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Capt. Yates Is Made Brigade Staff Officer

Headquarters Batt'ry Makes Camp at Blanding

(By SGT. W. A. SADLER)

Camp Blanding, Dec. 19 — The men of the battery received a great shock upon arrival in camp, when they were informed that Captain Chester B. Yates, battery commander, had been transferred to the brigade staff. Captain Yates will assume the S-4 position on General Sumter L. Lowry's staff. The battery will have Captain Gunby, of Montgomery, Ala., former member of the brigade staff, as its commanding officer. S-4 duties are that of Ammunition officer for the 56th Brigade and is a responsible position. The men of the battery will miss Captain Yates, but will give the new commanding officer all cooperation possible.

Headquarters Battery, 56th F. A. Brigade, with 58 enlisted men and two officers, arrived in Camp Blanding Saturday afternoon at 3:30 o'clocke, and were met at the entrance and escorted by military police to their new camp site near beautiful Kingsley Lake. The men of the battery were astounded upon entering Florida's greatest contribution to Uncle Sam's ever increasing military preparations. Mile after mile of newly constructed warehouses and mess halls met their excited stares. Thousands of tent frames stretched as far as their eyes could see—ready for the 40,000 national guardsmen and draftees which will continue to arrive until February of next year for a year of training.

The men of the battery are housed in pyramidal tents, five men to a tent, one stove and comfortable cots and mattresses in each tent. The mess hall and kitchen is a modern affair with two huge wood-burning ranges, large electric refrigerator, and all the latest cooking gadgets that would make any mess sergeant beam with pride. Mess Sergeant Bill Flippen and his cooks, Pvts. Cox, Cooper and Watley have done an excellent job thus far in supplying the necessary three-squares a day, and the men seem to be in the best of spirits. And who wouldn't, with chicken and ice cream every other day, and with ham and eggs for breakfast.

This battery was one of the first to arrive in Camp Blanding and will have the privilege of watching it grow as the weeks pass. The camp theatre opened Monday night and some of the men attended the premiere. The theatre will seat 2500 persons and will show first run pictures. It is located only a couple of blocks from where the battery is stationed.

It has been unofficially announced that a part of the battery will be allowed Christmas leave. Married men will be given preference so they will be able to spend the Christmas holidays with their families. This leave will be December 21-26. The single men will get a four-day leave New Year's, which everyone agrees is fair enough—not that they have any choice.

Camp Blanding is built horseshoe shape, surrounding Kingsley Lake on the north, east and south, with the necessary roads to connect all battery and company sections. Headquarters battery is located two miles from the main entrance on highway B. The camp is 12 miles from Starke and during the change in work shifts it takes approximately 45 minutes to drive from Starke to Camp Blanding.

A COURSE IN FINANCE

Lakeland, Dec. 18—"Personal Finance," a course designed to assist housewives and small business men with their money problems, is being taught by Dr. F. K. Hardy on the community college program of Florida Southern College.

"How to be more sure of getting your money's worth," is the central theme of the instruction for which enrollments are still being taken. Financial plans for medical care, how to finance education, how to buy insurance, saving on food without sacrifice, how to buy a happy home, an automobile and clothes are among the topics to be considered.

Calendar of Coming Events

Compiled by the
AVON PARK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

SATURDAY, DEC. 21

Woman's Club dance. Highland Lakes Casino. 10:00 p. m. Admission, $1.00.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22

Services in all churches.

Special evening of music at the First Methodist church. "The Christmas Story" in song by the 35 voices of the Young People's choir, and a Christmas Cantata, "A Night in the Orient" by the adult choir. 7:30 p. m.

Christmas Cantata presented by the First Baptist church. Women's choir of 30 voices. Cordial invitation extended to those lovers of fine music. 8:00 p. m.

Christmas play, "The Picture," sponsored by the Young People's Pilgrim Fellowship of the Congregational church. 7:30 p. m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 23

Boy Scout Troop meeting. Boy Scout house. 7:30 p. m.

Girl Scout Troop meeting. At home of Mrs. Sue Yates, captain. 7:30 p. m.

Lion's club. Jacaranda hotel. 6:15 p. m.

City council meeting, 8:00 p. m.

Holyrood Commandery No. 27, K. T., Masonic Temple, 8 p. m. Visiting Sir Knights welcome.

Christmas tree and party at Winter Guest club for members. Bring ten cent gift wrapped but not marked. Program at 8 p .m.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24

Midnight Mass, Episcopal church. 11:45 p. m.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25

Christmas day.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26

O. E. S. Leigh Chapter No. 85, Masonic Temple, 8:00 p. m.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27

I. O. O. F. Brickell Hall, 8 p. m.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28

Red Cross Sewing Room open. Sun Court building, 2 til 5:30 p. m. Instructor present.

Methodist Choir Sings Christmas Carols to Shut-ins

The Young People's Choir of the First Methodist church gladdened the hearts of many shut-ins during the holiday season, when they assembled at the church on Wednesday evening, and sang carols at the various homes throughout the city. Miss Alma Harrell, choir director, accompanied the group. The last numbers were sung in the mall, opposite the Jacaranda hotel, and spread seasonable joy to those fortunate in hearing them.

The group later gathered at the home of Mrs. C. E. Lanier, where Mrs. E. B. Vann and Mrs. Lanier were hostesses at a pleasant social hour. Games were played and refreshments of cookies, square of chocolate cake and punch were served.

Members of the choir who joined in singing the carols were Coram Lamb, Christine Lewis, Doris Cannon, Mary and Marie Bassmore, Charlotte Orr, Opal Lee Henderson, Virginia Rimes, John Elwell, Billy Connell, Glenn Mingledorff, Jean and Charles Cannon, Zona Cothran, Bobby Hall, Fred Monst-Deoca, Jr., Imogene Mingledorff, Jerry Connell, David Lanier, Ann Vann, Mary Elizabeth Hall, Velma Stewart, Barbara Jean Bridges, Margie Flowers, Royal Lamb, Carolyn Holland, Ouida Fields. Vivian Luthye.

Mrs. E. B. Vann, Mrs. S. E. Booth, Mrs. J. O. Bridges, Mrs. W. A. Luthye, and I. L. Hall furnished cars to convey the carol group from home to home.

HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

Among the young people arriving home for the holidays from various colleges and universities are: Donald and Herbert Todd, University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio; Jane Hartt, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, N. C.; Charles Moffett, Johnnie Wilkes, Charles Shepherd, Jimmie Heim, Fred Wild, University of Florida, Gainesville; Barbara and Nancy Betts, Mary Jane Sundstrum, Marian Wever, Brenau College, Gainesville, Ga.; Cecil Clements, Auburn University, Auburn, Ala.; Blanche McCord, Mary Pardee, J. L. Greene, Jane Clements, L. C. Davis, Stetson University, DeLand; Betty Sherman, Dot Hughs, Ruth Wild, FSCW, Tallahassee; Frances Browne, Virginia Intermont, Bristol, Va.; Ed and Walton Touchton, University of Tennessee, Memphis, Tenn.; Sanford Hartt, Bolles School, Jacksonville; Glenn Sheumaker and James Jordon, Freed-Hardeman College, Tennessee.

Avon Guide To Be Published In New York

WPA Writers Project Will Be Valuable Publicity

It is of interest to note that the Avon Park Local Guide of American Guide Series, Work Projects Administration,is one of the few local guides of the state chosen for publication by a New York Company, and wil soon be ready for distribution.

Mrs. L. A. Darsey, of Sebring, of the Florida Writers' Project, under State Supervisor Dr. Carita Doggett Corse, of Jacksonville, compiled this guide as well as those of Sebring and Hollywood.

While these booklets are termed Guides, they are not such in the usual sense of the word but are really historical treatise resembling the Florida State Guide of the same series. The State Guide was recently published and with its 600 pages of interesting material and 100 illustrations it is well worth anyone's time. This book has now been accepted by the State Schools of Florida as a text book. Members of the Florida Writers' Project throughout Florida compiled the State Guide.

With nearly every state in the Union publishing State Guides, Florida's is considered the most unusual and interesting by many writers and critics.

The smaller guides have been compiled in a number of towns. In lieu of publication sponsorship they were offered to a New York publisher, who accepted a few, among them, those of Avon Park and Sebring. These booklets will be given national publicity and distribution which will of course bring our cities of Avon Park and Sebring before the Nation's eyes.

Contents of Avon Park Guide embrace such subjects as: Indian Lore, General Information, Annual Events, History, Education, City Government, Points of Interest city and environs, and other interesting matter.

Much Interest in Red Cross Room

Mrs. Walter S. Betts, chairman in charge of the Red Cross production room in the Sun Court building, announces that the sewing room will be closed on Tuesday and Wednesday of Christmas week, but will be open as usual on Saturday afternoon. However, Mrs. Betts states that work may be taken out for sewing at home during these days. There is an immediate need for layettes to be completed by the end of the month, Mrs. Betts states, and she asks that those who have baby garments out will please return them by this time, and others who can find time to assist in making these articles, to please see her for materials and instructions.

Mrs. Betts and her committee feel most grateful to each one who has assisted at the sewing room, and extend an appeal to others to come any of the three afternoons that the room is open. Among those who hae worked at the room or taken work out, to date are:

Mrs. Chas. E. Wright, Mrs. Parke Anderson, Mrs. Julia Baldwin, Mrs. R. H. Bovell, Mrs. J. E. Crosby, Mrs. Russell Childs, Mrs. Harry Dilley, Mrs. Roland Droit, Mrs. Eaton, Mrs. John Giddens, Mrs. John Hood, Miss Marjorie Merwin, Mrs. R. R. Porterfield, Mrs. E. L. Roberts, Mrs. Harold Rowe, Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier, Mrs. Nelson Smith, Mrs. Chas. Madeira, Mrs. Maude Tomlinson, Mrs. Ken Willis, Mrs. J. W. Zimmerman, and and Mrs. W.B. Archer. Others have taken garments which they have received from Sebring, before the production room opened here.

There is a definite need for sewing machines. Anyone who has one that they will loan, please call Mrs. Betts.

Florida's new iceberg lettuce, promoted by William L. Wilson of the Florida State Marketing Board is proving quite popular and is coming on the market now in ever increasing quantities. Consumers find it superior in many ways to the California variety and it has the added advantage of freshness and a greater mineral content, important from a health standpoint.

Camellia Festival Queen Crowned by Governor Cone

Cypress Gardens, Fla.—"It's Queen Alice now," said Governor Fred P. Cone as he placed the crown of Camelia Queen on the lovely brunette head of Alice Bryan of Auburndale. Some may think Friday, the 13th an unlucky day to start her reign but there is nothing sorrowful about the new Queen and her court in this picture.

Tin Can Tourists Go To Sarasota For Homecoming

The "Homecoming" of the Tin Can Tourists of the World, Inc., was rounded out this week when the members camping here departed for Sarasota where an "official homecoming" is to open December 22 and continue until January 4.

The finals in the Ladies Shuffleboard Tournament were not completed until noon last Saturday, when first honors went to Mrs. Ella Graves, of Gray, Maine, and Mrs. Christine Heeron, of Toledo, Ohio. The prizes were shuffleboard cues. The other contestants were Mrs. Lota Dins, Sheboygan, Wis.; Miss Florence Spaulding, Harrison, Me.; Mrs. Martha Lindstead, Imlay, Mich.; Mrs. Ida Knuth, Toledo, Ohio; Mrs. Ida Gaffey, Stamford, N. Y.; Mrs. Leona Foster, Canton, Ohio; Mrs. Mayme Gramley, Aurora, Ill. ;Mrs. Betty Taylor, LaPorte, Ind.; Miss Daphne Graves, Gray, Me.; and Mrs. Florence Ames, North Yarmouth, Me. Vernon M. Taylor, LaPorte, Ind., was director.

Saturday afternoon a "bingo party" was featured at the Odd Fellows' hall when a score of prizes were awarded the winners. Dancing was the pastime Saturday evening when a large number of Avon Park people were guests.

In addition to the TCT officers mentioned in last week's issue, the following were at camp here: L. W. Lightner, Zullinger, Pa.; Oscar J. Peter, Winesburg, Ohio; G. C. Stemen, Pickerington, Ohio, and A. B. Ambert, Omaha, Neb.

Pine Crest Golf Pro Back From Miami

Jack Petroni, golf pro at Pine Crest Lakes Club, has returned from Miami, where he participated in the Miami open, and where he was accorded seventh place in the tournament, and a medal for his outstanding score on the last day.

Mr. Petroni was formerly pro at the Eqwanok club in Manchester, Vermont, which has one of the best links in the New England states. A. Rea Ball, manager of Pine Crest Lakes Club, feels most fortunate in securing the services of Mr. Petroni, who is not only an adept teacher in the art of golfing, but possesses an engaging personality, and is a popular addition to the staff of Pine Crest.

Chester B. Treadway, state chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday and the "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign, states that splendid progress is being made in setting up the organization and every indication points to Florida's giving agood account of herself in providing funds for this worthy cause.

Rotarians Have Holiday Party At Byrd Lodge

The gayety of the holiday season prevailed at Lake Byrd lodge on Thursday evening, when members of the Rotary club and Rotary-Anns enjoyed a "hobo" dinner party. The lounge of the lodge was profusely decorated for the occasion with poinsettias and greenery, to provide the Christmas motif, and a brilliantly lighted tree was an additional attraction. Guests both men and women, arrived in true hobo attire, depicting characters of every walk of life, from bowery bums to the lowly tramp.

The delicious dinner featured chicken, with all the trimmings, and during courses, an impromptu program was given, each number being recorded. The numbers were immediately "played back", and created much hilarity. President M. V. Pilcher was master of ceremonies.

Miss Clio Metcalfe, talented vocalist of the city, sang two lovely solos, and Mrs. Harold Worden, in her own charming manner, gave several readings. The program closed with group singing, which was also recorded.

Dancing followed the dinner and program. Mrs. Walter S. Betts and Lester Armstrong were awarded prizes for the most appropriate costumes. Over sixty Rotarians and their ladies were present.

