

CITRUS COMM'N SEEKING FULL COOPERATION

Requests Shippers To Hold
Valencia Oranges
Till March 1

LAKELAND, Dec. 28.—(Special)—In an effort to determine the opinion of the industry, the Florida citrus commission is contacting all shippers and requesting their reaction to the proposal that a system of voluntary cooperation be attempted which will result in withholding shipment of valencia oranges until March. The commission has sent a bulletin to all shippers pointing out the reasons which have been expressed in favor of such action and requesting a prompt reply so further plans can be made.

The commission adopted a motion recently favoring the withholding of valencias for the next two months, although emphasizing that its powers were limited. The bulletin just issued is part of the commission's activity to assist in such a movement.

The question was brought up by several prominent growers and a number of large shippers also urged the commission to lend its support to the plan. A Florida resolution has been adopted by the Florida Citrus Growers, Inc., endorsing the movement.

Several "policies" were why it would be "good business" for the industry to take positive steps in the prevention of valencia shipments before March 1.

The bulletin, which contains the findings of the commission's better fruit committee and an industry advisory committee, states:

"Florida has 'liberal supplies of early and midseason varieties,' the joint committee reports, 'which through January and February will be at their peak of quality. We should concentrate on getting these crops out of the way.'

"The introduction of valencia shipments during the peak movement of the midseason varieties would serve to create confusion. Valencia this early will not sell as well and will serve to do no more than lower the general quality standards of Florida oranges, with corresponding price reaction.

"If, on the other hand, valencia shipments are delayed until March 1, and the trade goes from full ripeness to full ripe valencias, there will be no confusion. The early valencia is the most favored because of the admittedly greater acceptance given to valencias when they are in top condition.

"If valencias are shipped earlier than March 1, we believe the tendency would exist for large shippers to use low prices. It takes little imagination to picture the reaction on the price structure for midseason fruit. The early valencia is a poor quality successfully compete with the full ripe fruit from Texas and California. This is in complete contradiction, under Florida sales methods, would create heavy price cutting to obtain volume movement.

Factors naturally would seriously affect the adequate movement of good quality midseasons.

"Both midseason and valencia growers can profit by avoiding such a marketing situation. Our objective with this large crop should be to extend the marketing period on the individual varieties, not to confuse them. And with proper cultural methods, valencias can be moved well into the summer at good prices. Last season we moved large quantities of regular bloom valencias well into August. Under such circumstances, it would be the poorest possible sales strategy to shorten the period for midseasons and confuse the trade and consumers by early valencia shipments.

"While it is possible a few of the largest size might of deteriorate, growers would realize much more by keeping this fruit off the market and selling it to canners who can use it to advantage for juice blend and salad mixtures.

"These are a few of the more important reasons why valencias should not be shipped until March 1. We know of no good sound reason in favor of their being shipped indiscriminately throughout the midseason period prior to that date."

The withholding of valencias is a matter which rests entirely in the hands of the industry," the bulletin emphasizes, "and must, of necessity, involve strong voluntary cooperation. As such, we receive a sufficient number of replies to indicate the opinion of the industry, we will be better prepared to make further plans to put in effect a system of cooperation in effect, if such system is desired by the majority of the industry."

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lacey and sons, Bill and Phil, Jr., of Leesville, are spending the Christmas week here visiting with relatives.

HIGHLANDERS WILL MEET AT L. WALES JAN. 8

Will Start Big Membership
Drive With Rousing
Dinner Meet

The biggest membership drive in the history of The Sebring Highlanders will get a rousing start at Lake Wales on Monday night, Jan. 8, with a "kickoff" dinner at 6:30 p. m.

This announcement was made today by President John Clark of Waverly in a bulletin sent to all members of the board of governors of the organization. He has asked each of the 39 directors to attend, pointing out that this is a job that will need the cooperation of every one of the 13 communities represented on the board.

Karl Lehmann, secretary of the Lake Wales Chamber of Commerce, will come down from Tavares next week to handle the preliminary details of the drive and will be ready for the big dinner which will mark the opening of the campaign with a goal of 5,000 members in three days, Jan. 10, 11 and 12.

Lehmann, through the courtesy of L. H. Kramer, manager of the Wausau hotel, will set up headquarters for the big dinner at the million and one details from Lake Wales.

In his bulletin, Mr. Clark said, in part:

"When I think of all we have to do in the next two weeks, my knees shake a little. But if everybody has this thing with a bang, we can get those 5,000 members and a few extra for good measure.

"Rapid progress has been made with final construction surveys on the old road between Dundee and Lake Wales. Contracts for actual construction may be let this week on this first link. Rights-of-way have all been obtained on the Dundee end and we should be ready to start at once.

"The Mountain Lake WPA project (grading for the current season) has now been completed. The right-of-way in Babson Park area has been secured for the WPA project to start at once.

"The only way we are going to keep up with the thing is to get those 5,000 members. We can't fall down on our part of the promise now. It will be like rolling a hoop down hill if everyone lends a hand."

In the meantime, Lehmann has taken several appointments for talks in the Ridge country between now and the opening of the season. Some of these appearances are in the interest of the Highlanders, while others are because of his personal connections with civic clubs in the state.

Lehmann has the drive plans all worked out. Each member of the board of governors has been assigned a part and preliminary prospect lists already received indicate that the goal of 5,000 members will be reached during the three-day drive "if every person gets behind the project," according to the directors.

In order to acquaint each of the prospects with the work of the Sebring Highlanders, Lehmann has prepared a brochure which goes into the details of the organization at length and explains just why it is necessary for the Ridge country to show a united front in appealing "for those good roads to which this section of the state is entitled."

"The drive plan is no haphazard proposition," Guy Ruhl of Frostproof, chairman of the membership committee, said. "It has been studied from every angle, we have ironed out all the obvious kinks and we honestly believe that when the campaign comes to a close on the night of Jan. 11, the Sebring Highlanders will have not only the anticipated 5,000 members—but several hundred in addition. Every member believes that we obtain just another step, so to speak, in our foundation."

Misses Wava and Cona Godwin of Washington, D. C. are spending several days of this week here visiting with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Godwin.

Mayor's Christmas Party Successful

The big Christmas party sponsored by Mayor M. E. Covington last Friday night proved very successful. It was estimated there were over 1,000 cars and 5,000 people in town to witness the free fireworks display staged on the shores of Lake Wales. People came from Sebring, Frostproof, Lake Placid, Lake Wales, Wausau and other communities to see the fun and have a good time.

The parade in the afternoon was led by the Sebring high school band, and other bands were the Lake Placid and Avon Park school aggregations. Civic clubs had gaily decorated cars and Mayor Covington rode in an open car with Mayor M. E. McGee from Sebring and County School Superintendent F. N. K. Bailey.

Following the parade the bands were given a free show at the Park Theatre through the courtesy of the management and free hot dogs were dispensed to the horn tooters.

The fireworks were good enough to bring forth rounds of applause from the throngs on the lake shores and everyone went home happy after a very enjoyable evening.

The Mayor fulfilled his promise to the children for their good behavior on Halloween in years past in three days, Jan. 10, 11 and 12, similar treats in the years to come.

COUNTY CHMAN FOR DEMOCRACY

F. M. Young Favors Voting
For Delegates To National
Convention

Commenting on the letter mailed to members of the State Democratic Executive Committee by Tyn Cobb, Jr., of Orlando, regarding the proposed naming of delegates to the national Democratic convention, F. M. Young, county chairman, said today, "It is true Democracy for the people to vote on who shall be delegates to the national convention, and I think it would be a bad precedent to have delegates named any other way than by a vote of the people."

There is plenty of time for the delegates to be selected by the primary before the convention and it would be a reflection on the party to select them by any other method," Mr. Young said.

Following is the letter sent out by Mr. Cobb, who is a member of the Democratic Executive Committee:

"Last January our Chairman, T. R. Turnbull, sponsored a resolution of the Democratic Executive Board and the Legislative Committee of the state committee providing that the state committee confirm his stand. When he was nominated, practically all of the committee voted in favor of this resolution, but the executive board voted five for, and four against.

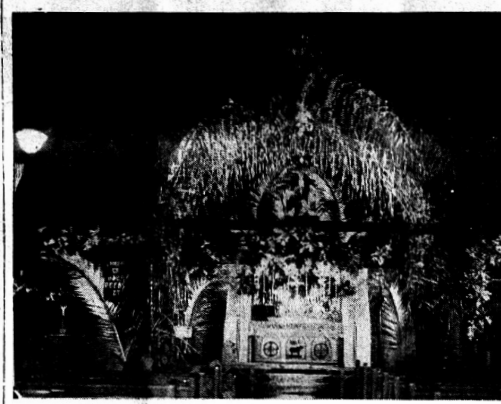
The writer opposed this resolution on the floor of the meeting, then later gave a story to the State by the Associated Press. Nearly all the editors in the state took it up and wrote editorials agreeing with me that the people should elect the delegates, and later Mr. Turnbull said he would drop the matter.

For the past month the Associated Press has been carrying statements from Chairman Turnbull to the effect that he actually had a driver's license and was rewarded by being fined \$15.00 and costs because of improper lights, which he said he burned out after he had his car worked on in Lake Placid. When the young man pointed out that it was his car, he said he had failed to appear, Judge McNicholas fined the fine to \$75.00, which made the young man pay only about \$50.00 for his 50 mile trip to prove that he was innocent of any traffic violation—Highlands County News.

David M. LaFlamme Died Here Saturday

David McDonald LaFlamme, nine-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Delwit, died here Saturday in Bountiful cemetery. Besides his parents, he was survived by his brothers, Leslie, Alton, Francis, Alfred and Philip.

Christmas Decorations At Episcopal Church



THE CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER was beautifully decorated for the Christmas season, the work being done by Mayor M. E. Covington, H. R. Currie and other members of the church. This picture was taken Christmas night and gives some idea of what was accomplished but it cannot show the depth and coloring that all went to make a beautiful setting for the Christmas services that filled the church to overflowing.

William D. Stamper Died Wednesday Eve; Was Buried Thursday

William Stamper, 83, passed away in a Sebring hospital Wednesday night following an illness of six months. He suffered a stroke six months ago from which he failed to recover. Funeral services were held Thursday morning at the First Baptist church here with Rev. Jack Dalton officiating. Interment was in Bountiful cemetery. Special music was rendered by the church choir.

The pall bearers included: J. F. Martin, J. H. Dean, Fred A. Touchton, C. D. Noland, R. L. Harris and I. H. Ford.

Mr. Stamper is survived by three sons, six daughters, 37 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and 10 great great grandchildren. The sons are: C. V. Stamper of Coleman, Ga., and C. C. Stamper and W. C. Stamper of Walters, Okla.

The daughters are: Mrs. J. L. Collins of Avon Park, Mrs. A. S. Collins of Headland, Ala., Mrs. G. Godfrey of Holly Hill, S. C., Mrs. J. B. Richardson of Andover, S. C., Mrs. E. A. Mills of Chickasaw, Okla. and Mrs. B. O. Merritt of Jax, Ga.

Mr. Stamper was born at Newton, Baker county, Georgia, on March 4, 1854. He had lived here for the past six years, making his home with his daughter, Mrs. J. L. Collins.

