Duff have as their guests T. W. Loffin, Jr., of Lake Placid.

Don Wingate of Mt. Dora has been visiting Charles Kempton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Skipper and David spent Christmas with relatives in Zolfo.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Culler and son, of Sarasota, have been spending a few days here.

Miss Helen Beckett had as her guest for the week-end Miss Betty Schaefer of Sebring.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pardee and Miss Oletha Bighie spent Wednesday in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Melton, Eaton and Donald Melton, spent the Christmas holidays in Bartow.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Stebbins and family spent Monday in Tampa and St. Petersburg.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dornier and daughters, Frances and Juliette, are spending the holidays in Fitzgerald, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Yates and Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Able spent the week-end in St. Petersburg with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tyler Merwin and grandson, Roger, and granddaughter, Marjorie, have been spending a few days on the West Coast.

Rev. T. O. Baldwin and family of Vero Beach spent a few days here this week, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Baldwin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Schaefer and family of Sebring were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Beckett and family on Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Head and children and Miss Lillian Smith spent Christmas in Fort Meade with Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Corwin of Sebring visited Dr. and Mrs. George Scott McKnight on Tuesday.

Mrs. Mamie Lander and children of Lakeland are spending a few days this week with Mr. and Mrs. Neal H. Trent.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Keune of Fort Myers spent Christmas here with Mrs. Keune's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Daly have received word from their son, Claude, that he is now stationed at Havana, Cuba.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley have as their guest this week Miss Audrey Lockett of Cocoa Beach. Miss Lockett is Mrs. Dilley's sister.

Miss Margaret Trent of Winter Haven spent Christmas with her brother, Neal H. Trent, and Mrs. Trent.

Miss Dorothy Smith motored to Lakeland Thursday evening and attended a dance given by the Alpha Lolla Omega chapter.

Mrs. W. H. Lewis has been spending several days in Avon Park as the guest of her daughter, Mrs. R. I. Harris.

Mrs. Lawler Wells, Marjorie and Betty Jo Wells and Mrs. Briscoe Wilks spent several days in Lakeland this week.

David Taylor, Allen Parson, and Earl Kickler of Fort Meade stopped in Avon Park Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sample of Bartow spent Christmas here with their daughter, Mrs. Paul Jones and Mr. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong and Frances Browne have returned from Miami where they spent several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Baldwin have as their guests for a few weeks Mr. and Mrs. Lindsay Hutton of Boston.

Vernon Lanier who attends Bolles Academy in Jacksonville arrived home last week to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier. He will return to school on January 8th.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dornier and daughters, Frances and Juliette, have returned from Fitzgerald, Ga., where they spent Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pearce and Miss Betty Pearce of Union Springs, Ala., E. P. Lacey, Peggy and Miss Marjorie Lacey, spent Saturday in Lakeland.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Rogers and Mrs. A. M. Darms of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is the guest of Mrs. Rogers for the holidays, are spending a few days in Miami this week.

Dr. and Mrs. T. J. Hopley of Haines City spent Christmas day with their daughter, Mrs. George Scott McKnight, and Dr. McKnight.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Daly had as their dinner guests, Monday evening, Mrs. Georgia Voorhis of Atlanta, Ga., and Mrs. B. L. Smith.

Mrs. Dennis Mandis, Mrs. W. H. McCarthy, Mrs. Laura Woodruff and Father and Mrs. Harcourt Johnson spent Wednesday afternoon in DeSoto City.

R. T. Fairry, R. Funderbark and H. J. Mumman motored to Tampa Thursday and attended the state convention of the Florida Educational Association.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott of Sebring were in Avon Park Thursday night and attended the installation of officers of the Eastern Star.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Cooper and Dr. and Mrs. W. S. Pyatt of Bowling Green attended the installation of officers of the O. E. S. on Thursday night.

Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Mrs. Charles Sherman, Betty, Charles and Edward Sherman, Dale and Wm. McFarland are spending today in Clewiston.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sears Francis spent Christmas day in Wausau, Wis., with Mrs. Francis' sister, Mrs. Hortense Reese. They left Tuesday for Clearwater.