State Collections Make "Dividend" Possible, Lee Says

Tallahassee, Dec. 19—Special — Aggressive tax collections and hearty cooperation from tax payers and the county tax collectors throughout the state are credited by Comptroller J. M. Lee for making possible a Christmas "dividend" to creditors of the state —checks totaling a quarter million dollars and covering all bills received in the Comptroller's office during the month of May are being mailed to creditors of the general revenue fund today. At the same time the Comptroller is authorizing a distribution of $484,472 to the county school fund, which is another 35 per cent of one month's allocation. This leaves the state less than three months behind with the teachers and seven months behind with its general revenue creditors.

All pension checks to Confederate veterans for December will be distributed by Comptroller Lee 10 days ahead of the 31st as allowed by law in anticipation of the Christmas needs of the recipients, while distribution of old age assistance checks for this month will be completed before the Christmas holiday at the state capitol begins Saturday noon.

Churches Announce Christmas Programs

UNION CONGREGATIONAL

Dr. Alfred C. Elliott, Pastor

Sunday, December 22: Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Topic: "Sharing the Shepherd's Joy."

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP SERVICE AT 11:00 A. M.

Organ Prelude—Mrs. Stanley N. Reeves.

Processional—"O Come, All Ye Faithful," Hymn. No. 118—Congregation and choir.

The Doxology — Congregation and choirs.

The Call to Worship—Minister and Congregation.

Hymn No. 114—"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"—Congregation and choirs.

Invocation and The Lord's Prayer.

The Gloria Patri—Congregation and choirs.

The Responsive Reading — Selection, No. 32—Minister and Congregation.

Anthem—"Away in a Manger" Senior and Children's choirs.

The Pastoral Prayer.

Choral Response—"Hear Our Prayer, O Lord"—Children's choir.

The Offering.

Anthem — "Gesu Bambino" — Senior choir.

Consecration of Offering and Choral Amen.

Anthem—"Unto You Is Born a Saviour"—Senior choir.

Sermon—"A Christmas Message"—Dr. A. C. Elliott.

Hymn No. 115—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" — Congregation and choirs.

The Benediction.

Dismissal—"Saviour, Again to Thy Dear Name"—Senior choir.

Recessional—"Joy to the World" —Children's choir.

Organ Postlude—Mrs. Stanley N. Reeves.

Choirs under the direction of Mrs. J. P. Garber.

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CHRISTMAS PLAY

"The Picture", a Semi-Fantasy in Three Scenes, at 7:30 p. m.
Sponsored by the Young People's Pilgrim Fellowship
Director—Miss Katherine Cutler

Opening Hymn, No. 118—"O Come, All Ye Faithful"—Audience

Invocation—Dr. A. C. Elliott.

THE PLAY—"THE PICTURE"

Scene 1. Setting—The Martin Living Room. Time, the first of December.

Scene 2. Setting—Same. Time, About two weeks later.

Scene 3. Setting—Same. Time, Christmas Eve.

Offering.

CHARACTER

Father —Mr. Tom Martin — Harmon Atkins.

Mother—Mrs. Martin—Jean Correll.

Gertrude, their daughter— Lilian Bennett.

Richard, their son—Jack Head.

Beth, their little daughter — Yvonne Head.

Mr. Francesco, Art Critic and Buyer—William Rutherford.

Nora, the maid—Betty Moffett.

Joe, the maid's brother and a mill worker—William Hood.

Madonna—Dorothy Atkins.

The Voice—Marjorie McKnight.

Angels—Winifred Hood, Nita Bryant.

Closing Hymn, No. 112, "Joy to the World"—Audience.

Music between scenes furnished by parts of the Children's Choir.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER EPISCOPAL

Music for the Midnight Service:

Processional — "Adeste Fidelis" Wade.

Introit — "O, Little Town of Bethlehem"—Redner.

Kyrie Eleison—Loveday.

Gradual Hymn — "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"—Matthews.

Gloria Tibi—Loveday.

Hymn — "Silent Night"—Gruber.

Offertory Anthem.

Sanctus and Benedictus—Loveday.

Hymn—"Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"—French Folk Song.

Gloria in Excelsis—Traditional.

Gloria and Gratias Tibi—Loveday.

Recessional— "Hark the Herald Angels Sing"—Mendellsohn.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Joe Cooke Van Dyke, Minister

Glenn Sheumaker and James Jordon are to arrive from Freed-Hardeman college this week to spend the holidays with their parents and friends in Avon Park. Glenn is to preach at the Church of Christ Sunday, 11:00 a. m. Hear him discuss this subject: "Why You Should Be a Member of The Church of Christ."

THE CHRIST CHILD"

A Christmas Cantata for Women's Voices by
C. B. Hawley
Presented by the
Choir of
The First Baptist Church
of Avon Park
Sunday, December 22, 1940
Mr. E. L. Roberts, Conductor
Mrs. J. B. Coen, Accompanist

PART I

Prelude and Processional — O, Come, All Ye Faithful.

Solo—The Voice of One—Marjorie Wells.

Solo—The People That Walked in Darkness—Mary Lydia Stebbins.

Chorus—Arise, Shine—Choir.

Solo — Behold! A King Shall Reign—Betty Touchton.

Sextette—He Shall Feed His Flock.

Recitation—Betty Touchton.

Solo—Hail! Hail—Mary Coen.

Trio and Chorus—How Beautiful Upon the Mountains.

Solo—My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord—Marjorie Wells.

Chorus—Sing, O Heavens—Choir

Trio with Obligato—Blessed Is He—Ruby Costine.

Chorus—Hosanna—Choir.

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Chorus—Fairest Lord Jesus — Choir.

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PART II

The Plains of Bethlehem

Solo—O, Little Town of Bethlehem—Mary Coen.

Solo—And There Were Shepherds—Mary Lydia Stebbins.

Recitative—And Ho! The Angels of the Lord—Betty Touchton.

Solo—Fear Not—Mary Lydia Stebbins.

Recitative—Mary Coen.

Chorus—Glory to God in the Highest—Choir.

Quartette—"Peace on Earth", with solos and chorus.

Soloists—Willa McGiboney, Ruby Costine, Marjorie Wells, Betty Touchton, Choir.

Chorus — Holy Night. Peaceful Night— Choir.

Soprano Soloist—Mary Coen.

Recitative—Ruby Costine.

Chorus —O Praise the Lord — Choir.

Recessional.

Benediction.

Ushers will receive the offering at the door, after benediction.

METHODIST CHURCH

C. R. Mingledorff, Pastor

9:45 a. m. Sunday school, Earl H. Ware, superintendent. A growing institution invites you to join it in the study of "Sharing the Shepherd's Joy." How may we be bearers of the good news is a question worthy of your earnest consideration.

11:00 a. m. Morning worship. Sermon by the pastor, subject: The Manger and the Throne. Special music by the choir. Countless others must have seen the star of Bethlehem, but it is related in the Bible that only three men followed it until it led them to the stable of the lowly inn, where they found the new-born Christ.

6:30 p. m. Senior, Intermediate and Junior groups of the young people's division. A good place for the young people to spend an hour in study and worship.

7:30 p. m. An evening of music. The Christmas story in song by the 35 voices of the Young People's Choir and A Christmas Cantata, "A Night in the Orient," by the adult choir. Mrs. Bartha R. Hall, organist and Miss Alma Harrell, Mrs. Lois Wyckoff, choir directors.

The pastor of this church extends to you the season's greetings and trusts you will have a very happy Christmas. As you exchange gifts, may you remember God's greatest gift to the world, his own son, and the spirit which prompted it. May the spirit of Him whose birthday we celebrate prevail in our hearts and prompt us to greater efforts for him during this coming year. Expect great things for your church and help translate this expectancy by giving to the cause of Christ your best. Remember, God gave his only Son for us; what will we give to him? Can we give less than our best?

Merry Christmas to all of you from all of us.

Tampa Jaycees are sponsoring an "All Florida School Day" for the Florida State Fair, at which time every school child in Florida is invited to be their guest. School boards throughout the state are asked to cooperate and Jaycees point out that a day at the Fair offers more genuine educational advantage for a child than a week of ordinary school.

WEEKLY NEWS ANALYSIS By Edward C. Wayne

U. S. Isolationists 'View With Alarm' All Moves to Aid Britain and Greece; 'Bottlenecks' Worry Defense Leaders; Italian Drive Suffers New Reverses

(EDITOR'S NOTE—When opinions are expressed in these columns, they are those of the news analyst and not necessarily of this newspaper.)

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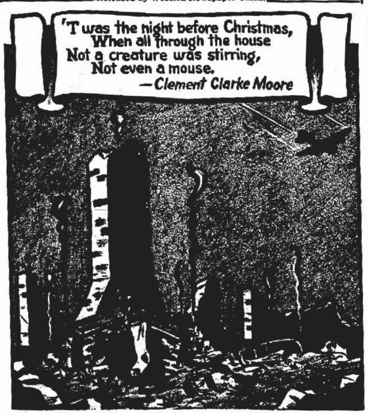
'Twas the night before Christmas,
When all through the house
Not a creature was stirring,
Not even a mouse.
—Clement Clarke Moore

TAKING HAND:
U. S. Steps In

While prominent isolationists "viewed with alarm" each successive step, it was evident that the United States was becoming daily a more vital factor in the various phases of World war II.

Summed up, these might be catalogued under (a) promised aid to Greece; (b) promised food credits to Spain; (c) placing aid to Britain even ahead of vital national defense; (d) preparations to place the navy immediately in shape to aid Britain in patroling ocean lanes.

President Roosevelt's assurance to King George of Greece that material aid will come from this country, and immediately, was couched in terms that showed the nation ready to succor any and all peoples suffering from aggression.

At the same time that the state department and national defense council busied themselves with this problem, Ambassador Weddell approached the more ticklish task of aiding Axis-friendly Spain. The Spanish admittedly were in dire need of food to tide them over the winter.

Franco was unable to give immediate assurance of Spain's non-participation in the war, but while America apparently was willing to waive a definite pledge, a demand was made that Spain announce her principle of non-intervention.

The United States was anxious to give Spain food, partly from this country, partly beef from the Argentine, but equally as anxious that these provisions not fall into the hands of Axis belligerents.

In addition to huge American commitments to give Britain planes, tanks and war material of all kinds, the need for merchant ships was being met through the purchase here of 150 ships, more than 100 of them to be constructed by one shipyard alone.

NAZI SPEECH:
Rival Worlds

In a 90-minute address to German war workers, Adolf Hitler, told them and the world that the current war was a fight between two worlds, one of "special privilege," in which he included the United States, the other a world of equality and freedom as represented by Nazi Germany. He indicated that Britain would feel more and more the might of Nazi armed force. Expressing supreme confidence in Germany's strength, Hitler promised his followers that the tempo of war would be stepped up until Nazi victory was assured.

LAGGING:
Bottlenecks

Appropriating billions for defense production is one thing, getting the material another, as the U. S. defense leaders were finding out.

The headache—bottlenecks! Number One of these was Engines—Number Two, Aluminum; Number Three, Landing Gears; Number Four, Machine Tools, and Number Five, Guns.

In spite of big increases in production at the Pratt-Whitney, Curtiss and Allison plants, facilities for making planes were still far ahead of the engines to make them go.

Those in the know admit that U. S. commitments to Great Britain are such that our plants will not be able to deliver engines in quantity to this country until around next September. After that time the Ford plants, it was said, will be geared up to make Pratt-Whitney engines in quantity, and the Packard factory will have the Rolls-Royce liquid-cooled motors in hand. These are essential for pursuit planes.

Two other auto factories are surveying their ability to turn out airplane engines, but even if they work out the problem, they won't be in production until late in 1941, well behind the Ford and Packard situation.

As to aluminum, the country is increasing its production of the raw material rapidly, but there is a long lag between raw material and the sheets and forgings necessary to make turrets, mounts and fuselages.

Next bottleneck was the landing gears, the shortage being in wheels, brakes and the air-compression cylinders necessary for the heavy types of bombers with retractable wheels. Factories are gearing up for these in mass production, but are far behind the plane factories.

Machine tools, starting point in all mass production, constituted the biggest headache among the bottlenecks. Knudsen and his associates started on the machine tool problem first, knowing it would be most vital, but the lag here has been even greater than expected.

One new machine tool, having to be built and turned out in mass production, may cause a lag of months in making airplanes on an assembly line basis.

The guns referred to are of heavier caliber than those we formerly used on our planes. Here, again, the defense leaders have realized that guns are not designed and built in quantity in a day, and concentrated effort is being made in this direction.

DOMESTIC SCENE

¶ **Miami**—President Roosevelt, after kidding newsmen that he was going into the Caribbean sea to visit Easter island and hunt Easter eggs, showed up at various naval bases on inspection.

¶ **Washington**—Dies committee probers say they knew sabotage had been committed on a pursuit plane of a type to be delivered to Britain some time before the plane crashed in a test flight.

¶ **Washington**—An 11-year peak in

ITALY:
Unrest at Home?

Serious signs of Italian unrest at home matched continuing news of disaster at the Grecian front, although the lapse between occurrence and admission still was about ten days to two weeks.

The Italians have to wait at least that long before learning what has happened to their boys "over there" across the smiling Adriatic. At first there were reports of constant successes as the Fascist war machine smashed into Grecian territory, sweeping the Greeks ahead of them as the defenders marshalled their forces swiftly and sought defendable positions for men and guns.

Then the Evzones, those kilted mountaineers, began striking and Italian gains became losses, and the invaders were swept back across the Albanian frontier into a retreat that was steadily continued.

It was 10 days after the fall of Pogradetz, important northern base, before the Italians learned of it officially. Northern Italy learned of it through their Jugoslavian neighbors long before the press had it.

The news of the abandonment of Porto Edda and Argirocastro was similarly delayed. Reports of rioting inside Italy, especially in northern cities, was persistent but unconfirmed officially, as Marshal Pietro Badoglio, popular hero, was summarily set down for the failure of the Albanian invasion.

