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WAGE SCALE FOR FERA PROJECTS CHANGES TODAY

Recommendations of County Committee Receive Official O. K.

Effective today a new wage scale for all FERA work goes into operation, according to a letter received from H. E. Keller, director of operations Highlands county E. R. A. It is understood that these rates are somewhat higher than those set for adjoining counties and are in line with those in the larger counties of the state. The rates were compiled on instructions from Washington and Mr. Keller's letter of information follows:

"For your information, the rates as given on the attached schedule were compiled in compliance with a request from the District FERA Office at West Palm Beach, following instructions issued from Washington that FERA wage rates per hour should be those which prevailed in the various communities.

The Highlands County Advisory Committee, which was appointed by Mr. L. S. Rickard, Acting District Administrator FERA, West Palm Beach, on November 19, 1934, approved the attached rates on December 3rd for Highlands County, and their approval was ratified by the District FERA Office on December 31, 1934.

The Advisory Committee consists of the following men: O. G. Wilkes, Avon Park, Fla.; W. M. Heatherington, Avon Park, Fla.; S. N. A. Broking, Sebring, Fla.; G. E. Sebring, Sebring, Fla.; E. Ford Haddock, Sebring, Fla.; J. P. Wheeler, District N.R.S. Manager, was also asked to present to pass on these wage rates.

The new rates become effective the week beginning December 28, 1934."

Yours very truly,
H. E. KELLER,
Director of Operations,
Highlands County E. R. A.

Classification	Rate Per Hour
Common Labor	\$.25
Common Labor Foreman	\$.35
1st Class Carpenter (Cabinet Makers & Finished Carpenters)	\$.50
2nd Class Carpenter (Rough Carpenter Work)	\$.40
3rd Class Carpenter and Helper	\$.30
Master Licensed Electricians	\$ 1.00
1st Class Electrical Work	\$.80
Welders	\$.60
Blacksmith	\$.50
1st Class Brick and Stone Masons	\$.75
2nd Class Brick and Stone Masons	\$.60
3rd Class Brick and Stone Masons	\$.50
1st Class Cement Finishers	\$.40
2nd Class Cement Finishers	\$.30
Master Licensed Plumbers	\$ 1.00
Drainpipe Operators	\$.80
Oilers	\$.60
1st Class Roofers	\$.75
2nd Class Roofers	\$.60
1st Class Sheet Metal Workers	\$.75
2nd Class Sheet Metal Workers	\$.60
1st Class Painters	\$.75
2nd Class Painters	\$.60
3rd Class Painters and Brush	\$.50
Hands	\$.20
Plasterers	\$.40
Pump Operators	\$.40
Truck Drivers	\$.40

Foremen other than Labor Foreman 10c to 15c per hour above the hourly rate for the class of work done.

DeSoto City Visitor Injured in Wreck

William Beaumont of West Englewood, N. J., who is spending the winter at DeSoto City was injured in an automobile wreck near Highland Lakes late Christmas afternoon. The car in which he was riding overturned and he received a broken neck vertebrae. He was treated temporarily by Dr. W. C. Touchton and later sent to a Sebring hospital and hope is held for his recovery.

Mr. Beaumont and his wife and Mr. and Mrs. Carl Franke of DeSoto City were returning home from Lake Wales when the car was forced off the road by an approaching car. Mr. Franke was driving and all the occupants except Mr. Beaumont escaped injury. The car was righted and proceeded under its own power.

THE AVON PARK TIMES

AVON PARK, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1934

Recent Freeze Adds To Problems of Control Committee

Tampa, Dec. 27. (FNS)—The problems of the Florida Control Committee are greatly complicated by the recent freeze which has caused a very serious situation. Inspection of fruit will be a matter of first importance with the committee for some time to come. Slack inspection might permit enough frost damaged fruit to reach markets to break the confidence of consumers to such extent that sales during the remainder of the season will be impaired. No accurate estimates have yet been offered as to the total damage.

Federal inspectors are authorized, instructed and equipped to knock damaged fruit off the market according to the marketing agreement. These federal inspectors will confer with growers as to the condition of their fruit, before it is picked but the official inspections will be in the packing houses.

State Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo has cooperated in an effort to keep frozen fruit off the market by renewing the state fruit inspection immediately after the freeze.

CITRUS PRICES ARE SLIGHTLY HIGHER

Oranges Above Last Year; Grapefruit Drops Below 1933 Level

Tampa, Dec. 26.—A review of the Florida citrus sales in the auction markets for last week, ending Dec. 21, follows:

For shipments increased somewhat the preceding week (ending Dec. 15) on account of the Christmas season and holiday demands, there being 2012 cars shipped compared to 1786 the week before. Of the total shipments only 38 per cent were moved by boat. Varieties that are as follows: Oranges 1676 cars, grapefruit 591 cars and tangerines 345 cars.

Sales of Florida citrus in the auction markets this week amounted to 1186 cars, an increase of 32 cars over last week, with all varieties showing an increase of 272 cars and an advance of 16c per box compared to last week. For the corresponding week last year oranges averaged \$2.15 per box and for the same week two years ago, \$2.43.

For shipments, sales for the week totaled 295 cars at an average of \$1.89 per box, increasing 31 cars and advancing 4c per box compared to the preceding week. For the same week last year the average was \$2.23 per box and for the corresponding week two years ago, \$2.45 per box.

Tangerines sales this week amounted to 182 cars averaging \$1.31 per 4 box, increasing 25 cars and advancing 1c per box compared to last week. For the corresponding week last year tangerines averaged \$1.15 and for the same week two years ago the average was also \$1.15 per half box.

New Year Topic At Congregational

Looking toward the New Year, the topic at the Congregational church Sunday morning will be "How Will You Spend 1935? What Will You Buy with It?" Service at 11 a. m. Bible school, 9:45. "Children of all Lands" will be shown in screen pictures at the evening lecture, 7:30 p. m. The slides from the State University picture it hoped that next year's larger number will be entered into the new year.

Holland Stebbins Gets Promotion

Holland Stebbins of this city has been promoted to the office of FERA work director for Highlands county. He takes the place of Hite Tattle who has been made assistant superintendent of the FERA training plant in Arcadia.

Miss Rosemond Waller of Sebring, formerly a clerk in the accounting department, will assist Mr. Stebbins in the work department.

St. Margaret's Guild of the Episcopal church will meet on Monday afternoon at three o'clock with Mrs. William King.

CITRUS OUTLOOK IS REVIEWED BY STATE

Citrus Cold Injury Linked With Facts Before the Freeze

Gainesville, Dec. 26.—Damage to citrus from the recent freeze must be considered along with facts about the situation before the freeze. Florida Natural Extension Service workers point out in releasing the 1935 citrus outlook report here this week.

Estimated production for Florida as of December 1 was for a crop of oranges 15 percent larger than last season, for 40 percent more grapefruit and 25 percent tangerines. Real damage to fruit or citrus trees will not be known for some time, but Florida can lose some percentages of fruit and still have as much as last year.

The number and age of citrus trees in the United States indicate an increasing heavy surplus for the next few years unless severe freeze or storm damages make heavy reductions, it is pointed out.

Florida has 285,000 acres of oranges and tangerines, 15 percent of which is not of bearing age while three-fifths of the trees of bearing age are under 10 years and have not reached full production. About half of this acreage is in early orange, 40 percent in late oranges, and 10 percent in tangerines.

California has about 100,000 acres of navels and 125,000 acres of seedling oranges, and is about full production, but further increase in production may be expected from the valencia, as about 12 percent are not yet bearing.

Florida has about 93,000 acres of grapefruit trees, and there are 91,000 acres in Texas and 31,000 in the California Arizona area. Texas lost about a half million trees in the 1933 storm. Close to 55 percent of the Florida acreage is less than 15 years old, and 38 percent of that in Texas is not yet bearing.

There is one-fourth of the country grapefruit not yet in bearing and three-fourths of the bearing trees under 15 years old. The crop over a period of years may be expected.

There is apparently an upward trend in consumption of grapefruit juice, and the canning industry is growing to be an important outlet. About 20 percent of the 1933-34 Florida crop was canned as hearts or juice.

Foreign markets were reported to be gathering in quantities of carriers and increased foreign production.

Market For Leaves Of Magnolia Trees

Brookville, Dec. 26.—(FNS)—The beautiful magnolia trees of Florida have provided a new industry in this section. The leaves are gathered for commercial purposes.

The Dr. H. Cux Company, manufacturing chemicals of Jacksonville, have a crew of 20 men picking the leaves with a weekly payroll of \$700. Leaves of magnolia are gathered and shipped to the factory where they are chemically processed to retain their natural beauty.

They are then shipped to florists and decorators who use them in making wreaths and many other purposes. Hollywood uses a large quantity for studio decoration. The removal of the leaves in winter injures the trees. Owners of magnolia may realize a profit year after year on the sale of the leaves.

Florida Will Be Host to Racing Commissioners

Miami, Dec. 27.—(FNS)—Florida will be host to National Racing Authorities January 15-16, when representatives of State Racing Commissions of sixteen states gather here for a meeting of the National Association of State Racing Commissioners. The Miami Biltmore Hotel has been selected as headquarters.

Mayor and Mrs. M. E. Covington were awarded the prize for the best outdoor Christmas tree. The contest was sponsored by the Garden Club and the prize was donated by the Florida Public Service Co. About 10 trees were entered.

Covingtons Win Prize For Christmas Tree

It is hoped that next year's larger number will be entered into the new year. Some very pretty trees were exhibited including that at Pine Trees but as this is outside the city it was not in the contest.

FERA Will Make Sheets and Towels

H. E. Keller, Highlands county FERA administrator, reports the arrival of a carload of sheeting and towelings. This material will be made up in the sewing room at Avon Park and Sebring and distributed in the eight counties comprising this district.

Episcopal Service The service at 11 o'clock Sunday morning at the Episcopal church will be the same as the held on mid-night, Christmas Eve.

STEEL TOWERS WORK OF GEODETIC SURVEY

Large Group of Federal Engineers Working In This Section

Many people in Highlands county have expressed curiosity regarding the steel towers erected recently throughout this section of the state. These towers are the work of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey which department is working in this section of Florida at the present time with headquarters at Arcadia.

An article appearing in last week's issue of the "Arcadian" giving an account of the work, read as follows:

While a party of the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey has had its headquarters at the tourist camp in Arcadia for over four weeks, perhaps little is known by the general public as to the work being done in this locality by this group of government men.