Misses Dorothy Roberts, Evelyn Clements, Carmen Booth, and Virginia Baldwin, and Robert Robinson, W. A. Mallock spent Monday in Lakeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lacey and family, the guests of Mrs. Pearce and Miss Betty Pearce of Union Springs, Alabama, spent Christmas afternoon visiting friends in Sarasota.

Mrs. J. C. Surles, Kitty Martin, Hazel and Hilda Reddick, Devon Orlund and Clifford Craft, motored to Lake Wales Sunday night and heard the bells of the Singing Tower.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McLendon and three children, Junior, Bobby and Betty of Waycross, Ga., spent Christmas with Dr. and Mrs. A. Morgan. Mrs. McLendon is Mrs. Morgan's sister.

Dr. and Mrs. G. O. Brewster are spending the week-end at Passaic, guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Goyer. Dr. Brewster is a oculist who has recently moved to Avon Park to practice his profession.

Judge and Mrs. D. V. Rouse and children of Orlando who spent Christmas here with Mrs. Rouse's father, C. H. Struble, returned to Orlando Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Morgan accompanied them and will visit there this week.

Miss Emily Lockwood and Sister Mary Constance of the Order of the Sisters of St. Mary, of the Episcopal church of West Hartford, Conn., have arrived in Avon Park to spend the winter and are located in the Hobbs Apartments.

Boys Outnumber Girls in Pennsylvania Schools

Harrisburg, Pa.—Although there are but 4,000 more boys than girls of school age in Pennsylvania, census figures showed that 42,000 more boys than girls are enrolled in public schools.

The boys outnumber the girls in every grade but the eighth and the last year of high school.

The superintendent of public instruction said records revealed that more girls between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years leave school for work, and that more boys than girls are over age for the grades in which they are enrolled.

According to statistics, boys start with a lead of nearly 10,000 over girls in the first grade. This lead tapers down until it is lost by a few hundred in the sixth grade. It is regained by more than 3,000 in the ninth grade and lost by a thousand in the twelfth.

Parrot Dies at 60

Marcellus, Mich.—A pet parrot owned by Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Sill of Marcellus died recently at the age of sixty years.

Plenty of Room in Arabia

Almost half a million square miles of Arabia remain to be explored by the foreigners.

The Four Heroines



THE LITTLE WOMEN

(Reading Down) Frances Dee as Meg, Katharine Hepburn as Jo, Jean Parker as Beth and Joan Bennett as Amy, in the RKO-Radio Picture.

Coming to New Circle Theatre next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 4, 5, and 6. Matinee, Saturday, 3:30.

NEW FEATURES AT FLORIDA FAIR

Manager of State Fair at Tampa Promises Spectacular Attractions

Tampa, Dec. 28.—The grandstand attractions at the Florida Fair, for many years comprised of equestrian and hippodrome features, will center around a big Broadway musical comedy production on a mammoth stage, flanked by extravagant scenic displays, General Manager P. T. Strider has announced here.

Contracts have been signed with the Tenney Passing Parade of 1934, the latest version of the Broadway Winter Garden spectacle which was featured at many of the state and district fairs throughout the north during the past season.

Scenic artists are now preparing the stage settings which Florida Fair officials say will be the most elaborate back ground ever prepared for an outdoor presentation in Florida. Lighting effects, similar to the ingenious arrangements used at the Chicago's World's Fair, will be introduced here.

The New York company will be comprised of more than 50 people, including a pony ballet line of 16 beautiful fast stepping chorines, costumed in lavish apparel.

Musical scores for the big revue will be provided by the famous Eddie Weckener concert band, supported by the country musical organizations in the country. According to contracts, the Tenney Passing Parade of 1934 will present a complete change program during the second week, introducing new and novel theatrical presentations.

Supporting the revue will be a dozen or more vaudeville and musical comedy acts which are to be presented between the revue numbers.

Mountain Is Locked as Curfew Sounds

Mount Desert Island.—Speaking of taking in the sidewalks after dark—

New England has a mountain that is locked up at curfew hour each night.

Top Cadillac mountain, in Acadia National park, on this picturesque island off the Maine coast, John D. Rockefeller, Jr., who has a summer home on the island, built the road up the mountainside and gave it to the government.