Also understandable was the

Cues—Not Swords

NEW YORK.—This not being Albania, Greek and Italian cross billiard cues, instead of swords. The Greek is the former world's billiard champion, Jimmy Caras (left) of Philadelphia, and the Italian is William Mosconi (right) of New York City, an early leader in the national billiards tournament.

HEROES:
Sagas of the Sea

The 20,000-ton merchant cruiser Carnavon Castle took its place among sea heroes when it limped into Montevideo after telling of a "chase" fight of nearly 24 hours with an unidentified Nazi surface raider that has taken a heavy toll of British and neutral shipping.

Once more, as in the case of the Graf Spee, the battle took place in South Atlantic waters, tending to confirm the British belief that ports in that general neighborhood send out ships which refuel and re-provision the raiders.

The Carnavon Castle, undoubtedly lighter in armament and slower in speed than the German raider, reported that it left its antagonist badly hit astern, and afire. Carnavon's skipper expressed the opinion that the raider had not long to survive.

The merchant cruiser arrived in port hit a dozen times, with many killed and wounded, and listing heavily to port. Ballast tanks had been filled on purpose to accomplish this, and to lift her starboard side out of water, thus bringing huge holes at the waterline up out of the water, keeping the ship afloat.

REDS:
In School

An aftermath of Dies committee revelations occurred in New York, where the American Legion took cognizance of hints that Communist party members were teaching in New York classrooms, and the revelations were sensational.

No less than 24 teachers, many of them in Brooklyn college, a city-owned institution, were found in colleges, high and grade schools who were charged with being Red party members.

Instances of circulation of Marxist propaganda, also the teaching of Communist doctrines were uncovered, and the matter well-aired.

CRASH:
Another Tragedy

Perhaps a mite smug over their wonderful record of safety in passenger-carrying, the plane lines had a rude shock when a mainliner crashed in Chicago, with the loss of many lives.

Review of accident brought two things to the notice of investigators: (1) that Pilot Scott changed from one plane to another in Cleveland because he didn't like the sound of one motor when he "revved" it up prior to a takeoff; (2) He had to circle about for 28 minutes in a blinding snowstorm over the Chicago airport before he could land.

Six ships were "in line," stacked up at thousand-foot intervals as they took turns coming into the port. The possibility of snow-blindness was mentioned, as at the last moment the pilot radioed ground forces that he "had a good view of the landing field" and was coming in.

Suddenly a wing dipped and he crashed from 150 feet. Six died at once, and four later. Pilot, co-pilot and stewardess lost their lives.

FOREIGN JOTTINGS:

¶ **Berlin**—Jan Kubelik, master violinist, was reported to have died in Prague at 60. Reckless of money, he died in comparative poverty and with his beloved Czecho-Slovakia crumbling around him. By his side was "Charles Dawson," a Hindu medical student who once heard Kubelik play, deserted his own life and studies to "stay forever" with "such a master."

¶ **Paris**—An "international incident" was the detention by Nazi occupation authorities of Mrs. Elizabeth Deegan, 40, a clerk in the American embassy. It took Washington days to find what had become of her.

¶ **London**—Londoners who think German raiders are aiming "right at them" were disabused of this notion by British pilots, who reported that at usual bombing height, five miles up and more, "London looks as big as a book on the 'floor' and bombers are lucky to hit the city, let alone particular objectives.

To Six Americans Belong the Credit For Making Santa Claus, the Children's Symbol of Christmas, a Living Reality

By ELMO SCOTT WATSON

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THE social historians will tell you that the Dutch gave to the world that familiar symbolical Christmas figure, Santa Claus, and that his name is merely a slurring of the Dutch pronunciation of "San Nicholas" or "Sinterklass" which is, of course, "St. Nicholas." They will tell you, too, that Nicholas was an actual person, the bishop of Myra, in Lycia, Asia Minor, in the first part of the fourth century of the Christian era.

In his honor December 6 of each year was set aside as a special feast day. But in the late Middle ages, when the Catholics and the Protestants both tried to do away with festivities which had grown up around St. Nicholas' day, the children refused to give him up. Gradually the festival in his honor was assimilated into the festivities honoring the Christ Child.

He Comes to America.

When the Dutch settlers came to New Netherlands more than 300 years ago, of course they brought with them their custom of honoring "Sinterklass." In fact, it is said that the ship which carried the first Dutch children to Manhattan island bore a likeness of him as its figurehead. But he wasn't the jolly little fellow that we know. For the Dutch children knew the good Bishop-Saint Nicholas as a solemn, majestic figure in trailing robes, wearing a jeweled miter and gloves and mounted on a fiery white charger.

Even after the British took over the Dutch colony and New Netherlands became New York, the little Dutch children continued to look for the coming of "Sinterklass" on the eve of December 5 and hang up their stockings. But the English colonists didn't believe in "Sinterklass" and gradually, as the Dutch became assimilated and some of their customs began to change, there came a change in the character and appearance of the good St. Nicholas, too.

WASHINGTON IRVING

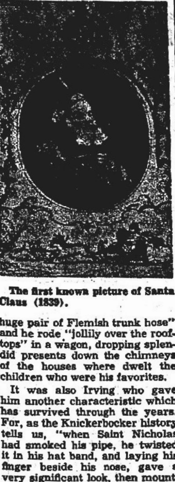
A Turning Point.

The American Revolution not only marked a turning point in world history but in the history of St. Nicholas as well. He was no longer the Dutch saint as the Dutch colonists had imagined him. He was a Dutch saint as their English neighbors imagined him and he began taking on Dutch characteristics.

Instead of being a severe, forbidding figure he became a jolly fat little Dutchman. In place of his long robes he began wearing knee breeches and the shoe buckles of Dutch colonial fashion. No longer did he ride the fiery white charger. Now he went about on his errands in a little wagon, drawn by a fat little pony. And, finally—thanks to six Americans—he became the Santa Claus that we know today.

These six Americans were three writers and three artists and all of them contributed their share toward the creation of a Santa Claus so familiar to American children. The first of these six was Washington Irving. Whether Irving simply followed a tradition that was already widely accepted in the state where he was born or actually created a new American Santa Claus is unknown. At any rate, when he published his whimsical "Knickerbocker's History of New York" in 1809 he gave us the first full-length word portrait of Santa Claus, the American.

It is to Irving that we owe our idea of the Dutch colonists as jovial, fat little men, wearing voluminous breeches and smoking long pipes and he made the patron saint of their children the archtype of them all. According to Irving, Saint Nicholas wore a "low, broad-brimmed hat and a huge pair of Flemish trunk hose" and he rode "jollily over the roof-tops" in a wagon, dropping splendid presents down the chimneys of the houses where dwelt the children who were his favorites.



The first known picture of Santa Claus (1839).

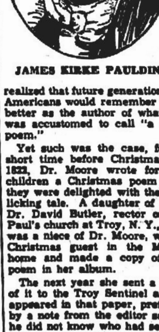
It was also Irving who gave him another characteristic which has survived through the years. For, as the Knickerbocker history tells us, "when Saint Nicholas had smoked his pipe, he twisted it in his hat band, and laying his finger beside his nose, gave a very significant look, then mounting his wagon, he returned over the treetops and disappeared."

The next writer to paint a word portrait of Santa Claus was Irving's friend and one-time collaborator, James Kirke Paulding. Paulding, himself of Dutch descent, in his "Book of St. Nicholas," published in 1827, declared that Santa Claus was "as gallant a little Dutchman as ever smoked his way through the world, pipe foremost . . . he is a right fat, roystering little fellow . . . who scorns to follow the pestilent fashions of modern times, but ever appears in the ancient dress of the old patriarchs of Holland."

Moore's Immortal Poem.

It remained, however, for Dr. Clement Clark Moore, in his immortal poem, "A Visit From St. Nicholas," to fix forever in our consciousness the appearance of the children's Christmas saint. Moore was graduated from Columbia university in 1798, and became a professor of Hebrew and Greek in the General Theological seminary in 1821.

He was a prolific writer, one of his literary productions bearing the imposing title of "Observations Upon Certain Passages in Mr. Jefferson's Notes on the State of Virginia Which Appear to Have a Tendency to Subvert Religion and Establish a False Philosophy." However, his most important work, the one at least upon which he believed his fame as a scholar would be secure, was "A Compendius Lexicon of the Hebrew Language." He little realized that future generations of Americans would remember him better as the author of what he was accustomed to call "a silly poem."



JAMES KIRKE PAULDING

Yet such was the case, for a short time before Christmas in 1822, Dr. Moore wrote for his children a Christmas poem and they were delighted with the rollicking tale. A daughter of Rev. Dr. David Butler, rector of St. Paul's church at Troy, N. Y., who was a niece of Dr. Moore, was a Christmas guest in the Moore home and made a copy of the poem in her album.

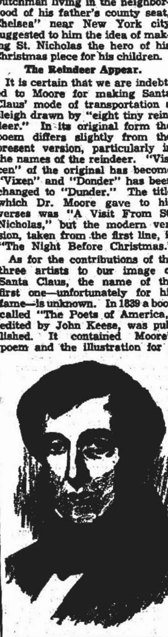
The next year she sent a copy of it to the Troy Sentinel and it appeared in that paper, prefaced by a note from the editor saying he did not know who had sent it. By the next year it had appeared in many other newspapers and magazines and within a few years it had found its way into the schoolbooks. By this time inquiries were beginning to be made as to its authorship and eventually Dr. Moore, none too well pleased that his "silly poem" was so well-known whereas his scholarly "Compendius Lexicon" attracted little attention, admitted its authorship and gave the autographed original manuscript of the poem to the New York Historical society.

How much Moore drew upon Irving and Paulding for his description is not known. But there is a curious parallelism in some of his words and some of theirs, although Moore himself, 40 years later said that "a portly, rubicund Dutchman living in the neighborhood of his father's county seat, Chelsea" near New York city suggested to him the idea of making St. Nicholas the hero of his Christmas piece for his children.

The Reindeer Appear.

It is certain that we are indebted to Moore for making Santa Claus' mode of transportation a sleigh drawn by "eight tiny reindeer." In its original form the poem differs slightly from the present version, particularly in the names of the reindeer. "Viscen" of the original has become "Vixen" and "Donder" has been changed to "Dunder." The title which Dr. Moore gave to his verses was "A Visit From St. Nicholas," but the modern version, taken from the first line, is "The Night Before Christmas."

As for the contributions of the three artists to our image of Santa Claus, the name of the first one—unfortunately for his fame—is unknown. In 1839 a book called "The Poets of America," edited by John Keese, was published. It contained Moore's poem and the illustration for it was a picture of Santa Claus (reproduced above). Who the painter or engraver was has never been determined but it is believed that this was the first time that a picture of Santa Claus was ever printed.



DR. CLEMENT CLARK MOORE

The world had to wait another 20 years, however, for another portrait of Santa Claus. In 1862, an edition of "A Visit From St. Nicholas," illustrated throughout by F. O. C. Darley, was published in New York. Darley gave us several views of the old fellow at work. One in particular was appropriate, for it showed Santa Claus placing his finger slyly to one side of his nose, just as Dr. Moore had described.

Darley probably was the foremost American illustrator at the time; but, after all, his version seemed to fail to satisfy completely, and another year passed before the real Santa Claus climbed into a chimney, just as readers of the ancient classic had pictured him in their minds. Darley had given us the sly twinkle in the eye of the good-natured elf, and he had made the reindeer at least as tiny as the poet had described them, but something was lacking.

In 1863 a volume of favorite poems was published in which Dr. Moore's poem was included. It was illustrated by Thomas Nast, whom the American public remembers chiefly as a cartoonist for Harper's Weekly, the crusader who almost single-handed smashed the notorious "Tweed Ring" in New York with his vitriolic cartoons and the artist who added to our gallery of familiar symbols the Republican elephant, the Democratic donkey and the Tammany tiger. In this compilation, Nast turned his attention to depicting the features of Santa Claus, and for the first time converted an illusive figure into visual reality. Nast may, therefore, be said to have created a Santa Claus which remains the model for all who succeeded him.

The social historians tell us that the Dutch gave to the world that familiar symbolical figure, Santa Claus, and that is true. But it was the genius of six Americans—Washington Irving, James Kirke Paulding, Dr. Clement Clark Moore, Felix O. C. Darley, Thomas Nast and that unknown artist for John Keese's "Poets of America"—which made him a living reality for all time to come.

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Pumpkin pies will have that rich brown tint if a tablespoon of molasses is added to the filling.

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Potatoes to be baked in the skins will cook quicker if they are dried before being placed in the oven.

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One pound of powdered or confectioner's sugar is equivalent to 2½ cupfuls; one pound of granulated sugar equals two cupfuls.

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Layer cakes with soft fillings will not become soggy if a thin icing made with confectioner's sugar is put on and let harden, before spreading the filling.

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Use needles to pin down the pleats when pressing a pleated skirt. The needles will leave no marks when you remove them.

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Airtight boxes or jars make handy containers for keeping cookies fresh. And waxed paper between the layers of cookies keeps them from sticking together.

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Before squeezing the juice from your lemons and oranges, grate the peel. Wrapped in waxed paper these gratings will keep in the refrigerator for future use in making desserts, etc.

Valuable Rock Piles

In the West river in the Kwangsi province of China, the current is so strong that shoals of fish frequently have to rest on the leeward side of natural and artificial piles of rocks in the middle of the stream, where they are easily caught in nets. Consequently, these piles are very valuable to fishermen, who buy and sell them for as much as $5,000 in local money.—Collier's.

The Better Way to Correct Constipation

One way to treat constipation is to *endure* it first and *"cure"* it afterward. The other way is to *avoid having* it by getting at its *cause*. So why not save yourself those dull headachy days, plus the inevitable trips to the medicine chest, if you can do it by a simple common-sense "ounce of prevention"?