Speaking briefly it may be said that the duty of the Coast and Geodetic Survey is that of "measuring the United States." This means the determining of latitude, longitude and elevation according to manner. This work is not a new thing, as some may suppose, to give employment, but has been carried on for over a hundred years, according to Lieut. John Bowen, Jr., chief of the party on duty here, who has a personnel of some 109 men.

In September there were 2,300 men employed in this department of the government, and of this number, 20 per cent were graduate civil engineers, and 60 percent of the men have had some college training.

While the work at present is classed as temporary it is in reality work of a permanent character.

Much Work Done At Night. It is interesting to note that a large part of the work is carried on at night, when the engineers work with less interference from heat. Special electric lights are used. In order to secure clear vision, steel towers are erected from which long range sighting may be made. These towers can be built to a height of 100 feet if necessary.

Through the work of the Coast and Geodetic Survey accurate maps and charts are developed and the complete geodetic survey of the United States. The value of accurate records of this kind is readily seen.

With headquarters at Arcadia is equipped with nine theodolites and various other instruments. A theodolite is an instrument for measuring horizontal and usually vertical angles. Forty-eight trucks are employed in transporting the equipment of the survey.

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An advisory committee will be formed out of a representative each from the Florida Citrus Exchange, the State Horticultural Society, the Florida Exhibit at the Committee of Fifty and other citrus leaders. The advisory committee will serve without compensation.

The Florida Citrus Institute affords an opportunity for all interests to get together under one manager for the general good of the industry and should pave the way for an intelligent and constructive program to popularize Florida citrus fruits, Mr. Wilson said.

Officials of the Florida Citrus Exchange expressed warm approval of the move and pledged their full co-operation at a recent meeting.

Court House Repairs Have Been Finished

Work of repairing and redecorating the court house at Sebring was practically completed yesterday by the State Highway Department.

The old G.W. regime the work was at a standstill for a time but was resumed under the FERA and has been brought to a successful conclusion. Extensive repairs were made and the interior entirely repainted and decorated. Some extensive work has been done on the building very much improved. The interior decorating is very distinctive and presents a very handsome appearance.

The cost has been estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$6,000 with the county only required to make a cash outlay of several hundred dollars.

PLAN ADVERTISING FLORIDA CITRUS

Non-Profit Fruit Organization Formed To Create Demand

Jackonville, Dec. 26.—(FNS)—Believing that an intelligent well planned advertising and publicity campaign designed to create a demand for Florida citrus fruits will open new markets and materially increase the consumption of citrus fruits, a group of interested Florida men last week organized the Florida Citrus Institute.

Marketing agencies in the state have published the names of the various brands and fought each other in the same markets for years. The various groups have never been able to get together for the purpose of increasing the consumption of Florida fruit.

The new organization will be a "non-profit, non-political and non-factional association" through which it is hoped all citrus interests can unite to conduct a national campaign for the purpose of increasing the consumption of Florida fruits for the benefit of all.

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PRICE: FIVE CENTS

UNION SERVICE AMETHYST CHURCH SUNDAY

Ladies Glee Givers Program; Other Christmas Doings In Avon Park

The large auditorium of First Methodist church, largest church auditorium in the city, was filled on Sunday night with the occasion of the Union Christmas Church Sunday.

About thirty members of the Avon Park Ladies' Prize Choir, under direction of W. H. Yates, with Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., accompanist, rendered sacred selections, many of them being Christmas songs and carols. The rendition of these songs and carols after long and faithful devotion to practice showed a high degree of art and technique.

Dr. C. F. Weigle, an evangelist, and former member of First Methodist church, gave a short and inspiring sermon on the "Message of the Angels." He cited the appearance of the angels at various times, as mentioned in Scripture.

The church was lanked with evergreen boughs and the large auditorium was lighted with candles, singly and in candelabra. Two very beautiful, large potted palms, the gifts of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor to their respective bible classes, graced the northern end of the auditorium. Members of the church wore white dresses.

The participating churches were Union Congregational, First Baptist, First Methodist and Church of the Nazarene.

Episcopal Services

The Church of the Redeemer was filled to capacity on Christmas Eve for Midnight Mass. Starting at one minute before 12 the service lasted one hour. A very beautiful and appropriate program of music was rendered by the choir. The church was elaborately decorated for the occasion.

Community Tree

About 400 children participated in the community Christmas tree at the Midway Christmas evening. The inclement weather failed to dampen the ardor of the youngsters, who enjoyed themselves to the utmost, receiving candy and toys. The money for this was raised at a Tag Day last Saturday.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Yates who was assisted by Mrs. R. A. Gerard, FERA recreational director. The choir of the church led the singing of Christmas carols which came before the gift distribution.

Negro Murderer Gets Life Sentence

Circuit Judge W. J. Barker sentenced seven negroes convicted in the last term of court, Wednesday afternoon, to terms varying from eight months in the county jail to life in the state prison at Raiford.

One of the convicted murderers was sentenced to life imprisonment.

Henry Williams convicted of third degree murder drew 10 years in the state prison, and Robert Polk convicted of murder in second degree was handed 20 years imprisonment.

Sammy Jones convicted of stealing a calf got two years and J. W. Fort convicted on a charge of aggravated assault was sentenced to one year in county jail with credit allowed for time already served.

Kinney Miller convicted of breaking and entering was sentenced to two years in state prison.

The Mitchell sentence was given Ida May Mitchell, convicted of aggravated assault. She was given eight months in county jail with credit allowed for time already served.

Other prisoners now in county jail who were convicted during the last term of Circuit Court will be sentenced next Monday it was stated at the court house yesterday.

Boy Scout Benefit Tickets on Sale

Tickets for the Boy Scout benefit at the high school auditorium on January 11 are on sale by the ticket office of Circuit Court will be sold for 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. The program for the occasion has been arranged by the Boy Scouts of Southern College and promises to be of exceptional quality. Everybody is asked to cooperate in making the evening a cash outlay of several hundred dollars can be balanced.

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By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

DECEMBER 31, 1834. The dying light of the year is slanting across the sun disk and bringing to a close another year of the wilderness North America is still "the red man's continent."

True, the Spanish have been established down in the Great Southwest for nearly a hundred years and St. Augustine in Florida is nearly three-quarters of a century old. True, too, the French have been sailing up and down the coast of the Gulf of Mexico for nearly a century, but the establishment of New France as a permanent colony is very recent.

As for the other European nations who have sought to plant outposts in the New World—they are newcomers indeed. For only two decades have the Dutch been on the Hudson with their New Netherlands, which is to become New York, and for a much less time than that have they extended their rule over what is now New Jersey.

Down on the James river a little colony of Europeans survived starvation and Indian massacre for a quarter of a century and up on the "storm and rock-bound coast" of Massachusetts another colony of people, who speak the same tongue, has endured even greater hardships for more than a decade and these are the people who are to dominate the North American continent at last, for they speak the tongue of Old England.

For New England is to survive when New France, New Netherlands, and New Spain are dead. From the two little settlements, Plymouth and Boston, which, united, will become eventually the state of Massachusetts, have already stemmed the settlements which are to grow into the states of Maine and New Hampshire and two more will soon have their origins there.

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Democracy in America is at last triumphant.

January 30, in the Capitol they are holding the funeral of Congressman Warren R. Davis of South Carolina. President Jackson leaves the White House to attend. As he passes through the rotunda, a man leaps out with two pistols in his hands. Pointing both at the President he pulls the triggers. But neither is discharged. Before he can try again, he is seized and hustled away.

Later the man, Richard Lawrence, is to be tried, found insane and shut up in an asylum. For a little while his name is on every American's lips but soon he is forgotten.

—This man who would be the first to assassinate an American President. That dark figure who is to be reserved for John Wilkes Booth who is to assassinate a President. That man whose name Lawrence failed and sent Abraham Lincoln to a martyr's grave.

But if Death passes by the Chief Executive in this first month of 1835, before the new year is scarce half over it will knock at the door of the chief justice of the United States. It is a position which he has held for 34 years, the longest in the history of that high tribunal. On July 6 in Philadelphia will die John Marshall who had been influential in bringing about the ratification of the United States Constitution and whose interpretation of that document during his long service on the supreme bench has imprinted indelibly his name upon the law of our land.

While such great events as these are taking place back in the East, a little town in Missouri is the scene of another event, scarcely less important at the time but destined to result in many hours of delight for thousands of later Americans. On November 20, Florida, Mo., becomes the birthplace of a boy who will bear the name of Sam Clemens when he grows to be a Connecticut river pilot, a Mississippi river pilot, a miner and a newspaper man in Nevada. But it will be under the name of Mark Twain that he will be known far and wide, and American literature will be enriched by his "Tom Sawyer" and "Huckleberry Finn" and "Roughing It" and "Life on the Mississippi" and "Innocents Abroad."

In the Missouri town of Florida a boy is born, but in the state of Florida, in this year 1835, dies a brave man who will die in the outbreak of one of the earliest Indian wars in American history. On December 28 the fierce chief of the Seminole, Osceola, creeps stealthily up to Fort King and shoots General Thompson, the Indian agent, and five other white men. And on that same day his fierce tribesmen ambush the command, of Maj. Francis L. Dade near the Withlacoochee river. A monument which stands on the grounds of the United States Military Academy at West Point tells the story.—To commemorate the battle of the 28th of December between a detachment of the One Hundred and Eighty-United States troops and the Seminole Indians, in which both sides suffered a detachment was three fell without an attempt to retreat."

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But before the sands in his hourglass have run out he will have done other things, besides being a signer and one of the "fathers of the public" to guarantee his immortality. He will have given to the nation a son, John Quincy Adams, who is to be the sixth president of the United States and to be the only ex-president who ever served his country in congress after leaving the White House.

December 31, 1834. Tick-tock! Tick-tock! The last minute of the year 1835 is slipping into the hands of the clock more toward a straight-up position on the dial. One-two-three-four-five-six-seven-eight-nine-ten—the clock strikes twelve! The year 1835 is ushered in.

In the White House at Washington the President Andrew Jackson, "Old Hickory," placed there by the votes of the Western frontiersmen and the "Common people" of all sections of the country, for the day of the "Virginia dynasty" and the "New England oligarchy" are done.

December 31, 1835. Nine o'clock in San Francisco and Portland and Seattle. But into thousands of homes on the Pacific coast come the echoes of a battle of the bells, the tooting of horns and the singing and shouting of human voices. For it is the day of the Philadelphia and New York and Philadelphia and the music of radio is carrying instantaneously the sound of the bells of the city of the continent to those who will not sit idly by.