The highway offers a host of gorgeous vista, but, with a grade of 25 per cent in spots, it is considered dangerous to motorists after dark.

So it curfew time each night an Acadia National park ranger drops his motorcycle at the junction of the mountain road and Eagle Lake road, hurls out of the underbrush a chain as big as your wrist and turns a key in the padlock, joining the two ends of the chain, bolted securely to boulders at either side of the road.

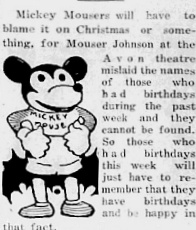
Cadillac mountain is locked up for the night.

Atlanta American Annuity Prize Winners Announced

Atlanta, Ga.—In the issue of next Sunday, December 31st, the Atlanta Sunday American will publish the names of the ten winners of the annuity prizes offered in the American Weekly slogan competition. Those prizes range from \$1000 a year for life to \$250 a year for five years.

The great value of the prizes and the simple nature of the contest created unusual interest throughout this section. Announcement of the winners has been delayed because of the determination of the judges to give personal consideration to every slogan submitted. The demand for the Atlanta Sunday American, December 31st, is certain to be unusually heavy. Persons who entered the contest and others who wish to know who won the wonderful prizes are urged to order in advance through the local agent or dealer. The Atlanta Sunday American is sold in most of the better drug stores and by local agents and local agents throughout the South. It is also found on all newsstands. The issue of Dec. 31st goes on sale Wednesday, Dec. 27th. Get your copy early.

MICKEY MOUSE NOTES



Mickey Mousers will have to blame it on Christmas or something, for Mousers Johnson at the Avon theatre mislaid the names of those who had birthdays during the past week and they cannot be found. So those who had birthdays this week will just have to remember that they have birthdays and be happy in that fact.

Next Saturday will be the last Mickey Mouse meeting in the year. Let's have a big attendance for this meeting and then let's all resolve during the new year to attend the meetings regularly. Don't forget that the meeting starts promptly at 10 a. m. A number have been struggling in at various hours thus missing a part of the show. Be there promptly at 10 o'clock and every Saturday morning.

Man Is As He Talks

And Finkus says a man who talks about nothing but depression gets to be regarded personally as part of the scene.

Let the car speak for itself

HUNDREDS of thousands of people now own and drive Ford V-8 cars. Some neighbor or friend of yours has one. If we told you what we think of the car, you might say we are prejudiced, so we let the car and its owner tell you.

Economy of operation is one of the first points they will emphasize—the owner will boast of it and the car will prove it.

The 1934 car is even better than the 1933—and that was our best car up to time. The new car is more beautiful—faster—more powerful—gives more miles to the gallon—better oil economy—is easier riding—cheaper to own and operate than any car we ever built.

You owe it to yourself and your pocketbook to ask our Ford Dealer to let you see this car, and let you drive it for yourself. At the wheel of the car you will be sure to reach a right decision. The Ford V-8 will tell you its own story.

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Along the Concrete



TIME TO CHANGE



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CAP AND BELLS



COUNT HIM OUT

The minister advertised for a man servant, and next morning a nicely dressed young man rang the bell.

"Can you start the fire and get breakfast by seven o'clock?" asked the minister.

"I guess so," answered the young man.

"Well, can you polish all the silver, wash the dishes and keep the house neat and tidy?"

"Say, parson," said the young fellow, "I came here to see about getting married, but if it's going to be as much work as all that, you can count me out right now."—Tit-Bits Magazine.

PROOF ENOUGH



SAYS YOU



THE LIMIT



IF AND WHEN



CURTAIN!



Getting Her Man

"I know what's passing in your mind," said the maiden. "I know, too, why you are calling here night after night, appropriating my time to yourself, and keeping other nice young men away. You want me to marry you, don't you?"

"I-I do!" gasped the astonished young man.

"I thought so. Very well, I will!"—Montreal Star.

He Got It

Magistrate—What were you doing with your hand in this gentleman's watch pocket?

Prisoner—I was only anxious to find the time.

Magistrate—The time is six months.

Three Ones

Little Jack, who was just learning to count, heard the clock strike three.