Those from out of town attending the funeral were: Mrs. B. O. Merritt and four daughters, Marnie, Eva Ruth, Helen and Frances, Roy McCalland and J. B. Runnels, all of Jax, Ga., Mrs. Eva Richardson and daughter Janie Buford of Andover, S. C., Mrs. C. W. Stamper and children Rebecca and Woodson, Mrs. M. G. Godfrey and son, Holly Hill, S. C. and C. B. Stamper of Coleman, Ga., and Mrs. Mary McArthur and Mrs. S. W. Roberts of Palokke.

Junior Class Play Friday, January 12

During the past few weeks the Junior class of the Avon Park high school has been busy rehearsing the annual class play which will be presented at the auditorium on Friday night, January 12. The play is titled, "Mama's Baby Boy," and is reported to be a very modern, streamlined, three-act comedy.

From what none members of the cast have been saying, those who do not want some good hearty laughs had better stay away from the play is presented for public consumption.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to extend our heartfelt thanks to the many friends and neighbors who so kindly assisted us during the recent illness and death of our father, William D. Stamper. The many acts of kindness, the words of sympathy, the flowers and assistance were all much appreciated.

ELECTION SUIT SET FOR JAN. 10

Alternative Mandamus Writ
Issued in Primary
Election Case

Circuit Judge R. W. Petteway has signed an alternative writ of mandamus directing the county commissioners of Highlands county to have the ballot in the coming primary prepared for a county-wide vote on January 10, 1935.

Long stated he represents Rudy Ashton, L. O. Hook and Philip Correll of District No. 3 and Neil Cash of District No. 2, in whose name the case was brought.

The law under which the petitioners hope to have the nomination of commissioners to be settled by a county wide vote was passed in 1929 on a population basis and now affects only Highlands county, but at the time of passage affected only Ocala county.

The commissioners, doubting the validity of the law, ruled that the nomination would be by districts and instructed County Attorney M. R. McDonald to encourage someone who proposed to be a candidate to contest their ruling in the courts.

Being a "friendly" suit it will be settled at a minimum of expense and it is unlikely that there will be an appeal from the decision of the Circuit Court following the hearing on the tenth.

Regardless of the decision it can only affect the next primary because Highlands county undoubtedly has a larger population than 11,000 and the 1940 census will put the county out of the bracket as set forth in the law, which was passed in 1929 when the previous census gave the county a population of 6,752—Highlands County News.

Setting Out 5,000 Pine Seedlings Near Lake Jackson

County Forester Lloyd Zorn reports he is supervising the setting out of 5,000 young pine seedlings on the farm of F. C. Payne near Lake Jackson. Mr. Payne is planting the trees in old fields and on other barren land and not waiting several years for nature to reclaim these areas.

For the information of interested landowners, Zorn says these seedlings are sold at \$1.75 per 1,000 at the Ochopee or Manassas nurseries and \$2.50 per 1,000 delivered by any recognized shipper point in the state.

The county forester will make recommendations as to planting and will supervise the beginning of the first plantings, free of charge. Further information can be obtained by writing him.

Mrs. J. L. Wells was a visitor in Lakeland Wednesday.

JUDGE BARKER IS NAMED NEW FEDERAL JUDGE

Former Sebring Citizen Is
Slated To Succeed
Judge Akerman

According to an Associated Press report appearing in Thursday's Tampa Tribune, Judge W. J. Barker, circuit judge of this district and for several years an esteemed citizen of Sebring, has been endorsed by both Senator Andrews and Pepper to fill the vacancy on the Federal Court Bench in this district, caused by the retirement of Judge Alexander Akerman.

Following is the report as it appeared in the Tampa Tribune:

Circuit Judge William J. Barker, of Bartow, was recommended today by Senators Andrews and Pepper for appointment as judge of the southern Federal district at Tampa. A successful Judge Akerman who retired Oct. 1, Judge Barker is 53.

The compromise was reported to the state department by Pepper, who telegraphed that Barker was "a state circuit judge with a very fine record and in every way worthy of this great honor."

Barker is now judge of the tenth judicial circuit, covering Polk, Hardee and Highlands counties. It was believed that Barker would be both senators would assure his getting the nomination.

The court vacated had caused a political stir in Florida. Andrews himself had been recommended for the appointment by Pepper and rumors got around that Governor Cane would go to the senate. That would have left the governorship to state Senate President J. Turner Butler, Jacksonville.

Andrews was two years older than the administration 60-year age limit on judgeship appointees, and President Roosevelt frowned on breaking his precedent. There was a salary question, too, as the salary of a recess appointee could not be paid until he was confirmed by the senate.

In February last month, Andrews said in a statement he would not take the appointment if it were offered to him.

Pepper's original choice had been James Clements of Fort Myers, Andrews objected.

Barber's qualifications will be investigated by the justice department, which will make a recommendation to the White House. The justice department will submit a nomination to the senate.

Under a barrow deadline the Tribune and Circuit Judge W. J. Barker, who was reported in Washington dispatches today to be the likely choice, is expected to be named by the justice department and Andrews for federal judge of the southern district of Florida, has been circuit judge here and in Sebring for 10 years.

"I am deeply grateful to both senators for their recommendations," Judge Barker said. He had not known of the recommendation until informed of it by local newsmen.

Born in Marietta, Ga., June 25, 1886, he came to Florida in 1908. He attended grammar school and the West Florida Seminary at Tallahassee. He later moved to Jacksonville, where he practiced law for eight years after receiving his law degree at the University of Florida in 1916.

Jacksonville Commission

He served two terms on the Jacksonville city council and was president of the commission, resigning in 1921, to move to south Florida. He was appointed judge of the ninth judicial circuit, covering Sebring, Highlands, Hardee and DeFuniak counties, in May, 1925. Judge Barker was married three times. He lived in Sebring until 1923, when the judicial circuit of the counties were reorganized.

That year he was appointed assistant judge of the fourth judicial circuit, comprising Polk, Highlands and Hardee counties, and moved to Lakeland. In 1928, H. H. Petteway of Lakeland, his associate in this district in 1916.

He was married to Miss Pauline Eugenia Richmond of Sebring in 1910. They have three children, Mrs. Robert C. Parker of Tallahassee, and Billy and Katherine Barker who live here.

Mrs. Zetta Collins and son of Peoria, Ill., are spending several weeks here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Parks.

JOHN L. GARNER FOR PRESIDENT IN 1940

WHO'S NEWS THIS WEEK

By LEMUEL F. PARTON

NEW YORK.—Old Senator Joseph C. Caillaux of France, who knows a lot about money and trade, says Germany will be licked by her poverty in nature.

Caillaux Still all resources, chiefly oil. At 76, bearing the scars of long and bitter conflict, more bitterly assailed in the past than perhaps any other man in France, he commands respect as he keeps on croaking. "Victory in war is often destroyed by finance," and he is still a powerful guiding force in French monetary policy.

He has known glory, riches, jail, exile, calumny, foolish adulation, scandal, exaltation, bitterness and disillusionment, and with bloodshot eyes and out-thrust jaw, he's still on his feet when the gong ends the round. His fortune was sunk in the defense of his wife for killing Gaston Calmette in 1914. He returned from banishment to full vindication in the espionage case against him, to become premier and later finance minister of France.

He has shaded down his green trousers and yellow shoes and grown used to more somber hues, but his is still the toughest political hide anywhere extant.

WHEN this writer began newspaper work in Chicago, people in Halsted and West Madison streets seemed to be about as badly off as European war victims.

Meliorists Have not yet found The Golden Key. Chatfield Taylor and was interested in his work with Jane Addams at Hull House, the pioneer social settlement. They were devoted and unselfish, but when I looked around the Hull House neighborhood several years ago, nothing seemed to have changed much.

Mr. Taylor's son, Wayne C. Taylor, grew up in this shadow of misery, and now moves into a sort of pantograph enlargement of the same. He is on route to Finland, to study and organize relief there. The social settlement theory, as bravely expounded and lived by the elder Mr. Taylor and Jane Addams, was that "all men are brothers," and if fortunate citizens will live in neighborly intercourse with the unfortunate, "a little heaven will leaven the whole lump."

The younger Mr. Taylor catching step with his times, was a realist who believed that the way ahead lay in understanding of basic economic forces and in the application of progressive and enlightened techniques of government. He became special adviser to President Roosevelt on foreign trade; assistant administrator of the AAA; vice president of the Export-Import bank at Washington; assistant secretary of the treasury. He withdrew from the last-named office last February, dissenting from what he considered the treasury department's policy of shaping money procedure to foreign policy.

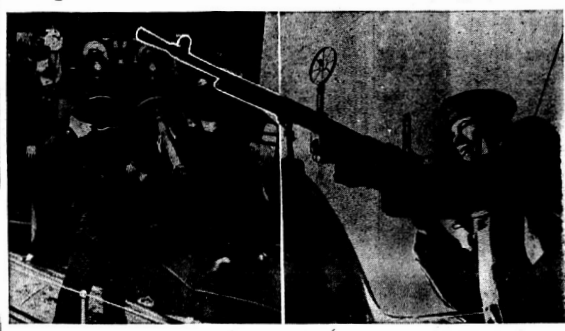
Like the Hull House meliorists, it would seem that the economist innovators and renovators have not yet found the golden key. A comparison of notes by father and son as to what's wrong with West Madison street, Europe and between points, and what to do about it, would, I am sure, be interesting.

Mr. Taylor was graduated from Yale in 1915, served in the World war, and was engaged in the banking and brokerage business in Chicago before going to Washington in 1923.

IT WOULD be hard to say whether a big, swart, dread-pated Col. Policarpo Batista, Cuba's power man, headed in from right or left. Possibly power is the main idea of Power Men with all such current innovators, and their political orientation is merely academic. A year ago, the news columns were reporting that Batista was swinging right. The news today is that the Cuban Communist party is backing him for election to the presidency.

Also news is the mere fact that they are having a presidential election in Cuba. Batista was case-reviewer, harbor, digger, brakeman, soldier and photographer, before he joined Cuba with the light of President MacBride. But MacBride, Chilean origin, with Mangelstadt features and big mustache.

Vanquished Poland Still a Factor in European War



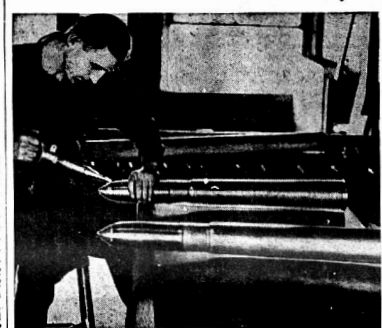
Though Poland is a vanquished nation, it is still a factor in the European war. Two Polish destroyers, the Blyskawka and the Grom, managed to reach British waters after the downfall of Poland and have been active in fighting against Germany. Left: Gunners aboard the Grom are shown loading her 4.7 gun, making her ready for action. Right: A Polish gunner, aboard the Blyskawka, man an anti-aircraft gun at anchor in a British naval base.

G. O. P. Presidential Hopefuls Meet in Washington



Three Republican presidential hopefuls meet in Washington. Left to right: Sen. Arthur Vandenberg of Michigan, District Attorney Thomas Dewey of New York and Sen. Robert Taft of Ohio. Dewey and Taft have already announced their candidacy.

He Works Next Door to Eternity



Huge gains in manufacture of munitions for domestic use is evidenced in many munitions plants in the United States. Here a worker in a Dover, N. J., arsenal rivets the lining head on the end of a 100mm shell, one of the plant's most dangerous jobs. Workers are so busy they have little time to worry about the shadow of danger which hangs over the factory where death is packed into steel cylinders.

