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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 F. 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 prevail 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 27, 1934, approved the attached rates on December 3rd for Highlands County, and their approval was ratified by the District FERA Office on December 21, 1934.

The Advisory Committee consists of the following men:
1. O. C. Wilkes, Avon Park, Fla.
2. W. M. Heathington, Avon Park, Fla.
3. N. A. Broking, Sebring, Fla.
4. Geo. E. Sebring, Sebring, Fla.
5. Ford Hancock, Sebring, Fla.
6. J. E. Wheeler, District F. R. S. Manager, was also asked to be present to pass on these wage rates.

The new rates become effective the week beginning December 23, 1934."

Yours very truly,

H. E. KELLER
Director of Operations,
Highlands County F. R. A.

Classification	Rate Per Hour
Common Labor	\$.30
Common Labor Foreman	\$.40
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	\$.80
Blacksmith	\$.80
1st Class Brick and Stone Masons	\$.80
2nd Class Brick and Stone Masons	\$.60
3rd Class Brick and Stone Masons	\$.40
1st Class Cement Finishers	\$.50
2nd Class Cement Finishers	\$.40
Master Licensed Plumbers	1.00
Drainage Operators	\$.60
Others	\$.30
1st Class Roofers	\$.60
2nd Class Roofers	\$.40
3rd Class Roofers	\$.30
1st Class Sheet Metal Workers	\$.75
2nd Class Sheet Metal Workers	\$.60
3rd Class Sheet Metal Workers	\$.40
1st Class Painters	\$.60
2nd Class Painters	\$.50
3rd Class Painters and Brush	\$.40
Plasterers	\$.60
Pump Operators	\$.40
Truck Drivers	\$.30
Foremen other than Labor Foremen	1.00 to 1.50 per hr. 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 is 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. O. 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 Frank of DeSoto City were returning home from Lake Wales when their car was tipped off by an approaching car. Mr. Frank was driving and all the occupants except Mr. Beaumont escaped injury. The car was righted and proceeded under its own power.

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 in such an extent that sales during the remainder of the season will be impaired. No accurate estimates have yet been offered as to the cold damage.

Federal inspectors are authorized, instructed and equipped to keep damaged fruit off the market according to the marketing agreement. These federal inspectors will confer with growers as to the conditions 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 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 market in the auction markets for last week, ending Dec. 21, follows:
Florida shipments increased somewhat in the preceding week (ending Dec. 15) on account of the Christmas season and holiday demands, there being 2612 cars shipped against 1786 the week before. Of the total shipments only 33 percent were moved by boat. By varieties they were as follows: oranges 1675 three grapefruit 501 cars and tangerines 345 cars.

Sales of Florida citrus in the auction markets this week amounted to 1186 cars, an increase of 35 cars over last week, with all varieties advancing over the previous week's averages.

Orange sales for the week reached 709 cars averaging \$2.52 per box, which represents an increase of 272 cars and an advance of 16c per box compared to last week. For the corresponding week last year oranges averaged \$2.48 per box and for the same week two years ago, \$2.45 per box.

Grapefruit sales for the week totaled 295 cars at an average of \$1.90 per box, increasing 31 cars and advancing 4c per box compared to sales the previous week. For the same week last year the average was \$1.85 per box and for the corresponding week two years ago, \$2.25 per box.

Tangerines sales this week amounted to 352 cars averaging \$1.31 per 4 1/2 bushel box, increasing 25 cars and advancing 26c 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 bushel.

New Year Topic At Congregational

Looking toward the New Year, the topic of 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 picture is from the State University picture the characteristic doings of youngsters the world around.

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 Fiddle who has been made assistant superintendent of the FERA canning plant in Arcadia.

Miss Rosamond Waller of Sebring formerly in the state university counseling department, will assist Mr. Stebbins in the work department.

St. Margaret's Guild
St. Margaret's Guild of the Episcopal church will meet on Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with Mrs. William King.

CITRUS OUTLOOK IS REVIEWED BY STATE

Citrus Cold Injury Linked With Factors 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 Agricultural Extension Service workers point out in releasing the 1935 citrus outlook report here this week.

Estimated production for Florida as of December 5 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 30 percent of its fruit and still have as much as last year.

The number and age of citrus trees in the United States indicate a bumper crop of fruit in the next few years unless severe freeze or storm damages make heavy reductions, it is pointed out.

Florida has 253,000 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 15 years old and have not reached full production. About half of this acreage is in early oranges, 40 percent is in late oranges, and 10 percent is in tangerines.

California has about 100,000 acres of navel and 125,000 acres of valencias. The navels are in about full production, but further increase in production may be expected from the valencias, as about 10 percent are not yet bearing.

Florida has about 95,000 acres of grapefruit trees, and there are 91,000 acres in Texas and 31,000 acres in the California-Arizona section.

Texas has about 100,000 trees in the 1933 season. Close to 55 percent of the Florida acreage is less than 15 years old, and 38 percent of that in Texas is not yet in bearing.

Thus, with one-fourth of the citrus of grapefruit not yet in bearing and three-fourths of the bearing trees under 15 years old, further increases in the size of 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 halves.

Foreign markets were reported unfavorable due to trade barriers and increased foreign production.

Inter-City Rotary Meeting Thursday

Avon Park Rotary Club had the largest representation at the Inter-City meeting Thursday night at the Highland Lakes Hotel. There were 44 Rotarians present, 10 from Avon Park, Sebring, Frostproof and Lake Wales.

The principal speaker was Walter W. Head of Montclair, N. J., third vice president of Rotary International. He spoke of "International Relations" and what he would like to see in the future. Other visitors included Ed Brentley of Lakeland, past district governor, Earl G. Thatcher of Vero Beach, present district governor.

Covingtons Win Prize For Christmas Tree

Mayor and Mrs. M. E. Covington were awarded the prize for the best Christmas tree. The contest was sponsored by the Garden Club and the prize was donated by the Florida Public Service. The tree was in the swimming room and it is hoped that next year a far larger number will be entered. Some very pretty trees were exhibited including: The Vero Crust Lakes 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 towels. 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 in the sewing room at midnight, Christmas Eve.

Light Sentences In Police Court Wednesday Morning

The spirit of Christmas prevailed in police court Wednesday morning and Mayor M. E. Covington handed out light sentences to the law violators who were haled before him. The sentencing of the "cup that cheers" on the day before was responsible for much of the trouble. Those up before him got him into the car. Benny Cook and James Gant, two colored boys, were charged with assault and fighting. They both denied the fighting but admitted they would have been if they had not been separated by other parties present. Chief Bob Still said Gant continued to fight after he got him into the car. The sentence was \$5.00 each or five days apiece at hard labor. Gant was charged with driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to spend Christmas with his folks. Deputy Sheriff Coker was on hand to escort him back to the battle after the mayhem pronounced sentence and he will pay his penalty to the city after the county has taken his toll.

Willie Goodbody, also of Shenandoah, had to pay a charge of speeding and reckless driving. It was alleged he hit a tree and wrecked his car on the south side of town, excessive speed being the cause. He claimed a hole in the road caused him to lose control of his car. The mayor said \$5.00 or five days.

Sydney Adams, very black and charged with being drunk and fighting. It was said he hit his brother over the head with a heavy piece of lumber and both his mother and father testified against him as well as the brother. He had pay \$5.00 or spend 10 days on the city streets.