If your trouble, like that of millions, is due to lack of "bulk" in the diet, "the better way" is to eat Kellogg's All-Bran. This crunchy, toasted, ready-to-eat cereal has just the "bulk" you need. If you eat it regularly—and drink plenty of water—you can not only get regular but keep regular, day after day and month after month! All-Bran is made by Kellogg's in Battle Creek. If your condition is chronic, it is wise to consult a physician.

By Thy Deeds

Such as thy words are, such will thy affections be esteemed; and such will thy deeds be as thy affections; and such thy life as thy deeds.—Socrates.

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DOAN'S PILLS

U. S. Faces War Material Shortage

Experts Say It Would Take Three Years to Get Needed Supply.

WASHINGTON.—Uncle Sam won't have to requisition aluminum pots and pans from the nation's kitchens in event of war—as Britain did—but he's much less fortunate with regard to some other vital raw materials.

Defense authorities estimate it may take three years for this country to acquire stock piles of some so-called strategic and critical materials adequate to a wartime demand, despite the progress already made in that direction.

If the United States should become involved in war in the meantime, strict conservation and distribution control measures and the wider use of substitutes almost certainly would be necessary in the case of some of the minerals for which this country is dependent upon foreign sources.

Of the 29 commodities which the army-navy munitions board lists as strategic and critical, officials indicated they are chiefly concerned about things which the man in the street takes for granted, such as rubber, quinine, mica, chromium, tin, tungsten and manganese.

Kaleidoscopic changes wrought by the war already have interfered with the normal supply of those and other materials.

Need Tin and Rubber.

Army experts, keeping a constant watch on the shifting military and political tides abroad, report, for instance, that the French island of Madagascar, source of some of the world's best mica for electrical insulation, has quit exporting to this country, the neutrality act and the cost of war-risk insurance has virtually quadrupled the expense of bringing chromium ore from Turkey, where the best grade ore is obtained.

Thus far, Japan's penetration of French Indo-China has not affected the relatively small shipments of tin and rubber from that country, but informed sources emphasized the situation would be vastly different if Japan should attempt to blockade those two essential products as well as the tungsten coming from nearby Malaya.

For military reasons, precise figures as to the size of the growing reserves of the various materials are being withheld, but Edward R. Stettinius Jr., in charge of the defense commission's materials division, reported six weeks after taking office that surveys offered reliable indications that adequate supplies would be available for defense industries as needed.

Army Forecast.

On the other hand, army sources forecast that if the existing situation with regard to chromium ore—important to the manufacture of armor plate and armor-piercing projectiles — continues, the United States would be in "bad shape" on that score in about a year and a half. Domestic production of the ore is insignificant.

Not all the items on the strategic and critical lists are so well known.

There is, for instance, charcoal made from coconut shells. It has long been considered the best absorbent filling for gas mask canisters. The munitions board reported, however, that "great progress" has been made in the development of satisfactory substitutes from domestic materials which are abundantly available.

Minute Make-Ups

By V. V.

WHEN hands are active at this and that, both indoors and outdoors, frequent washings are necessary. But frequent washings are also very drying to the nails. Makes them brittle. Keep your nail oil handy, near the basin. Give each nail a soothing drop, after washing your hands.

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Monkey Goes to the Dogs

This looks like monkey business, and it is. Maggie, the monk, has adopted a Pomeranian-Spitz pup as her playmate, and no other dogs are allowed. She is shown pushing away the lonesome little fellow at the left while she clutches the apple of her eye in a Chicago pet shop.

Six Brothers in Naval Reserve

Six Kenneally brothers sing around the piano in Charlestown, Mass., while Chief Gunner's Mate Gene Sullivan does the playing. The six brothers all called to active service with the naval reserve are: (left to right) Frank, Richard, Robert, John, James and Walter.

FARMER BROWN'S BOY DOES SOME THINKING

Think a little kindly thought
And then just let it grow.
'Twill lead you to a kindly deed
The first thing that you know.

FARMER BROWN'S BOY had no kindly thoughts as he trudged home with his terrible gun over his shoulder, a scowl on his freckled face and poor old Bowser the Hound limping slowly and painfully at his heels. In the first place Farmer Brown's Boy felt hurt in his pride. You know pride is a very tender thing and easily hurt. Farmer Brown's Boy had set traps around the home of Old Man Coyote, and he had taken such great pains and had hidden them so skillfully that he had been absolutely sure that it would be impossible for Old Man Coyote to get out of his house without stepping in one of them. He had been very proud of the way he had set those traps. So when he found that Old Man Coyote had come out of his house without getting caught his pride had been hurt. He knew by the way one of the traps had been sprung and dragged out that it had not been luck that had saved Old Man Coyote. It had been smartness. Old Man Coyote had found that trap and had pulled it out of his way himself.

To make matters worse, Bowser the Hound had had to step right into a trap and the terrible jaws had hurt his leg dreadfully. Of course it was an accident. It showed how well his traps were set, for Bowser hadn't seen this one at all. As he thought this Farmer Brown's Boy's pride began to feel better. Then came another thought so suddenly that he stopped short. "I wonder if that coyote knew where that trap was and led Bowser into it purposely," he said, "I—I do believe he did." His pride now felt worse than before.

"Never mind, Bowser, old fellow, we'll get him yet," he said, stooping to pat Bowser's head.

Now, of course, Bowser was obliged to go very slowly because he could use only three legs, and then he had to stop every little while to lick the one which had been hurt in the trap. So Farmer Brown's Boy had plenty of time for thinking. At first his anger at Old Man Coyote grew and grew. Then, little by little, it gave way to a feeling something very like admiration. He had to admit to himself that Old Man Coyote had been smarter than he. By and by he admitted it to Bowser.

"We thought we were pretty smart, didn't we, old fellow?" said he. "But that coyote fooled us both, and I believe he planned to lead you into that trap. He's pretty smart. Yes, sir, we've got to take our hats off to him. I wish now I hadn't set those traps again, because if he was smart enough to keep out of them once he'll be smart enough to keep out of them again. Does your paw hurt dreadfully, Bowser?"

He had been very proud of the way he had set those traps.

Bowser looked up and whined. There was no doubt that his paw was very, very, sore. Now, Farmer Brown's Boy loves Bowser, and he couldn't bear to see him hurt. When they reached home he very tenderly bathed the hurt paw and bound it up. And while he was doing it he was still thinking hard, perhaps even a little harder than before. He was thinking what it must be like to one of the little wild people to be caught in one of those traps and to have, besides the pain, the terrible fright of not being able to get away and of what would happen. Somehow he thought of those traps in a new light. They became to him what they really are — dreadful things.

"Bowser," said he as he finished tying the last bandage, "I wish I hadn't set those traps, and I am going to go straight over and take them up the first chance I get."

(Associated Newspapers—WNU Service.)

Light Bulb Burns For Quarter Century

ASHEVILLE, N. C.—An electric light bulb in the ceiling of the leach house of Han Rees Tannery has been burning day and night for nearly a quarter of a century, according to Tom Williams, foreman in the plant.

Williams said the bulb was burning when he was first employed 22 years ago.

This Youngster's Name Comes From High Source

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK, MONT.—If Altyn Grinnell Stevens isn't a mountain climber when he grows up, it won't be his fault. He was christened for a mountain and a glacier.

Altyn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cullen A. Stevens of Tampa, Fla., his grandmother, and his two brothers were touring Glacier park when he was born.

What to name the youngster was something of a problem. The parents and grandmother consulted park rangers. Mrs. Stevens recalled she had hiked to Grinnell glacier the day before the boy was born. She suggested his middle name be Grinnell. Everyone agreed.

Ranger Walter Nitzel gazed at Altyn peak which towers above the Many Glacier camp ground. He said the first name should be Altyn. That idea also was adopted.

RABBIT'S FOOT

Rescue workers in England came upon this frightened but unharmed rabbit after an air raid. That's not strange, if a rabbit's foot brings luck, because this animal had four of them.

Finds Food Rationing Makes English Healthy

NEW ORLEANS. — David John Rodgers, British consul, sees the English people growing more healthy on wartime rations.

"We have always eaten too much," Rodgers said. "Food rationing is not only conserving food, but is rectifying the English diet. Now we are learning moderation in food. I think it is unlikely that when the war is over the English people will go back to their classic British breakfasts and heavy lunches. The afternoon tea custom may also disappear.

"The rationing plan was put into effect not so much because there is a scarcity of food in England," the consul explained, "but because we want to build up a reserve."

This Family Could Hold Reunion at Army Camp

DETROIT.—The family of Maj. Claude M. Stafford of the 125th Infantry will be well represented at Camp Beauregard, La.

Major Stafford, a surgeon, has with him his son-in-law, Capt. Joseph W. Burba, a dentist, and his sons, Lieut. Robert Stafford and Private Frederick Stafford.

Lieutenant Burba and Major Stafford were with the Canadian army during the World war.

Not Much Success

Mayor—I've never seen the park so littered with papers as it is this morning. How do you account for it? Park Attendant—The council had leaflets distributed here yesterday asking people not to throw their paper about.

Buying of Gold Is Seen Ending

Economist Says Supply for United States Is Running Out.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, CAL.—The United States soon will be unable to purchase and store any more of the world's gold for the reason there will be no more gold to purchase, according to Dr. Franklin Ebersole, former economic adviser to the treasury and professor of finance at Yale.

Dr. Ebersole told the Stanford business conference here that there is only $27,000,000,000 of monetary gold in the world, and that more than $20,000,000,000 of this is held by the United States government.

He understood, he said, that it is the policy of the administration to purchase another $2,000,000,000, leaving only $5,000,000,000 in the rest of the world.

Ebersole expressed his doubt that the United States would be able to purchase more than this additional two billion for the reason that certain countries like England and France, who believe in a solid currency, will refuse to let the last of their gold be drained from them.

Away Ahead of Mines.

"The United States has been purchasing gold faster than it can be dug from the mines," Ebersole said. "The gold mines of the world are expected to produce only $1,000,000,000 in gold this year.

"California leads the nation in gold production, having mined 5,593,425 fine ounces in 1939, valued at $195,769,000."

Were the United States to continue its policy of purchasing and hoarding gold, there would not be enough left outside the vaults to support America's foreign trade.

Ebersole explained that naturally all of the gold held by the treasury does not belong to the United States. Much of it is the property of the Federal Reserve bank, of various foreign governments and individuals.

With the United States and Great Britain producing large quantities of gold, Ebersole does not think that they will go off the gold standard, but feels that the great problem to be solved is to prevent this hoarding of gold from ruining America's foreign trade.

Suggests Purchases.

"Unless some substitute for gold is found as a medium of exchange," Ebersole declared, "the United States may have difficulty in competing with an influx of cheap foreign goods unloaded here at a loss in order that American dollars thereby gained may be exchanged at a profit as they become scarcer in Europe.

"The United States and its gold supply are like a poker player with all the chips in the game and no place to cash in."

Ebersole suggested as a partial solution that the United States begin buying such strategic materials as tin, rubber, manganese, chromium, and a half dozen others.

He believes that the gold would prove to be readily acceptable by poor nations which have strategic materials for sale.

"In any event, the fork of the road is in sight," he declared, "and the United States has to take one course or the other."

'Big Miss' Soon to Lose Another Old Companion

NEW ORLEANS.—Train ferries may soon pass out of existence on the lower Mississippi river.

Contracts to use the Huey P. Long railroad and highway bridge at New Orleans have been signed by the Texas & Pacific railway, Missouri-Pacific, and the Texas & Pacific-Missouri Pacific Terminal railroad.

If and when the contracts are approved by the interstate commerce commission, the roads can abandon ferry service to and from New Orleans. The Southern Pacific is the only road running its trains across the Long bridge at this time.

The recently opened Mississippi river bridge at Baton Rouge replaced use of train ferries there.

Bombs to Halt Storms Create Stir at Airport

MENDOZA, ARGENTINA. — An attempt by a group of scientists to dissipate threatened hailstorms by discharging aerial bombs in the clouds caused consternation in the Mendoza airdrome and brought an immediate protest after an experimental bomb exploded about 400 yards from the airport.

The blast came as the Buenos Aires-Santiago, Chile, transport was taking off. Aviation officials said the plane was not endangered but that such experiments near the airfield were dangerous.

Chain Letter Is Ignored, Then Bad Luck Starts

SANTA CRUZ, CALIF.—Mrs. C. Scharlach recently received a chain letter with the admonition that failure to reply would bring bad luck. She did not reply. Since then her mother fell and broke her shoulder bone; Mrs. Scharlach developed arthritis, and legal complications developed relative to her mother's estate.

The chain letter was finally burned to break the hoodoo.

Lights of New York

By L. L. STEVENSON

Turnabout: Strange are some of the changes time brings to real estate in a big city. What is now a Fifty-fifth street night club was once a church. A Radio City bar is the landlord of a synagogue which holds services upstairs. Recently, workmen took down the Adelphi theater sign and put up one reading, "The Church of the Radiant Life." And that caused remembrance of a happening in the prohibition era. Through a forgotten hazard of the business, a speakeasy was forced to give up the premises it had occupied for some time. The landlord quickly found new tenants, a small evangelistic group, who proceeded to hold services there. During a meeting a few nights later, the faithful were astonished to see the door battered down and a bunch of men with badges pile in. Even more astonished were the federal men, who seeking revelry and illegal liquor, found sober folk singing hymns.

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Street Scene: Three little girls playing with a rag doll on a tenement stoop . . . A somewhat squat, strongly built man apparently deeply interested in a display in the window of a pawnshop . . . A dark, sleek young man, his clothes an exaggeration of the latest mode, idling on a corner, his eyes surveying each passing girl or woman . . . A trim young miss, a notebook under her arm, hurrying along with her eyes straight ahead . . . The sleek young man endeavors to grasp her arm . . . The squat man suddenly loses interest in the pawnshop window . . . There is a flash of a badge . . . He walks away with his arm through that of the street corner sheik . . . and the three little girls start serving the rag doll tea from peanut shell cups.