The "Old Year is dead! The New Year is born! What historic events will come to pass in this year 1934?"

Man is virtually the only enemy of beasts in a wild state. Since immemorial times he has attacked the animals in their jungle homes. He has hunted them down and trampled him with their feet or knocking him out with their trunks. Methods of capturing and killing employed by the African savages in day probably are similar to those of prehistoric man.

Man has hunted the elephant for its meat, which they especially liked. When the news is spread that a white man has killed an elephant, all the natives within miles

ABOUT ELEPHANTS

POT HOLDER SET IN THREE PIECES

By GRANDMOTHER CLARK



Pot holders are necessary in the kitchen, and it's just as easy to make an attractive pot holder as a plain one. They are interesting and easy to make, in spare time, and some should always be worked up ready to take as a gift when a trifle is wanted for a holiday and you know it will be appreciated.

Package No. A-8 is composed of three pieces. Two pot holders and one container. When made up, the holder is visible through door, as shown above. The holders are placed to pocket through top opening. The material is stamped and stenciled in lines, ready to be made up, and the lines may be outlined if desired. Directions are also given how to put it together.

Send 12c if you want the set. Address—Home Craft Co., Dept. A—Ninth and L, St. Louis, Mo. Enclose a stamped addressed envelope when writing for any information.

Great Metropolis Slow to Take Up Telephone

London's first telephone directory is dated 1828. It contains the names of 440 subscribers, spread over three exchanges—A, B, and C. There were then about 400,000 subscribers spread over 232 exchanges. In April, 1880, the great family of Smith had its telephone entries; now something like 4,000. The great family of Mac had five, the Joneses one! Today the former occupy 39 columns, and the latter 22! Five entries began with London, and one each with British, Royal, and National.

It was the city that made the telephone possible, and in 1880 nine-tenths of the subscribers had B. C. in their address. Few banks were in the telephone. They feared it would lead to fraud. Stockholders on the contrary, were its keenest promoters.

Only one railway is in this first telephone book—the old London, Chatham, and Dover, now part of the Southern railway. No government office in the telephone, and yet could not have booked a seat by telephone in any London theater, called up any newspaper office, or ordered a meal at any restaurant—London T1-Bits.

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Your kidneys are constantly filtering impurities from the blood stream. But if they get functionally disturbed—lag in their work—they cannot remove the poisonous body wastes.

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EDITORIAL SHORTS

Copied, Picked Up, Stolen—But Never-the-less Good.

Every time leniency is shown to a law violator, more are encouraged to follow in his footsteps. Too many officers are too timid to do their duty. You would think by the weak-kneed actions of some officials when administering fines and punishment to criminals, that they were a party to the offense committed. Lord, give those who administer punishment to law violators the courage to do their duty! Cracking down on the offenders of the law is the only sure method of discouraging crime.—Tribune, Albert Lea, Minn.

The United States was not overly shocked at President Roosevelt's statement that our public debt might reach 31 billion dollars by 1935. It is only \$250 per capita, while France today owes nearly \$500 per capita. Owing \$250 apiece to ourselves can be taken care of without serious worry in this great and rich country.

A little Chinese girl was carrying a chubby boy on her back. "Is he heavy?" somebody asked. "No," was the reply, "he is my brother." There are duties which are pleasures, there are tasks carried through with a right good will, there are deprivations and hardships cheerfully endured. And all because there is enthusiasm or affection, idealism or devotion, patriotism or consecration in the toil or hardship.

Tax Commissioner Fox asserts that half the automobiles in the state are not listed for taxing purposes. Just the same, Brer Fox, they're on the eating up end of the gasoline business.—Western Democrat, Weston, W. Va.

A pioneer is a fellow who can remember back when the leading attraction at a bathing beach was a hot dog stand.

Maybe families aren't as large as they used to be, but we know a lot of them that can talk and act mighty big.

Sins of the parents are visited upon their children unto the third and fourth generation. And so are their bond issues.—Exchange.

The fellow that thinks the world owes him a living seems unable to find a collector who will take the job on commission.

See you the City of Happiness?
It is located in the State of Mind.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY BY RUSSELL KAY

Somebody invited Senator Wm. C. Hodges to address a convention of the National Insurance Association not long ago and instead of telling 'em what a fine bunch of fellows they were and what a noble work they were doing he got up on his hind legs and proceeded to erupt like a three alarm volcano. What he said about insurance rates was plenty.

It seems that the Senator figured if he was gonna make a talk to a bunch of insurance men he ought to brush up on the subject of insurance. When he began to snore around he discovered that the average rate for insurance in other states is 88c for \$100.00 but in Florida the people pay \$1.19 for \$100.00. The percentage of losses paid on premiums in other states is 50 percent and only 32.3 percent in Florida, yet all stock fire insurance companies operating in Florida belong to an association of underwriters who have worked out an agreement by which Florida, Georgia, Alabama, North and South Carolina help carry the other states' losses.

All of which would seem to indicate that the fellow who buys fire insurance in Florida is getting a first class raw deal.

The insurance lobby at Tallahassee has been successful in all previous sessions of the legislature in preventing the passage of any legislation that would bring relief to those who pay fire insurance in Florida. How successful they will be at the next session remains to be seen. They certainly know they can't count on the sympathy and co-operation of Senator Hodges.

This new Hodges Fire Insurance Policy ought to be a popular one. No doubt the Senator will get busy and write a lot of it between now and the next session. A popular sport at the next legislative powwow will probably be trying to low-rate Florida insurance companies.

Sometimes a newspaper man is really appreciated in his own community. It seems that the people of Okeechobee County not only subscribe to Bill Griffiths' News, but they give him their votes as well. He was elected to serve them in the next legislature. On top of that, the County School Board came out the other day with a resolution of gratitude to this same country editor for his valuable assistance in helping to work out a plan to solve the financial difficulties of their schools.

Okeechobee County suffered the loss of two banks with over a million dollars deposit; went through two hurricanes and four floods; to say nothing of the well known depression. In spite of all this, every school teacher received salary in full last year, although less than \$2,000 in taxes were collected for school purposes in 1933. The school board began this year with money on hand and raised the salary of teachers from one to twenty dollars a month, paying them promptly in cold cash and have accomplished all this without borrowing a dollar.

The County School Board gives Editor Griffith credit for working out the plan that made it possible.

him. If it worked in Okeechobee County it might work in a lot of other places. This school financing problem is going to be one of the high lights of the next session. Maybe Governor Dave ought to look into the Griffith plan.

And now may I wish for you everything good for the new year. Remember 1935 will be what you make it. Courage, faith and confidence will work wonders, let's all determine now to make the most of 1935.

State Press Comment

JACKSONVILLE'S POWER PLANT
"MILKED" \$500,000 A YEAR

According to the Jacksonville Journal, a sizable fly has been found in the ointment of municipality owned and operated utilities as represented by the Jacksonville electric light and power plant.

Apparently, Jacksonville city officials have been for a number of years taking too much money out of the receipts of the utility and calling it profit, while failing to include sufficient plant depreciation in the expense account.

As a result, experts now tell the officials that approximately two and a half million dollars must be found somewhere, and spent in the next five years, to bring the electric plant up to date.

The plant, it must be noted, has been furnishing a large part of Jacksonville's revenues for several years. City officials say that for the last five years it has contributed an average of \$1,500,000 per year to the city treasury, which made it possible to slash ad valorem taxes to as little as eleven and a half mills; and at that time the hope was expressed that sooner or later the profits of the municipally-owned utility would be sufficient to wipe out altogether any and all city ad valorem taxes.

The finding of the experts seems to have banished that rosy prospect. Now it appears that the item of profits was entirely too large—that, instead of setting aside something like \$1,500,000 a year to go into the general fund, the amount should have been about \$800,000, if taxpayers were not to be forced to dig up enough to make good the actual amount necessary to offset depreciation.

In the recent past we have heard much about "yardsticks" designed to establish the relationship between rates charged by current, by privately operated corporations, and for like services rendered by municipally or governmentally operated plants or systems—notably, the Tennessee Valley Authority operating Muscle Shoals. Any yardstick is of value if and when it contains the correct number of inches; one that has only thirty inches is of no use at all.

Apparently, Jacksonville has been using a short yardstick which omitted such piffing items as \$500,000 a year plant depreciation and replacement. That won't work indefinitely in Jacksonville, any more than it will up in the Tennessee Valley. Sooner or later the real figures will have to be considered, and then the trouble begins.

As the Journal says, "all along there have been plenty of people, including private owners of electric light and power plants, who have warned that the city was taking more profit out of its plant than it could stand as a permanent proposition." And the Journal says again, "taxpayers now have no kick coming, unless it is that they were misled into believing that they would not ever have to pay the fiddler."

It will be interesting to note the reaction of Jacksonville taxpayers to the decision that ad valorem taxes must go up, because electric profits will have to be slashed in order to repair the depreciation that has inevitably come about in plant and equipment. It is certain they will not relish any part of the burden, but they have nobody to blame but themselves for creation of the condition. You can't eat the cake of unearned profits for years, and still have it. Things just don't work out that way.—Tampa Times.

WHY HEAR TROUBLE ON FLORIDA?

C. W. Dymally, of Wakefield, Mass., who is well known here, sends the editor a clipping from the Boston Post of Nov. 23, which is on a par with much of the publicity given this state in the North. Says the article:

"Florida seems to be offering inducements to persons without jobs who would like to spend the winter in that delightful winter climate. The State ERA director there declares that the ERA plans to take care of every transient who comes to Florida 'even if it becomes necessary to build a tent over half the state.' This is a large promise. It is doubtful if any other state can make so generous an offer and make good on it. Transients will be expected to work, but at least they will have jobs, which is more than they can obtain in the North. Last year and the year before many cities and towns placed signs at their borders warning away any expecting to find a job. But, with the promise of some sort of a job for all, Florida offers winter inducements this year. Anyone willing to work will be taken care of."

From the above statement by the state ERA director we must conclude that he is either a humorist with a misplaced sense of what is funny or a man who doesn't know what he's talking about. The State of Florida has so much trouble with transients and so many thousands of its own home folks without employment that to it is most amazing that any man cognizant with conditions here would make such an asinine statement and thereby plunge our state deeper into a most deplorable situation by encouraging jobless persons from the North to come down here. We already have a bigger job on our hands caring for transients than we know what to do with and such piffle broadcast over the land is calculated to make the situation far worse. We should like the ERA director to tell us what work he is going to give these transients that our own home folks without employment couldn't do. Where is he going to pitch all the tents he talks about and what are the Floridians who need employment going to say and do about it? This state needs tourists and welcomes them with open arms, but she certainly can't stand the strain of any more hitch-hikers and transients who she has to help provide for as long as they are within her boundaries. The ERA director deserves censure and we trust every newspaper in Florida will straighten him out before we are flooded with all sorts of jobless transients, many of these undesirable.—Winter Haven Chief.