Crowned Nation's Healthiest Sextette



Healthiest juvenile sextette in the nation is this group of club workers who were selected at the national C-I club congress held in Chicago recently. Left to right: Richard Crane, 17, Bensenville, Ill.; Warren Cohen, 15, Sandstone, W. Va.; Ruth Zimmerman, 15, Oak, La.; Joan M. Parks, 15, Liberty, Ind.; Corinne Klein, 15, Black River Falls, Wis.; and Leslie G. Warrick, 15, Kewanee, Ill. Thousands of them girls and boys took part in the contest.

Navy Chieftains



When Admiral James O. Richardson, inel, became commander-in-chief of the U. S. fleet on January 4, succeeding Admiral Claude B. Buxton, retired, Vice-Admiral Charles F. Snyder, top, will become full admiral and commander of the battle force. Announcement was made recently by Acting Secretary of the Navy Charles Edison.

Leisure Begins at 40



OFF to a life of leisure is Harry, world's oldest house. At 49 years of age, Harry is being retired to a Dedham, Mass., farm to spend the remainder of his life. Born in 1890, Harry is the son of a farmer. He has a granddaughter who is a famous film star. He is now being retired to a farm where he will spend the rest of his life.

Star Dust

★ A Bright Star
★ In Religious Field
★ Those DeZurik Sisters
By Virginia Vale

SEVERAL young players attained fame on the screen during the year of 1939, none of them more rapidly or deservedly than Louis Hayward.

A little more than a year ago his name was practically unknown to movie fans, although he had appeared on the stage both in England and New York, and had given excellent performances in supporting roles in several films. He was about ready to chuck Hollywood and go back to the stage when Edward Small gave him a starring role in "The Duke of West Point." Next



LOUIS HAYWARD

he co-starred in "The Man in the Iron Mask" with Joan Bennett—he played twins in that one—and now he is playing "Oliver Essex" in "My Son, My Son" and looking ahead to "Monte Cristo."

In "My Son, My Son" he has to go through four dinner scenes. Being a canny lad, he took up the matter of food with Director Charles Vidor, who agreed to order Hayward's favorite dish for the four meals—fried chicken.

I wonder if the manager of your local movie theater was as clever as mine was. The other day he sent me a little card in a little envelope—as I opened it I wondered which of my friends had had a baby. The card read "Mr. and Mrs. This Man proudly announce the birth of a baby boy. Come and see the whole family at the Stamford theater starting Thursday."

Across the bottom of the card was a brief advertisement for a shop that sells baby clothes. We're about to have a new cycle in pictures—a cycle of religious pictures. Cecil B. DeMille will make "Queen of Sheba" for Paramount. Twentieth Century-Fox recently bought "The Great Commandment," which was made by Cathedral Pictures, and will make it over. RKO may give us a film version of "Father Malachuk's Miracle," and Twentieth Century-Fox may do "The First Legion." If the first of these to be released is a success, the smaller companies will lose no time in scheduling religious pictures of their own.

Why doesn't somebody re-do "Earthbound"?

"Mexican Spitfire" made such a good pre-view impression that its stars, Lupe Vélez and Leon Errol, have been signed to make three more pictures together.

Caroline and Mary DeZurik, the two sisters whom you often hear on the National Barn Dance program, just happened into becoming singers. They lived on a farm in Royalton, Minn. One day they were singing as they did the housework, and Mary Jane had recently bought and began plunking on it as an accompaniment. They found that they sang well together, and stuck to it. A short time later they won an amateur contest in Royalton, and were sent to St. Cloud, Minn., to make an other contest. It was there that radio talent scouts heard them and started them on their way. Caroline was just 15 then, and Mary Jane was two years older. Now they are both expert guitar players. Though it's Mary Jane who plays when they sing on the air.

When Charles Laughton was a guest recently on the "Screen Guild Theater" he upset radio tradition and startled Producer Joe Hill by mentioning his script. Hill wouldn't believe that he had done it, which seems odd, in view of the fact that Laughton has been on the stage that time perfectly to women's charm. With the few neckties of the dress pictured a string of pearls is most charming. Long velvet gloves repeat the other accent of the dress—darkness of hair and eyes. The dress is a rayon Chantilly. The dress comes in black, royal blue, wine and green.

ODDS AND ENDS: "Grand Hotel" will be the de la la in January. Jean Harlow and Dick Powell (Mr. and Mrs. Jones) will probably make a picture in the spring. Red Fox, CBS reporter, contributed his story to the story. The story was made a running commentary for it.

Coat and Dress Styled With Youthful 'Swing' Silhouette

By CHERIE NICHOLAS



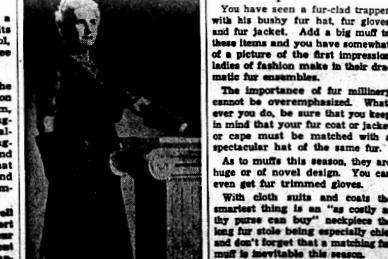
adopt an interesting tuck technique. Here again a generously full neckline swings into sprightly grace. A chubby mouton bolero complemented with a green feather-trimmed pill-box hat made of matching mouton sounds an ultra chic note.

The exceedingly good-looking tunic dress to the left in the picture demonstrates what happens when a distinguished designer such as Molyneux of Paris takes the swing line and multiplies it by two. This very pleasing dress with its double swing silhouette is of stiff black faille (a high fashion fabric this season). Its tunic and skirt slip up the front. A gold clip finishes its heart-shaped neckline. Here is a grand example of a basic black dress that invites stunning jewelry ensembles or dashes of color which this season's accessories exploit.

Speaking of the new fullness in skirts, a topic of utmost significance in current styles, the question has often been brought up as to its positioning, whether it should be at the back or sides or brought to the front. The answer is no matter where the fullness, just so there is fullness somewhere. So far as the sports sweater coat is concerned the news is definitely that of back care contrived via pleats or gored or circular cut.

Dress coats are made with fitted waists and skirts that often flare around. So widespread is the favor for flares even the newest fur coats are made with fitted waists and full skirts. (Released by Western Newspaper Union.)

Flattery of Lace Fur Ensemble Now Is Important News



You have seen a fur-clad trapper with his bushy fur hat, fur gloves and fur jacket. Add a big muff to these items and you have somewhat of a picture of the first impression ladies of fashion make in their dramatic fur ensembles.

The importance of fur millinery cannot be overemphasized. Whatever you do, be sure that you keep in mind that your fur coat or jacket or cape must be matched with a spectacular hat of the same fur. As to muffs this season, they are huge or of novel design. You can even get fur trimmed gloves. With cloth suits and coats the smartest thing is an "as costly as thy purse can buy" neckpiece the long fur stole being especially chic, and don't forget that a matching fur muff is inevitable this season.

Style and Comfort In New Stockings

The long-hoped-for has happened, that silk stockings that are well-lined are announced for winter wear. They might properly be called a necessary luxury in that being up to date, they are selling only in the higher-class shops. In appearance they look as if they could be the fine silk service type, but the wearer knows of the warmth and glow that the wool lining imparts.

Velvet Trimmed Pattern A black felt fedora with an up-to-date lined with velvet and a black velvet skirt to a new evening gown by Robert is accompanied by a black velvet coat.

Black and White Accessories Black and white, a brilliant classic look, is used to make an ensemble of black and white accessories to a black chocolate-colored dress.

Bruckart's Washington Digest

Closing Session of Congress
To Set Stage for 1940 Campaign

Proposals to Aid Party in Power Sure to Appear;
Effort Will Be Made to Make Money Bills a Political
Focus; Trade Treaties Expected to Draw Fire.

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WASHINGTON.—It is generally possible to forecast in broad outline what will happen in the session of a congress that winds up a second term of an eight-year national administration. That broad outline will include the annual appropriations for running the government, the promotion of several legislative proposals designed to aid the political party in power when its presidential nominee gets out on the hustings, and much talk by representatives and senators. Congress, and a Washington audience, make fine springboards, and the politicians who are "in" make full use of the opportunity.

Since the last session of congress in the Roosevelt administration is upon us, it seems that a prediction on several phases is indicated.

1. The coming session is going to be longer than some of the politicians would like. Contrary to the average of such sessions, the national legislators are likely to have until almost the middle of June. The length of the sitting probably will be determined by the dates of the Democratic and Republican national conventions, and there is every reason to believe these will be later than usual.

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YOU know, when you go hunting, you more or less expect to meet up with adventures of a certain sort. You might reasonably expect to be treed by a bear, or hopped on by a wildcat, or maybe bogged down in a mess of quicksand or soaked on the coco by a falling tree. You might expect almost anything BUT the sort of mystifying experience that fell to the lot of George S. Martin of Brooklyn, N. Y., on a hunting trip near Kingston, N. Y., in the middle of January, 1929. The best adventures are like that. It isn't what you expect, but what you DON'T expect, that gives you the big thrill you remember all down through the years.

George Martin and his friend Martin Ross went hunting. They might have expected to run across bears, wildcats, quiksand or falling trees, but here's what actually did happen.

They started out from the little village of Accord, N. Y.—started out into the woods, and along about evening, after trying for two or three hours to find their way back, decided that they must be lost. That's something else a hunter might easily expect, and certainly it did happen. But they don't count that as an adventure. It was only the beginning of a chain of circumstances that led to a strange, terrifying night when everything was against them and nothing seemed to make sense.

Night had come on, and still they were walking in circles trying to find their way out of the woods. They were looking for a place to sleep when Martin Ross saw a light in the distance.

Hunters Discover Weatherbeaten House.

It seemed to be a flare of some sort. The two men started walking toward it. The flare died out before they had gone two steps, but moving in his direction, they came to an old, weather-beaten frame house standing in the middle of a clearing. There was no light in the house, but they approached and knocked on the door. There was no answer, but George tried the latch and the door opened. They went inside—into a big, empty room. There was a fireplace in the corner, and some wood beside it. They started to build a fire, but they never got it lit. From that moment on,



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First came a crash outside. It sounded near the door. George and Martin ran to it—and found it locked. Someone had fastened it from the outside!

Then it was they noticed that the big, dim room had no windows. What kind of a house was that? They noticed, too, that the door was a heavy one, made of solid oak—two or three times as thick and strong as any mere dwelling door had any business to be. There was something mighty strange about that windowless dwelling. A disquieting fear crept into the hearts of both of them. What was the meaning of this?

Peculiar Odor Permeates the Building.

Shouting brought them no answer. Then they began to hear voices outside. Whoever it was out there was ignoring their cries. They heard sounds of a heavy object being drawn somewhere. A peculiar odor, faint at first, began to permeate the whole building. The two lads lay like rats, wondering what their mysterious captors would finally do with them.

They lay there silent while the hours went by. Then, suddenly they were aroused by the sound of an explosion and the third-thud of running feet. The smell of smoke began to fill the room—and in another few minutes the room was thick with the smoke itself.

Black, acrid, choking smoke! It billowed up from somewhere below them—filled their lungs and set them to coughing. Terrified now, the two lads picked up their rifles and began shooting at the door. But the door was too thick to yield even to rifle bullets, and if the men outside heard the shots they gave no sign of it.

The room was getting hot. Now they could hear flames crackling beneath them. The smoke was so thick that they could hardly breathe. They were running around in panic, almost dashing from one side of that strange room to the other, trying to find a way out. The smokeboards—licking the sides of the wall with its myriad red tongues. Time was passing, but they weren't conscious of it. All they knew was the terrible fear of being burned alive in the mysterious trap they had fallen into.