Waco Dunn drew a suspended sentence of \$5 or 35 days on a charge of being drunk and disorderly. He was charged with being drunk and disorderly, promised to help him get straight and he was released in his care.

Market For Leaves of Magnolia Trees

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

The Dr. H. Cox Company, manufacturing chemicals, has been gathering a crew of 20 men picking the leaves, with a weekly payroll of \$700. Leaves of magnolias are gathered and shipped to Florida, where they are chemically preserved to retain their natural beauty. They are then shipped to Florida and used in making wreaths and many other purposes. Hollywood uses a large quantity for studio decoration. The removal of the leaves in no way injures the trees. Owners of magnolias may realize a profit year after year on the sale of the leaves.

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States which are expected to send delegations, Kentucky, Michigan, Maryland, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Texas, Washington, West Virginia. The Jockey Club of New York City will also send delegates.

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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 been at 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 altitude in an accurate way. This work is now a new thing, as some may suppose, to give employment, but has been carried on for over one hundred years.

The present work in this locality by this group of government men, which has a personnel of some 100 men, is in the nature of a geodetic survey. In September there were 2,303 men employed in this department of the government, and of this number, it is said that 30 percent were graduate civil engineers, and 50 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 meet 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 can be had. These towers can be built to a height of 169 feet if necessary.

Through the work of the Coast and Geodetic Survey accurate maps and charts are developed and the completed task will cover the entire United States. The value of accurate records of this kind is readily seen.

The party 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 are employed in the surveying equipment of the three parties now working in this section of the state. The surveying equipment numbered 36. Tents and other equipment for quartering the men are also carried. By the first of January the work in the vicinity of Arcadia will have been completed, it is said.

L.O.O.F. Initiates 13 Candidates

The degree staff of the Arcadia L.O.O.F. Lodge administered the first degree to 13 candidates here Sunday night. There were large delegations from Wauchula and Arcadia lodges including Past Grand Patriarch Ray Hahn and Past District Deputy Grand Master Gordon B. Johnston, both of Arcadia. Following the work appropriate refreshments were served to those present.

Masonic Items

Mr. F. A. Tucker, who passed away recently at Clearwater, Fla., had a funeral service at the National Fund of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. He was not a member of the Masonic Fraternity.

Another generous philanthropist to Masonic activities who is not a member of the Craft is Col. E. R. Bradley, of Lexington, Ky. Annually for the past several years he has given the Masonic Home of Kentucky a check to provide a turkey dinner for each resident of the home. The home is a substantial sum for the Christmas fund. This year his check was drawn for \$1,481.80. The portion for each child is \$3.10.

Neptune Lodge No. 22 celebrated its 175th anniversary at Freemasons' Hall, London, on October 26, 1934.

Improved pasture grasses produced from two to four times as much as native grasses, the Experiment station has learned.

Florida to Benefit In Radio Broadcast At Orange Festival

Winter Haven, Dec. 29.—(FNS)—The State of Florida will again enjoy the benefits of a National Radio Broadcast. Jack Guthrie, general manager of the Florida Orange Festival, announced that arrangements have been completed for broadcasting the National Farm and Home Hour over a nation-wide hook up, from the Festival grounds at Winter Haven next month.

An exceptionally fine program is being arranged which will include an address by Governor Dave Sholtz, Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo and other dignitaries. The fruit packing campaign will be put on the air and should prove a unique feature.

Officials of the National Broadcasting Company and its parent organization the Radio Corporation of America, have expressed their intention of attending the Festival and participating in the event.

The National Farm and Home Hour is one of the most popular programs on the air and is listened to by millions of people from coast to coast. The publicity value of the broadcast to Florida is incalculable, coming as it does in mid-winter from the center of Florida's famed citrus section.

PLAN ADVERTISING FLORIDA CITRUS

Non-Profit Fruit Organization Formed To Create Demand

Jacksonville, Dec. 26.—(FNS)—Believing that 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 small group of enterprising men have organized the Florida Citrus Institute.

Marketing agencies in the state have pushed their own brands and fought each other in the same markets. The various agencies have never been able to get together in the one 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 to advertise Florida fruit for the benefit of all.

The executive committee of the Institute will consist of Lorenzo A. Wilson, who has large citrus interests in the Daytona Beach area, and head of the Wilson Toner Fertilizer Company; Edward Ball, president and general manager of the Almond State Horticultural Society; and Earl W. Brown, manager of the Florida Exhibit at the World's Fair and a former mayor of Deland.

An advisory committee will be formed consisting of a representative each from the Florida Citrus Exchange, the State Horticultural Society, the Citrus Control Board, 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 banner for the general good of the industry and should pave the way for intelligent and constructive program to popularize Florida citrus fruits, Mr. Wilson said.

Officials of the Florida Citrus Exchange have been working for a long time 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 finished and completed yesterday by the FERA forces. Started under the old CWA 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 of the best work has been done and 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 and it is expected that the new building will be a credit to the county and make a cash outlay of several hundred dollars.



PRICE: FIVE CENTS

UNION SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Ladies Glee Gives Program; Other Christmas Doings In Avon Park

The large auditorium of First Methodist church, largest church auditorium in the city, was filled to capacity Sunday night, on the occasion of the Union Christmas Candlelight service.

About thirty members of the Avon Park Ladies' Glee 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. Weigel, an evangelist, and former member of First Methodist church, gave a short and impressive talk on "The Message of the Angels." He cited the appearance of the angels at various times, as mentioned in Scripture.

The chancel was banked with cypresses and palms and the large auditorium was lighted with candles, singly and in candelabra. Two very beautiful, large potted plants, the gifts of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Taylor to their respective bible classes, graced the northern end of the auditorium. Members of the choir sang 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 and the church was elaborately decorated for the occasion.

Community Tree
About 400 children participated at the Community Christmas tree on the Hall Christmas evening. The inclement weather failed to dampen the ardor of the youngsters and they enjoyed themselves to the limit. The tree was a beautiful and appropriate program of music was rendered by the choir and the church was elaborately decorated for the occasion.

The program was under the direction of Mrs. W. H. Yates who was assisted by Mrs. E. A. Gilford, FERA recreational director. Rev. W. J. Parker of the Nazarene 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 one to five years in the state prison at Raiford.

Will Franklin convicted of murder was sentenced to life imprisonment.

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

Sammy Jones convicted of stealing a calf got two years and J. W. Ford 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 one year in the state prison.

The lightest sentence was given Ida 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 recent 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 Boy Scouts. They are priced at 25 cents for adults and 10 cents for children. The program for the occasion will be given by the faculty of Southern College and promises to be of exceptional quality. Everybody is asked to cooperate in making the evening a success so that the Boy Scout budget can be balanced.

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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 \$1 billion dollars by 1935. It is only \$250 per capita, while France today owes nearly \$500 per capita, and Great Britain owes nearly \$800 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 pleasant and tasks which are 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 conservation 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, Brev Fox, they're on the eating up end of the gasoline business.—Weston 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 until 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.

Seek 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 expel 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 flock 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 \$1.10 for \$100.00. The percentage of losses paid on premiums in Florida is 50 percent and only 43.3 percent in other states, 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 have carry the other states' losses.

All of which would seem to indicate that the bird 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 county schools.

Okeechobee County suffered the loss of two banks with over a million dollars on 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 ten to twenty dollars a month, pays them promptly in cash and we have accomplished all this without borrowing a dollar.

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

bie. 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 Griffiths plan.