"Mummy," he said excitedly, "the clock has just struck one three times."

Home Amenity

Wife—I can't decide whether to go to a palmist or a mind-reader.

Husband—Go to a palmist. It's obvious that you have a pain.

NEVER, NEVER



The Hitch in the Hitch

Robbie—I see that in one place in Canada a prospective bridegroom has to produce a certificate showing there's nothing the matter with him.

Robbie—Well, what I'd like to know is how any fellow who wants to get married these days could ever get a certificate like that.

Only a Few

Teacher—Johnny, do you know the population of Montreal?

Johnny—Not all of them, miss; we haven't lived here long.

Not Gaily

Judge—The constable says you were speeding.

Motorist—Listen, Judge; I was on my way to Polaris to get my mother-in-law, her cat, parrot, goldfish—

Judge—Discharged. You were not speeding.

Fearful the Worst

"He said you were what?"

"Lacotic."

"What does that mean?"

"Dunno. But I gave him one of the nose to be on the side side."

THE FEATHERHEADS



Her Actions Speak Volumes



FINNEY OF THE FORCE



A Day's Pleasure



BOBBY THATCHER—Where Credit Is Due!



By GEORGE STORM



S'MATTER POP—Pop, He Was On The Spot



By C. M. PAYNE



"KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES"



Safety First!



COMPLETE FARM CREDIT BODIES

Over \$7,000,000 In Loans
Closed During Month
of December

Practically all Production Credit Associations necessary to supply farmers with production loans in the Third Land Bank District have applied for their charters and the end of the week will see all applications passed upon by the Farm Credit Administration and in many instances local associations ready to do business. President E. E. Graham of the Production Credit Corporation of Columbia announced this week.

Many farmers are asking how they will get about obtaining loans where the association includes several counties. President Graham states that while the details are as yet incomplete, arrangements will be made whereby a farmer desiring a loan will not have to go beyond some central point in his county, regardless of the location of the association headquarters. "Our aim," said President Graham, "is to make production credit available to farmers with the minimum effort on their part. However, we are anxious for farmers to take an interest in their associations as it is hoped they will eventually own and operate them themselves."

Closing over 200 loans daily so far this month the land bank commissioner has issued checks totaling over \$4,000,000 in distribution in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida. President Daniel of the land bank expects to close over \$7,000,000 in loans during December, thus setting a new high record for disbursements. During January President Daniel expects to better the December figure by double or more.

Schools to Reopen Tuesday, Jan. 2

School students will return to their studies all over the county on Tuesday, January 2. The schools closed on Friday, December 22 for the Christmas holidays, giving the pupils a week's vacation.

Ohio's First Electroconvulsion
The first electroconvulsion for a capital crime in Ohio took place in 1937.

New Circle

"Sebring's Friendly Theatre"

Now Playing

Matinee Sat., 3:30

"By Candlelight"

—With—

Elissa Landi and

Paul Lukas

—Also—

Silly Symphony News

Pathe Review.

SUNDAY AND MONDAY

Matinees Each Day, 3:30.

Happy New Year

Starts Off With

NEW HARDING

RIGHT-ROMANE

TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY

Family Nights

POX FILM Presents

SHANGHAI MADNESS

SPENCER TRACY

FAY WRAY

NEXT THURSDAY, FRIDAY

AND SATURDAY

Matinee Saturday, 3:30

Katharine HEPBURN

in America's favorite romance

THE WOMEN

by Louise May Alcott

At last! The picture you've been waiting!

First of a long list of his smash "Hit" Pictures.

"Bigger and Better than ever before," our pledge to all our patrons!

At Avon Theatre
Sat. Nite, Sunday
and New Year's Day



May Robson in "Lady For A Day"—A Columbia Picture

THE CITRUS CODE AND SHIPMENT PRORATION

(Continued From Page One)

per is given an allotment by the amount of such undershipment. It is not the intention of this subsection to permit any Shipper to take advantage of market conditions by overshipments or undershipments, but only to protect him in good faith deviations from his allotments, made necessary because of practical operating conditions."