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Sky Stuff: Song pluggers, those gents employed by publishers to harry orchestra leaders into playing their tunes, are taking to the air with their airs. Plugging by plane, something new along Tin Pan Alley, came about because Phil Spitalny and his all-girl orchestra went on a six-weeks' tour. When Phil and his girls first took to the road, the pluggers merely mailed their new numbers. The results were unsatisfactory. Then one got a bright idea, hopped a Louisville plane and gave his sales talk the good old personal touch. When rivals heard about that stunt, they too boarded planes and have been buzzing around ever since contacting Spitalny and other meandering maestri. How long budgets will stand the strain is not known but at the moment, song pluggers are sure having a high old time.

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Coincidence: Speaking of singing causes me to recall the experience of Jean Dickenson when she went to Camp Borden at Narrie, Ont., to warble for Canadian soldiers in training there. After a noisy welcome, she began a medley of such well-known airs as "Auld Lang Syne," "Coming Through the Rye," etc. In the middle of her final piece, there was a terrific thunderclap and the lights flickered out. Miss Dickenson continued singing and, amid cheers and laughs, the lights went on again just as the raven-tressed thrush completed "Kiss in the Dark."

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Cupid: In times like these, it's refreshing and comforting to know that love is still America's best-selling commodity. John J. Anthony sent out queries to 18,000 couples applying for marriage licenses in seven major cities and here are the reasons young folks today are getting married: for love, 56 per cent; for security, 23 per cent; for convenience, 20 per cent; for a family, 1 per cent. Nobody mentioned the draft!

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Observation: Says Joe Richman, "A chorine is a girl who holds her job because it's less important to have speaking lines than it is to have lines that speak for themselves" . . . While being interviewed by Nellie Revell, Harvey Harding, in an effort to show his gratitude, said, "Thanks very much Nellie, and when my show opens on Broadway, I'll save you a pair of seats" . . . "I think," commented the veteran actress, "I can still fit into one."

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End Piece: One of this department's scouts, who loathes pajamas, reports that several years ago, when he undertook to purchase old-fashioned nightshirts, he had to travel from store to store before he met with success. However, the nightshirt has evidently scored a comeback since now even swank stores stock them. That, he adds, is more or less of a victory for Franklin P. Adams, who for years has been a nightshirt exponent.

(Bell Syndicate—WNU Service.)

Church Given $1,000 For Care of Burial Lot

PHILADELPHIA. — A $1,000 legacy for the perpetual care of the Revolutionary war Gen. "Mad Anthony" Wayne's burial lot has been awarded by the court to Old St. David's church in Radnor, Pa. The money was bequeathed in the will of Mrs. Mary Atlee Wayne Wirgman, a descendant of General Wayne.

New Date Frock In Princess Style

YOU'LL need an extra pretty afternoon frock, with many parties coming on, and teas. A frock that will make your figure look particularly slim and supple, your face fresh and appealing! That's just the kind of frock you can make for yourself with design No. 8826, in velveteen, chiffon-thin wool, spun rayon or flat crepe.

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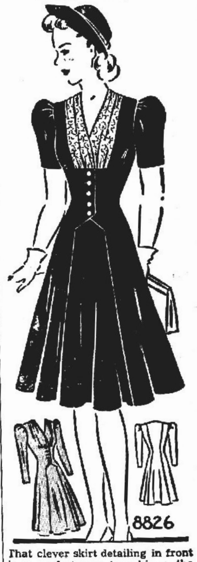

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SCHOOLS FAIL TO MEET STUDENTS NEEDS, SURVEY SHOWS

WASHINGTON. — Today's high-school graduates, facing a world of profound social and economic change, find themselves poorly equipped to meet the complex problems of present-day lives, results of a study indicate.

Competition among adults for positions in industry virtually has eliminated opportunities for apprenticeship, and the high-school graduate, trained though he be in vocational studies, can find no employment, according to a survey completed for the American youth commission by the American council on education.

"Even if vocational education were unqualifiedly successful in other respects, it cannot create jobs where they do not exist," the report said.

Recommending that thorough practice in reading—the most important single branch of education—accompany vocational studies, the report emphasizes the role of social studies in providing an effective education for citizenship in a democracy.

The committee making the study, headed by Ben G. Graham, superintendent of public schools in Pittsburgh, found that the stylized nature of present-day courses in English composition, mathematics, foreign languages, history and natural science kills their appeal for the modern student.

It is recommended that these courses be revised to present fundamentals of enduring value rather than a mass of easily forgotten detail.

If the high school is to fill its place as a factor in the American order, the report concludes, it must expand its program of instruction.

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Folks You Know . .

Bud Trent of Jacksonville, visited friends here Sunday.

Miss Clio Metcalfe is spending her holiday vacation at her home in Bartow.

Miss Julia Norfleet is spending the holidays at her home in Bradenton.

Miss Iva Phillips is spending her holiday vacation with friends in West Florida.

Miss Emily Clark left Thursday morning for Beckley, W. Va., to spend the holidays at her home.

Miss Vondelle Osborne of Lakeland is the week end guest of Mrs. Ruby Bass.

Miss Millie Pearson left Wednesday afternoon for her home in Bailey, N. C., to spend the holidays at her home.

Miss Janet Cook left Wednesday for McClelland and Anniston, Ala., where she is spending the holiday season.

Miss Sara Browning left Wednesday afternoon for Columbus, Ga., to visit relatives throughout the holidays.

Mrs. W. F. Maher and daughter, Deborah Sue of Bronxville, N. Y., arrived Thursday to spend the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts and family.

W. M. Longest left last week for Mt. Carmel, Ill., where he was called by the illness and death of his father. He wired Saturday for Mrs. Longest to join him, as his mother had been taken seriously ill.

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Miss Alma Harrell is leaving Sunday morning for her home in Quitman, Ga., where she will enjoy the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Smith of Tallahassee were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Emerson Monday night.

Mrs. Ollie Walker will leave Monday for Jacksonville to spend Christmas with her daughter, Mrs. Edward Walker and family.

Mrs. Demos Mandis, who has been visiting her brother, Robert Woodruff in Cleveland, Ohio, is expected home this week end.

Gale Farr and Kenneth Clifford, who have been in Houston, and other points in Texas, for several weeks, have returned home.

Miss Tommie Lou Green of Tampa spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pendleton.

Walter E. Johnson of New York will spend the holidays here with his mother, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, at her home on Tulane Circle.

Mrs. Jack Head returned home Saturday from a short visit with her sister, Miss Lorena Smith in Savannah, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Vickery of Melrose are arriving today to spend the holidays with the former's mother, Mrs. H. A. Vickery.

Mrs. May Walden and Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Maderia will spend Christmas day in Lakeland, as guests of Mr. and Mr. Harry Perry.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chalmers and daughter, Olga of Pittsburgh Pa., are spending some time in one of the cottages on Lake Isis.

Miss Frances Hargrove a, member of the faculty of the Bartow junior high, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Virginia Cloud for the holidays.

Edgar Bradbury, who has been attending business school in Louisville, Ky., is returning home for the holidays. Dixie Moore of Lexington, Ky., is coming with him, and will spend the holiday season with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Pilcher and daughter, Madge and son, Johnnie will spend Christmas day in Sarasota, guests of Mrs. Pilcher's parents, Mr. and Mr. J. C. Cardwell.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keller had as their guests last week end, Mrs. Keller's sister, Mrs. Walter Nickerson and Mr. Nickerson of Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. James T. Wills, Jr., of San Francisco, Cal., were guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Longbottom Thursday. Mr. Wills is Mrs. Longbottom's brother.

Miss Nellene Cannon, who holds a government position in Washington will spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cannon and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Loomis are expecting their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Martin of Columbus, Ga., for a Christmas visit.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. DeShong and daughter, Sandra Lou will leave Sunday for Lakeland, where they will spend Christmas with Mrs. DeShong's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Ballenger.

Rev. and Mrs. C. R. Mingledorff and son and daughter, Glenn and Imogene will spend Christmas week in Melrose with Mrs. Mingledorff's mother, Mrs. G. H. Roberson.

Mr. and Mrs. Zed Scarborough will entertain as their guests on Christmas day, Mr. and Mrs. H. Alderman and daughter, Miss Louise Alderman of Orlando, and Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Scarborough and Mrs. C. E. Dempsey of Frostproof.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting, Jr., will spend Christmas in Lakeland with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Clayton. They will be accompanied by Mr. Bunting's father, John Bunting, who is their house guest.

Mr. and Mrs. George E. Symonds had as dinner guests Sunday, Mrs. Fannie M. McCandless and Captain and Mrs. Elliott L. Gyger, who are members of the Tin Can Tourists of the World, Inc., from Alliance, Ohio, and Mrs. Lena Blumenthal, of Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Thomason will go to Miami next week to spend Christmas with their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. V. S. Thomason, and to make the acquaintance of their new little granddaughter, Ann Thomason.

GIRL SCOUT NEWS

The Girl Scouts held their weekly meeting last Monday night, December 16, 1940. The girls learned how to knit, so they can knit for the Red Cross.

We closed our meeting with our regular good night circle.

Alice Rouse and Winifred Archer
Reporters

Kindergarten Has Christmas Program

Marching in singing,
"Come hither, ye children, O come one and all,
To Bethlehem hasten, in manger so small
God's Son for a gift has been sent you this night,
To be your Redeemer, your joy and delight"

the children of Miss Jeuther's Kindergarten opened their Christmas service, Tuesday morning, at the Union Congregational church, before an interested audience of parents and friends, who were loud in praises of the children's performance. The Christmas story was depicted by the teacher telling how the Dear Lord came down upon this earth to save mankind, and asking the children how this took place. The answers of all the children, separately and in group, were given quickly and spontaneously, thereby showing the careful training the individual child is receiving at the Kindergarten.

Charlene Delegal spoke clearly and distinctly the welcoming piece; Betty Childers recited her piece in a charming manner, telling about the "Song of the Angels"; John Pilcher recited a "Song of Joy"; while Thomas Maxwell admonished to "Hasten with the Shepherds to Adore Him." Mary Jim Davis, another member of the class, was too sick to attend. The many Christmas songs were exceedingly well rendered by the class , and parents and friends joined in singing "O, Little Town of Bethlehem."

As the story of the Christmas Tree was told, lights on the tree began to blink and twinkle, whereupon the children informed those present that the tree, being an evergreen, is symbolic of the "Life Everlasting," the lights tell us that Jesus is the Light of the World, the ornaments and gifts represent the love and goodness of God to us mortals by giving us good parents, friends, the beauty in flowers and trees, and many other lovely things, but the best gift of all being the "Christ Child," God's only Son.

At the closing gifts were distributed to all of the happy children of the Kindergarten.

—Contributed.

Betts Entertain at Bridge Supper

Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Betts entertained members of their club at a bridge supper at their home Monday evening. The already attractive rooms were suggestive of the holiday season with bright bouquets of poinsettias and autumn foliage.

The tempting supper, to which each couple had the enjoyment of contributing, was served from the dining table, the colorful centerpiece being a low arrangement of poinsettias.

The unraveling of a "cobweb," effected by red and white twine, stretched from a number of points in the house, and continuing outdoors to various nooks and crannies, afforded much amusement, and determined couples for the evening. The exchange of humorous gifts from a lighted tree was an added feature. Several progressions of bridge followed, and Mrs. Stanley N. Reeves and Paul Garber were the successful recipients of high score individual prizes.

Those present included Dr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. C. Parke Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Garber, Dr. and Mrs. Stanley N. Reeves, and Mr. and Mrs. Betts.

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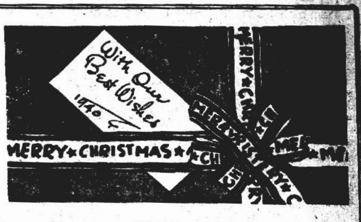

And All Good Wishes
Charles Dickens wrote: "I have always thought of Christmastime as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time."
That expresses our idea of Christmas better than any words we might write. And because your friendship in the past has made our Christmas happier, we take pleasure in extending these greetings.
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TO OUR MANY FRIENDS:
The Holiday Season would not be complete unless we wished for all our friends "A Merry Christmas," and thanked them for all the favors they have shown us in the past.
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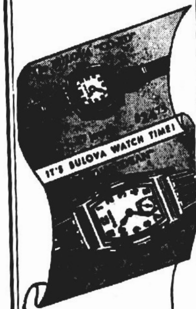
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CHRISTMAS 1940 FINDS THE "FOUR HORSEMEN" RIDING OVER WORLD

(By RUSSELL KAY)

Christmas 1940 finds the world, or at least the so-called "civilized" world, exerting its every resource in the promotion of death and destruction. Mankind, bewildered and afraid, looks askance to the future and ponders the paradox that brings him over the same ether waves the vibrant voices of little children singing "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men" and the tragic reports of commentators that tell of the horrors of modern war.

As the hour comes to celebrate the birth of th e"Prince of Peace", we find millions of human souls bogged in the mire of grief and unhappiness, while the "Four Horsemen" again gallop across the land.

Here in America a kindly Providence has granted us respite from the terrors of actual war, but our "Peace" already is disturbed by the tread of marching feet, the drone of military planes, and the rattle of the sabre, while enemies within our gates practice sabotage and plot our destruction.

We may well ponder the state of the world and the state of the nation, and seek within our own hearts the answer to the problem that confronts us. As citizens of both, regardless of the station life has allotted us, we carry a degree o fpersonal responsibility.

As we map the course of our daily lives by thoughts, actions and contacts, we influence the lives of others. It is within the power of the most humble to exert influence for good or evil, that travels, as the ethe r waves, to spread a gospel of hope or dispair. We may guide, encourage, inspire and help as we reflect the qualities of love, hope, faith and tolerance; or we may set in motion destructive forces through the reflection of hate, greed, selfishness and intolerance.

Had the lives of Hitler and Mussolini been brought from childhood under influences for good rather than evil, each today might be exerting the same forcefulness and energy in the promotion of peaceful purpuits to the glory of God and the everlasting benefit of mankind.