Seek a Place to Escape Intense Heat.

Then they were beginning to drop from exhaustion and lack of air. First George, then Martin. They were on their knees, groping for a spot where the intense heat would not so near their heads when they heard a hammering on the door.

They were too weak then to care much what was happening. Through a dense fog they watched the door splinter and fall to pieces. They saw it break down, felt a merciful breath of fresh air in through the smoke—saw dim, foggy figures come dashing in through the doorway. Then hands were lifting them—dragging them out into the gray dawn of a January morning, and George saw that he was in the arms of a state trooper and being lifted into the front seat of a squad car.

In another moment the car with him, and they were rolling along a backwoods road toward Kingston—still wondering at the meaning of the terrifying ordeal they had been put through. The whole answer didn't come until other troopers brought in a man who had captured in the neighborhood of the house of mystery. The truth was that Martin and George had stumbled on a backwoods moonshine plant. The moonshiners, taking them for revenue agents, had locked them up and left them to die when, a few hours later, their still exploded and set the house afire. But someone who saw the blaze phoned the troopers. Otherwise two lads who had gone a hunting might have met their day of sport in a night of tragedy.

(Reprinted by Walter Newman, Editor.)

Sugar-Coating the Pill Is Special Job

At one time pills were impaled on a one-pointed stick and dipped into a vat of molasses. The whole was carefully sealed. Today, by an interesting arrangement of rollers, the molasses is applied hemispherically coated at one dip, and then transferred to a second similar bath, where the second coating is applied. The mixing equipment for a pill batch is like the dough mixer of the bakery. The "rolling" machine for sugar or chocolate coating is like the candy machine, but the machines that transform the

Household News
By Eleanor Howe

VEGETABLE SALAD BOWL

(See Recipes Below)

V Stands for Vegetables

Vegetables are not apt to be prime favorites with men; practically every man has a little black list of his own—vegetables he just will not accept graciously. Father is apt to be as chary of spinach and other vegetables as his own eight-year-old, and to look upon salads as mere woman's nonsense! It isn't strange, if Junior, who adores his Dad, begins to proclaim his likes and dislikes to you on uncertain terms. Like father, like son! So coax father to keep his "don't-likes" to himself—at meal time.

But there are salads and vegetables that father really enjoys. You'll find suggestions in my booklet, "Feeding Father," for preparing them, and recipes, too, for his favorite meat dishes and desserts.

But to get back to vegetables, have you ever wondered why the very people who love to nibble on a raw carrot, turn up their noses at the ones who need to be coaxed to eat them once they're cooked? You'll find the solution to the problem of getting Dad and Junior to eat their carrots, right there. Why not serve them crisp, raw carrot sticks for a vegetable? Or make a crisp, colorful salad by combining shredded raw carrots and shredded raw beets with the tender young leaves of raw spinach? Mix lightly with some cream salad dressing or French dressing, and serve from a salad bowl so that the boys may help themselves.

Perhaps just changing the methods of preparing and serving them is all you need to do to arouse family interest in vegetables. Here are some recipes that are just a bit out-of-the-ordinary—recipes I think your family will enjoy.

Onions Baked in Tomatoes.

(Serves 4 or 5)

2½ cups canned tomatoes
¼ bay leaf
¼ teaspoon salt
2 cloves

1 teaspoon pepper
1 tablespoon butter
1 tablespoon flour

Combine tomatoes and seasonings and cook for 10 minutes. Then remove bay leaf and cloves. Blend in the flour, and add to tomato mixture. Cook, stirring constantly, until mixture thickens. Peel onions, place in a casserole and add tomato mixture. Cover and bake in a moderately hot oven (375 degrees) for 1 hour.

Golden Potatoes.

Pare potatoes and cut into cubes. Add sliced raw carrots, using about equal amount of potatoes and carrots. Cook in boiling, salted water. Drain and set over a low flame for a few minutes to dry out. For a potato rice or mash thoroughly. Add hot milk and beat until the potatoes are light and fluffy. Add ½ tablespoon of butter or two butter and season to taste.

Pennsylvania Dutch Spinach.

(Serves 4-5)

4 slices bacon (fried)
2 tablespoons oil
1½ cups water
2 tablespoons sugar

2 tablespoons vinegar
1 egg yolk (beaten)
¼ teaspoon dry mustard
2 cups raw spinach

2 cups raw spinach (chopped)
3 hard cooked eggs

Cook bacon until crisp. Remove from the pan. Add flour to bacon fat and stir until smooth. Mix water, sugar and vinegar and add to the fat mixture; cook until thick. Combine beaten egg yolk and sea-

We're Sorry

In a recent article on home-made bread which appeared in this column, the recipe for Yeast Bread should be corrected to read "seven to eight cups bread flour."

soning and stir into the first mixture. Cook for about 2 minutes over a very low flame, stirring constantly. Combine hot sauce, cooked bacon and chopped raw spinach. Serve warm, garnished with slices of hard cooked egg.

Lima Beans en Casserole.

1 pound lima beans, dry
¼ cup brown sugar
¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons onion (minced)
1 tablespoon vinegar
2 cups water

1 pound pork sausage
Cook beans in boiling water approximately 1 hour—or until nearly tender. Pour in

the sauce mixture. Place in a casserole and bring to boiling point. Four this heated mixture over the beans. Make sausage up into small cakes and place on the beans. Bake approximately 45 minutes in a moderate oven 350 degrees.

French Fried Asparagus Tips.

Cooked asparagus tips (short and thick variety)
1 tablespoon water
¼ cup soft bread crumbs (very fine)

¼ teaspoon salt
Fat for deep fat frying
Drain asparagus. Beat egg and add water to it. Dip the drained asparagus in beaten egg. Roll asparagus tips in bread crumbs—patting them on so as to cover asparagus tips thoroughly. Place carefully in a deep fat frying basket and fry in fat heated to 375 degrees.

Fry until tips are golden brown; drain on ungreased paper. Serve very hot.

Busy Day Salad.

1 cup cooked beets (diced)
1 cup cooked carrots (diced)
1½ cup green peas (cooked)
1 cup cauliflower flowerets (cooked or raw)
3 tablespoons sweet pickle (minced)
1 teaspoon onion (minced)
¼ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon pepper

Combine asparagus tips and tomato mixture. Drain the vegetables thoroughly and mix lightly. Add pickles, onion and seasoning. Serve from lettuce lined bowl with mayonnaise dressing.

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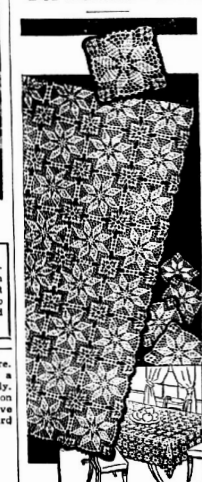
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THE FAITH THAT IS AMERICA

By Wendell L. Willkie, President, Commonwealth and Southern Corporation As condensed by The Reader's Digest and copyright article in the North American Review.

For centuries my ancestors lived in Central Europe. Some of them were peasants, some artisans, others were landed proprietors; but all of them through those centuries had been restricted in their opportunities to the group in which they were born, and no one of them had ever known the true meaning of liberty. Those who did not observe the restrictions under which they were forced to live got into trouble; one had to land because he had adopted the religion of his choice, another was ostracized because he believed in the principles of the French Revolution; and still another was jailed for expressing his own opinions. In 1848, my father and my grandparents came to America to escape this repression of individual liberties.

They were led to these shores, as were millions before and after them, by a special reputation that the United States had among nations. This reputation is founded upon one simple fact: in the United States the plain man has always had a chance.

My father and mother were the first generation in their families to grow up in America. My mother became a lawyer. My father was also a lawyer. Of course, in Europe my mother would have found it impossible to practice a profession; and my father would have found it difficult to get out of the groove worn by his ancestors. Furthermore, it would have been utterly impossible for them to have given their six children the education which we received in America. We went to high school and college.

And with schooling finished, there were no doors closed to their children just because they came from a plain family in a small town. No class distinction, no law interfered with their effort to earn a living in the occupation of their choice, or to express their opinions as they pleased.

In all the long history of their family, these six children were the first to know, from the time they were born, the blessings of freedom. I don't want them to be the last.

This family record is the record of any number of American families. For the value of freedom has had a practical demonstration. Freedom means, for example, that if you run a store, you can sell your products to anybody without a government official telling you what the prices must be; if you are a professor in a university, you don't have to alter science or delete history as a bureaucratic prescription; if you own a newspaper, you don't limit your editorial opinions to what an official censor approves. If you are a laborer, you can leave your job when you feel like it for any other job you prefer; you and your fellow workers can bargain collectively concerning the content of your work. If you think taxes are too high, you can vote against those officials you think responsible. And there is no limitation upon your inherent American right to criticize anybody, anywhere, at any time.

These are practical applications of this thing called freedom. In this country we take them for granted—perhaps too much for granted. But in more than half the world freedom does not exist. The present conflict in Europe is perhaps the most vivid illustration of this. In a modern war people destroy the very things they say they are fighting for. It is because we want to preserve our free democratic system that we must remain at peace. But we cannot remain carelessly at peace. If the price of democracy in ordinary times is eternal vigilance, in a war period that vigilance must be doubled.

We must be careful that, under the guise of "emergency," the powers of government are not so extended as to impair the vitality of free enterprise and choke off free expression of thought. Alas, we hear of the need for the government to control prices, to freeze American business, to regulate American employees and employers, to censor the radio. In a certain time there is always a temptation to surrender the responsibilities of a free citizen, to say to the government: "During this emergency, you take charge. You tell us what to do, what to think."

If we should yield to this temptation, the end of our free democratic system might come as readily in peace as in war. Once these responsibilities of citizenship are given up, they are not readily returned. Government, in its present working, consists only of negotiations of men and men, having no other power but the power of persuasion. We must not be lulled into suggested restrictions for humanitarian purposes, for, as executives Louis D. Brandeis once said:

"Experience should teach a man to be more on his guard to protect his liberties when the government's purposes are honest than when the greatest dangers to liberty lurk in insidious encroachment by men of zeal, well-meaning but without understanding."

The war has not changed the grave domestic questions confronting America; it has just temporarily diverted our minds from them. For ten years we have been haunted by our unemployment problem. Yet its solution has been in our hands for some time. During the depression decade, American industry accumulated an enormous deficiency in plants and modern machinery. To remedy this, industry will need even more than the present number of unemployed. Industry will also need a great deal of additional capital, and there should be no difficulty in getting this, as soon as the millions of American investors are reassured as to the future of free private enterprise.

The lack of confidence within industry is partly a result of industry's own defects in the period of over-

expansion which ended in 1929. But since then we have had several years of reform; and some of these reforms have gone so far as to impair the efficiency and recovery of business. In promoting recovery, the chief emphasis has been placed upon what the government should do; and we have had colossal expenditures for "priming the pump," and a colossal tax program to pay for these expenditures. Here is just the kind of where our free democracy is threatened. We are not in immediate danger of losing our freedom of speech, or of press, or of worship. The greatest threat to the American system today comes from the effort to restrict free competitive enterprise. As such enterprise alone can make economic recovery possible.

We have been told that the frontiers are gone, that our established industries are slowing down, and that there is little to be expected in the way of new inventions. We have even been informed that the very basis of the American dream is no longer true; that the plain man no longer has much of a chance. But such a philosophy is as false as it is cowardly. Our people, comprising only seven per cent of the world's population, still control more than 45 per cent of the world's wealth. And we enjoy the highest real wages, the shortest working hours, and the greatest percentage of home ownership on earth.