And now may I wish 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 plant has been found in the midst of municipally 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 city treasury 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 then in the next five years, making 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 \$1,300,000 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 findings 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 \$1,300,000 a year to go into the general funds, the amount should have been about \$600,000, if taxpayers were not to be forced to dig up enough to make good the actual amount necessary to effect depreciation.

In the recent past we have heard much about "yardsticks," designed to establish the relationship between rates charged for 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 the 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 rely any part of the business, 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 HEAP TROUBLE ON FLORIDA?

C. W. Dalrymple, of Wakefield, Mass., who is well known here, sends the editor a clipping from the Boston Post of Nov. 28, 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 new house 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 us it is most amazing that any man cognizant with conditions here would make such an amusing 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 piffing 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 Floridaans to do with them? They are 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 whom she has to help provide for as long as they are within her boundaries. That 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 them undesirable.—Winter Haven Chief.

THE AVON PARK TIMES

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

LEGAL NOTICES

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, spinsters, Defendants, Bill to Foreclose Operation Contract.

NOTICE OF SALE

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 S.), Range TWENTY-NINE (29 E), according to map or plat thereof recorded on page 51, 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 kind legal or equitable that the said Eva M. Cannon and Edna B. Capron, defendants, and every person or persons, partnerships 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 & Wilson, Solicitors, Bartow, Florida, Dec. 21-28; Jan. 4.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA, IN CHANCERY.
BILL TO FORECLOSE.
AVON FLORIDA CITRUS CORPORATION, a Florida corporation, Complainant, vs. MARIE A. STANTON and W. J. STANTON, her husband, Defendants.

NOTICE OF SALE

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: Groves numbered SEVENTY-NINE (79) and EIGHTY (80) in Section THIRTY (30), Township THIRTY-THREE (33 S.), Range TWENTY-NINE (29 E), according to map or plat thereof recorded in the public records of said County, together with tenements hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging, together with every right, title and interest of every nature and kind, legal or equitable that the said MARIE A. STANTON and W. J. STANTON, her husband, 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.

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 & Wilson, Solicitors, Bartow, Florida, Dec. 21-28; Jan. 4.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That J. Yearwood, Box 776, Avon Park, Fla., holder of Tax Certificate No. 1687, 1st day of 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 46 or SW 1/4 of SE 1/4, Sec. 5, Twp. 33 S. Range 32 E. 35 acres.

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

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

Dated this 17th day of December, 1934.
W. Z. CARSON, Clerk of Circuit Court, Highlands County, Florida, By F. E. McDonald, 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 lore revealed in the preliminary 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 hang there, her wedding garments. When she came down she was supposed to be "starting 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 with 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 bed, furnishes the climactic situation about which this 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 there will be daily sessions of the State Budget Commission 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 AGENTS' 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.

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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 Jacksonville Hotel. The palm room was beautifully decorated in keeping with the season and several progressions of bridge were enjoyed. Mrs. Dorothy Chapin held high honors and each table out 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 moment 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 Fossum of Miami, Mrs. Dakin of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. Stella Froy of Grand Rapids, Mich., Mrs. W. H. Rogers of New York, Mrs. Dorothy Chapin, Mrs. C. F. Anderson, Mrs. E. F. Car-michael, Mrs. Paul Garber, Mrs. O. C. Wilkes, Mrs. E. P. Loomis, Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. Jack Road, 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 beautiful dinner in honor of the occasion. Those participating included: Mr. and Mrs. John Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. George Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Willard Sherman and 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.



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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 pieces were won by: Mrs. J. B. Hart, Mrs. William Leppert, Roy Felkner 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. Phil Abrams, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Morrell, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Able, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Shockley, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Folker, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Betts, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. William Leppert of New Orleans, Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Johnson, Leon Silverman of New York, Miss Barbara Weaver, Bill Sachsmaier 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 Welshy 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 Sagrus, Miss Dorothy Roberts, Nelson Smith, Devon Reddick, Fred Reddick, Lusby 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 Pittsburgh 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 Welshy, 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 Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Humphries, Mr. and Mrs. S. Cowart and family, Mrs. Holloway and children, Mr. and Mrs. Al Sanford, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and family, George, Charles and Claude Ward, Mr. Morgan and family, Mrs. Pearl Spink, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Walker and family, Mr. and Mrs. Royce McCord and family, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Cook, Mr. and Mrs. Peri Conner, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fowler and baby, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Stodden and son Dick, Mr. and Mrs. McMonahan, Mr. and Mrs. Ned Hill and children, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newson, Mr. Strickland, John Hill and son Jim, Mr. Volpe, Jim, Fred and son Randolph, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Smith and children, Mrs. Lillie Mae Langford and daughter Josephine, Miss Inez Sprinkle, Mrs. Raymond Osteen and daughter Patsy, Mrs. Fowler, Miss Patsy Loomis, Miss Cleo Metcalf of Bartow, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Wilder, 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 sundaes and cake were served and the favors were novelties and puffs.

Betty received a number of lovely gifts from her friends who helped celebrate the occasion. They were: Shirley Coates, Frances Dorniney, Peggy Mandis, Martha McNicholas, Sujette Dorniney, Gloria Hubs, Jane Clements, Dorothy McNicholas, Josephine Rock, Elizabeth Hetherington, Mary Clements, and Jane Hartt.

Mr. and Mrs. Dilley Entertain at Bridge

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Dilley entertained at bridge Friday evening at their home on Talane Circle.

Beautiful Christmas decorations were used.

The usual number of progressions of bridge were played and when the score was tallied Mrs. Freed 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 Sachsmaier 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. Shockley, Mrs. Roy Folker, Mrs. Barbara Weaver, Bill Sachsmaier and Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

Premiere Showing



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

The producers 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 Burlington, Vt., Mrs. Julia Mason Smith entertained Tuesday evening with a formal dinner, followed by bridge. The dining room was decorated with hollyhocks and smilax 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. A. C. West, Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Able, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Donahoe, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Turner, the honorees and the hostess.

Mrs. Kempston Hostess To Contract Club

Mrs. W. H. Kempston entertained at dinner Tuesday evening at her home on Lake Isis. Christmas decorations prevailed and a sweet course and coffee was served. The assembled guests, Mrs. A. Gilmore held high honors for the club members and Mrs. Katherine Bristol high for the guests.

Enjoying Mrs. Kempston's hospitality were: Mrs. George Scott McKnight, Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Mrs. S. C. Pardee, Mrs. S. Y. Hott, Mrs. A. Gilmore, Mrs. Lula Bass, Mrs. W. H. Yates, Mrs. Margaret Church, Mrs. J. E. Brick, Mrs. Phil Lawry, Mrs. Pierce, Mrs. George Voorhees, 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 Charlotte 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 apple cake, covered with whipped cream was served with coffee to: Mrs. E. W. Hunt, Mrs. E. E. Melton, Mrs. O. C. Wilkes, Mrs. Lee Hingwood, Mrs. S. Y. Hartt, Mrs. W. M. Hetherington, Mrs. Howard Maddox, Mrs. Raleigh Lawhon, Mrs. J. D. Sherman.

McCuellers-Fennell Wedding Saturday

Miss Vera Fennell became the bride of Robert L. McCuellers on Saturday last. 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. Felkner 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 Folker, 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 guests were played by the little friends 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 Chapp, Donald Melton, Esten Melton and the little host.

Mr. & Mrs. Weisheyer Give Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Theo Weisheyer 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, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wells, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Heahner, Denison Baker, Marcia Weisheyer, and Dorothy Weisheyer.