LEGAL NOTICES

Negro Pleads Guilty.
Clarence Robinson, colored, arrested last week by the sheriff's force after a long race north of Avon Park, pleaded guilty to trespassing and reckless driving Wednesday afternoon and Circuit Judge W. J. Barker sentenced him to four months in the county jail and \$100 fine and costs on each charge.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN CHANCERY.

Avon Florida Citrus Corporation, a Florida corporation, Complainant, vs. Eva M. Cannon and Edna B. Capron, splinters, Defendants. — Bill to Foreclose Operation Contract.

In pursuance of a final decree entered by the Honorable W. J. Barker, Judge of the above styled cause, I will offer for sale and sell to the highest and best bidder for cash at the south door of the Court House in Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, for the purpose of satisfying said decree the following described property, lying in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit: Grove numbered ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY-FOUR (174) in Section THIRTY (30), Township THIRTY-THREE (33) South, Range TWENTY-NINE (29) East, according to map or plat thereof duly recorded on page 11, Plat Book 1 in said County and State, together with tenements hereditaments and appurtenances therein belonging, together with every right, title and interest of every nature and kind legal or equitable that the said Eva M. Cannon and Edna B. Capron, defendants, and every person or persons, corporations or partnerships claiming by, through or under them may have or claim in and to the above described property, subject, however, to any unexpired rights of the complainant.

Said sale to be held between the hours of eleven A. M. and two P. M., Eastern Standard Time, on the 7th day of January, 1935, the same being a legal sales day.
THOMAS A. McNICHOLAS,
As Special Master in Chancery, Walker & Willson, Solicitors, Bartow, Florida.
Dec. 21-28; Jan. 4.

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NOTICE OF SALE.
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Said sale to be held between the hours of eleven A. M. and two P. M., Eastern Standard Time, on the 7th day of January, 1935, the same being a legal sales day.
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As Special Master in Chancery, Walker & Willson, Solicitors, Bartow, Florida.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That J. R. Yearwood, Box 776, Avon Park, Fla., holder of Tax Certificate No. 1857, Day No. 1857, August, A. D. 1932, has filed said certificate in my office and made application for tax deed to issue thereon in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 5 or SW 1/4 of SE 1/4 Sec. 5, Twp. 33 S., Range 32 E., Sec. 35 acres.

The assessment of said property under the said certificate issued was in the name of I. W. Driggs, Est.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 21st day of January, A. D. 1935.

Dated this 17th day of December, 1934.

W. C. CARSON,
Clerk of Circuit Court, Highlands County, Florida.
By F. E. MacDonald, D. C.
Dec. 21-28; Jan. 4-11-18.

Nudist Nuptials Puritan Device To Dodge Debt

Nudist marriages are no novelty; they were legal in the United States as far back as 1776, or so historical records revealed in the preparatory researches for the production of Paramount's "The Pursuit of Happiness" starring Francis Lederer and coming Sunday and Monday to the Avon Theatre.

In those days the nudist brides were married in a closet. It was all due to the current laws which made every husband liable for his bride's existing debts, unless she came to him entirely devoid of property.

In order to conform literally to the exception clause, the bride, after disposing of all her property, would remove her clothes, stand in a closet and put her hand through the door while the wedding was performed.

Another version was for the bride to step naked onto a ladder outside the window and there don her wedding garments. When she was ready to be married she was supposed to be "standing anew."

"King's highway marriages" were still another way of evading the law. They took place on the highroads at night, the bride wearing nothing but a slip. The theory was that, when she left the road married and fully clothed, her husband, she was "another woman" and her creditors could pursue her no further.

Although the Paramount picture will have no such scenes, the quaint and almost forgotten custom of bundling, or courting fully clothed in the arbitration between the sexes, is the subject of the comedy of love and manners in Revolutionary times is written.

Adapted from the Broadway success by Lawrence Langner and Armina Marshall, "The Pursuit of Happiness" features Joan Bennett, Charles Ruggles and Mary Boland in the supporting cast.

Budget Commission Will Meet Daily

Tallahassee, Dec. 27.—(FNS)—Governor Dave Sholtz has announced that he will hold daily sessions of the State Budget Commission with state officials during the early part of January. Superintendents of State Institutions and heads of departments will confer with the commission on state finances.

"We will have a definite financial policy to recommend to the

Legislature. I believe the recommendation will go a long way toward helping the Legislature to complete its work in the regular 60-day session," the governor said. There has been no indication that Governor Sholtz has changed his stand on the extra session question. In 1933 he refused to extend the 60-day period of the Legislature and has steadfastly adhered to his position of "no extra session" since that time.

COUNTY AGENT'S COLUMN

Information has been received that the representatives of the Federal Land Bank of Columbia will contact borrowers in a short time to ascertain fully the effect and damage of any cold weather during this past month. Representatives of the Bank have been making regular visits to cooperating growers.

The agricultural census will be started next week and is claimed to be the most important census handled in many years as it will give a definite picture of the trends in production and other matters along this line. It is very important that all questions asked by the enumerator be answered as accurately as possible. Sample copies of the forms used can be obtained in this office.

The Highlands County Adjustment Committee, which functions in the arbitration between debtor and creditor when a loan has been granted through the Federal Land

Bank, have selected Mr. Ivey Futch of Lake Placid as chairman and manager. They have adopted a policy of having all matters to be presented to them to be submitted in writing and mailed to Mr. Futch's office at Lake Placid. Under the present Federal Administration it is felt that it is very important that debts be reconciled with the ability of the debtor to pay and this committee has been set up to assist in the matter and can only handle adjustments where the loan has been approved. Announcement has been made by the Farm Credit Administration that the final date of receiving the applications for Emergency Seed and Fertilizer loans has been changed from December 26th to December 31st.

Want Ads

FOR SALE—Mule single disc, in good condition and reasonable. Write or phone J. A. Latimer, phone 68-1, Frostproof, Florida. 40, 27pd.

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SOCIAL and Personal News

By HELEN BECKETT
Society Editor

Mrs. C. E. Crabtree Hostess Thursday

Honoring Miss Margaret Rogers of Wheeling, W. Va., granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers of New York, Mrs. C. E. Crabtree entertained Thursday afternoon at the Jacaranda Hotel. The palm room was beautifully decorated in keeping with the theme and several progressions of bridge were enjoyed. Mrs. Dorothy Chapin held high honors and each table cut for a sugar plum tree, the winners being Mrs. Dakin of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. E. E. Melton, Mrs. M. E. Covington and Miss Rogers who was also presented with a lovely memento of the occasion by the hostess. A sweet course with coffee was served the guests who included:

Mrs. Wright of St. Joseph, Mo., Mrs. Hal Fossom of Miami, Mrs. Dakin of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. Stella Foy of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. W. H. Rogers of New York, Mrs. Dorothy Chapin, Mrs. C. P. Anderson, Mrs. E. F. Carmichael, Mrs. Paul Garber, Mrs. O. C. Wilkes, Mrs. E. P. Loomis, Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. Jack Head, Mrs. E. E. Melton, Mrs. D. G. Perry, Mrs. Stuart Thayer and the honoree.

Mr. - Mrs. Sherman Dinner Hosts

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sherman are entertaining a number of guests for the holidays and on Christmas Day served a bountiful dinner in honor of the occasion. Those participating included: Mr. and Mrs. John Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. George Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. William Sherman, daughter Miss Verjan Kenny, all of Castle, New York.

Mrs. W. W. McFarland and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Pollock of Ohio spent Thursday at Vero Beach.



It is our wish that 1935 will bring all happiness and Prosperity to you.

F. S. JORDON
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Avon Park, Florida



With
All
Good
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for

THE NEW YEAR

May 1935 bring Happiness and Prosperity to our many friends.

Avon Park Drug Co.

Dr. - Mrs. McKnight Celebrate Wedding Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. George Scott McKnight celebrated their wedding anniversary Christmas night with a lovely social evening at their home on Pleasant Street. Dainty little artificial Christmas trees were placed about the room with a larger tree fully decorated in a riot of color standing in one portion of the room. Small palm trees and beautiful poinsettias added to the lovely decorative scheme. The centerpiece was formed by the use of one gorgeous poinsettia.

Bridge was played until a late hour after which lovely gifts were presented. Miss Barbara Weaver, high for the ladies, Charles Bell, high for the gentlemen. Four cut prizes were won by Mrs. J. B. Hart, Mrs. William Leppert, J. B. Fekner and H. M. Johnson.

At midnight a delectable buffet supper was served, this was followed by dancing. Those present at this very charming affair were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker, Mr. and Mrs. C. McKnight, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Able, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Shockey, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fekner, Mr. and Mrs. Raymon Osteen and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. B. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. William Leppert of New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Johnson, Leon Silverman, Mrs. W. C. T. Baker of this city, Mrs. L. J. Kirkwood, F. E. Studwell, Mrs. Gene Rickett, Mrs. George Voorhes, Mrs. Pratt of New York, N. Y., Miss Barbara Weaver, Bill Sachsenmaier and Dr. and Mrs. McKnight.

Thompson-Baker Nuptials Tuesday

Miss Leona Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Baker of this city was quietly married Tuesday afternoon to Wesley F. Thompson of Miami. The ceremony was performed at the First Methodist Church, Wauchula, Rev. Gaines officiating. The bride wore an attractive gown of white satin and was attended by Miss Dorothy Weisweyer as bridesmaid. Denison Baker, a brother of the bride was the groom's attendant.

Following the ceremony an informal reception was held by the bride's parents at their home here. The happy couple later left for Miami where they will make their home and where Mr. Thompson holds a responsible position with the Florida Motor Lines. On Thursday evening of last week the bride was honored at a surprise shower by a number of friends and neighbors and at which she received a number of useful gifts. Refreshments of cake and coffee were served and an enjoyable evening spent by those present.

Misses Chandler Hostesses Thursday

The Misses Virginia and Elizabeth Chandler entertained with a buffet supper Thursday evening at their home. Christmas decorations were used and dancing and games were enjoyed until a late hour when the party adjourned to the Lake Byrd Lodge for further dancing. Those present for the evening included:

Miss Shirley Shepard, Miss Charlotte Shepard, Miss Wava Godwin, Miss Katherine Saggus, Miss Dorothy Roberts, Nelson Smith, Devon Roddick, Fred Bedick, Luby Rawlings, G. D. Godwin, Jr., Paul Marchand of Sebring and the hostesses.