The great days of America are by no means done. We have only touched the border of our achievement. If I did not believe this, I would not believe in America. Because that faith is America.

Now my creed, if I were asked to define it, would run something like this:

I believe in America because in it we are free-free to choose our government, to speak our minds, to observe our different religions;

Because we are generous with our freedom—we share our rights with those who disagree with us;

Because we hate no people and covet no people's land;

Because we are blessed with a natural and varied abundance;

Because we set no limit to a man's achievement; in mine, factory, field or service in business or in the arts, an able man, regardless of class or creed, can realize his ambitions;

Because we have great dreams—and because we have the opportunity to make those dreams come true.

MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING

State Comptroller Lee's announcement that all municipalities will be required to file a complete statement of their financial operations at least once a year will not sit so well with some Florida governments, but economy-minded taxpayers will appreciate it as a start toward the solution of our tax ills.

One of the main reasons for excessive cost of local government is that taxpayers never have much of an idea that it is excessive. The Florida Tax Revision League reports that not more than a dozen of Florida's 240 municipalities make any effort to issue an annual report so taxpayers may know how their business is being operated. Some city officials refuse to reveal the important information, even when requests are made.

These officials may have overlooked the fact that a general state law was enacted in 1915, "to provide a uniform method of municipal accounting" and requiring all municipalities to make complete financial reports "to be filed in the office of the comptroller as a part of the public documents of the State." Comptroller Lee apparently means business.

It can easily be seen that such financial statements will give taxpayers complete details on municipal government cost. And that information will increase in value when comparisons are made with reports of other cities.

We need to get government costs out into the open. It isn't enough to say that our tax system is archaic. We must have the facts about waste and extravagance, and then set out to do a real job of reforming. Taxpayers will have a good opportunity to start the job at the coming election.—TAMPA TRIBUNE.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By RUSSELL KAY

Searching for a subject for this week's column, I found the following editorial in the current issue of the Tampa Evening News which to my mind is worthy of wider distribution. America needs to stop at this season and give a serious thought to her countless blessings.

The following editorial invites such consideration and I am happy to present it here:

Governor Fred P. Cone, replying to an invitation of the Florida Department of the American Legion for a message for the season, said: "Any American who doesn't welcome 1940 with a Happy New Year is afflicted with chronic indigestion—a disease which is practically unknown in the land of the Suwannee River."—For America is free from fear, from hatred, and from the horror of war. We should resolve to keep it so that the happiness of the new year may continue all year.

And every American will join with the Governor in this statement. While untold millions of people in foreign lands are shuddering in fear, wondering what tomorrow may bring, while frequent air raid alarms send them scurrying to shelters haunted by the fear that their wives and their children may become victims of the ravages of war—Americans are thinking of the happiness they may bring into the lives of their loved ones.

Shipping in America is a problem for the ordinary citizen because he has so many things from which to pick the gift he feels his loved ones will most appreciate. But in most foreign lands government rationing and government restrictions limit his choice to an absolute zero—and he can't buy that because he hasn't the money.

Yes, America is free! Free to love, free to achieve, and free from hate. And every American should thank his God that this is so. And he should join with Governor Cone in the firm resolve that he will do his utmost to keep America so that not only this year but succeeding years will present the same picture of a nation which knows its course, is secure in its faith, and determined in its resolve to keep itself free from the hatred and agony which is engulfing the nations less fortunate.

GOD BLESS AMERICA, LAND OF THE FREE; AND GOD KEEP AMERICA TRUE TO ITS IDEALS OF FREEDOM AND LIBERTY WITH JUSTICE FOR ALL!

A Dixie Viewpoint

By LEONARD ROAN

Forty four words it took—forty four characteristically plain and simple words, and "Dixie Jack" Garner had thrown his name into the race for the Democratic Presidential nomination, regardless of what other candidates may be in the field.

This makes the Vice President the first candidate to announce without reservations. All others who have directly or indirectly indicated they would seek the nomination have put a "third term proviso" in their candidacy.

Here is Mr. Garner's statement: "I will accept the nomination for President; I will make no effort to control any delegates. The people should decide. The candidate should be elected at primaries and conventions as provided by law, and I sincerely trust that all Democrats will participate in them."

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A Lot Of Democracy In One Sentence.

We want to call particular attention to the one sentence where he says, "The people should decide." There's a heap of Democracy packed in that one phrase, and it strikes a vital blow at those who now are opposing presidential preference primaries or any other method of free expression by the voters.

"The people should decide..."

In other words, Mr. Garner doesn't feel that he should be President of the United States unless he is the choice of the majority of the people. He is not interested in the dictating and trading that goes on at the national convention between leaders of unscrupulous delegations. He is not going to trade, deal or compromise with anyone.

When a man heads an unsuccessful delegation to the convention and uses his power and influence to trade off that delegation's support to a candidate, he has violated the trust of his people and the principles of Democracy.

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Termines At Work

Remember, Mr. Garner says, "The people should decide." But we know as a fact that in many states termines are busy at work to undermine the foundation of this tradition by preventing the primary vote from being cast.

That's a classic statement of Mr. Garner's "sincerely trusts all Democrats will participate."

The people mustn't allow this to happen. They must insist that the state committee call a preferential primary—or convention, as the case may be. That is another way of saying that the committee men or by petitions circulated throughout their sections.

The Christmas season is over now and 1940—that big year in our nation's politics—is at hand. There's no time to waste if we are to thwart the efforts of those selfish politicians who would deny us the right to say whom we would like to see as the next President.

That's a classic statement of Mr. Garner's—"the people should decide"—and we can't emphasize it too much.

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Quotation Of The Week

In Raymond Clapper's excellent column we find this interesting observation:

"One significance of Vice President Garner's candidacy is that it serves as a warning barrier to a third-term bid by Roosevelt."

"Mr. Garner plainly means to go to a showdown in the nominating convention... That is another way of saying that Mr. Roosevelt cannot obtain the 1940 nomination without a fight in the convention."

As a matter of practical politics, Mr. Roosevelt cannot afford to make such a fight. It would be suicidal!

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Happy New Year, folks.

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New Year's Day

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Church Notes

ST. CATHERINE'S CATHOLIC

Hickory Street — Sebring, Fla.

Mass every Sunday at 10:00 except last Sunday in the month when it will be at 8 A. M.

Daily Mass 7 A. M.

Rev. Osm.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Richard L. Brown, Rector

The Christmas Eve service will be repeated at 11:00 A. M.

Other Services Sunday: Holy Communion, 7:30 A. M.

Sunday School, 9:30 A. M.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

N. M. Isaacson, Pastor

Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.

Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.

Young People's service, 6:45 p.m.

Junior service, 6:45 p.m.

Evangelistic service, 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday night prayer service, 7:30 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Minglehoff, Pastor

Watch Night Service

Hats off to the past; coats off to the future.

The Methodist Church will hold a Watch Night service, Sunday Evening, December 31st beginning at 10:45 o'clock and closing with a prayer of consecration at 12:02 a. m. January 1st.

Each department of the church will formulate its goals for 1940 and present them to the congregation at this service. The pastor will present his goal for the new year and deliver a New Year's message on the subject: "Every Ending A New Beginning."

Special music by the adult choir. A New Year's anthem and a tenor solo by Theodore Cowen will feature the New Year's music.

For many years the Watch Night service was one of the great services of the Methodist Church. Let us plan to make this a great occasion. May we in the worship of His church bid farewell to 1939 and welcome to 1940.

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.

Chances for all ages and teachers of ability for all classes. Let us close out the year with a record attendance.

At the eleven o'clock service, the pastor will preach on "Nearing the End." We might not have begun 1939 by attending church. Therefore, let us come to church and make the close of the year more profitable than the beginning.

The Young People's division of the church meets in several groups at 6:30 p. m.

Personal letters to the committee men or by petitions circulated throughout their sections.

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Harmen Atkins will introduce the topic: "What We Have Learned From the Experiences of 1939." Young people are specially invited to attend this hour of fellowship and discussion.

The Children's Choir will meet for rehearsal at the church on Wednesday at 4:00 p. m. under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Garber. The "Quiet Hour" service for prayer, prayer and meditation will be held on Wednesday at 7:30 p. m. Forty-five minutes of inspirational worship with a brief address by the pastor. Make a good start for the New Year by attending this service.

The Senior Church Choir will meet for rehearsal at the church on Saturday at 7:30 p. m. under the direction of Mrs. George E. Symonds. The pastor and members of Union Congregational Church wish to ask our winter visitors and citizens a Happy and Prosperous New Year and cordially invite them to attend these services.

Tourist Masonic Ass'n Will Meet

ARCADIA, Dec. 28—(FNS)—With only a week to go, members of the Tourist Masonic Association of the World are assembling here for their fourth annual convention which will be held in January 1st to 7th.

The organization is affiliated

with the National League of Masonic Clubs whose units are located in some 600 cities and towns throughout the United States.

The T. M. A. has an active Ladies' Auxiliary which aids in planning the entertainment programs.

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Mrs. Rouse Hostess At Lovely Party

Among the lovely Christmas affairs of Avon Park was the afternoon tea given by Mrs. Nan Rouse at her home on Walnut street Thursday afternoon.

The living room was decorated with large vases of poinsettias. In one corner was an attractive silver Christmas tree with blue lights and the mantel was draped with silver and red bells.

The afternoon was spent in conversation among the guests after which they enjoyed refreshments of tea, coffee, sandwiches, novelty Christmas cookies and mixed salted nuts.

The refreshments were served from a beautifully arranged table in the dining room. The table was covered with an imported lace cloth, centered with red tapers in crystal holders.

Guests were presented with small novelty favors of tiny red candles in holders of marshmallows with lifesavers for handles.

During the afternoon Mrs. Rouse was assisted in serving and entertaining by Mrs. E. H. Ware, Mrs. Robert Porterfield, high for the guests, a Fosteria ash tray. She was also awarded cup prize which was a novelty kitchen string container.

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Mrs. Ware Hostess To Wednesday Club

Mrs. E. H. Ware entertained the guests of her Wednesday afternoon bridge club and also a few friends this week at her home.

The house was beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations which included a beautifully lighted Christmas tree, poinsettias and sugar plum trees.

A delicious luncheon of salad and dessert courses was enjoyed by the guests. Attractive novelty place cards of miniature Santa Clauses forming nut cups were used in making the table more beautiful.

The prizes for the afternoon games were awarded to Mrs. Paul Rumpas high for the club, a Fosteria cream and sugar set, Mrs. Robert Porterfield, high for the guests, a Fosteria ash tray. She was also awarded cup prize which was a novelty kitchen string container.

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Thursday Club Met At Dilley Home

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The rooms were beautifully decorated with Christmas decorations such as vases of poinsettias and a lovely lighted Christmas tree.

Punch was served during the evening and after the games of bridge were enjoyed the guests were served a delicious salad course from a beautifully arranged dining table with large blue bowl in the center, reflectors on each side with large bunches of blue grapes on them and surrounded by candles.

Prizes for the evening went to Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Roberts, high, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong second high and Mrs. John Hodd, fourth.

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Directs Movie At Cypress Gardens



CYPRESS GARDENS, Fla.—Frisella Evebeth directed twenty-one youthful students for a MGM "News of the Day" made last week at the Cypress Gardens. Among the charming drum majors were Peggy Mandis, Betty Moffett and Martha McLeod of Avon Park.