After dinner the party was joined by Mr. and Mrs. Dan Farnell, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hancock, John Ruff, 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 evening at their home on Lake Byrd. Those enjoying the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodruff, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Lamb, Mrs. George McCord, Miss Elinor McCord of Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. David Laycock of Orlando, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCarthy, Miss Mary McCarthy, Miss Laura Woodruff, Philip Boardman, 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 Byrd.

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 and Mrs. Josephine 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.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Womack of Sebring were visitors here Saturday.

Paul Baldwin of Miami spent the holidays here with his family.

Miss Bessie Lee May of Frostproof was visiting here Saturday.

Miss Alice Oliver of Frostproof was a visitor here Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Francis of Jacksonville spent Tuesday with W. H. Carney.

Miss Annette Parker spent Christmas Day in Sebring visiting friends.

Miss Annette Parker and Mrs. Gladys Barrington 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 Rhoda Thomas is spending the Christmas holidays with relatives in Ocala.

Miss Eleanor Bryant 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 Abramson visited in Sebring Tuesday.

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

Phillip 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 Cleveland spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Eldor.

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

Miss Patsy Loomis spent the weekend in Bartow as 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 Fort Meade with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Smith.

F. B. Studwell and Mrs. Gene Rickett are visiting in Fort Myers today.

Furnace 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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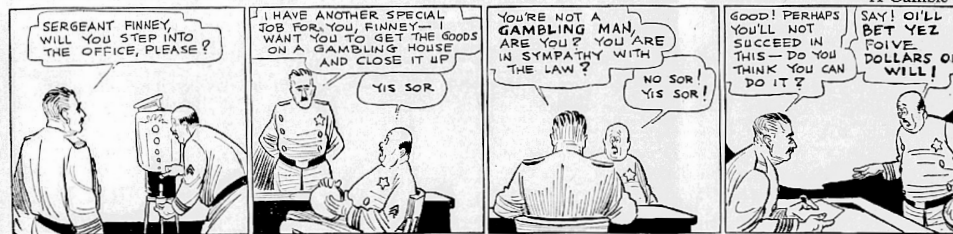
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THE TROUBLE

Two negroes were boasting about the merits of their respective motor cars, both worn, shabby, old wrecks. One of them said, "They're one reason why Ah can't run dis cab w/out 100 miles a hounch."

"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

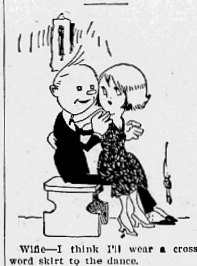
Little Johnny, aged seven, had been taken to the zoo. He stood before the leopard's cage for a few minutes staring intently. Then, turning to his mother, he asked: "Mother, is that the dotted lion that everyone wants and to sign on?"

Unreasonable

Hank—Had your telephone removed, Hitt?

Hitt—Yes—th' fools said I couldn't pass over it! How could I tell Josh Medders his cows was in my corn without cussin' 'em?—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 Norburn. "Every body seems to feel that he'll have to hustle twice as hard to get the old results."

SLIGHT MISTAKE

"I just congratulated Doctor Brown on marrying one of 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?"

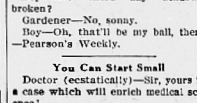
"Not yet," answered Carlos Joe. "A lot of the boys are still better on how many votes there will be in the ballot boxes after a recount."

The Old Question

"They say every Jack has his Jill."

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

A TICK IN THE CASE



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.—Chimes Record.

Painting Collector

"I am told that you have paid \$50,000 for a painting."

"Yes," answered Mr. Dustin Star. "The make-up of a stage beauty has cost me even more than that."

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 flatterer you are, darling.



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—in his journey from Michigan to Florida. This is a transcript of Mr. Royal's weekly syndicate letter which is published regularly in numerous national newspapers and magazines.—Editor.)

PROMPTED by the exigencies of a war, which have been almost universal throughout the world when the Congress of the United States declared this nation a party to it, this high legislative body took quick action to provide our armed forces with the necessities thereof. Anticipating somewhat 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 idea of 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 shallows 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 the local public mind any possible advantage which its future power possibilities provided. Yet, as time passed, the value of potential power development became more fully recognized and attempts were made to capitalize upon this provision of nature. The first benefit of corporate interests. In one instance such a movement was halted by President Theodore Roosevelt, who, on March 3, 1902 sent a veto message to Congress in which he said:

"I return without approval House Bill 1405, entitled 'An Act granting the consent of Congress to N. P. 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 interest." (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 action under the first Roosevelt and the Wilson administrations, we will remark here that it might well be said, with some accuracy, that while the first Roosevelt put an early quietus on an attempt by private interests to gain personal control and profit from the project which public funds were then to develop, that another Roosevelt, in the position, has a similar attitude and even a greater knowledge of the possibilities in a larger 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 project, has now grown 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 hook-up, through out 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 15 miles upstream from the Wilson dam at Muscle Shoals and the Pickwick dam, 50 miles down stream from the Muscle Shoals key structure. Each of the series, though coming in their plays an essential part in the value of all in power economy and flood control—the several units 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 Chattanooga, which is about 75 miles from Birmingham. Taken altogether, it is said that the shore line of these several lakes, included in this chain will equal that of Lake Michigan. I 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 that I have a considerable lack of information along this line until it was brought to my attention when, in the spring of 1930, I came in contact with Lafayette 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 one 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 the "cannon bend," and not until the TVA came into existence did I follow the further direction of the river, and the waters which traverse or border four states, flowing from the highlands of Tennessee down into northern Alabama, where the further peculiarities lend themselves to power development, then back across the State of Tennessee, onward north through western Kentucky to make connection at Paducah with 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 the project is to utilize the project—spoken of by its critics as a \$280,000,000 gamble—is to produce power to lighten the burdens of the people, and to bring light where darkness now prevails. A further reference to the map, especially as it relates to the project, might be surprising to many. Cairo is but 250 miles from Muscle Shoals; Memphis, 180 miles; St. Louis, 300 miles; St. Louis, 370; Louisville, 310; St. Louis, 410; Cincinnati, 410; Chicago, 590. Several of these cities, of course, are connected by railroads, and the possibilities and the TVA development but leads the way for many possible projects for public benefit. And, incidentally, the TVA development and application, here being discussed, the Tennessee river is made navigable the year around from Knoxville to Cairo. Realizing the economy and convenience of water transportation as to the people in the Michigan fruit belt, they will better understand that others might do, the economic value of this feature to the 2,000,000 of people who will be directly affected by this particular development.

One gets a thrilling impression of the potentialities of the project, as the several dams in the series here mentioned as he sees the foaming waters rushing from the Wilson dam to Cairo. Occasionally the project will turn this energy into useful purposes—this combined power of 4,000,000 horsepower, harnessed for man's use. A hundred feet above the base of the dam I drive twice across its top, by the wide roadway which traverses it and looked over the developments which have been and are being adopted by the federal constitution, about which a lot of people are now worrying; at the mouth of Spring Creek, the Indian name for which was "Oococaposa," meaning cold water. This creek still flows in unaltered 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 numerous distinguished men have been born here.

The first railroad south of the Ohio river and west of the Alleghany 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 points as far south as New Orleans around the barrier which the Muscle Shoals then presented to river traffic, sending it onward by boats of lesser draft to Chattanooga, Knoxville and other points.