Lake Byrd Company Celebrates Christmas

The Lake Byrd Packing Company gave a turkey supper at the Pittsburg packing house Saturday evening.

All employees and families were present. A Christmas tree was beautifully decorated and Santa Claus appeared and distributed gifts to the children. Pete Shivers represented Santa.

Each family contributed to the dinner making it a success in every way.

Mr. Charlie Walker gave a very interesting talk upon the condition of the fruit.

Among those present were: Theodore Weisweyer, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Mercer and son Sport, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Shivers, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young and children, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnett, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. S. Cowart and family, Mrs. Holloway and children, Mr. and Mrs. Al Lunsford, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and family, George Charles and Claude Ward, Mr. Morgan and family, Mrs. Pearl Spink, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Meek and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Perle Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fowler and family, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hadden and son Dick, Mr. and Mrs. McConnell and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. Ned All and children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jackson, Mr. Strickland, John Hill and son Jim, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Prescott and son Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and children, Mrs. Lillie Mae Langford and daughter Josephine, Miss Inez Spruick, Mrs. Raymond Osteen and daughter, Mrs. Patsy Fowler, Miss Patsy Loomis, Miss Cleo Metcalf of Bartow, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilder, Miss Stella Mitchell, A. Anderson, Mrs. H. C. Bigbie, Sibyl Bigbie and others.

Betty Touchton Celebrates Birthday

Honoring her daughter Betty on her tenth birthday anniversary, Mrs. W. C. Touchton entertained with a theater party Friday evening of last week. Following the show the guests returned to the Touchton home where a Christmas program was enjoyed including a beautifully decorated and lighted tree. The dining table was decorated with a beautiful lace cloth and centered with a cake adorned with ten lighted candles. Refreshments of ice cream sundae and cake were served and the favors were powder boxes and puffs. Betty received a number of lovely gifts from her friends who helped celebrate the occasion. They were: Shirley Gates, Frances Borminey, Peggy Mannis, Martha McNicholas, Sajeete Dorniney, Gloria Hughes, Jane Clements, Dorothy McNicholas, Josephine Beck, Elizabeth Hetherington, Mary Clements, and Jane Hart.

Mr. and Mrs. Dilley Entertain at Bridge

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Dilley entertained at bridge Friday evening at their home on Tulane Circle. Beautiful Christmas decorations were used.

The usual number of progressions of bridge were played and when the scores were totaled Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peden were presented with the high score prize and Mrs. Floyd Johnson won second high.

A delicious sweet course was served after bridge.

The guest list included: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peden, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley, Mr. and Mrs. John Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Irving Ford, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spencer, Mrs. Floyd Johnson, Mrs. Katherine Bristol, and Mr. and Mrs. Brisco Willis.

Mr. Johnson Honored On Birthday

Mrs. H. M. Johnson entertained Thursday evening honoring the birthday anniversary of Mr. Johnson.

The Christmas motif was carried out in the beautiful decorations. Bridge was played with Mrs. Charles Bell winning the high score prize for the ladies and Bill Sachsenmaier high for the gentlemen.

After bridge delicious sandwiches and hot chocolate was served to: Dr. and Mrs. George Scott McKnight, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Brumbaugh, Mrs. F. M. Shockey, Mrs. Roy Fekner, Miss Barbara Weaver, Bill Sachsenmaier and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Premiere Showing



Some from Gaumont British musical film, "Evergreen," starring Jessie Matthews, which will enjoy its National Premiere showing at the New Circle Theatre next Tuesday, Friday and Saturday, Jan. 3, 4 and 5. Matinee Saturday, 3:30.

The diners are making a test showing in Sebring prior to releasing this film nationally.

Mrs. Julia M. Smith Hostess Tuesday

Honoring Mr. and Mrs. Frederick H. Shepherd of Birmingham, Vt., Mrs. Julia Mason Smith entertained Tuesday evening with a formal dinner, followed by bridge. The dining room was decorated with hibiscus and amalia and the table was centered with a lace cloth. A lighted Christmas tree also added to the gaiety of the occasion and the living room decorations were bowls of narcissus and festoons of moss. The place cards were reproductions of famous paintings. At bridge Mrs. A. H. Able won high for the ladies and C. P. Turner high for the men.

Present for the evening were: Mrs. C. A. West, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Able, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Donaldson, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Turner, the honorees and the hostess.

Mrs. Kempton Hostess To Contract Club

Mrs. W. H. Kempton entertained the Tuesday contract club and guests on Thursday this week at her home on Lake Isis. Christmas decorations prevailed and a sweet course and coffee was served the assembled guests. Mrs. A. Gilmour held high honors for the club members and Mrs. Katherine Bristol high for the guests.

Enjoying Mrs. Kempton's hospitality were: Mrs. George Scott McKnight, Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Mrs. S. C. Pardee, Mrs. S. Y. Hart, Mrs. A. Gilmour, Mrs. Lula Bass, Mrs. W. H. Yates, Mrs. Margaret Church, Mrs. J. E. Brick, Mrs. Phil Lacey, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. George Voorhes, Mrs. Norton Smith, Mrs. Katherine Bristol and Mrs. Olive Anderson.

Legion Auxiliary Has Christmas Party

The American Legion Auxiliary gave a Christmas party for the children of all ex-service men at the Masonic Temple Saturday evening.

The street was roped off for the children to play in. All manner of games were played throughout the evening. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree was lighted up with many lights.

Santa Claus arrived and gave all the children cups of ice cream, cake and tangerines. Then each told Santa Claus what he wanted for Christmas.

There were about sixty children present.

Legion Auxiliary Met Friday

Mrs. Charles Sherman was hostess Friday evening to the American Legion Auxiliary at her home on Cherokee Avenue.

A business meeting was held and candy bags were made for the Christmas tree which they held at the Masonic Temple Saturday afternoon.

A delicious sweet course consisting of special cake, covered with whipped cream was served with coffee to: Mrs. E. W. Yates, Mrs. E. E. Melton, Mrs. O. C. Wilkes, Mrs. Lee Harwood, Mrs. S. Y. Hart, Mrs. W. M. Hetherington, Mrs. Howard Maddox, Mrs. Raleigh Lawhon, Mrs. J. D. Sherman.

McCullers-Fennell Wedding Saturday

Miss Vera Fennell became the bride of Robert L. McCullers on Saturday of last week. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Willard J. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pate and daughters Clarice and Gladys were visiting in Wauchula Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson Entertain for Guests

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnson entertained at bridge Wednesday evening honoring their house guests Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ellis of Atlanta, Ga., at their home on the Sebring Road.

Vases of beautiful roses formed the decorations.

Bridge was enjoyed throughout the evening with Mr. and Mrs. Fekner holding the high score.

At a late hour a delectable salad course was served by the hostess to: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell, Mr. and Mrs. Ewing Brumbaugh, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Fekner, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ellis and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Arden Anderson Celebrates Birthday

Arden Anderson, little son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Parke Anderson, celebrated his third birthday anniversary Monday afternoon at the home of his parents. A number of games were played by the little guests and he received a number of gifts from his little friends.

Christmas decorations were in evidence and refreshments of ice cream and individual cakes were served those present who were: Gloria Garber, Virginia Carmichael, Betty Jones, Patricia Smith, Buddy Chapin, Donald Melton, Estel Melton and the little host.

Mr. - Mrs. Weisweyer Give Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Weisweyer entertained with a lovely dinner Christmas evening.

Decorations carried out the Christmas motif beautifully. The dinner guests were: Miss Anne Purdy, Miss E. Wilkins, George Purdy, Mrs. and Mrs. Ray Wells, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Heubner, Mrs. Dora Baker, Maria Weisweyer, and Dorothy Weisweyer.

After dinner the party was joined by: Mr. and Mrs. David Parker, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hancock, Ivor Farnell, John Figg, Miss Letta Reck, Miss Ruth Kipp and Max Brunk of Sebring.

Mr. and Mrs. Mandis Entertain at Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Demos Mandis entertained at dinner Christmas Day. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Lamb, Mrs. Maude McCord, Miss Elizabeth Gend of Philadelphia, Mr. and Mrs. David Laycock of Orlando, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCarthy, Miss Mary McCarthy, Miss Laura McCafferty, Philip Boonman, Walter and Peggy Mandis and the host and hostess.

Mr. - Mrs. Yearwood Give Lovely Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Yearwood entertained at dinner Wednesday evening at their home on Lake Byrde.

The lovely dining room was decorated with beautiful seasonal motifs, against which background a delicious dinner was served to: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Patterson, Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Thayer, Father and Mrs. Harcourt Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Royer Miller-Murray, and Mr. and Mrs. Yearwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin Give Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Baldwin entertained Christmas Day with a lovely dinner at noon at their home on the Sebring road.

Pretty seasonal decorations were used to give a colorful background to the party.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb of New York, N. Y., Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin.

Births—

A fine Christmas present, although a little late, came to the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheffield on Thursday, December 27. They are the parents of a baby girl, the little miss weighing seven pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. King are the parents of a six pound girl. The young lady was born Thursday and she and her mother are doing very nicely.

Mrs. A. W. Haywood of Sebring was shopping here Saturday.

Mrs. A. F. Spooner of Sebring was visiting here Friday.

W. A. Maddox of Bowling Green visited here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Wasker of Sebring were visitors here Saturday. Paul Baldwin of Miami spent the holidays here with his family. Miss Beside Lee May of Frostproof was visiting here Saturday.

Miss Alice Oliver of Frostproof was a visitor here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bryant of Sebring were Avon Park visitors Saturday.

Miss Annette Parker spent Christmas Day in Sebring visiting friends.

Miss Annette Parker and Mrs. Gladys Harrington were visiting in Frostproof Wednesday.

Jimmie Brewer and Mel Bass of Moore Haven spent Christmas in Avon Park.

Mrs. J. A. Lander and Joe Lander of Raiford are the guests of Mrs. Lula Bass.

Miss Alma Harrell is spending the Christmas vacation with relatives in Georgia.

Miss Millie Pearson is spending the vacation with relatives in North Carolina.

Miss Eleanor Thomas is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Gainesville.

Mrs. Ewing Brumbaugh and Mrs. H. M. Johnson left Wednesday to visit friends in Orlando.

Mrs. C. N. Ott and J. D. Ott visited friends in Sebring Sunday evening.