Halsema—Simmons Wedding

Announcement was made this week of the wedding on December 21 of J. C. Halsema and Miss Ada Simmons of Wauchula. The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Davis, Rev. McClelland of New Hope officiating.

Mrs. Halsema is the daughter of Mrs. Ernest Simmons of near Wauchula and Mr. Halsema is the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Halsema of Jacksonville. He graduated from the Avon Park high school and is engaged in the growing of gladioli.

Allen Rogers is spending the holidays with relatives in Ocala. "Babe" Posner of Tallahassee was a business visitor here Wednesday.

Mrs. C. Weir of Miami is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Redick.

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Mrs. H. C. Rutledge and Mr. and Mrs. Ella Elder spent Sunday in Clewiston visiting with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Harris.

Mrs. Ethel Ware and Carl Ware of Ocala spent Christmas here as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Ware and family.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Turner of Tampa are spending several days of this week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Bert Pritzell.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Yates and daughter spent Christmas visiting with friends and relatives in Miami and Key West.

H. H. Graham of Miami is spending several days of this week here visiting with relatives, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Yates.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haynie spent several days of this week visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Campbell in Leesburg.

Mrs. H. K. Pettit returned Friday from a short visit in Enterprise, Ala. where she has been visiting her mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Seagraves of Arkansas are visiting with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Crabtree.

Mrs. Fred Ley and son Freddie of Tallahassee are spending the holidays here visiting her mother, Mrs. Cyril Baldwin.

Miss Sara B. Mitchell of Nashville, Tenn. is expected to arrive today for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Scott.

Joe Firing of Philadelphia, Pa. arrived Thursday to spend the holidays here visiting her mother, Mrs. Frank England.

Mrs. Russell Childs, Sonny Hagans and Miss Charlie Mae Hagans arrived Wednesday in Lakeland visiting with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Eklund and children of Atlanta arrived Tuesday for a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Archer.

Paul Fuller of Pittsburgh, Pa. spent Friday here as the guest of his aunt and uncle, Dr. and Mrs. George Scott McKnight.

Mr. and Mrs. H. P. Knapp and Mrs. and Mrs. Peden spent Monday visiting with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harniss of Tampa is spending several days of this week visiting with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. George Long of Tallahassee spent Christmas here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Rogers spent several days of this week here visiting with relatives on Lake Wales.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hayes of Tampa, Fla. visited the week-end here with Mrs. Constance Yates.

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Miss Gussie Norton of Palatka spent Sunday and Monday here visiting her sister Miss Ruby Gene Norton.

Miss Mabel Seibert spent the week end visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Seibert in Ft. Meade.

Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Tomlinson of Tampa spent several days of this week here visiting with friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Mercer and son Sport, spent Tuesday in West Palm Beach visiting with friends and relatives.

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Prologue to Love

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CHAPTER XIII—Continued

"Yes," Bruce said, as if to himself. "It must have been you, as you say—the ghost of Jarvis came back. I myself have thought something of the kind. Thought it often. Poor Jarvis! His obsession with the past disturbed all his thinking. He wrote this in a moment of—of lucidity. You should be glad he did, my dear!"

"Glad?" Autumn said absently. "It alters nothing, Hector."

"On the contrary, my dear," Hector protested. "It alters much." He tapped the paper lightly with his fingers. "This is the equivalent of a retraction of everything that Jarvis had against Bruce Landor."

"Even so, Hector," Autumn said wearily. "What good can that do now?"

"It will not hurt Bruce to know that Jarvis Dean held no real bitterness in his heart toward him."

"Certainly," Hector said. Autumn broke in. "Forgive me, please! There was a selfish thought."

Hector laid the paper on the table and placed his hands awkwardly on his knees. "I see," he said softly. "What you would have preferred, perhaps, would have been your father's written consent to the marriage."

"Oh, Hector!" Autumn interrupted again. "I wasn't thinking when I spoke."

"I can see that," he said. "The fact is, when a young woman is in love she interprets everything in the light of that one fact. Well, my dear, this retraction—small as it may seem to you—may have some bearing even on that."

Autumn looked at him and smiled resignedly. "You don't understand, darling. Bruce has made up his mind about this."

"I haven't told you," she said hesitantly. "about the night he came to the Parris' lodge to tell me what had happened to father. I had gone up there earlier in the evening. Bruce found me there alone with Father. Hannah had told him that I had gone to spend the night at the lodge. I had intended to, but Linda was to have been there, too. She became ill that day, and I had to leave home. Florian met me there—to take me back home, he said. But we had supper together in the lodge and before we were ready to leave—Bruce arrived. You know yourself what he meant to say to me. Florian tried to explain, but Bruce wasn't in a mood to accept his explanation."

"Hm-m," Hector said, knitting his brows. "Has Florian done nothing more to help him, then?"

"Bruce was incensed, of course, at Bruce's attitude. He would undoubtedly have a talk with Bruce—and force him to listen, but he's away just now on a business trip. He thought, it won't make any difference to Bruce, though. You see—he had changed toward me before that."

Hector frowned and cracked his knuckles. The romances of these young creatures were too much for him. He had been given to understand that young love of the modern variety held the power of life and light in its grasp. Now, in his day—well, in his day!

"You're a pair of young fools!" he blurted out suddenly, pouring himself another cup of tea.

Autumn got up and stood looking out of the wide spread of windows into the garden. Hector was too busy, or, as she thought to herself, to bring her out of the ghastly enchantment that had taken her. She knew that dreadful night when Bruce had come for her at the lodge. Only isolated images remained in her memory of the evening—the shocking time, brilliant and horrible as exploding stars. The ride home a nightmare in which the staggering knowledge of her father's death clashed against her knowledge of Bruce's reaction to finding her alone with Florian. Then, suddenly, Hannah taking her in her arms—Hannah, white-faced and speechless. And the closed mask of a door—the door of the little back parlor, behind which her father lay. The comical little undertaker, who, cone-shaped bald head, at whose appearance Autumn had fled to her own room, to scream into her pillows with hysterical laughter, until Hector had come quietly in and sat on the bed beside her. From somewhere—Hector somewhere—the learned lady that Bruce had finally reached him by telephone. Then, in the depth of night, the moon shone pale, the deep-throated, forlorn moan of Saint Paul!

Yes, Hector was trying to bring her around. It was worth the effort, but where was the use of their talking any more of Bruce Landor? Bruce seemed more unapproachable to her now than ever, in the numbness of her fatigue. It was difficult to remember clearly what he looked like, or even to hear the tone of his voice. It seemed years since she had seen him, severe and silent, at the entrance to the castle where he did not turn in after his car had escorted her and Florian home.

Autumn turned and faced Hector. "Fools!" she said. "Yes, darling—and sad redemption."

He looked at her with curious bright eyes. "Probably, my dear,

probably," he replied. "What, for example, are you going to do about that little note your father wrote into his will?"

"I don't know yet," she replied. "I should like Bruce to know about it, naturally. I shall think of some way."

"With your permission," Hector suggested. "I shall attend to that myself. I should like to, if you don't mind. Or perhaps you would prefer to let it be in your own way."

"I'd like you to do it," she replied. "It would be simpler."

"I'll make a copy of it now, then," Hector said, and took the paper to a small desk at the end of the room where he sat and wrote while Autumn smoked a cigarette in silence.

Presently he got up and folded the sheet of paper as he came toward her. Her eyes followed him with a slow, steady gaze, and she saw the slender fingers and the white cuff of a letter that lay upon the desk.

"These letters," he said in a gently modulated tone, "were my reason for asking you and Bruce to dine at my house that night. As it turned out—you could not come, but I had wanted you both to read them, even then, difficult as it was for me. These letters belonged to your mother."

They were written to her by Geoffrey Landor. Before she died she entrusted them to me. I am giving them to you now to read when you are alone. In them he tells of his efforts to leave the country and his life here, as well as his life here because of his love for you."

Autumn drew a quick breath. "You mean—he tried to get away?" she asked softly.

Hector cleared his throat with a painful cough. "I am sure you will know how he felt. I can tell you how he felt—quite apart from anything he wrote here."

"I did not know that," she murmured. "He never told me."

"Your father did not tell you that, because to him it was not important," Hector went on. "Jarvis never had a true perspective of the thing that happened to him—all of it. He was obsessed. Jealousy will distort a man's vision for which he is not altogether accountable. Your father believed it was Geoffrey's plan to leave and that he was to follow him. But Geoffrey's property at the time was heavily burdened—and Jarvis held the bag, as we say. He had Geoffrey at his mercy."

Autumn sat on the edge of her chair, her fingers tightly interlaced. "By the time Jarvis had reached the end of the letter, the words were moving like a dimly silver caravan beyond her tears. The clarity of the dream of Jarvis' flight had even hoped that there might be some friendship between her daughter and Geoffrey Landor. His son and affection of that destiny which had begun in her and Geoffrey. Autumn glanced across at him where he had seated himself again at the windows, and folded the letter pensively in her hands.

"Thank you, Hector," she said. "For showing me this."

He did not turn from the window, and Autumn laid the letter beside the packet on the table and went to him.

"You've done your part," she said, and I'm grateful to you."

He turned and put an arm about her. For a moment he seemed on the point of speaking. Then he patted her cheek affectionately and turned away.

"I'll be going, I think," he said. "Come to see me when you have a moment. With another word he left her, picked up his hat from the small sofa on his way out, and walked away, his thin, straight back soldierly and unflinching. From the windows, Autumn watched him go, her teeth biting down into her quivering lip. Then she turned and went to her room.

Bruce Landor, in loose gray flannels, wearing his considerable length of limb out of his modest automobile, stepped into the hall and took a few steps to Hector Cardigan's door. He was somewhat mystified, though he had resisted any suspicion of intrigue, by the urgency with which Hector had pressed him to come to dinner.

Hector, obviously at a tension, ushered him in, took his top coat and hat and hung them on the rather insecure rack in the hall, and then, with a look of surprise, he saw that Bruce, supposed, one should admire as having belonged to Cleopatra, was perhaps coming.

"I'm glad you came, my boy," Hector said, drawing himself up solemnly and looking at Bruce with a penetrating eye. "Come along, I have an appetizer waiting for you."

"Right, Hector," Bruce said, following his host into the dining room. The end of a long refectory table of solid, gleamy old oak was spread lastly with fine linen and silver and a surprising array of edibles.

Bruce had been, always, a disconcerting feeling that he was about to see the walls of the castle emerge from the draperies on the walls and reappear with jealous hands as the spring of the year had brooded constantly over the

death of the man he once called friend. I fear that it may become a never-ending war between him and me. I am the one who is to blame, Autumn, if any one is to blame for hopeless love. I can never tell you, my darling girl, how love came to me at last, after years of groping. I can only tell you that it came. After you were born, but that I never forgot the vows that had made me the wife of your father. I can tell you, too, that love—when it is love—is a woman's whole life and being. She can never escape it though she go to the ends of the earth."

"I do not know what lies before you here. Jane Landor is a strong-willed woman and she has already made it clear that she intends to continue at her own ranch, discharge all her obligations, and bring up her boy in the valley. He will be growing up together, Autumn, and the time will come when you must be friends or enemies—according to the will of my mother and your father, who hate each other now. It is my wish, Autumn, that you be clear and without prejudice, and that you refuse to be influenced by this tragedy of the past. I should like to think that you

The evening having turned cool, Hector had kindled a small blaze of pine logs in the Dutch tiled fireplace, and now they seated themselves before it with their brandy and cigarettes.