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

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

"The continued ill-health of a great national investment leads me to ask Congress for legislation to make 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 more power development. In short, this power development of war days leads logically to national planning involving taxation and the future lives and welfare of millions. It touches 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 uses electric power, or pays for it, either directly or through some tax assessment. Few will argue, I think, that TVA can justify its existence by selling electrical units at low rates, if they were the actual cost of production and the deficit made up by some tax levy. The project, and the project declare, however, that while the current is cheap to the project, the current is expensive to the consumer. It is sold at a profit. And these prices are referred to, in discussion of the project, as a "yard stick" for other publicly or privately operated distributing electrical current.

In these remarks last week reference was made to the "frictions," Florence, Sheffield and Tusculum, which are most largely associated with the Muscle Shoals project. I use the expression "frictions" to designate their size and extent of interest. The city of Muscle Shoals, equally close, is of more recent origin and history. The federal proposal, such as has lined my path of travel in various sections of Florida. It has all of the appearance of both a new and a second proposal, such as has lined my path of travel in various sections of Florida. It has all of the appearance of both a new and a second proposal, such as has lined my path of travel in various sections of Florida.

The three towns mentioned last week and here referred to in the same order is in designation of their respective size, without presuming to indicate their comparative importance.

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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 excitement about it for drama, excitement and thrills it will outdo Babel.

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—its campaign speeches mean anything—committed heart and soul to the New Deal policies. But it likewise contains a number of men who, had it not been for the potent Roosevelt support, would never have been given a chance of election to a first-class office, who 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 about the President's action. Dealers about as much as they will worry conservatives. The President is like a ship captain in an emergency whatever happens will be pinned on him, whether he could have taken a different course of action or not. And if the Congress, under the President's leadership, dangerous and unprecedented laws, any ill effect they produce must eventually come home to the Roosevelt stock.

Best guessers believe that one of the big debates of the next Congress will center around the proposed 30-hour work week. Many representatives have already indicated that they will support its enactment, as have a number of Senators. Business does not want it, nor does the President. He knows that it would not be an industry which it cannot afford at this time, that shorter working weeks must come by a process of evolution, rather than by legislative fiat. The Federation of Labor is solidly behind the law, but the chances are that, even with this potent support, the President will be able to smother it.

The bonus, a cross which every president since Wilson has been forced to bear, will be up again. Passed at the last Congress, it was vetoed by Mr. Roosevelt, then repassed over his veto by the Congress. The President has sufficient Senatorial support to kill it at last. Many observers now believe, however, that there is sufficient support in the House and the Senate to overcome a veto.

Public works and relief expenditure are also a cause of trouble. A thorough survey of the situation, the eggs hatching later finding little food. As to Whiteley, Mr. Watson points out they are very resistant to cold, but since at this season the larva is the only stage and it is confined to the leaves, dropping of the leaves will result in a very thorough cleanup. Mr. Hume, however, on private, cherry laurel, wild olive and other hosts not named by the cold, he says.

Aphids are another citrus pest that should have been pretty thoroughly cleaned up by the cold. The aphid lives on new growth, and what the recent dry weather did to the cold did. Severe aphid infestation in the spring thus may not appear likely. Aphids, however, feed on bud scales and other plants and defoliated citrus is likely to push out new growth next year and provide plenty of food for the aphid.

Mr. Watson also says that most of the friendly fungi were not killed directly but that the cold has been hard on them in that defoliating the trees takes their food and protection away. He, however, insists that growers who cold injured trees with oil emulsion until they are recovered from the cold.

It will be recommended that the substantive homestead plan 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 provided for them, and the plan is to be highly successful—wants to see more such homesteads created. There is a good chance that the President will back this plan—many members of Congress are sure to oppose it for a variety of reasons.

So it is not a long line of topics. Some may wonder why there is any question as to Mr. Roosevelt's control, in view of the recent electoral victory in November. The answer to that is that adversity binds men and parties together—they must either cooperate or perish, a position the Republicans are in at this time. Great success, however, which eliminates effective 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 Household

Now that the glorious Christmas day is history, we can get back to straight "home gossip."

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. Flowers which have been in the water will revive during flowers?
5. Flowers will wilt quickly if they are placed in a draft?

RECIPES

Ming Marmalade
2 cups of dried apricots
1 cup of dates
2 cups of seedless raisins
1 cup of dried figs
4 cups of cold water
1 1/2 cups of brown sugar
2 lemons
Cut apricots, figs, dates and raisins in pieces, cover with cold water and soak overnight. Add

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 prunes
1 pound of dried apricots
1 cup of corn syrup
3/4 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 a grinder; add sugar and syrup 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
1 tablespoon of butter
Salt
Pepper

1/2 cup of grated cheese
1 pint milk
Break spaghetti in small pieces and cook in rapidly boiling salted water until tender. Drain and chill

with cold water; add the eggs, butter, salt and pepper to taste, cover with the cheese and add the milk. Bake for about an hour in a moderate oven.

Date Muffins

1 egg, beaten
1 cup of milk
1/2 cup of flour, sifted twice
1 teaspoonful of baking powder
1-3 cups of dates chopped and floured

Add milk to beaten egg and beat; add ingredients and stir until smooth. Bake in muffin tins and bake from fifteen to twenty minutes in hot oven. This recipe will make five or six muffins.

Blueberries, raisins or figs may be substituted for dates.

Delicious With Pie

Cheese is usually considered necessary with either apple or mince pie but, not long ago, it was served to me with a piece of cherry pie. Novel? Yes! Indeed, but awfully good!

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, though still enough will be left for seed explains J. R. Watson, entomologist at the Florida Experiment Station. Cold has killed many of the insects and has caused a dropping of the leaves and tender twigs on which the others must feed.

Possibly suffering most severely have been rusts. Temperature of 20 degrees usually reduces rust mites so that it takes them about four months to again become abundant. The Florida red scale has also been largely killed, Mr. Watson feels, but the eggs have mostly survived. These insects feed on other plants, such as the camphor, that are not defoliated as badly as citrus and, thus, furnish them food.

During the 1917 freeze, purple scale was almost exterminated, the adults being killed by the cold and the eggs hatching later finding little food. As to Whiteley, Mr. Watson points out they are very resistant to cold, but since at this season the larva is the only stage and it is confined to the leaves, dropping of the leaves will result in a very thorough cleanup. Mr. Hume, however, on private, cherry laurel, wild olive and other hosts not named by the cold, he says.

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Tip Mercer's Lawyer After State Office

Bushell, Dec. 26.—(FNS)—Samuel W. Getzen, of Bushell, member of the lower house from Sumter county and former state senator is considered a tentative candidate for State Treasurer in 1936. Cyril Baldwin, tax assessor of Highlands county is also expected to announce his candidacy for the office now held by State Treasurer W. V. Knott. Lem B. Hughes of Jasper is being mentioned as a third candidate for the post.

Mr. Getzen is known in this county as the attorney who got Tip Mercer out of the penitentiary after his conviction on the charge of robbing the Tropical State Bank at Lake Florida.

Two Men Arrested On Burglary Charge

C. Atkins and Judson Atkins of South Carolina, who have been living in Lake Florida for about a month, were arrested Saturday morning by Sheriff Doyle Schenck and Deputy E. G. Long on a charge of breaking and entering a cleaning and pressing plant at Lake Florida.

They are said to have taken clothing and other articles from the plant valued at about \$200. None of the articles taken have been recovered, but it was stated at the sheriff's office that due to the good work of Tom Bowman, town marshal of Lake Florida, a good case of circumstantial evidence has been made against the accused and it is believed the articles taken have been found within a few days.