Miss Zula Maude Ford spent Christmas day in Sebring with friends.

Aubrey Roberts of Plant City spent Christmas with his parents and family here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Wolf and Miss Rose Abraham visited in Sebring Tuesday.

Miss Zula Maude Ford and Hubert Mayo of Sebring visited in Orlando Monday.

Philip Morgan of Sebring was the dinner guest of Miss Virginia Gough Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Davis spent Christmas in Lake Placid with Mr. and Mrs. James Davis.

Mrs. Lucille Mountain of Clewiston spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Elder.

W. Z. Carson and George E. Sebring of Sebring were business visitors here Monday.

Miss Patsy Loomis spent the weekend in Bartow the guest of Miss Cleo Metcalf.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Culler, Jr., of Sarasota spent Christmas here with relatives.

Miss Billie Smith spent Christmas in Port Meade with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith.

F. E. Studwell and Mrs. Gene Rickett are visiting in Port Myers today.

Firman Church was a business visitor in Miami Thursday and Friday.

Miss Johnnie Lee Jackson of Cross City is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. B. F. Camp.

Paul Ritter of Jacksonville arrived this morning on a business visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Freeman of Tallahassee were business visitors here this week.

Dr. and Mrs. George Scott McKnight were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hoply of Haines City on Christmas Day.



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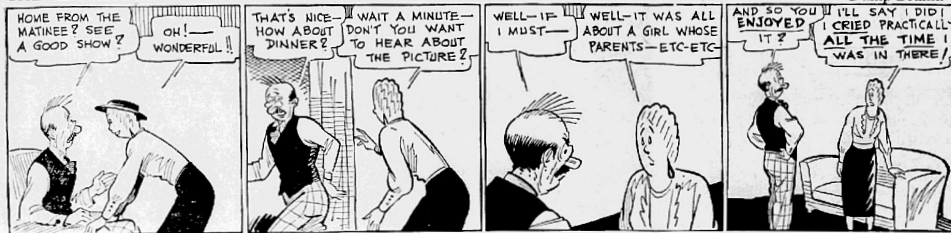
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THE FEATHERHEADS

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Damp Drama



THE TROUBLE

Two negroes were boasting about the merits of their respective motor cars, both worn, shabby, old wrecks. One of them said: "Days 'n' one reason why Ah can't run dis cab o'mine 100 miles a hourah."

"Ah! what's dat reason?" asked the other.

"Dis distance is too long 'fo' de shortness of de time," said the first.

Being Cute

Little John was busily watching two little girls sitting behind him in church. After the service a woman who had noticed him and admired his big blue eyes, said to him:

"John, I think you are about as cute as they grow, aren't you?"

"Well, I ain't as cute as the two little girls who were behind me," little John replied.

Had Heard About That

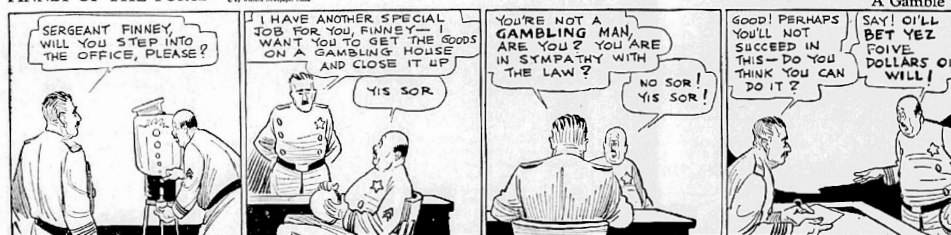
Little Johnny, aged seven, had been taken to the zoo. He stood before the leopard's cage for a few minutes staring intently. Then, turning to his mother, he asked: "Mother, is that the dotted lion that everybody wants and to sign on?"

House Dress That Gives Slim Effect

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A Gamble

BOBBY THATCHER—Tubby's Discovery

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SMATTER POP—Pop Just Jarred China

By C. M. PAYNE



"KEEPING UP WITH THE JONESES"

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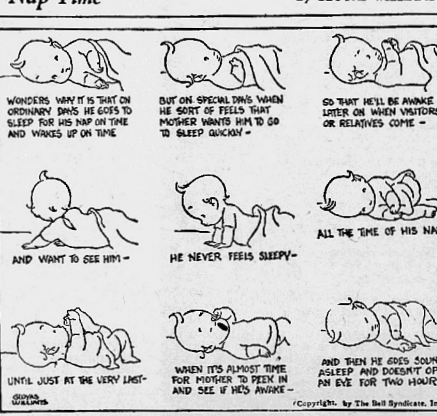
Along the Concrete

By M. G. KETTER



Nap Time

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



Unreasonable

Hank—find your telephone removed, H?!

H—Yes—th' fools said I couldn't cause over it! How could I tell Josh Meekers his cows was in my corn without cusin'—Lorain Journal and Times-Union.

BEYOND HIM



Redoubled Effort

"What do you think has been the result of cutting the value of the dollar in half?"

"It has stimulated our energies," answered Senator Sorglum. "Everybody seems to feel that he'll have to hustle twice as hard to get the old results."

Something Wrong

Guest—How do you operate a bus between the hotel and the railroad station?

Manager of Ritz Hotel—No, sir!

Guest—That's strange. All my friends said you would get me coming and going.

Safety First

Gardner—Is this your ball in the garden here?

Boy—Are there any windows broken?

Gardner—No, sonny.

Boy—Oh, that'll be my ball, then.

—Pearson's Weekly.

You Can Start Small

Doctor (ecstasically)—Sir, yours is a case which will enrich medical science!

Patient—Oh, dear, and I thought I wouldn't have to pay more than five or ten dollars.—Boston Evening Transcript.

Blown Up?

Man—I understand that Bill was the victim of a powder blast.

Friend—Yes, his wife was furiously jealous when she found the evidence on his coat.—Chesles Record.

Painting Collector

"I am told that you have paid \$20,000 for a painting."

"Yes," answered Mr. Dustin Stax.

"The make-up of a stage beauty has cost me even more than that."

Acting Upon the Word

Mistress—Did you put my evening frock in soak as I told you?

"Yes, mum, but I could only get \$2 on it!"—Pearson's Weekly.

How She Took It

Husband—It is a strange thing, but true, that the biggest fools have the most beautiful wives.

Wife (pleased)—Oh, what a sweetener you are, darling.

SLIGHT MISTAKE

"I just congratulated Doctor Brown on marrying one his patients, and he seemed quite annoyed."

"That isn't Doctor Brown, you idiot. That's Doctor Smith, the lunacy expert."—Vancouver Province.

Sporting Suspense

"Is the election over in Crimson Gulch?"

"Yes, yet," answered Carus Joe. "A lot of the boys are still bettin' on how many votes there will be in the ballot boxes after a recount."

The Old Question

"They say every Jack has his Jill."

"Yes, but I bet some of them would rather make a pint."—Philadelphia Evening Bulletin.

A TICK IN THE CASE



Acting Upon the Word

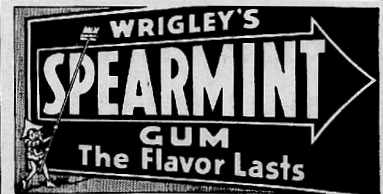
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THE TENNESSEE VALLEY AND OTHER GOVERNMENT PROJECTS

(The Times is enabled to present this week an article on the Muscle Shoals project written by Harry M. Royal, who recently visited that area—now of such general interest on his journey from Michigan to Florida. This is a transcript of Mr. Royal's weekly syndicate letter which is published regularly in numerous northern newspapers and magazines.—Editor.)

PROMPTED by the exigencies of a war, which had become almost universal throughout the world when the Congress of the United States declared this nation a party to it, this legislative body took quick action to provide our armed forces with the necessities thereof. Anticipating what the actualities of war the Congress had some months before its declaration took action to provide a hydroelectric power plant for the manufacture of explosives. Naturally, the ideal site for such a plant should provide abundant power with ease of construction. For upwards of a hundred years engineers had known that such a location existed at the shoals of the Tennessee river, in northern Alabama, where, in a distance of 37 miles, there was a fall of 134 feet. From earliest times this had constituted a handicap to navigation, which more than offset in the local public mind any possible advantage which its future power possibilities provided. Yet, as time passed, the value of its potential power development became increasingly recognized and attempts were made to capitalize upon this provision of nature, for the special benefit of corporate interests. In one instance such a movement was halted by President Theodore Roosevelt, who, on March 3, 1903 sent a veto message to Congress in which he said:

"I return without approval House Bill 14061, entitled 'An Act granting the Congress to N. F. Thompson and associates to erect a dam and construct a power plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama.' . . . Wherever the government constructs a dam and lock for the purpose of navigation there is a waterfall of great value. It does not seem right or just that this element of local value should be given away to private individuals. . . . I think it desirable that these valuable rights shall not be practically given away but will be disposed of after full competition in such a way as shall best conserve the public interests. (Signed) Theodore Roosevelt."

While distinctly not of a political nature, this article will have something to do with the political history of the various undertakings in which the site has been involved. Reference having already been made to the action made by Roosevelt and the Wilson administrations, we will remark here that it might well be noted, as significant, that while the Wilson administration put an early quietus on an attempt by private interests to gain personal control and profit from a project which had been started, then to develop, that another Roosevelt, in like position, has a similar attitude and even a greater vision of the possibilities of a large development of potential power for public benefit.

The Muscle Shoals private project, vetoed by Theodore Roosevelt in 1903 and later developed in a larger way as a government war project, has now been turned into the TVA—Tennessee Valley Authority—and is one of the big undertakings of the present administration. This project contemplates not only a more complete development of the original Muscle Shoals undertaking, but also here-up, throughout the valley of the Tennessee, a series of power projects and navigation aids which include the Norris dam on the Clinch river—a Tennessee tributary—twenty miles north of Knoxville; the Joe Wheeler dam, some 16 miles upstream from the Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals and the Pickwick dam, 50 miles down stream from the Muscle Shoals project. Each of these series, though carried out in itself, plays an essential part in the value of all in power economy and flood control—the several dams being especially valuable in the latter capacity. The Wilson dam is 100 feet high, but, owing to the rapid fall of the river to it, backs up a "pool" but 15 miles long, while the Wheeler dam, constructed at the head of the Wilson pool and only half its height, forms a lake 30 miles long, extending to the city of Gunterville, which is about 75 miles from Birmingham. Taken together, it is said that the shore line of these several lakes, included in this chain will equal that of Lake Michigan. If we have not taken the trouble to check up on the assertion and it seems rather difficult to accept without some measurements.