"I suppose you would be uncomfortable in the presence of modern furniture," Bruce remarked, glancing idly about the room. "You have lived so long with the ghosts of the past."

A strange glow warmed Hector's eyes. "In more ways than one, my boy," he observed pointedly. "But I have never permitted my ghosts to haunt me. That Elizabethan wine-cup, now—'he pointed to an elaborately wrought chalice that stood on the top of a china closet—'you know but what the death of some dear friend may have done to you drunk from his brain? But does it make the cup less beautiful, less precious to our time?"

"Rather not," Bruce replied. "On the contrary."

"The past," Hector said, warming to his subject, "is a dim avenue down which we may have found the diverging paths of terror and beauty and passion. If we stand at the entrance to that avenue and peer within, remote lines telescope into our own immediate past, so that with clear eyes we may note that the events which have occurred a few decades ago have the same values. Or do you follow me, sir?"

Bruce regarded his host with mounting curiosity. "I believe I do," Bruce said, swept involuntarily into Hector's steadily mood.

Hector waved a brown hand and toward the Sphinx tapestry on the wall to their left. "The accomplished fact of the past," he continued, "may be compared to a tapestry like that—upon which we can look with disinterested sympathy and comprehend the motives and the quaint desires and ambitions and tragedies and loves of our forefathers. To the rational mind of a generation ago is such a tapestry, my boy."

Bruce was leading steadily to something. His oratory was without a definite object of that Bruce was sure. He settled himself in his chair and resolved to wait patiently for the disclosure of his purpose.

"Do you remember that line from 'The Tempest'?" "That's past is prologue," Bruce said. "I am an old man—and given to romantic indulgences."

Bruce smiled. "Go ahead, Hector! I've had some such ideas in my own mind, though I've never been able to put them into words."

Hector favored him with a shrewd glance. "Of course you have, my boy. Of course you have! You have thought of the past that lies behind you, no doubt—your own father's death, for example."

Bruce tossed his cigarette into the fire. "It was that I had in mind, Hector," he admitted.

There was a brief silence in which Hector looked forward at Bruce with his brandy glass thoughtfully about his fingers.

"Would you mind if very much I asked you something about that?" he said finally.

"There is nothing much that I can tell you, Hector," Bruce replied. "You probably know more about it than I do."

"Have you any very clear opinion concerning the past?" he asked abruptly.

"I had understood that he took his own life—because his love for another woman," Bruce returned.

"You know that?"

"He was put two and two together, Hector," Bruce replied bluntly. "I know they are in love—the rest I don't know."

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Improved Uniform SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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Lesson for December 31

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FRIENDS AND FOES OF THE KINGDOM

LESSON TEXT—Matthew 12:34-44; Luke 11:17-20. GOLDEN TEXT—Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you. John 15:14.

Inventory time has come, and it seems that our lesson for today, although it does come in the middle of our study of the Gospel of Matthew, comes too soon to sort of a pause to consider what has been the result of that which Jesus had said and done thus far in our study.

The answer we find is that He had been friendly and loving to all men, and the answer was love and love and love. His foes apparently numbered His friends, and the hatred was evidently fierce and the love too warm. So Jesus was defeated? No, far from it. As we know, He won the victory over His enemies.

The situation is not different today. Those who follow Jesus and His disciples are quite united in the minority and all too often it seems that hatred for the cause of Christ has the upper hand. Are we defeated? No, we will ultimately win the victory again. We are on the winning side.

2. Discarded Because of Jealousy (12:54-58).

One would have supposed that the people of the little, almost unknown town of Nazareth would have been thrilled at the return of its native son whose fame had also spread its wings abroad and whose name was on the lips of thousands because He went about doing good.

They were astonished, but they were ready to accept Him. They could not deny the fact either of His person or His power, but they could and did permit their personal pride and jealousy to lead them to deny Him.

"This story teaches us the unutterable folly of refusing to accept fact because it is astonishing, yet there are thousands of people standing in that position today concerning Jesus Christ. It is utterly unchristian, not to say irreligious. Here is an astonishing thing. They say they understand how this man hath this wisdom. Has He the wisdom? Why, yes, we cannot escape it. Then in the name of God and common sense, let us investigate" (G. Campbell Morgan).

3. Many Names of the Son (13:1-14).

The pride of heart which causes many to feel themselves too good to follow the lowly Nazarene is sin. The pride of heart which even the world recognizes as sin which separates men from Christ, D. L. Moody is said to have written in the fly leaf of his Bible, "This book will keep you from sin, or sin will keep you from this book." That is true, and it is also true that sin will keep a man from Christ.

Herod, living in sin, had been rebuffed by Jesus and had advanced an accusation by the simple expedient of imprisonment and ultimately by beheading Him. But one does not thus and away sin, and when the man heard of Jesus, he at once assumed that John had risen from the dead. He was about to say, "So He also took his place with the enemies of our Lord."

If a man shows his opposition to Christ, whether it be by indifference, or by jealousy, or in outright hatred, he sure there is sin in that man's heart. Those who have righteousness love the righteous Lord. (J. Campbell Morgan).

4. Accepted Because of Service (13:15-17).

"The Son of man came not to be ministered unto but to minister," even to the giving of "His life a ransom for many" (Matt. 20:28).

We have so overemphasized and misused the word service that one almost hesitates to speak it in connection with the name of the Lord Jesus. Yet it does summarize His earthly life and ministry. He served the needy with His teaching and preaching, with His healing touch, and we read that they wondered and glorified God (v. 31).

We said above that the majority of men appear to reject Christ, but that does not mean that He has no friends. "The communion of saints" is made up of a great and almost numberless host, including the ranks the finest and most distinguished men and women of all ages who gladly stand side by side with the humblest of believers to be counted for the Lord Jesus.

As a means of encouraging men everywhere to follow Christ as they find Him in His Word, the writer of these notes will send you a copy of the "New Bible Reading," including a Bible-reading calendar for the year 1940, with names and addresses at the head of this column and if possible enclose a stamped addressed envelope or a three-cent stamp.

Choosing Your Words

Say what is true and what is pleasant. Do not say what is pleasant and not true, nor what is true and not pleasant.—Mason.

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Strange Facts

"Black-Out" Lights Street Car Drivers Immortal Ties

For "black-outs" during air raids, England has perfected high-way traffic lights, headlights and police uniforms that can be seen only by those on the ground.

Geneva, Switzerland, has street-cars whose entire space is given over to restaurants in which the passengers eat and drink as they travel through the city.

Many navies now use a torpedo that appears to be aimed at a point far ahead or far behind its target but, after going some distance, suddenly makes a right or left swing and strikes before its objective can turn away.

A study of old tendencies reveals that a much larger number of widowed and divorced men marry spinsters than widowed and divorced women marry bachelors.

The giant redwood trees in California and Oregon have never been known to die a natural death.—Collier's.

ASK ME ANOTHER

The Questions

1. Can you write 600 in Roman numerals?

2. Is the income of the President taxable?

3. Who cut the Gordian Knot?

4. Which of our wars was known as Mr. Madison's war?

5. Which is the middle verse of the Bible?

6. Which woman has had more statues erected to her memory than any other woman?

7. Which race is increasing its population the fastest?

8. Do plants grow more at night than during the day?

9. Which is the correct quotation: "Far from the maddening crowd," or "Far from the maddening crowd?"

10. What per cent of the world's population is still governed by monarchs?

The Answers

1. DC.

2. His salary as President is not. Any other income he may have, is.

3. Alexander the Great.

4. The War of 1812.

5. The eighth verse of the 118th Psalm.

6. Joan of Arc.

7. The white races of the world are doubling their populations every 50 years, the yellow and brown races every 60 years and the black races every 40 years.

8. Although trees and other green plants require light to develop, virtually all of their growth takes place at night. Those in dark or shaded places grow faster than those exposed to brighter light.

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A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

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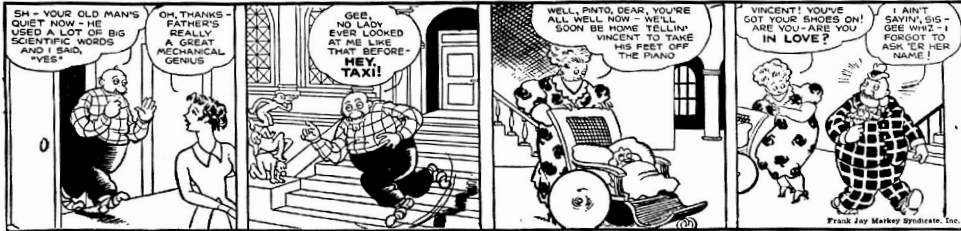
BIG TOP

By ED WHEELAN



LALA PALOOZA — A Woman's Touch

By RUBE GOLDBERG



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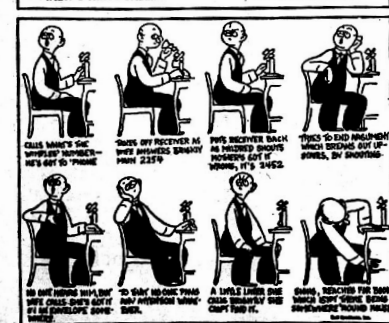
POP— Just a Matter of Diet

By J. MILLAR WATT



"WHAT'S THAT NUMBER?"

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS



REASON ENOUGH

Skold—I wonder why my girl always closes her eyes when I kiss her?
Bones—If you look in your mirror you can see for yourself.

"Tappy Ochs"
Grocer—"You want a pound of ochre? Is it the red ochre for painting bricks?"
Small Boy—No, it's tappy ochre wot Maw makes puddin' with.

Mighty Congressman on Nickel Slater—Bobby won't eat his spinach.
Mother—Spinach has lots of iron.
Slater—He's holding out for silver.

Now It Can Be Told
Willie (reading Monitor article on India)—What's an Untouchable?
Dad—It's a guest towel.

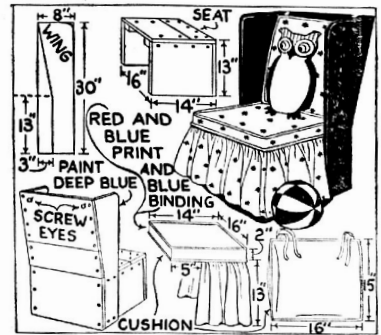
Like Ours
"Have a garden this spring!"
"Yes, one of those Peter Pan gardens—never grew up."

Cheerful News



HOW TO SEW

by Ruth Wyeth Spears



A gay winged chair for the youngster

A GOOD deal has been said about children having to live in a giant's world where all the furniture is made for grown-ups. Furniture stores are now selling chairs; tables; beds and dressers made for children. There are all the dimensions needed for making a child's chair at home. It is of 1-inch material and the sketch shows clearly how it is screwed together after the pieces have been sawed according to the measurements given. The chair is painted deep blue; the back, seat cushions and full skirt are of red and blue cotton print with blue bindings. All dimensions for the cushions and skirt are also given in the sketch.

NOTE: If you enjoy making what you want from next to nothing, don't miss Mrs. Spears' newest Sewing Book (No. 4). It is full of information for making useful things. Booklet No. 1, 2 and 3 contain a fascinating array of things to make for the home. Mrs. Spears has made three patterns for Early American quilt blocks which she will send FREE with your order for four books at 10 cents each. Quilt block patterns only—10 cents for set of three. Send order to Mrs. Spears, Drawer 10, Bedford Hills, New York.