"(d) Shippers may exchange allotments, provided that no Shipper during all the proration periods in any year shall ship more fruit of any variety than during said year is allotted to said Shipper. The provisions of subsection (b) of this section shall not apply to shipments made by virtue of allotments duly acquired from other Shippers, provided that within a reasonable time (which may be fixed by regulations of Committee) notice thereof is given to the Committee."

"(e) Any Shipper may obtain a transfer of the allotment of any grower who has received an allotment pursuant to subsection (a) of this section. Such Shipper shall within twenty-four (24) hours after such transfer notify the Committee which, upon satisfactory evidence that such Shipper has written authority to ship fruit represented by such allotment, or has legal title thereto, or has paid twenty percent (20%) of the purchase price thereof, shall increase such shipper's allotment by such quantity of fruit, provided that no fruit shall be shipped by virtue of an allotment made to a grower more than two proration periods before the date of shipment."

"(f) (Provides that, if satisfied that such fruit will not enter fresh fruit trade channels, the control committee shall, upon application thereof, give permission to a shipper to ship fruit in excess of his allotment, for conversion into by-products or for charitable or unemployment relief.)

"(g) The Committee shall eliminate from fresh fruit trade channels all fruit not proration or shipped in accordance with subsection (f) of this section. This elimination shall be accomplished under proper safeguards as agent for the Shipper, either by diversion to by-products, or by distribution for charitable purposes, or otherwise. It is the intention of this subsection, that in so far as possible, surplus fruit shall not be destroyed, but shall be utilized for charitable and unemployment relief."

Section 4. (a) (Provides for agreement to pay assessments which the control committee may levy to cover expenses incurred in this proposed industry control.)

"(b) Any grower producing fruit not controlled by a Shipper may make written application to the Committee for allotments. Such application should set forth the quantity of each variety of such grower's fruit which is not controlled by any Shipper as defined in subsection (c) of this section, substantiated in such manner and by such evidence as said Committee may deem necessary.

"(c) Each Shipper shall from time to time and as required by the Committee, submit to said

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NEWS AND VIEWS ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

Weekly Presentation of Happenings and Problems Affecting Prosperity

Committee estimates of the fruit which he by written contract or written agreement has authority to handle, or to which he has paid twenty percent (20%) of the purchase price. Said estimate shall be submitted in such form and substantiated in such manner and by such evidence as the Committee may prescribe. Estimates shall be based upon fruit eligible for sale under the federal laws and the laws of Florida, and shall be expressed in terms of standard carloads.

"(d) The Committee shall check the accuracy of estimates submitted under subsection (b) and (c) of this section, and may revise them upon the basis of such check. In order to assist the Committee in this particular, each Shipper agrees that he will furnish to it such reports and data as it may request, substantiated in such manner as the Committee may prescribe.

"(e) The Committee shall before and during any prorate period establish prorate bases for each Shipper and for growers who apply for allotments, as provided in this section. Separate prorate bases may be established for each variety of fruit, as the Committee may determine.

(1) Such prorate bases shall be the percentage which the quantity determined under subsection (b), (c) and (d) of this section are of the total crop in Florida, as estimated by the United States Department of Agriculture.

(2) The Committee may from time to time change any or all prorate bases on the basis of a revised estimate of the Shipper's or grower's fruit, pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, or because of difference in the maturity of fruit or frost hazards in the various districts.

In addition to the above quoted provisions as to the specific methods for proration and allotments, section 5 of Article VII would call for having all oral arrangements for handling fruit reduced to writing as follows:

"Section 3. Oral Contracts. Each Shipper agrees that he will reduce to writing promptly after the execution thereof any contracts entered into with any grower respecting the buying, handling, selling, or shipping of fruit."

600 Rooms in Potsdam Palace
The Potsdam palace of Wilhelm Hohenzollern, former Kaiser of Germany, has 600 rooms but only two bathrooms.

Congress—either with fear or jubilation, depending on whose side they are on. Principal topic of speculation is how potent the Roosevelt power over the two houses will be. All the unbiased observers believe that the veto will be closer than it was before, but that when the ballots are counted the White House will have plenty of majority for anything it wants.