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By Harold Titus

CHAPTER I

It WAS Armistice day in Tincup. The time was so far removed from that delicious date in 1918 that in many parts of the world the eleventh of November had come to be regarded as simply another day, but Tincup was a mill town and the surrounding country was timber land and in such a community almost any anniversary from the Fourth of July on down to the millwright's birthday is seized upon as an excuse to lay off and play.

So the camps which turned Michels' standing hardwood and hemlock into saw logs, and the mills which chewed them into dimension stuff and flooring and shingles were deserted, and the entire population of a big territory which had commenced pouring into town the evening before, was out for the day with the residents of Tincup in competing or watching or cheering or listening.

In consequence a mere event such as the arrival of the eastbound passenger train drew no attention whatever and so none but the station agent was there to greet the stranger as he dropped down from the rickety old smoking car between his pack-sack, slung from one shoulder, and old Don Stuart, literally dangling from his other arm.

The agent, trundling his express truck and in his hand a book with duty and get back to the more exciting affairs which occupied the rest of the town, spoke:

"Hello, Don! Back home, eh? Well, . . . Glad to see you."

"Better get up to the big time,"

"Log rolling's just on the big line."

As if to vindicate this golden boast of one of its own, all Tincup and its company at the moment opened its eyes and turned its heads to send up a mighty, roaring shout of acclaim.

Slowly, the sharply contrasting pair moved off, the younger still half supporting the elder and moderating his gait to a stroll so steady

dollar prize and half you river bugs get cold feet just because Duval said he was going to roll?" Birney was truly annoyed and took no pains to conceal it. "Any of you lads got the sand in hand on your names and tackle the Bull?"

"Where's your gun?" 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 tall, slender fellow upon the crowd, followed by an expectant buzz as the stranger moved forward, his bearded face upturned 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 pack-sack from his shoulder, settled himself on a log, unstrapped the log and unstrapped the log. While he drew from his depths a pair of calked river boots and the cluster about him grew thicker a half dozen old men crowded around Don Stuart, shaking his hand and saying the usual things that men say to an old friend they have not seen for long.

One of these was a short, wiry little man with upturned nose and blue eyes and long hair.

"Nd who's th' by, Danzy?" he asked. "Who's th' by that's going to put Mister Branden's pet Bull?"

"He's a fine young gentleman, Bird-eye, and that's all I know. Found me at th' Junction."

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"I give y' two minutes," he growled. "Thanks, buddy!" Elliott retorted. "I'd say that's sweet of you!"

"Are you ready?" Birney cried from shore.

Both nodded.

"Then let her go!"

A hush. Balanced on the log, faced in the same direction, double an arm's length from one another, they waited. And then Duval's right toe lifted, the heel pressing downward; the buoyant log moved quickly. His left foot raised first, sharp corks in its slow carved savagely and with a mighty drive of the leg he had the cedar spinning beneath them.

Ben Elliott did not offer resistance. He followed the moving foot, waiting for the first three or four turns and then, adding his impetus to the birling stick, commenced to trot, with each stride forcing the tempo of the turning.

Paster and faster, now. The trotting became a run; the run waxed to a nimble dance.

Up and down, up and down; a mad gallop of supple limbs, now, and then—

Duval leaped, he leaped high and without warning and deep spread, drove his corks deep into the log again, lurching his shoulders, thrusting his head forward, and for balance, leaping forward. The spin of the stick was checked sharply and had his opponent been caught unprepared, he certainly would have pitched face foremost into the pond.

But Elliott was not unprepared. He had watched the Bull's every move. He did not jump when Duval jumped; he waited a split instant, eyes on Duval's feet, and when he saw the toes pointed stiffly downward he rose nimbly into the air, a galloping leap in his swift run, and came down, leaped, corks-legged himself, crying out in an exclamation of mad distress as he balanced on the cedar, his head swayed and heaved beneath them.

A great roar went up, cries of encouragement for the stranger, shouts of amazement for the townsman. The Bull would have no crotch in this contest!

On the shore Bull pranced up and down, sniffing the air.

"Duck him, Elliott!" he yelled. "Duck th' big chunk! Sure 'nd th' stout shock his lead!"

The smooth log gathered momentum swiftly and Elliott began to skip and dance, breaking the steady movement of his run. As he came and went irregularly upon the cedar it commenced to teeter, causing Duval's feet to squall in pain, and deep water. Again without warning, the Bull leaped. He went high, rising, but instead of driving his spikes into the far side of the log and stopping its spin as he had done before, he drove them into the near side, increasing rather than

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 paws into the cedar. He was aware when the handle, swept upward by the rush and weight of the spinning log, heaved against his great palm. His body swung sharply to the left. He cursed as the smooth handle slipped from his clutch and Rive Blue danced in a frenzy of delight as the peavey, hand-smacking the water, disappeared in the pond and the Bull, waving his arms for balance, ran the log desperately to hold his place.

The odds, then, were no longer all like a fence with a head fall, like a boxer with one eye closed, like a runner with a strained tendon, as Duval was now.

"Tuck him off, you fellows!" he screamed, like an audience, "any boy. Tuck him off, Mister Elliott! He's ready for help! He'd ain't none for him!"

That was what Tincup believed.

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A quick flash seemed certain, with the Bull so handicapped, without the log for offensive means or to hold for balance.

But what happened stilled the clamor briefly. Ben Elliott sat in his leavy, arms wide spread, head down, the point upward and outward and as he ran the splintering log drew it back and tossed it to ward shore. Tossed it high and far, leaving with his chance for a quick and certain victory.

The silence was that of amazement. This was like letting a man who knew the center of the log and had another chance; this was opportunity handed to truculent Bull Duval on a silver platter.

This was the opportunity which he read about . . . and then came an excited clatter of tongues, rising to an even greater roar. The culprit was through fooling, through trickery and through strategy. He was going to run the Bull his log!

Fast and faster spun the log. Spray from it drenched the men to the knees, rained behind them to the pond.

The log was hissing in the water. Rigidly ran from the Bull's shadow, the center of the log, the right now, where Elliott was poised forward. And his second was gone. His brows no longer gathered but were spread; his eyes were wide open in the distress of fatigue and he breathed through his mouth.

"Thought of the rules swept the crowd, because Duval was edging to the right. He moved slowly, awkwardly, at the cost of great effort, on toward the center of the log. Was he trying one more trick? No, likely. A man under such a strain does not attempt strategy . . .

On far strategy. As he moved an inch at a time Elliott countered by also creeping toward the center so his end might not slip beneath the surface.

Both men had their arms extended and Elliott's grin had faded to a sort of curious smile, a speculative smile. Now his eyes were close and they came together and then, as their extended hands were all but touching, Duval suddenly flexed his right wrist in a pass at Elliott's left hand.

"Ah, th' dirty—" But Elliott's head was cut short by a ominous roar. The Bull, facing dead, and overstepped all rules. The slightest touch of his right hand, and after Elliott had proven himself aware taking what was even recognized as a fair advantage, he laid waste of loyalty to town or whatever it was which had put men on Duval's side was whisked away.

On Duval's face was ruthless and clear with the flush of fatigue and humiliation. He would be the last man to let his pride be hurt, and he would speak for any prize. At any cost he would stay on that log.