Had these men walked on the shores of Galilee to hear the words of the Master, their qualities for leadership might have been directed into channels as influential as those of the Apostles.

We should not lose sight of the fact that potential Hitlers and Mussolinis walk the streets of America today; the newsbay on the corner, the plumber's helper, the carpenter, the grocery clerk. They are your responsibility and mine, just as we are equally theirs.

They may be black or white, Gentile or Jew, but regardless of race or creed, they like you, are human; they, like you, are citizens of the world and the nation.

Abuse them, belittle them, curse them, and you set up in their heart a resentment that the agitator can easily whip into a flame or hate. By the practice of injustice and intolerance you can, with a word or a sneer or a brutal act, poison their minds and their souls.

On the other hand, with a cheery smile, a kind act, a friendly gesture or a helping hand, you cna command their respect and their love, inspire their faith and loyalty, and in so doing strengthen the citizenship of the nation and the world.

"Peace and Happiness' is the goal of all mankind, even those who carry arms today and pursue the path of destruction. They are but the victims of the inhumanity of man to man down through the ages; forces of evil set in motion by the thoughtless, the inconsiderate, the unjust and the intolerant.

Let us, this Yuletide, look deep into our own hearts and ask ourselves to what extent we have profited by the Glorious Gift that Divine Providence left the world at Bethlehem. Let us resolve to "Do unto others as we would have them do unto us" and "Love our neighbor as ourselves."

And may Christmas bring you Joy and Happiness.

A Merry Christmas to All
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

(Senate Bill No. 163)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That A. B. Nestor, Avon Park, Fla., holder of ½ of Tax Certificate No. 804, issued the 4th day of July, A. D. 1927, has filed same in my office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. Said certificate embraces the following described property in the County of Highlands, State of Florida, to-wit:

Lot 13, Blk. A, Cherokee Heights S-D, Sec. 23, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East.

The assessment of the said property under the said certificate issued was in the name of Unknown.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder at the court house door on the first Monday in the month of January, 1941, which is the 6th day of January, 1941.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1940.

(SEAL) W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk of Circuit Court of
Highlands County, Florida
By LEORA TRIPP, Deputy Clerk.
Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21

Illuminated Christmas Tree on Lawn Will Give Extra Beauty to Your Home

AN ILLUMINATED tree in front of a house always makes it look more "homey" on Christmas eve. It need not necessarily be a pine or fir tree—it may be any evergreen standing apart or in shrubbery hugging the house.

The lighted tree or shrub not only makes the home look more beautiful, but also serves as a definite contribution to the community Christmas spirit.

There is, of course, a right and a wrong way to do this, as there is in doing everything else. The ordinary indoor Christmas tree lighting sets are not apt to prove very satisfactory, although often they serve the purpose. But much more often their exposure to the elements spells their doom. For one thing the lamps are quite small, and also because the cord or wire is not properly protected by rubber or other safety insulation that will aid it in withstanding the uncertain weather of Christmas week.

In buying such an illuminating set it is, therefore, necessary to tell the electrician from whom you are purchasing it for what purpose it is intended, and ask him to suggest the best way to connect it.

If it is to be plugged in on your house lighting circuit, make certain that the total wattage of the set does not pull the full capacity of the circuit. Particularly if that is a circuit frequently used for heating, cooking appliances, operating a piano or a phonograph or serving a charger for the radio. Otherwise, it may cause you considerable annoyance blowing fuses.

It will not be necessary to place any ornaments upon the tree, although a very few might improve the appearance. It is advisable not to place too many lights upon the tree. If they are close together, the real beauty of the tree may be lost.

CC Enrollments Open Jan. 2 To Highlands Youth

There's a job open for every mentally and physically fit unemployed Highlands County male between the ages of 17 and 23½ years, it was pointed out today by C. Parke Anderson, member of the Eighth District Welfare Board.

"The Civilian Conservation Corps," Mr. Anderson said, "will enroll some 1500 young men during January for the purpose of bringing the state's enrolled strength up to the quota of about 5,000 men. For the first time the number is so small that it is possible for me to make the positive statement that any young man who applies promptly for enrollment is certain to be accepted, in the event he meets the requirements."

Pending white applications for the entire Eighth Welfare District now number but 10, the board member said. The present number in camp from the district is 221 and from Highlands County 18.

Enrollees receive $30 per month compensation while in camp, in addition to food, clothing, dental and medical attention and training in certain skills. Camp leaders receive $45 per month and assistant leaders $36 per month.

The next CCC enrollment is to begin January 2 and continue throughout the month. Applicants should be filed at the nearest district welfare office.

Under a change in plan which becomes effective on New Year's Day, enrollees will retain $8 per month of their earnings for personal spending, will deposit $7 per month as a savings account to be returned to them when their enrollment expires, and will remit $15 per month to relatives at home, if dependents exist. Those without dependents deposit $22 of their monthly earnings while in camp.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

(Senate Bill No. 163)

Notice is hereby given that Emily H. Barrow, DeSoto City, Fla., holder of Tax Certificate No. 2987, issued the 5th day of August, A. D. 1929, and Certificate No. 571, issued the 6th day of June, A. D., 1938, has filed same in my office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. Said certificate embraces the following described property in the County of Highlands, State of Florida, to-wit:

Cert. No. 2987 of 1929 covers the NW¼ of Sec. 26, Twp. 35 South, Range 29 East, 160 acres.

Cert. No. 571 of 1938 covers Lots 9 & 10, Blk. 39, DeSoto City, Sections 10 & 15, Twp. 35 South, Range 29 East.

The assessment of the said property under the said certificate No. 2987 of 1929 issued was in the name of DeSoto City Groves Co., and assessment of the said property under Certificate No. 571 of 1938 was in the name of Unknown.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder at the court house door on the first Monday in the month of January, 1941, which is the 6th day of January, 1941.

Dated this 7th day of December, 1940.

(SEAL) W. Z. CARSON
Clerk of Circuit Court of
Highlands County, Florida
By LEORA TRIPP, Deputy Clerk.

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The exhibits of citrus fruits and citrus products at the 1941 Florida Orange Festival, Winter Haven, will surpass anything ever before attempted. President George Burr, Jr., of the Festival states that all indications point to the most impressive citrus show ever staged.

On a world cruise which began in Hong Kong nearly two years ago, the Chinese junk Mon Lei arrived in St. Petersburg this week to be in port about ten days. The luxurious 3-masted craft is 50 feet long and is built of solid teakwood with camphorwood ribs, and is a virtual museum, filled with Chinese art traesures.

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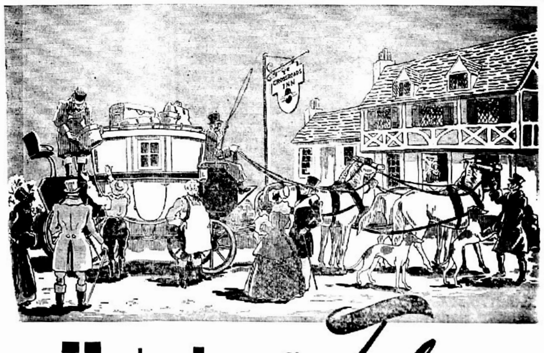

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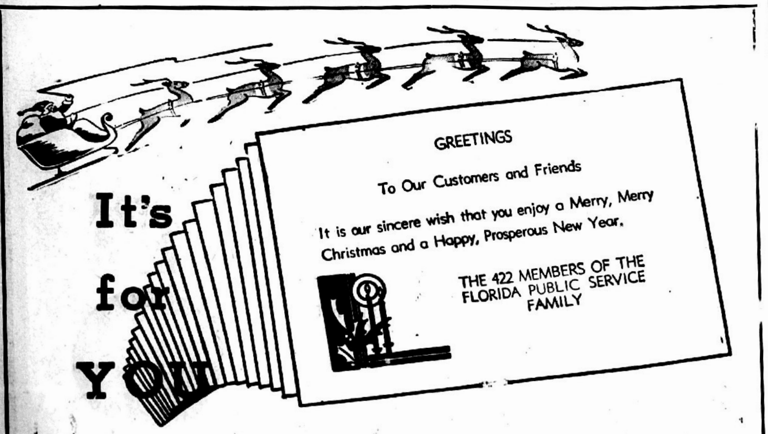

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By HORTENSE K. WELLS

A long time ago, when we were very young and even more foolish that at present, our maternal parent warned us against many of the pitfalls of life. Into most of these we have long since stuck an inquiring nose. Among the things we were urged to avoid was becoming too "sot" in our opinions, lest a change be embarassing.

We don't embarass easy, so we are not ashamed but mightily astonished to find ourselves, for once, in acccord with the Republican standard bearer of '36, Mr. Landon. The last thing we ever expected was to find ourselves yelling "Attaboy, Alf!"

Most Americans favor all possible aid to Britain; they also favor looking facts in the face, calling a spade a spade and not a glorified garden implement. Our fervent desire to help the British doesn't alter the fact that no attempt has been made to pay even the interest on the loans of World War number One. When Messrs. Morgenthau and Jones solemnly declared that further loans to Britain would be "a good risk" the odor of bologna was overpowering. 'Though thinly sliced and served by such eminent personages as the Secretary of the Treasury and Secretary of Commerce it was, nevertheless, still bologna.

Sez Mr. Landon: "No matter how the war turns out, Britain will never pay us back. Let's give her a subsidy . . . and charge it up as a part of national defense." That's sensible, straight-from-the-shoulder talk. If Britain needs this aid, and she undoubtedly does; if it will strengthen our defense, and unquestionably it will, let's give the subsidy without further ado, and tag it "Merry Christmas to you from us, and here's hoping you beat the tar out of that H. H. Hitler. (H. H. is for Hell Hound, but they won't let us print that.)

Next in the news comes Mr. Hoover, who in the first World War did a good job as food administrator; on the strength of it was elected president, and didn't do a good job of it. We seem to remember there were a lot of hungry Americans during his term of office, but he didn't appear unduly disturbed about anything but the budget, which had worried him not at all when it was Europeans, not Americans, who were hungry. Again comes a food crisis abroad, and again Mr. Hoover leaps into the news—front page— with an agility truly amazing, avoirdupois considered. Britain turns thumbs down; says food shipped to the occupied countries will aid Germany. Some day we may see eye-to-eye with Mr. Hoover on something.

But not yet.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
(Senate Bill No. 163)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That A. B. Nestor, Avon Park, Fla., holder of Tax Certificate No. 905, issued the 5th day of August A. D. 1929, has filed same in my office and has made application for a tax deed to be issued thereon. Said certificate embraces the following described property in the County of Highlands, State of Florida, to-wit:

Lots 7, 9, 10, 11, 12, Blk. A. Cherokee Heights, S-D. Sec. 23, Twp. 33 South, Range 28 East.

The assessment of the said property under the said certificate issued was in the name of Unknown.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described therein will be sold to the highest bidder at the court house door on the first Monday in the month of January, 1941, which is the 6th day of January, 1941.

Dated this 30th day of November, 1940.

(SEAL) W. Z. CARSON,
Clerk of Circuit Court of
Highlands County, Florida
By LEORA TRIPP, Deputy Clerk.
Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21

Tin Can Tourists Express Thanks To Avon Citizens

Editor The Sun:

The Tin Can Tourists of the World, Inc., take this means of expressing to the Avon Park Sun our appreciation of the nice newspaper notices given our organization during our "Homecoming" just held in the "Jacaranda City."

We also wish to convey to Mayor M. E. Covington, Walter S. Betts, president of the chamber of commerce, Camp Manager Alton Elder, the high school band, and all others whose efforts contributed to the enjoyment of our stay in Avon Park, our fullest appreciation of the courtesies extended us.

The fact that many of our members are employed in the "National Defense Program" will account for the small attendance at this meeting of the T. C. T., which we had hoped would go beyond that of last year, but the same situation has been noted at the meetings recently heled at Winter Garden and Dade City.

In departing the T. C. T. members carry with them the kindliest feeling toward Avon Park and its friendly people.

Respectfully,
ELLIOTT L. GYGER,
Asst. Secretary, Tin Can Tourists

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

W. C. TOUCHTON, JR.,
Plaintiff,
vs.
HOWARD S. BENNETT, ETC.,
Defendants

ORDER FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION

TO THE DEFENDANTS: HOWARD S. BENNETT, individually and as Trustee of Bennett Associates, Inc., and if married ———Bennett, his wife, 7 Mohawk Avenue, Scotia, Schenectady County, New York; John G. Blunt, care of American Locomotive Company, P. J. Brearton, 1080 University Place, J. J. Hanrahan, 336 Brandywine Ave., Thos. Hanrahan, care of Hanrahan Bros., J. R. Magarvey, care of American Locomotive Co., P. H. McDermott, Wendell Ave., Llewellyn Powell, 423 State Street, Neil F. Ryan, Broadway Garage, Adam F. Shaffer, Maxon Road, D. A. TerBush, 423 State Street, all of Schenectady, Schenectady County, New York, and W. F. Story, residence unknown, as Trustees of Bennett Associates, Inc., a dissolved corporation, F. I. Culler and Margaret A. Culler, his wife, 790 Virginia Ave., N. E. Atlanta, Fulton County, Georgia, Emma J. Lesure, individually and as Executrix of the Estate of W. M. Dart, John W. T. Lesure, her husband, William Lesure, a minor, John Lesure, a minor and Frank Lesure, a minor, all of Darts, Herkimer County, New York;

Evelyn Darling Purdum, a widow, individually and as Executrix of the Last Will & Testament of B. K. Purdum, 5401 Hartford Road, Baltimore, Maryland; Arthur Purdum and Frank Lewis Purdum, residence unknown.