Money, hard, soft and medium, will be the prime topic. A tremendous amount of criticism has been directed at Mr. Roosevelt's gold buying campaign and his refusal to stabilize the dollar. He shows no sign of deviating from his present plans, and a congressional minority will work out on him vocally on that score. There will be endless talk concerning inflation and deflation. It's probable that the Administration will continue to steer a middle course, between the extreme inflationists on the one hand, and the old-line hard money men on the other.

The President is having the securities act examined to eliminate features that have made legitimate financing impossible—if a liberalizing change is made, he will get many bouquets from business. Also on the Presidential memorandum are bank reform and stock exchange legislative proposals.

Congress will be asked for several billion additional emergency dollars, above the regular budget, to carry on the recovery program. Most of the bureaus created have allocated the bulk of their funds, and want more.

The worm is turning. The worm in this case is the railroad, which have suffered for years from legislative and competitive handicaps. First step to bring back dwindling



"Every plant has its parasites and its family tree is no exception."

traffic will be drastic improvement in passenger trains, including air-conditioning, elimination of wheel shock, noise, etc. Elaborate plans have been announced for the building of new stream-lined trains such as the Union Pacific's, which will be the ultimate in speed, comfort and convenience for surface transportation.

A reduced rate policy has spread to all parts of the country. Recently Western roads dropped the 50 percent Pullman surcharge, as well as reducing fares.

Latest, most argued development, is the Pennsylvania Railroad's venture into less than carload lot freight shipments with store-to-door service. It has contracts with trucking concerns in 2,000 communities whereby the trucker picks up goods, takes them to the station, where they are delivered by rail to their destination, where another trucker finishes the job. The shipper pays one price to the railroad.

Some Eastern competitors, notably the New York Central, fearing that the move will force all other roads into building up a similar service, which many of them do not want, have protested to the I. C. C.

DeSoto City News

By Miss Sara Leaphart.

Lee Etheridge spent the holidays here with his brother, Zeke Etheridge.

Miss Kathleen Watters and Gregg Watters visited friends in Tampa Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Galloway and family were business visitors in Tampa Saturday.

Harry Herwig, Jr., spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Herwig.

Miss Narcie Leaphart was the guest of Miss Thera Killebrew in Sebring Thursday night.

Dr. Shuler Etheridge of Tampa spent the week-end here with his brother, Zeke Etheridge.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Carroll Hurst of Winter Haven were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Barrow, Monday.

Miss Flota Jennings of Okonchoe was the guest of Miss Allie Mae Etheridge for a few days this week.

Mrs. W. C. Twitty of Pelham, Ga., is the guest of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Twitty.

Miss Howells of Brooklyn, N. Y., who has been a guest at the DeSoto hotel, left recently for Miami.

Chain Stores.—Incomplete November reports indicate a 15 percent improvement over November, 1933.

Retail Trade.—Dun & Bradstreet, expert feelers of the industrial pulse, say that the season's volume is at the best level in two years. This is in direct rebuttal to earlier reports, which showed a lag in sales.

Building Contracts.—In States east of the Rockies November totals were 54 percent above a year ago.

Steel.—Operations recently rose to where the industry was operating at better than 31 percent of capacity, as compared with 25 percent at the same time last year.

Motors.—November sales in 14 representative states were 115 percent over November, 1932, and truck sales were 92 percent ahead.

Perhaps the most accurate way of getting at the heart of the matter is through corporation reports. These have been almost uniformly improved. The Federal Reserve reported net profits of 296 corporations as being \$162,000,000 in the third quarter, as compared with \$25,000,000 net loss a year earlier. According to a New York Times tabulation, 17 corporations increased dividends this November, where six did last November; 34 declared extra dividends, as compared with 28; 30 resumed dividends, as compared with seven; 10 reduced dividends, where 39 did so a year ago. 13 omitted dividends, entirely, where 55 sent the bad news to the stockholder in the previous period. The best dividend showing of any industrial group has been made by textile companies.

There's not a great deal going on at Washington now, but there's more talk about the past, present and future state of affairs than ever. Everybody is waiting for

James Etheridge of Jacksonville spent several days here this week with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. J. Etheridge.

J. C. Leaphart, who is working near Avon Park, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Leaphart.

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