But would he? Elliott, a steady quiet coming into his grin, treated until he was out of the other's reach. He loosed the last reservoir of his energy and by the way his feet flickered and clung and sprang that log one might well have believed that until now he had only played a bluff game. He was an operation performed 2,000 years ago. In the center of the skull appeared a most round hole, drilled, according to the experts, to let the evil one inside the patient, who was probably suffering from epilepsy.

Most Uncomfortable Vehicle A Chinese cart is the most uncomfortable vehicle in the world.

True Detective Story by Vance Wynn

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The Man With the Unusual Voice

ONE of the most remarkable detective stories from real life ever known in this country developed from the robbery of Mrs. Francis Walton, a wealthy widow, living in New York, about a year ago.

Mrs. Walton had a home on Eleventh street, and was alone, with the exception of a maid.

During the latter part of the year she engaged a negro to look after the furnace and do heavy work.

One day he asked her to come to the cellar to inspect a defective faucet. The moment she reached the basement, two men emerged from a dark corner and bound and gagged her.

Then, while the third man watched the maid to see that she did not interfere, the two strangers went through the house and ransacked it of all the valuables they could get their hands on.

Capt. Arthur Carey of the homicide bureau was placed on the case, but the police failed to find the culprits from the description that was given him of the furnace man.

He was engaged under the name of Thomas Smith, but the detective was satisfied that it was an alias.

He made a search of the rogues' gallery and finally came across a picture that corresponded with the description. Mrs. Walton was sent for and said at once that he was the man who had led her into the cellar.

His real name was Owen Loop. The police combed the city and stumbled on finding him.

At the same time they arrested two other men who were suspected of being the accomplices.

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 and bound her.

But she had a vivid recollection of their voices, and recalled the fact that the negro who had touched her face while he was readjusting the gag.

In a word, her sense of hearing and of feeling was acute, and she ventured to say that she could tell the voices of the men if she ever heard them again.

Each man, she recalled, had an unusual voice, and she was sure she would know it if she heard it again.

She was trying one more chance. Captain Carey thought experiment to try an original experiment.

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

"To make the test all the more accurate," she was told, "the men who were brought into the room and placed on the other side of the screen."

Two of them, Tilgust and Barnfield, were the suspects.

The others were men who had been brought in on trivial charges. Each man was given a number. Tilgust was the seventh man.

The detective commanded each man to speak.

He was asked a question and told to answer it in a clear voice.

They were general, needless to say, but the presence of the men on the other side of the screen.

No. 1 spoke, but awakened no interest on the part of the listener on the other side.

So it was with No. 2 and others. Finally Tilgust replied to a question.

Instantly Mrs. Walton arose from her seat, her face expressing recognition.

"That's the man!" she exclaimed. "No. 7 is the man who spoke in the cellar. I will never forget that voice."

That test was sufficient for the police authorities, but in order to make certain Mrs. Walton suggested that she be given the opportunity of feeling the touch of their fingers on her face.

So the second test was made, with the woman still blindfolded.

This time Tilgust was given another place in the line.

All seven touched her face, or at least four of them, for when No. 7 touched her she exclaimed promptly:

"That's the man—I'm sure of it!"

He was the man who spoke in the cellar. The others admitted the truth and were tried and promptly committed.

All were sent to Sing Sing prison with sentences of five, ten and fifteen years respectively.

It was the most remarkable case of identification in the history of the police department.

Operation of 2,000 Years Ago. A skull on exhibition in the London Museum, London, England, was an operation performed 2,000 years ago. In the center of the skull appeared a most round hole, drilled, according to the experts, to let the evil one inside the patient, who was probably suffering from epilepsy.

Not Easy to Define "Riches"

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

What it means to be rich, is something that it is worth while to consider. How much money would constitute riches to you? How would you know when you were rich? What are the signs and earmarks of riches that would be distinguishable by others? Would you be rich if riches were constituted in money only? To what extent are you rich? Are you absolutely impoverished? Have you no cherished possessions from which you could not be parted without feeling the poorer by the absence of them? From the kind of questions it is really discernible that the word riches is many-sided.

Have you ever consulted a dictionary, or, better still, Roger's thesaurus, which is a treasure-house of words and meanings, and been amazed at the many meanings one word can have? Try it, if you haven't. It's interesting and decidedly instructive. Look up the word riches, for instance, and note what it says.

To be rich does not mean to have everything one wants. There is always the unattainable. You will remember the little boy whose parents could deny him nothing. He was rich in the sense of having everything he wanted, but the thing provided for him that money could buy. But when he demanded the moon, he suddenly felt poor. He could have every wish gratified. The parents felt poor. They could not give their spoiled son everything he wanted. No thinking person would expect to get the real moon. Its beauty and radiance must suffice. But there are some persons who look upon money as the medium by which they can get other things just as unobtainable. They believe happiness depends on money. It must therefore, he able to get it for them. They do not realize that money and happiness belong to two totally different realms. Money is a physical thing distinguished from happiness, which is mental and spiritual.

The amount of money which would constitute riches for one person is a different penny to others. Men have committed suicide because they felt forsaken, although there still remained money which would be riches unaccustomed to the former prodigality of money. With still enough money to live on, to live and care for a family, which would be riches to some, these men felt crushed by poverty. No one need feel he does not have money riches, if he has enough to supply normal needs of himself and those dependent upon him.

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 where we are rich and in what.

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Housewife's Idea Box

Chart for the Bottle-Baby In your home, it is well to follow this suggestion: Write out the formula. Keep it 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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Read this opening installment and follow the story through to its satisfactory conclusion

art's quick and audible breathing should grow no more pronounced.

A slender young man was climbing a jammer in the mill yard. He lifted himself above the heads of the crowd and held up a hand for silence.

"This, however, was not readily obtained. A drenched and dripping crowd, only just putting itself from the chilly waters of the pond, a self-conscious grin

glowed to his lips as the black hair was plastered on his brow by the soaking it had received. On a pecked cedar log in the pond a giant of a man in a gray checked shirt, peavey in his hands, balanced and surveyed the throng, a picture of frank and boastful self-satisfaction.

The slender man stole nearer and continued to wave his hands and finally these waves and compliments were smothered by other cries for silence.

"Give Birney a chance, now!" a man shouted.

"Gents!" the man called Birney cried from his vantage point. As chairman of the committee, I'm asking for help! This committee's worked hard. We got a long program of sports for today but this log-birling's going to flop unless we get more contents! All those fellows come to town more to see the match than anything else on the card and what 've we showed 'em?"

"Why, nothing!" he answered in his own question. "We had two preliminaries and a semi-final between the winners of them matches. Then this final which was a joke. There stands Bull Duval, whose partner in the preliminaries defeated and who dumped the winner of the semi-final without half trying. I can ask you, has he earned twenty-five dollars?"

A laugh arose and Duval, on the log, twisted his mustache and beamed at the speaker.

"Here we raised a twenty-five

"Well, gents, we got one more to try for this prize money. Mister Bull Duval, king of the Mad Women, will now take on Mister Ben Elliott."

The crowd was quick thinking, instant, tenuous action. To leap was simple; but to determine the opponent's move and meet it with complacency and ease was another matter. To have come down to a stance, then, would have flung the challenger to wet defeat.

"Ah, if my chunk as a Bull?" Birney-Elliott cried to the crowd.