It appearing by sworn bill of complaint filed herein that you, and each of you, are residents of a state or country other than the State of Florida, and that your residence as particularly as may be known to the plaintiff is as above stated, and that there is no person in the State of Florida the service of a subpoena upon whom would bind you, and it being further the belief of the plaintiff that you are over the age of 21 years.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: R. DUGAL HALL, individually and as Trustee and if married ———Hall, his wife, if living, and if dead their heirs, devisees, grantees and all parties claiming interest under the said R. Dugal Hall and ———Hall, his wife, deceased or otherwise, in and to the following described premises in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 1 of Block 4 or the NE¼ of the NW¼ of the NW¼; Lot 3 of Block 4 or the SW¼ of the NW¼ of the NW¼; Lots 1 and 2 of Block 10 or the N½ of the NW¼ of SE¼, All of Block 11 or the NE¼ of SW¼, Lots 1 and 2, Block 14 or the N½ of the SE¼ of the SW¼ of Section 5, Township 33 South, Range 28 East.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: M. D. HOUSTON and ———HOUSTON, his wife, if married, if living, and if dead their heirs, devisees, grantees, and all parties claiming interest under the said M. D. Houston and ———Houston, his wife, deceased or otherwise, in and to the following described premises in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

The West Half of the NW¼ and the South Half of Section 5, all of Sections 6, 7 and 8 of Township 33 South, Range 28 East, less Lot 4 of Block 12 of said Section 5, and less that part of Lake Lillian Subdivision within said Section 8, Township 33 South, Range 28 East.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: Effie Marie Huggins and if married, ——— Huggins, her husband, if living, and if dead their heirs, devisees, grantees, and all parties claiming interest under the said Effie Marie Huggins and ———Huggins, her husband, deceased or otherwise, in and to the following described premises in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lots 1 and 2 of Block 10 or N½ of NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 5, Township 33 South, Range 28 East.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: E. J. Lawler and if married ———Lawler, his wife, if living, and if dead their heirs, devisees, grantees and all parties claiming interest under the said E. J. Lawler and ———Lawler, his wife, deceased or otherwise, in and to the following described premises in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

The W½ of the NW¼ and the S½ of Section 5, all of Sections 6, 7 and 8 of Township 33 South, Range 28 East, less Lot 4 of Block 12 of said Section 5, and less that part of Lake Lillian Subdivision within said Section 8, Township 33 South, Range 28 East.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: Theresa A. Nye, and if married, her husband, ———Nye, if living, and if dead their heirs, devisees, grantees and all parties claiming interest under the said Theresa A. Nye and ———Nye, her husband, deceased or otherwise, in and to the following described premises in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 1 of Block 11 or NE¼ of NE¼ of SW¼ of Section 5, Township 33 South, Range 28 East.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: Bennett Associates, Inc., Florida Highlands Realty Corporation, Lake Shore Highlands Inc., The Scenic Highlands Development Company, all dissolved Florida corporations, and all unknown persons or parties, either natural, corporate or municipal, claiming interest through, under or from said dissolved corporations, or otherwise, and to all persons having or claiming any interest in the following described premises, located in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

The West Half of the NW¼ and the South Half of Section 5, all of Sections 6, 7 and 8 of Township 33 South, Range 28 East, less Lot 4 of Block 12 of said Section 5, and less that part of Lake Lillian Subdivision within said Section 8, Township 33 South, Range 28 East.

TO THE DEFENDANTS: C. E. LANIER, INC., a dissolved Florida corporation, and all unknown persons or parties, either natural, corporate or municipal, claiming interest through, under or from said dissolved corporation, or otherwise, and to all persons having or claiming any interest in the following described premises, located in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lots 1 and 2 of Block 10 or N½ of NW¼ of SE¼ of Section 5, Township 33 South, Range 28 East.

NOW THEREFORE, you, and each of you, defendants designated herein are hereby ordered to appear to the Bill of Complaint filed herein, upon the 6th day of January, 1941, same being the rule day of the month of January, 1941, or else a decree pro confesso will be entered against you.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this order be published once a week for four consecutive weeks in The Scenic Highlands Sun, a newspaper published and having a general circulation in Highlands County, Florida.

WITNESS my hand and the seal of this court on the 27th day of November, A. D., 1940.

W. Z. CARSON, as Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands, County, Florida,
By LEONA A. JORDAN
As Deputy Clerk.
(Circuit Court Seal)
F. T. HASKINS,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Nov. 30, Dec. 7, 14, 21.

CHRISTMAS 1940 - - -

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The good wishes of this firm go to all our loyal friends at this Holiday Season.

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Clubs and Parties . . .

By HETTIE H. HETHERINGTON — Phone 54

Methodist Party Pleasant Affair

Members of the Friendship Bible class of the Methodist Sunday school, were hosts at a delightful supper party at the Hut on Thursday evening. Guests included those in the church and Methodist 'winter visitors in the city, 35 years and older. A covered dish supper was served in the Hut, which was gaily decorated with holiday colors and seasonable flowers, the lighted Christmas tree forming the center of attraction.

Each member contributed an inexpensive gift, and these anonymous packages were distributed from the tree. Christmas music on the program, further emphasized the evening's pleasure.

CHRISTMAS

We Can't Say More Than Shop Here, . . . and *Merry Christmas!*

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Trump It Club Enjoys Bridge

Mrs. George Haynie was hostess to members of the Trump It club at a delightful Christmas bridge party Wednesday afternoon. A silvered Christmas tree was a feature of the yuletide decorations, which also included colorful bouquets of poinsettias and greenery.

Scores were kept on tallies in a Santa Claus motif, and the prize wrappings were red tissue and white ribbons. Candies were placed on the tables during the afternoon, and a tempting dessert course of pecan pie and coffee was served before the games.

High score prize, a large picture with two smaller companion pictures, was won by Mrs. J. C. DeShong, and second high, a sugar and creamer on a silver tray, was given to Mrs. Zed Scarborough.

Those enjoying the afternoon were Mrs J. C. DeShong, Mrs. Zed Scarborough, Mrs. Paul McFarland, Mrs. T. J. McGinnis, Mrs. Virgil Hall, Mrs. J. B. Francis, and Mrs. R. H. Bovell.

Methodist Circle Has Luncheon Meeting

Circle number two of the Methodist church met at the Hut on Monday for a luncheon meeting. Mrs. Arthur Johnson led the devotional, reading from the book of Isiah, her subject being. "The One God and the Relation to Christ." Twenty-three members enoyed the luncheon and meeting.

It was announced that the next luncheon meeting will be held at the Hut on Jan. 16, with Mrs. W. S. Rawlings, Mrs. A. C. Wester, Mrs. Arthur Johnson, and Mrs. J. D. Raab, hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. William Hauptmann will have as their holiday guests, Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Hauptmann of Gainesville, and Mrs. Blanche Ratcliffe of Daytona Beach.

Clubs Hold Splendid Meetings Friday

"A Letter of Credit" by Jerome Weidman, was reviewed in an interesting manner by Judge T. A. McNicholas, at the monthly meeting of the Book Club held on Friday morning at the Woman's club house.

At a brief business meeting, it was decided that only members of the Book Club would have the privilege of reading the books purchased by the club. After they have been circulated among the members, they will then be donated to the public library.

A dainty luncheon was served at noon, with Mrs. R. R. Porterfield and Mrs. S. S. Thayer, hostesses.

The meeting of the Garden club followed in the afternoon, the answer to roll call being Garden Hints. Mrs. R. P. Woodson, prominent Garden Club member of a club in Memphis, Tenn., and a winter visitor here, gave a splendid and informative talk on Christmas trees and holiday decorations.

Miss Clio Metcalfe, contralto, sang two beautiful vocal selections which closed the program. Mrs. S. N. Reeves was her accompanist.

Baptist Society Has Good Program

The W. M. S. of the First Baptist church held its regular monthly program meeting at the church Monday afternoon. Circle three was in charge of the program, Mrs. W. C. Touchton, as leader. The theme for the year, "Steadfast Purpose in a Changing World," and the topic for the month, "Pressing Through Difficulties" were stressed. The devotional was led by Mrs. W. C. Touchton, followed by the song, "How Firm a Foundation." Those taking part on the program were Mrs. Otto Skipper, Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. David Stuckey, prayer by Mrs. J. P. Dalton, Mrs. J. D. Sherman, Mrs. S. J. Pendleton, song, "Joy to the World," Mrs. W. W. McFarland.

Those present were as follows: Mrs. W. C. Touchton, Mrs. Fred Touchton, Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Mrs. J. A. Bishop, Mrs. J. W. Mercer, Mrs. David Stuckey, Mrs. Otto Skipper, Mrs. S. J. Pendleton, Mrs. H. J. Davis, Mrs. J. E. Crosby, Mrs. R. H Lawhon, Mrs Paul McFarland, Mrs. Jennie Adams.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Jordon of Lake Wales are announcing the arrival of a baby daughter, weighing nine and a half pounds, who arrived Saturday, Dec. 14. The little lady, who has been named Joan, is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Jordon, Avon Park.

Find Your Name In The Ads

Free Theatre Tickets

If your name appears in one of the ads appearing in this issue of The Sun, you will receive a free ticket to the Park Theatre good for either next Sunday or Monday. Clip ad in which your name appears and take it to the box office and see

All Star Cast in "MARYLAND"

Christmas Program Tuesday Evening

Depicting, in beautiful detail, the Biblical characters and the scenes surrounding the birth of Jesus, so near to all hearts at this Christmas season, a program was presented at the auditorium Tuesday evening, featuring "living pictures." The program was presented by the PTA and was a special feature of the December meeting.

A large frame was erected at the front of the stage, and amid beautiful lighting effects, the characters, in costume, appeared back of the frame and formed the picture, in significant poses. Mrs. Harold Worden, as reader, gave briefly the history of the Christmas carols, each being sung by a hidden choir of young voices, and reacted by the characters.

The carols sung were: "O, Little Town of Bethlehem," "It Came Upon a Midnight Clear," "The First Noel," "While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks By Night," "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing," "Away in a Manger," "Silent Night," "We Three Kings of Orient Are," "Joy to the World," and closing with "Come All Ye Faithful."

Characters were: Mary, the Madonna, Margaret Dilley; Joseph, Jimmie Hetherington; shepherds, Bobby Hall, Harold Reeder, and George Jenkins; the three kings, Joe Paschall, Edgar Rutherford, Henry Kipp; carol singers, Glenn Whitcomb, Harold Worden, Gloria Garber, Rosemary Kipp, Madge Pilcher, and Ted Ward; angels, Betty Moffett and Nita Bryant; church choir, Barbara Jean Bridges, Lillian White, Fred Montsdeoca and John Elwell.

BPW Club Has Social Night

The social night of the Business and Professional Women's Club proved to be an exceedingly enjoyable one. It was held Monday night, at the home of Miss Evelyn Clements, who was co-hostess with Mrs. Margaret Stewart. As this was the Christmas party of the Secret Sisters of the club as well as a dessert bridge, Christmas decorations prevailed throughout. Beautiful Christmas greens and silvered pine cones covered the mantel, while two charming trees proclaimed, "It's Christmas." All the "happy sisters" were pleased with the gift allotted to each of them.

The dessert consisted of delicious red and green Bavarian Cream, homemade nut cookies, and steaming hot coffee. Its consumption was followed by three tables of contract bridge and the resultant high score prize was awarded to Mrs. Wilma Peden, the second high score achieved by Miss Margaretha Vogt. The beautiful ivory tinged pottery flower bowls were appreciated by each recipient.

Participants were, Miss Rose Abramson, Mrs. Clara Bigbie, Mrs. Muriel Boardman, Miss Sarah Browning, Mrs. Frances Clarke, Mrs. Virginia Cloud, Mrs. Mary Holcomb, Miss Millie Pearson, Mrs. Wilma Peden, Miss Kate Tompkins, Miss Margaretha Vogt, and the hostesses, Miss Evelyn Clements and Mrs. Margaret Stewart.

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Guild Plans For Holiday Activities

Mrs. Walter S. Betts, president of St. Margaret's Guild, presided at the business meeting of the organization, which met at her home on Wednesday afternoon.

Arrangements were made for distribution of Christmas baskets, and for gifts for underprivileged children. The members also voted to select Thursday as their day to sew at the Red Cross production room, and each was urged to come as often as possible.

Fr. R. I. Brown gave an informative talk on India, and closed the meeting with prayer.

It was announced that the next meeting will be held Wednesday, January 8 at the parish house.

The hostess served dainty tea to those present: Mrs. R. I. Brown, Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. Sue Gregory, Mrs. Alexander Gilmour, Mrs. Phillip Boardman, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Mrs. W. A. Roberts, Mrs. J. W. Zimmerman, Mrs. T. S. Warner, Mrs. George Voorhees, Mrs. Norton Smith, Mrs. Frank Truan, Mrs. Harriet Ottley, Mrs. M. V. Pilcher, Mrs. Chas. Kenney, Mrs. M. S. Swearingen, Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mrs. S .S. Thayer, Fr. R. I. Brown, and a welcome visitor at the meeting, Mrs. R. R. Porterfield.

TO BE MARRIED DEC. 28

Miss Reba Roberson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Roberson, of Avon Park, and David Pletcher, son of Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Pletcher of Sebring, will be married Saturday, Dec. 28 in Sebring. The couple will make their home in Sebring, where Mr. Pletcher is manager and bookkeeper for the Schroeder Lumber company.

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Mrs. Scarborough Is Circle Hostess

Mrs. Zed Scarborough was hostess to members of her misionary circle of the Methodist church on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. T. H. Maxwell led the deevotional, and spoke briefly on "What Our Missionary Circles Are For." Mrs. Scarborough read a paper, prepared by Mrs. Maxwell, on "Keeping Our Missionary Societies Missionary."

During the business meeting, plans were made for a silver tea to be given January 3 at the parsonage. Mrs. W. S. Martin, chairman, Mrs. E. B. Vann, and Mrs. C. E. Lanier are the committee on arrangements.

Members also decided to serve a fried chicken supper at the Hut on Jan. 16. Mrs. Maxwell was named chairman for the supper, and her committee is composed of Mrs, J. B. Francis, Mrs. H. D. Prickett, Mrs. Pat Pollock, Mrs. J. C. DeShong, and Mrs. Zed Scarborough.