This is so largely a discussion on geography that a map of the region might be helpful to anyone

desiring to follow these remarks in detail. I confess a considerable lack of information along this line until it was brought to my attention when, in the spring of 1934, I came in contact at LaFollette, Tenn., with a group of U. S. engineers, who were making the early surveys for the Norris dam, to which I have previously referred and which was named for Senator George Norris, of Nebraska, who had battled so persistently against any private or corporate interests gaining control of the original project. My first sight of the Tennessee river was at Chattanooga, some 30 years ago, where, from the heights of Lookout Mountain, I saw that extraordinary shaping of the river's course, which constitutes what is known as "Meander Bend," and not until the TVA came into existence did I follow the further directional meanderings of the waters which traverse or border four states, flowing from the highlands of Tennessee down into northern Alabama, where its further peculiarities lend themselves to power development. Then back across the State of Tennessee, onward north through western Kentucky, and into the Ohio river, some 50 miles above where the latter joins the Mississippi at Cairo, Ill.

I am assuming that the reader understands that the first purpose of these promoting this gigantic project—namely, for its value as a \$250,000,000 gamble—is to produce power to lighten the burdens of the people within its radius and to bring light and power to the people. A further reference to the dam, especially as it relates to distance, might prove surprising to many. It is 100 miles from Muscle Shoals; Memphis, 150 miles; Nashville, 150 miles; Atlanta, 270 miles; St. Louis, 415 miles; Cincinnati, 415 miles. Several of these cities, of course, have neither hydroelectric power possibilities and the TVA project but lends the way for many possible projects for public benefit. And, incidental to the power development and application, here being discussed, the Tennessee river is made navigable the year around from Knoxville to Cairo. Realizing the economy and the value of water transportation as do the people in the Michigan fruit belt, they will better understand than others might do, the economic value of this feature to the 2,000,000 of people who will be directly and indirectly benefited.

One gets a thrilling impression of the potential power being harnessed by the several dams in the series here mentioned as he sees the foaming waters rushing from the Wilson dam spillways and even cascading impetuously over the plants which will turn this energy into useful purposes—this combined power of 4,000,000 watts will be harnessed for man's use. A hundred feet above the base of the dam I drove twice across its top, by the wide roadway which traverses it and looked over the developments which have been and are being made. Scanning the river in both directions I recognized the project as one of the country's greatest undertakings, regardless of the policy which may eventually be followed in its general management.

It having been more or less of a "dead horse" since its first original purpose was, happily, little required the people of the area have gone through a period of expectant waiting, hoping that some logical solution of the problem presented might develop. Many of the local residents and property owners throughout the section looked with much favor upon the proposal made some years ago by Henry Ford to take over the Wilson dam and power installation to put them into larger operation and usefulness. To these people a condition of comparative idleness meant stagnation rather than action and they were not much impressed with the sentiment in Congress, led by Senator Norris, which held out for public rather than private, or corporate, development and operation. Action was their desire, regardless of the management involved.

It mattered less to them under which plan or policy of operation the site, however, was put to work, than that it should be on the job in the most effective way. So, when, as President-elect, Franklin D. Roosevelt made a personal inspection of the territory and the project, and word spread out that Muscle Shoals would again be "on the map," both agriculturally and industrially speaking, a heartening wave of encouragement went up and down the valley of the Tennessee, rich in so many ways besides its practical power development. The TVA was one of the early acts of this administration and may develop, by precept as well as accomplishment, into one of its most important.

Following by but three weeks the President's most recent visit I can testify to his universal popu-

larity—averaging one of his pictures to about every window in the adjacent towns—and the very general acceptance of the new federal public operation of the great power system. Among the sayings of the President to the people none were more treasured than the following oft quoted remarks, which indicate his early understanding and purpose:

"The continued idleness of a great national investment leads me to ask Congress for legislation to enlist this project in the service of the people. . . . and further . . . it is clear that the Muscle Shoals development is but a small part of the potential public usefulness of the entire Tennessee river. Such use, if envisioned in its entirety, transcends mere power development. . . . In short, this power development of war days looks logically to national planning involving states and the future lives and welfare of millions of its people and gives life to all forms of human concerns."

Electrical power charges by the TVA in the territory it now serves are not only important to it but to everyone who either makes or uses power or pays for it, either directly or through some tax assessment. Few will agree, I think, that TVA can justify its existence by selling power at a price which is below the actual cost of production and the deficit made up by some tax levy. The proponents of the project believe, however, that while the current is cheap to the consumer the circumstances of its production make its cost to the producer so high that it is sold at a profit. And these prices are affecting them, as a "yard stick" for other industries, privately operated distributing electrical current.

In these remarks last week reference was made to the "tri-city" of Florence, Sheffield and Tusculum, which are most largely associated with the Muscle Shoals project. I use this expression because it describes their size and extent of interest. The city of Muscle Shoals, equally close, is of more recent origin and is, as yet, a promotion project, but it is lined with a path of travel in various sections of Florida. It has all of the appearance of a boom town anywhere and its development and growth are largely "promoted" and its future promised upon the future of the three cities mentioned last week and here referred to in the same order. It is in designation of their respective sizes and extent, assuming to indicate their comparative importance.

Florence is the largest in population and here is located Alabama's State Teachers' College, established in 1872. Tusculum, small town, is the largest in its history by many years, having originated as a trading post, established in the late 1700's, (therefore the adoption of the Federal constitution, about which a lot of people are now worrying) at the mouth of Spring Creek, the Indian name for which was "Oconapunga," meaning cold water. This creek still flows on in unabated volume and is said to be one of the largest and most beautiful in the whole state. Here lived the family of Helen Keller, one of America's most noted women and here she was born—the modest cottage of her nativity being still "home" to her. She is the most noted native of the community though many distinguished men have been born here.

The first railroad south of the Ohio river and west of the Allegheny mountains was constructed from the Tennessee to Tusculum, back in 1831 and later extended up river to Decatur, serving to transfer freight from Mississippi river boats as far south as New Orleans around the barrier which Muscle Shoals then presented to river traffic, sending it onward by boats of lesser draft to Chattanooga, Knoxville and other points.

We found most commodious accommodations at the Hotel Sheffield and gained much valuable information there and at the nearby Chamber of Commerce, which evidenced pride in the past and confidence for the future. It was from this point that we made our drives about this interesting territory and from where started our journey to again pick up US-31, at Decatur, 40 miles to the eastward, there southward on our journey.

About 20 per cent above those of a year ago. The South is up 50 to 400 per cent. Southwest gains amount to 20 per cent. The East is, roughly, up 10 per cent. The Pacific Coast has advanced 25 per cent.

Dun & Bradstreet reports that business, for the country as a whole, has improved 15 to 20 per cent and forecasts gains for 1935.

NEWS AND VIEWS ON ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

What promises to be the best "show" of 1935 will start early in January. Officially called the Congress of the United States, there is an excellent chance that for drama, excitement and thrills it will outdo Belasco.

Business is frankly worried, looks to Congressional action with fear and trembling. And it seems certain that the White House anticipates the session with something less than unimpaired pleasure. The Congress is overwhelmingly Democratic. It is a fact that campaign speeches mean anything—committed heart and soul to the Roosevelt policies. But it likewise contains a number of men who, had it not been for the present Roosevelt support, would never have had a chance of making it into the White House. They know little of economics, less of industrial problems, and nothing of monetary affairs.

These men are the "radicals" of the next Congress and it is inevitable that they will worry able, conscientious and intelligent New Dealers about as much as they will worry conservative Democrats. The President is like a ship captain in an emergency—whatever happens will be placed on him, whether he could have taken a different course or not. And if the Congress, under the President's watch, passes a bill that is a disaster, any ill effect they produce will eventually come home to the Roosevelt ship.

Best guesses believe that one of the big debates of the next Congress will center around the proposed 20-hour work week. Many representatives have pledged its enactment, as have a number of Senators. Business does not want it—nor does the President. He knows that it would place a burden on industry which it could not carry at this time, that shorter working weeks must come by a process of evolution, rather than by legislative fiat. The President of labor is solidly behind the law, but the chances are that, even with the present support to combat, the President will be able to smother it.

The bonus, a cross which every president since Wilson has been pained in his back with, is up again. Passed by the last Congress, it was vetoed by Mr. Roosevelt, then repassed over his veto by the Senate. It is now being introduced by Senator Clegg, and it is at last. Many observers now think, however, that there is sufficient opposition to it in both branches of Congress to overcome a veto.

Public works and relief expenditures will also cause a tussle. A thorough survey of the country by Congress is left to its own device. It will appropriate and spend the gigantic total of \$15,000,000,000. The President's budget calls for an expenditure of less than half of this amount—about \$7,000,000,000. The next Congress will contain many current bills, some of which, according to their speeches, are in favor of turning the presses loose in the Bureau of Printing and Engraving. Mr. Roosevelt has said little concerning inflation—but men close to him are confident he is against it. So another battle will be fought. The future of NRA will likewise arise. The chances are that it will be continued, but on a much smaller scale. It will be a struggle of wind-and-waves conditions—but it will probably drop price-fixing, have less to say about industrial management.

It will be recommended that the substance of the bill be expanded. This is being tried now in a few places. Under it, people are taken from areas where they cannot make a living, are placed in cooperative communities where all work for the common good. Housing is being built and the plan is to be highly successful—wants to see more such home-stands created. There is a good chance that the President will back him—but many members of Congress are sure to oppose it for a variety of reasons.

So it goes, down a long line of topics. Some may wonder why there is any question as to Mr. Roosevelt's control, in view of the great Democratic victory. Remember. The answer to that is that adversity binds men and parties together—they must either cooperate or perish. In this position the Republicans are in at this time. Great success, however, which eliminates effective opposition, almost inevitably leads to party fights and ruptures within a party. Having nothing to worry about from the established opposition, party members feel free to go off at tangents, refuse to submit to the authority at the top. And that, right now, is the greatest of Mr. Roosevelt's many political problems.

Newest business reports show an upswing in trade in every part of the country. Early Christmas shopping is above the level of the past few years. Middle West retail sales are



Hints for the Householder

Now that the glorious Christmas day is history, we can get back to straight "home gossip" again. May I ask—

DO YOU KNOW THAT:

1. Flowers will last a long time if the stems are clipped a little each day and the water in the vase changed?
2. Flowers may be revived by plunging the stems into hot water and then into cold?
3. Vases ought to be washed thoroughly with soap and water after being used?
4. A bit of aspirin in the water will revive drooping flowers?
5. Flowers will wilt quickly if they are placed in a draft?