But this was only one man's estimation. His animosity for Duval flaring into violence. Tincup knew that; and Ben Elliott knew it, well. He—like a trout waiting for a pole pole to drag the cedar with Duval upon it—closed, Elliott stood still and surveyed his adversary. His glance held that light of good nature and did not linger long on the Bull's glowering countenance. Rather, it dwelt on the short, fat, and the river boots, shedding water in sly beads.

After this, he looked Duval in the eye and grinned broadly.

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"Redhead" Coming To Avon Theatre

Circumstantial evidence is often the cause of the downfall of anyone who is lonely and all alone in a big city, but not so with Grace Bradley, as she portrays the title role in "Redhead," here Tuesday and Wednesday at the Avon Theatre.

With the odds against her, and

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all her former artist friends gone as the result of the scandal that is attached to her name following the death of a visitor to her studio, Miss Bradley, as Dale Carter, most Ted Brown, played by Bruce Cabot, a young-man-about-town, who is threatened with disinheritance by his father.

Between them, they frame a plot to get some money from Mr. Brown, but when confronted by the latter, Dale finds that she cannot go through with it, but instead enters a plot with him to save his boy from the pitfalls that confront him.

The situations that follow offer many moments of pathos, as well as humor until the finale brings a happy reconciliation to all concerned.

Adapted from the novel by Vera Brown, this clever depiction of the struggles of modern youth to gain a foothold in the world, was directed by Melville Brown and includes in its splendid cast Berion Churchill, Regis Toomey, Monte Carter, George Humbert, LeRoy Mason and Bess Stafford.

The Brethren of the Masonic Province of Wilshire, Eng., of which the Duke of Kent is Provincial Grand Master, presented him and Princess Marina, of Greece, three silver rose bowls of beautiful and chaste design, suitably inscribed on a silver plate attached to the ebony stand which supported the center bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Parks. Mrs. Katherine Lighthouse and Mrs. Ned Hancock of Sebring were visitors here Wednesday.

Miss Sara Ellis of Georgia arrived Saturday to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bennett.

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Miss Edith Webb of Wauchula arrived Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. T. M. Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jowers from Lamar, S. C., were visiting here Wednesday the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Deleag.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Whitcomb of Venus visited friends here Tuesday.

Mrs. Joe McDaniels visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Whitcomb in Venus Thursday.

Miss Martha Weaver, Miss Mil-Christina holidays in Tallahassee as the guest of relatives.

Kelly McClure and J. E. Wise of Ft. Meade visited friends here Tuesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart Thayer have taken a house on Milake Avenue as a permanent residence.

Miss Frances Hargraves of Barlow was the Christmas guest of Mrs. Virginia Cloud.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bass of Wauchula spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hansen.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton were visiting in Dade City last Saturday.

Miss Christine Reeves of Tallahassee spent the holidays here with her mother, Mrs. Glen Spink.

Miss Anna Vakkalis of Barlow spent the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Joe Vakkalis.

Rev. A. D. Moore and Miss Anna Stutzman of Sebring were Avon Park visitors Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ragdale of Pahokee spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. O. Parks.

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Miss Lois Woods of Lonaconing, Md., arrived Sunday to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Wood.

Mrs. J. T. Murrish spent Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Herbert Seaverns, at Lake Placid.

Mrs. R. J. Nolan of Miami is spending the week as the guest of her sister, Mrs. P. DeLaney, and family.

Miss Freddie Hawkins of Barlow spent Christmas visiting her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bryant.

Miss Darwen Morrell of Tallahassee is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. C. Morrell.

Mr. Irving R. Morgan of Plant City arrived Wednesday to spend the remainder of the week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wells.

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Pfe. Bill Keeter of St. Petersburg, J. Bert Turner of Clewiston and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Tjyer of Sebring were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Turner Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Dilley and children, Margaret and Roland, were the guests of Mrs. Dilley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Locket and family in Cocoa during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hood and children, Winifred, Bill and Harry, and Mr. and Mrs. Dilley and Mrs. Pearl Spink were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Weaver in Sebring Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rogers of New York, guests at the Jacaranda Hotel, have as their guests for the holidays their granddaughter, Miss Margaret Rogers, of Wheeling, West Va.

Mrs. Sadie Myers Brown is spending part of the Christmas vacation with her sister, Mrs. L. S. Moody of Augusta, Ga. Mrs. Moody has been quite ill but is recovering rapidly.

Mrs. Evelyn Martin, Miss Hilda Reddick, Miss Louise Reddick, Miss Johnnie Saggus, Miss Mildred Martin, Miss Virginia Gough and Miss Hazel Reddick were visiting in Sebring Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Robbins of Minneapolis, Minn., spent the Christmas holidays with their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Johnson, returning to Minneapolis Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Hauptmann of Gainesville and Mrs. Blanche Ratcliffe of Daytona Beach were the holiday guests of Dr. Hauptmann's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hauptmann.

Two Claude Daly of St. Petersburg was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Daly, Tuesday.

Mrs. George Brown of Booneville, Miss., is spending the Christmas holidays with her brother, C. R. Barnett, and family.

Rev. and Mrs. T. O. Baldwin of Vero Beach are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Baldwin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Goin Bass and son Jerry of Burlington, N. C., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Hansen.

Joe Gable who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Walter Martin, at Marietta, Ga., for several weeks has returned home.

Miss Merle Haywood, and Mrs. A. W. Haywood and Claude Lumber of Sebring were visitors here Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bowman left Saturday for Bowling Green to visit Mrs. Bowman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Futch, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Deloy James and daughter Carol of Montpelier, O., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Armstrong and Mrs. Olive Armstrong for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Abrams, Mrs. Rose Abrams and Leon Silverman were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. Weiner at Wauchula on Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Spencer and Mrs. Ed Bush of Stratford, Canada, arrived this week for an extended visit with Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Spencer and family.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Helms and daughters Gladys, Louise and Betty Lynn and Mr. and Mrs. Lee Masters visited in Sebring Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. B. O. Carns and Miss Fay Carns and Delores and Miss Johnnie Mae Smith spent Monday and Tuesday in Winter Haven.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Jowers left Wednesday for Barlow where they will visit friends for a few days before returning to their home in South Carolina.

Miss Elizabeth Chandler, Miss Wava Godwin, Miss Virginia Chandler, Miss Katherine Saggus and G. D. Godwin were visiting at the Bok Tower Monday evening.

Miss Guria Hunt, Miss Delores Sheppard, L. C. Hunt of Terre Haute, Ind., arrived Monday morning to spend Christmas with Mrs. Tuten and family.

Firman Church and Frank Callin spent Wednesday in Lakeland taking a physical examination in connection with their aeronautical work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Johnson have as their guests during the Christmas holidays, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Ellis of Atlanta, Ga. and Mrs. J. E. Wise of Daytona Beach.

Mrs. Luther Connel spent the Christmas holidays with her mother, Mrs. J. E. Helms and Jimmy Pollock motored to Ft. Meade Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordan and little son Dave of St. Petersburg spent Christmas with Mr. Jordan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Jordan.

ton, Sport Mercer, G. D. Godwin, Jr., W. L. Touchton, W. L. Pennington, Bill Jones, Clifton McCloud and Thomas Fairbanks of the University of Florida; Colquitt Parley of Stetson University; Misses Elizabeth and Virginia Chandler, Wava Godwin and Letta Reck of Tallahassee, Evelyn Clements of the University of Alabama; Charlotte Shepherd, the University of Virginia, Virginia Guthrie of Lake Forest Academy, Orlando, Edward Touchton, Vernon Lanier and Neil Trent, Jr. of Boies School, Jacksonville.

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