AROUND the HOUSE

Items of Interest to the Housewife

Fat Side Up.—Put the roast in the pan with the fat side up so it will baste itself.

Plan meals in advance. with concern for the use of leftovers, which will aid in saving energy in preparation.

For Dried Fruits.—Try soaking and cooking a thin slice or two of lemon with your dried apricots, peaches or prunes.

When making a meringue have the eggs whites very cold and beat them until stiff enough to stand alone. If baked in too hot an oven meringue will be tough and shrink when set away to cool.

When washing a white silk blouse or jumper to which you want to give a little stiffness, add a few lumps of sugar to the rinsing water, roll tightly in a clean towel, and iron while still damp.

Chocolate and orange flavors blend well. Add orange extract to chocolate frosting or candy. Try covering a chocolate cake with orange frosting.

Stored Potatoes.—Potatoes stored in too cold a place change some of their starch to sugar, and when a potato has accumulated considerable sugar it won't fry well.

Cane-bottomed chairs that have sagged can be tightened by being well scrubbed with a soapy mixture containing a handful of salt. Allow to dry, then paint with a strong solution of salt and water and dry again, if possible out of doors.

Prosecutor Had Grounds For Objection. It Appears

Counsel for the defense was cross-examining the witness, a lovely blonde with big blue eyes. "Where were you," he thundered, "on Monday night?" The blonde smiled sweetly. "Out for a run in a car."

"And where were you," belated counsel, "on Tuesday night?" "Out for a run in a car."

Counsel leaned closer. "And when," he said, "are you doing tomorrow night?" Prosecuting counsel leaped to his feet.

"Your Honor," he protested, "I object to that question."

"And why do you object?" "Because I asked her first!"

Aisle of Woman's Dreams

Suppose you knew that one aisle of one floor in one store had everything you needed to purchase!

Suppose that on that aisle you could buy household necessities, smart clothing, thrilling gifts for bride, graduate, voyager? How much walking that would save! How much time, trouble and fretful shopping you would be spared!

That, in effect, is what advertisements in this paper can do for you. They bring all the needs of your daily life into review... in one convenient place. Shop from your easy-chair, with the advertisements. Keep abreast of bargains, instead of chasing them. Spend time in your newspaper to save time—and money—in the stores.

FOR CHEST COLDS RAWNESS TIGHTNESS
QUICK RUB ON SUPER-MEDICATED FENITROL
LET IT DO ITS GOOD WORK FASTER, BECAUSE IT CONTAINS 2 TO 3 TIMES MORE MEDICATION THAN ANY OTHER SALVE SOLD NATIONALLY FOR COLDS, MUSCULAR ACHES AND NASAL IRRITATIONS.
PENETRO
SUPER-MEDICATED RUB

Means of Utterance
Utterance is not confined to words. Our souls speak in significantly by looks, tones or gestures—the subtle vehicles of our more delicate emotions, as they do by set words and phrases. Indeed, the soul has a thousand ways of communicating itself.—Turnbull.

LOST YOUR PEP?
Is it Aching Relief?
Conditions Due to Stagnant Bowels
Nature's Remedy
If you think all laxatives are alike, try the all-vegetable laxative, **Nature's Remedy**. It is the only one that is gentle, effective, and does not cause the nervousness, dizziness, or other ailments associated with cathartics. It is the only one that is safe for the whole family. It is the only one that is **100% GUARANTEED**.
Without Risk—Druggists. Make the trial—do it now. They have the **LOTUS** in the lot to us. We will refund the purchase price if you do not like it. **NO TONIGHT**
Get **NB Tablets** today.

HAPPY NEW YEAR



May the joys of successful achievement be yours this glad New Year and throughout 1940.

RUTH B. HYLTON

NEW YEAR'S CHEER

Wishing will make it so, yours will be the happiest New Year possible.

Park Shoe Shop
C. C. TWISS



HAPPY NEW YEAR



May we extend to our many friends and patrons a very happy New Year.

The Great A & P Tea Co.
Avon Park, Florida

For New Year...

Three rousing cheers... We like you — hope you like us...

W. M. Reck
Real Estate



ALL HAIL THE GLORIOUS NEW YEAR 1940



Best wishes for the coming New Year! May it be our privilege to serve you throughout 1940 as we have in the past.

The Blue Anchor
Avon Park, Florida

The New Year...

...another chapter in friendship's book may each page bring you continued success and happiness.

Pendleton Grain & Provision Company

Avon Park, Florida



HAPPY NEW YEAR



We thank you for your patronage during 1939. We look forward to your continued good will in 1940 and for many years to come.

L. D. Roberts
Dry Cleaning & Tailoring

GREETINGS 1940



To my many friends I say "Happy New Year!" And may my friendships grow throughout the coming year.

H. T. PIETY

Thanks Everybody!

To my friends who so generously gave of their money and labor in making the Christmas Party a huge success I thank you.

It enabled me to carry out my contract with the boys and girls of Avon Park and I am truly grateful. The pleasure that we gave to the youngsters from Sunland to Fort Meade will ever linger in my memory.

I also wish to thank the Chamber of Commerce and other organizations, Mayor McGee of Sebring and Colonel Bailey for their presence. I want to thank Colonel Bailey for his fine assistance in providing transportation for the young people of the county.

The Park Theatre management also helped greatly by entertaining the members of the visiting bands, free, and also closed during the fireworks display.

I could not have carried on without the splendid assistance of the press. I very much appreciate the loyalty of Mr. E. L. Roberts and our fine school band. The visiting bands from Sebring and Lake Placid added much to the beauty of the occasion.

The visitors were estimated at over 1,000 cars (with 5 or more people to the car). I am sure that no Avon Park citizen complained at all being detained 45 minutes in a traffic jam on Main Street.

MAYOR M. E. COVINGTON.

PERSONALS

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Head and children and Mrs. O. L. Head spent Monday in Ft. Meade visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Surles and son Charles and J. W. Clements of Lake Providence, La., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Redick.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Baldwin and Fred Ley of Tallahassee spent Sunday and Monday here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Baldwin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Brenden are spending the Christmas holidays in Miami and Ft. Lauderdale visiting their children and numerous grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Childs and son Clyde and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Chasler left this week to spend several days with relatives in Hartford, Ala.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Culler and son Tom, Jr. and Miss Dorothy Roberts of Sarasota spent Sunday here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Rogers and son Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Rogers and son and Harold Cooley are visiting with friends and relatives in Claxton, Ga.

Miss Carmen Booth of Tampa is spending the holidays here visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Booth. She is cashier at the Tampa Terrace Hotel.

Eldred Starkey of Atlanta, Ga. and Dick Starkey of Arcadia spent Monday and Tuesday fishing at Moore Haven. They reported a very good catch.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Roberts and Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Roberts of Zolfo Springs spent Sunday here visiting with Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Roberts and Miss Bettie Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Archie Jordan and daughter Edna and Miss Bettie Roberts attended the Winter Haven-Lakeland football game in Winter Haven Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Dryer and four children of St. Petersburg have moved into the Jack Head home on Pleasant Street. Mr. Dryer is connected with the Florida Public Service Co.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Durrance and W. H. Lewis of Ft. Meade and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Harris, Jr. of Cookeville, Tenn. were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. I. Harris Friday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Hagen and son spent several days of this week in Orlando. They were accompanied home by Mrs. H. C. Biggie who has been visiting her daughters the Misses Olga and Sybil Biggie for the past few days.

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Activities Of The Chamber of Commerce

By the Publicity Committee
Avon Park Chamber of Commerce

"Oh wad the power some giffle gie us to see oursel as Ithers see us." So sang Robert Burns many years ago, and it holds true through all the years.

If we as citizens of Avon Park could have this gift how wonderfully we could improve ourselves; how little kicking we would find necessary.

Appropos of the above we ask you to read this letter from Mr. Elliott L. Gygere of Alliance, Ohio. This letter was published in the Alliance Daily Review. The city has a population of about 24,000. Mr. Gygere has sent us a copy of the letter and here is what he thinks about us:

Avon Park, Fla.
Dec. 18, 1939.

The Tin Can Tourists of the World have just rounded out a group gathering in this beautiful city of 3,835 population. We are entering upon the third week of our stay here.

The main business section has a Mall or boulevard which is replete with native trees and shrubs beneath which are comfortable benches. The tropical beauty of the Mall is something of which the city may well be proud. The trailer camp fronts upon an attractive lake which is said to abound with fish of various kinds. A few of the campers have been fishing but with variable success. Mayor M. E. Covington is reputed to be the most successful angler in the waters of the lake.

An outstanding feature of the city is the hospitality shown visitors by the residents. We have parked in a large number of Florida cities and towns but nowhere have we been given a more cordial welcome. This is the first time Avon Park has entertained a group of T. C. T. members everyone seems to be trying to make the stay here a memorable one. I am sure the organization will arrange for good gatherings here in the future.

Dancing, which is a favorite pastime with the Tin Canners, is held at the National Guard Armory, which is directly across the street from the camp and it may be stated that the camp is located within a city park only two blocks from the main business section. The layout here is ideal for campers.

Shuffleboard and card tournaments were featured last week and also a "Bingo" party and these, with dancing every evening, constituted the program of entertainment. Valuable and useful prizes were awarded the winners in all the contests Thursday evening was "Ladies' Night" for the dancers and various prizes were given the holders of lucky numbers.

We took a drive over to Sebring last week and met a number of our old friends among them the Ivan Redingers. We also stopped at a bakery and were surprised to find it is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Milton W. Baker who at one time conducted the Oriental Grocery store on Main Street opposite the Spring-Holworth Store.

The next meeting of the Tin Can Tourists will be held at Arcadia from December 18th to 20th and this will be followed by the fourth annual convention of the Tourist Mosaic Association covering the period from January 1st to 7th. The T. C. T. annual convention is scheduled to be held at Tampa February 12th to 20th. It is anticipated that 2,000 outfit of trailers and housecars will be registered at Tampa during the convention. This means an assemblage of 5,000 persons."

ELLIOTT L. GYGERE.

Well, that sounds pretty good, doesn't it? But don't let us kid ourselves too much. Mr. Gygere's opinion is no doubt reflected by many others who were here. It all goes to show what we can do when we all pull together and put our best foot forward. But keep it up—don't let down a minute.

Here we are at the close of the year. It is time to take stock of ourselves and ask this question: "Have I as a citizen of Avon Park done all I could for the real advancement of my city?"

Time for good resolutions is approaching. Make very few but see that we keep them and let this be one of them: "I will do my bit in 1940 to cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce or through any other legitimate agency, in putting Avon Park to the front and keeping her there."

Happy New Year and a whole lot more of them.

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Government Buys 341,413 Boxes Fruit

LAKELAND, Dec. 28.—(FNS)—The Federal government purchased 341,413 boxes of Florida oranges during the two weeks preceding Christmas at prices ranging from 95 cents to one dollar per box. The total amount paid to growers amounted to \$332,153. Purchases were limited to 200 boxes for this

week because of the difficulty of getting fruit distributed during the holiday rush. The price, however, was held at 95 cents.

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Please accept our sincere appreciation of your good will during 1939, and our wishes for a happy New Year.

R. F. SAPPINGTON
AVON PARK, FLORIDA



It is with utmost pleasure that we extend to our customers and friends sincere wishes for a very happy and prosperous New Year.

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