RECIPES

- Mixed Marmalade**
2 cups of dried apricots
1 cup of dates
2 cups of seedless raisins
1 cup of dried figs
1 cup of cold water
1½ cups of brown sugar
2 lemons

Cut apricots, figs, dates and raisins in pieces, cover with water and soak overnight. Add

lemons, juice and zest, and boil for 2 hours.

Cold Has Destroyed Large Percentage of Citrus Insects

Gainesville, Dec. 26.—The recent freeze has its bright spots, and one of them is that most of the citrus insects were killed or deprived of their food, so that the number of insects which will be left to feed on the fruit is greatly reduced. The Florida Experiment Station and the U. S. Department of Agriculture are working to keep the insects from coming back.

Possibly suffering most severely have been rustmets. Temperature of 20 degrees usually reduces rustmets to a few, but since at this time the temperature has been four months to again become about 20 degrees, the rustmets have been largely killed. Mr. Watson, entomologist at the Florida Experiment Station, said that the rustmets were not so numerous as they were in the past, but that they were still present in small numbers.

During the 1917 freeze, purple scale was almost exterminated, the only being killed by the cold and the eggs hatching later finding little food. As to whitefly, Mr. Watson points out they are very resistant to cold, but since at this season the larvae is the only stage and it is confined to the leaves, dropping of the leaves will result in a thorough clean-up. Mr. Hum, however, on privet, cherry, laurel, wild olive and other hosts not injured by the cold.

As to rustmets, he says that should have been pretty thoroughly cleaned up by the cold. The aphid lives on new growth, and what the recent dry weather did not check the cold did. Severe aphid infestation in the spring thus does not appear likely. Aphids, however, feed on briar growth and other plants and defoliated citrus is likely to push out new growth next month and provide plenty of food for the aphids.

Mr. Watson also says that most

the sugar and juice of the lemons and cook slowly until thick, about forty minutes. Pour into glasses and seal.

Apricot and Prune Marmalade

- 2 pounds of apricots
1 pound of dried apricots
1 cup of corn syrup
¾ cup of sugar

Juice and rind of one orange. Cook apricots and prunes separately until soft. Remove stems from prunes and put both fruits through the grinder, add sugar and apricot and cook until mixture thickens; cool, add the orange juice and rind, cook again until tender. Pour into glasses and seal.

Baked Spaghetti Omelet

- 1 package of spaghetti
2 eggs, beaten
4 tablespoons of butter
Salt
Pepper
½ cup of grated cheese
1 pint milk

Break spaghetti in small pieces and cook in rapidly boiling salted water until tender. Drain and chill

of the friendly fungi were not killed directly, but that the cold has caused them to eat on and eat, eating the trees like their food and protection away. He, however, insists that growers not spray cold-nursed trees with oil emulsion until they are recovered from the cold.

Growers Urged To Irrigate; Wait To Get Citrus Damage

Gainesville, Dec. 26.—Give the old annual advice of citrus growers a good soaking and then do nothing until the extent of damage can be better ascertained, is the recommendation of H. Harold Hum, assistant director of research at the Florida Experiment Station and veteran citrus authority. Mr. Hum explains that citrus in the state was badly in need of rain before the cold hit it and that a freeze is principally a drying process. He therefore, urges growers who can give their grove a good irrigation to do so at once.

No pruning need be done immediately, Mr. Hum says, but there is danger of leaving even dead wood in the tree for a reasonable length of time, and it is useless to prune now and then to repeat the job as more wood dies. It will likely be around May before the full damage the recent cold has done to trees will be known. Mr. Hum insists that it is much better to wait until then and do the necessary pruning.

As to fertilization, he says the fall application should be sufficient for the present, but the regular late winter application will be needed to dislodge the trees into new growth and developing new growth. Under the present condition of cold and lack of moisture, trees cannot take up much plant food, he explains.

Planting Italian rye grass on the lawn this winter will keep the lawn green all winter.

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CHAPTER

dollar prize and half you river hogs got cold feet just because Duval said he was goin' to roll!" Birney was truly annoyed and took no pains to conceal it. "Ain't say of you lads got the sand to hand in your names and tackle the Bull. Where's your guts?" he pleaded. "Ain't there anybody here that needs twenty-five dollars?"

Another laugh went up and when it had subsided a voice said: "Here's one. What'll I do to get it?"

This was a full, even, good-natured voice, and a quick silence fell upon the crowd, followed by an expectant buzz as the stranger moved forward, his bronzed face up-lifted to the man on the jammer.

"Atta boy!" Birney cried. "All you got to do, friend, is to put Mr. Bull Duval off that log and stick by rules!"

The stranger slipped the neck strap from his shoulder, seated himself on a log, unaced his shoes and untied the laces. While he drew them off, the crowd of cattle and men grew thicker and the cluster about him men crowded around Doc Stuart, shaking his hand and saying the usual things that men say to an old friend they have not seen for a long time. One of these was a short, wiry little man with upturned nose and blue eyes and long light hair. "Hello, Donny!" he said. "Who's he by? That's gold to see! My father Brandon's to try Mister Brandon's for a while. Stuart shook his head.

You Will Find Them All in This Gripping Tale
_____ of the North Woods _____

Read this opening installment
and follow the story through
to its satisfactory conclusion

"Well, gents, we got one more try for this prize money. Mister Bull Duval, king of the Mad Woman, will now take on Mister Ben Elliott . . . Mr. Ben Elliott of Yonder . . . there'd you say you come from Yonder?"

The stranger turned that good-natured smile on the spokesman and waved one hand in an absolute but inclusive gesture.

"Yonder," he said, "I'm grined."

"Mr. Ben Elliott of Yonder will now roll against Mr. Bull Duval for the grand prize of twenty-five bucks! That rope around the loaves makes the matter plain. Stay on your feet, gentlemen, don't touch the man and anything else goes!"

As a helper used a pike pole to drag the cedar with Duval upon it, close, Elliott stood still and saw the man's head and shoulders slip and held that light of good nature.

[illegible]

came down running; he leaped four times in the space of as many quick breaths. And then, as though ready to leap again, dropped the hook of his peavay into the cedar. He wavered when the handle, swept upward by the rush and weight of the spinning log, bore against his breast.

The odds, then, were no longer equal. Like a fencer with a broken foil, like a boxer with one eye closed, like a runner with a strained tendon, so Duval was now.

"Polish him off, now!" Bird-Eye screamed, like an audacious, sassy boy. "Polish him good, Mister Elliott! He's rawpin!" for help "nd" ain't none was what Tincup believed.

A quick finish seemed certain, with the Bull so handicapped, without his peavey for offensive moves or to hold for balance.

his peavey. He had held it across his body, arms wide spread. Now he swung the point upward and outward and as he ran the spinning log drew it back and tossed it toward shore. Tossed it high and far, sending with it his chance for a quick and certain victory.

The silence was that of amazement. This was like letting a man you had knocked down get to his feet and have another chance; this was opportunity handed to truth. The silent Bull Guval on a silver platter.

This was the sportsmanship one read about And then came an excited clatter of tongues, rising to an even greater roar. The outsider was through fooling, through with trickery and through with strategy. He was going to run the Bull off his feet!

ers down his back. He was up right, now, where Elliott was pos- sibly forward. And his scowl was gone. His brows no longer gathered but were upraised; his eyes were wide open in the distress of fatigue and he breathed through his mouth.

Thought of the rules swept the crowd, because Dural was edging

to the light. He moved slowly, awkwardly, at the cost of great effort on toward the center of the light. Was he trying one more trick? No, likely. A man under such a strain does not attempt strategy. . . . not his strategy. As he progressed an inch at a time Elliott countered by also creeping toward the center so his end, might not dip beneath the surface.

Both men had their arms extended and Elliott's grin had faded to a sort of curious smile, a specu-

As the two men closed their eyes, they felt the closer they came together and the more they felt their extended hands were a part of each other. Duval suddenly felt a strong grip on his right wrist in a pass at Elliott's left hand.

"Ah, th' dirty—" But Bird-Eye's high scream was cut short by a continuous roar. The Bull, facing defeat, had overstepped all rules. The slightest touch on the other's body would upset his balance, now, after Elliott had proven himself above taking what was even reckoned as a fair advantage the last time.

On Duval's face was ruthlessness along with the flush of fatigue and humiliation. He would be the last man on that log, though discarded for any prize. At any cost he would stay on that log.

But would he? Elliott, a steel quality coming into his grin, treated until he was out of the other's reach. He loosed the last reservoir of his energy and by

way his feet flickered and claw
and spurned that log one might
have believed that until now he
only played with this crowned ki
of the river that flowed past T
cup.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Most Uncomfortable Vehicle
A Chinese cart is the most u
comfortable vehicle in the world

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NE of the most remarkable d

Francis Walton, a wealthy widow living in New York, about a year ago.

From a dark corner and bound a
gged her.

His real name was Owen Loo. The police combed the city and succeeded in finding him.

At the same time they arrested two other men who were suspected of being the culprits in the case.

Now, the difficulty was in identifying these men.

Mrs. Walton was unable to help the authorities in this particular because the cellar was dark and she did not have the opportunity of seeing the men who had tied her around her.

He had Mrs. Walton call at the police headquarters and placed her in a chair behind a screen.

To make the test all the more absolute, she was blindfolded.

After that seven men were brought into the room and placed on the other side of the screen.

Two of them, Tillquist and B. J. Field, were the suspects.

The others were men who

"That's the man!" she exclaimed.

promptly:
"That's the man—I'm sure of it."
Thereupon he confessed to his part in the attack and robbery.
The others admitted the truth and were tried and promptly
victed.
All were sent to Sing Sing prison with sentences of five, ten and
teen years respectively.
It was the most remarkable
of identification in the history
the police department.

WNU Service

Only Individual Can Decide the Amount of Money He or She Would Consider Requisite to Give Feeling of Contentment.

One way to realize that you are on the borderland of riches, at least, is to have others come to you for aid. Perhaps it may be trifling sums you feel privileged to give, but if you can give anything from a surplus, that is an earmark of monetary riches. And so we can go through the list of questions in the opening paragraph and find out whether we are rich and in what.

Chart for the Bottle Baby
If you have a bottle-fed baby at home, it is well to follow this suggestion: Write out the formula and keep it mounted in a prominent place in your kitchen. Mother may be able to remember it, but suppose she is called from home or is ill? Who will know the formula if it is not in a prominent place?

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