During the social hour, the hostess served dainty refreshments of Banana Delight, topped with a miniature Christmas tree, and coffee. The rooms were decorated in a colorful holiday motif.

Those present were Mrs. T. H. Maxwell, Mrs. J. C. DeShong, Mrs. J. B. Francis, Mrs. R. C. Jarrett, Mrs. Durrance, Mrs. W. S. Martin, Mrs. A. L. Brown, Mrs. H. D. Prickett, and Mrs. Pat Pollock.

Mrs. Bill O'Neill and sons, Bobby and Pat will leave the first of the week for Gainesville, to spend Christmas with relatives.

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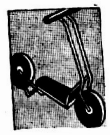

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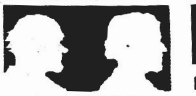

Hawk in the Wind

BY HELEN TOPPING MILLER

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CHAPTER XVII—Continued

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"It's a trick!" Virgie cried. "Tom wouldn't sign away his stock. He didn't know what he was signing. He told me so. You tricked him—a helpless old man—in prison!"

"I assure you, Mrs. Morgan, that every document was carefully read to Mr. Pruitt."

"What of it? He wouldn't understand. He was scared and numb—you can scare Tom to death with a legal paper. You tricked him! He would have killed all of you before he'd give up his stock in this mill!"

"I can believe that. Mr. Pruitt's mania for homicide must be embarrassing to you. But—we do not trick people, Mrs. Morgan. We find it unnecessary." The oily voice ran like horrid fingers over her. "So, if you will read this order, please? You will notice that you are directed by Mr. Pruitt, as the custodian of his stocks and property, to deliver to me fifty shares of Morgan mill stock, to the amount of fifty thousand dollars par value—"

"I won't deliver it. I'll fight you through every court in this country first!"

"Of course, you understand that that attitude is quite futile. We can compel you to deliver the stock, Mrs. Morgan. We can bring an officer here with a writ—"

"Bring a dozen officers—if you can find one who'll serve a writ against me!"

"You exaggerate your importance and your invulnerability, I fear. The stock will be taken to Mr. Pruitt for signature to transfer—"

"Transfer to whom?"

"Mr. Withers has contracted to purchase it, I understand."

"I thought so."

"Look here, Virgie, you're wasting your breath," Wallace put in. "This is all settled. You can't do a thing about it."

"I'll see about that."

"I reckon we'll have to fetch a constable." Wallace mustered pious patience with an obdurate woman. "She's hard-headed. Talk won't be any use. She keeps it in that safe—"

"How do you know where I keep it?" Virgie flashed at him. "I suppose you've got some more spies on my pay-roll? Your Mr. Daniels has done pretty well. I suppose you set those fires yourself?"

"You are being very unreasonable, Mrs. Morgan," soothed the lawyer. "We are being very lenient with Mr. Pruitt. My client has been permanently injured without justification or excuse—"

"You might as well hush," declared Withers patiently. "Come along and we'll fetch somebody she will listen to."

The door banged behind them. Virgie stood still in the middle of the room, still shaking with white rage.

"The thieves!" she muttered.

They would be back presently, with some country constable, who would turn red when she looked at him, but who would drag from an unsavory pocket a paper with the seal of a magistrate upon it, and compel her to open the safe.

A sudden thought came to her. Swiftly she bent and twirled the combination of the safe. The heavy door moved open slowly, and she flung it back and unlocked the inner compartment. Flat, taped bundles of paper slid out into her hand. She sat on the floor, turning them over rapidly. All the papers on the Hazel Fork property—she knew those well, she had had them out the day before with Wills. Her own stock in the mill tied in an envelope—she counted the shares. All there. But—that was all!

Twice she turned over the entire contents of the compartment. Then in a panic flurry she pulled everything out—old ledgers, old bills, contracts, and leases. Papers that David had filed, papers she herself had put carefully away; tax receipts, deeds to timber lands, insurance policies, she unfolded each, shook it, opened and shook every book, searched frantically.

Tom's stock—and Marian's—was gone!

But—how—who—

No one but Lucy knew the combination. Lucy and Tom. And Tom was locked in jail.

She was still sitting there, shaking out papers, staring at the empty spaces in the safe when the door opened. She started, then saw that it was Marian who stood there.

"Mother! What has happened?" Marian exclaimed.

Virgie tied a tape with cold fingers.

"We've been robbed," she said. "A lawyer came—Wallace was with him. They tricked Tom into signing away his stock last night. They're coming back with an officer to make me give it up. And—it isn't here! It's gone. And your stock—the stock your father left for you—is gone, too!"

Marian closed the door, slid the bolt.

"Mother—get up—and sit down here. You're white as a sheet. You're shaking all over."

"I can't sit down. They'll be here any minute. They won't believe me. Some fool took it, I suppose—some of the sneaks who've been working for Wallace. It couldn't be Lucy—"

"Oh, no—not Lucy—"

"She knows enough to know that the stock's useless until it's signed over. But—nobody else knew the combination."

"Tom knew it. And—I know it."

"You?"

"Tom wrote it down for me. Mother—sit here and let me bring you some cold water. The stock isn't gone, Mother. It's safe. I took it."

Virgie sank limply into the old chair that had been David's.

"You took it?"

"I took it over to the court-house. To be registered. Tom signed it over to me—a week ago. It's mine. He couldn't give it to anyone else—because he has already signed it over to me. He was going to leave it to me—in his will. He told me so. And I saw the will. He left it here with Lucy that day—when he went up to Hazel Fork. Tom wanted me to have it. So—the last time I went to the jail, he was worrying about it. And—I wanted that stock, Mother—I'm ashamed to tell you why I wanted it. I wanted to control the mill. I wanted to make you fire Branford Wills—and now—I'm ashamed! But—the stock is safe. They can't touch it."

Virgie's hands fell limply. "Pick up that mess," she muttered, sagging back in her chair. "I give up."

"Here—drink this—"

"I'm all right. It's just—too much has been happening behind my back. Even you—"

"I told you I was ashamed. But anyway, we saved Tom's stock. Maybe we can beat them yet."

Virgie looked numbly at her child. David's child—with her finely cut profile, her dark eyes and resolute mouth. Gallant and splendid—and indomitable. Like David.

"So—you own the mill!" she said.

"Are you angry, Mother?"

"I don't know. It was a shrewd thing to do. Your father would have thought of it. I—seem not to think of things—soon enough."

"You're wonderful, Mother. I don't want to run the mill. I couldn't. I'm not wise enough or strong enough."

"I seem not to be wise, either. Lock the safe, Baby—those men will be back."

"They're coming now. It looks like an army."

No one noticed Lucy, coming in at the back door, because so many people were entering by the front way.

Lucy's eyes were blazing and a little wild. Her chin had a dogged angle, and scarlet coins burned in her cheeks. She looked younger, lighter, aglow with a sort of fantastic triumph, almost defiant. She pulled out her chair, then waited as the odd procession filed in.

"Mr. Payne," the lawyer introduced the newcomers, "and Mr. Hooper. And this officer, I suppose, you know?"

The shambling constable, looking awkward and on fire with curiosity jerked at his hat and said, "Howdy, Mis' Morgan."

"Hello, Ed," greeted Virgie. "You travel in poor company."

"This here is somethin' I got to do," fumbled Ed. "I ain't so set on it—but you know how things is—"

"Go ahead," ordered Virgie, curtly.

Ed rummaged out his paper. Wallace Withers pulled out his heavy old watch and ran his thumb over the crystal, thudded it back again. Lucy's eyes were big and anxious. Only Marian stood calm, smiling a one-sided smile.

"I got an order here," began Ed, "for some stock—belongs to Tom Pruitt—"

"Go on and serve the paper," snapped Withers, "I got to get home. It's most time to milk."

"Don't bother, Ed," Virgie said, "I know what's in that paper. It won't do you any good to read it to me. These gentlemen—and their attorney—are very astute. They know exactly what they are doing. You investigated the ownership of this stock, I suppose, gentlemen?"

"Certainly!" snapped the man Payne.

"You're just stalling, Virgie—and it won't do you a bit of good."

"I'm not trying to do myself any good, Wallace. I'm doing you good. You got that order by fraud—and I can prove it. That might not sound so well in court—"

"We got it square—Pruitt knew what he was doing. He knew he was signing away his stock—he had to save himself."

"Sounds funny," Virgie's voice drawled. "I've known Tom a long time. He was a shrewd old mountain man. He knew what he was doing most of the time—except when he lost his head because he was being robbed. It's hard to believe he'd sign an order to deliver that stock to you—yesterday, that was?—when he had already transferred it—a week ago!"

"I don't believe it!" barked Withers.

"The transfer is recorded. You can see the record at the court-house. That will be about all today, gentlemen—" Virgie drew herself up superbly.

"No—not quite all," said a quiet voice from the door.

Branford Wills stood there, lean and calm and tall, a folded paper in his hand.

"Mr. Payne, I assume?" he said. "And Mr. Hooper? I have just come from Hazel Fork, gentlemen—"

The lawyer interrupted. "This is another matter, sir. We do not know you."

"I am employed by Mrs. Morgan. My name is Wills—formerly with the National Park Commission. I have been investigating the area on Hazel Fork—upon which I understand you gentlemen, all of you, intend beginning some extensive operations in lumber and pulp wood?"

"What's your business?" demanded Withers. "If you've been interferin' up there, Virgie Morgan—"

"Mrs. Morgan has not been interfering," Wills said. "Mrs. Morgan knows nothing about this. I happen to be a government cartographer, formerly, as I have said, with the Park Commission. I made the road maps for that area. There has been, evidently, some confusion and delay in surveys and condemnation suits—owing to the confused condition of the title to the land—a condition you gentlemen were very quick to take advantage of, but—I would not advise you to begin timbering operations on that land, gentlemen—now or ever!"

"You're very smart, young fellow," snapped the man Hooper, "but I happen to have a court order that allows me to timber that area to satisfy my claims and those of my associates. Do you think I'd be fool enough to invest money in a proposition like that if I didn't know what I was doing?"

"Unfortunately," Wills smiled a slow, dry smile, "I do not know what sort of a fool you are, Mr. Hooper, I am merely advising you for your own good. I have sent to Washington for plats and surveys for confirmation of what I know to be the truth—they should arrive by Monday. But—I happen to know that I am right. I went over the land today to be sure. I do not think you will cut any timber on the land formerly belonging to Tom Pruitt."

"You tricked him—a helpless old man—in prison!"

"What are you crashing in here for, anyway?" demanded Wallace Withers, angrily. "And what are you getting at, anyhow?"

"I'm advising you not to cut timber on Hazel Fork, Mr. Withers—you nor anyone else. Of course, I can't prevent you—but I can bring it to the attention of people who can prevent you— That land up there, gentlemen, belongs to the people of the United States."

"You're a meddling young fool!" stormed Withers. "What do you know about it?"

"Perhaps," suggested the lawyer uneasily, "it might be well to look into this matter, gentlemen."

"We'll look into it. And we'll look into that stock transaction, too. It has a fishy sound to me."

"By all means investigate thoroughly. You'll find—as I found, gentlemen—that that area of land up there is included in the boundaries of the National Park. Probably the condemnation suits to establish ownership are lost somewhere in the maze of other lawsuits and claims that have been filed on the property. But I wouldn't advise you to cut any timber there till you have satisfied yourself where the boundary lies. It's easy to take timber away from old men—and to rob women—but don't try it on the Government of the United States, gentlemen. That will be all. Good afternoon."

Lucy let her breath out slowly as the procession filed out the door.

"It's like the movies!" she gasped.

Wills was standing still, tall and lean and purposeful, in the middle of the room.

"There are some things to be settled," he said. "We may as well finish it. Withers planned all this sabotage to force you to sell. But he had help. Men inside the mill. Brains inside the mill. He had Mr. Stanley Daniels."

"No!" The choky cry came from Lucy. "No—it isn't true."

"I'm sorry—it's true. I've been doing some investigating, Mrs. Morgan."

"They framed him," wailed Lucy. "Old Wallace Withers asked him—Stanley, I mean—if there was any chemical that would destroy pulp and Stanley told him. And then the pulp was ruined—and Wallace Withers threatened to tell Mrs. Morgan that Stanley did it unless he gave up his job."

"Why doesn't he come here to speak for himself, if that's true?" Wills asked.

"Because," said Lucy faintly, "I've got him—locked up. He was going to leave. He didn't do it. He was a fool—but he isn't crooked. I locked him up. Shall I let him out, Mrs. Morgan?"

Virgie's smile crinkled her face and she burst into a sudden laugh.

"No—don't let him out, Lucy. Keep him there till he realizes what a grand girl you are. Keep him there till he melts."

Lucy smiled and it was as though a candle had been lighted behind her eyes.

"I think he's—melting, Mrs. Morgan!"

"It's raining," Marian said suddenly aloud. "Rain and sleet. I'd better take you home, Mother—it's going to be a dreadful night."

And then the telephone rang. Marian answered it, said; "Mother!" faintly, handed the instrument to Virgie, the color draining out of her face.

Virgie barked, "What did you say, how? Who came there? You say he took your gun?"

She hung up slowly, sitting rigid and aghast.

"Tom has escaped!"

"When? How? How could he?"

"Lon says he got away thirty minutes ago. They don't know how. He took Lon's gun."

"But—he'll freeze—on a night like this! We'll have to find him, Mother—"

"Yes—we'll have to find him." Virgie looked at Wills. "Lon says that Wallace Withers was over there today. Tom has found out who it is that has been plotting to ruin us. He's a mountain man—"

"We'll go," Wills said. "They'll look for him, of course?"

"Lon said he was sending some of the boys out. They won't know where to go. I know where Tom will go." Virgie's face was heavy with trouble as she twisted into her heavy coat.

"I'm going, too," Marian said abruptly.

"It's going to be an ugly night," Virgie objected. "You'd better go home before it freezes."

"Mother—I'm going. Tell Frank to put the chains on."

"Wrap yourself up then. Lucy, you stay here by the 'phone. If Lon calls tell him we're out on a hunt—if we find Tom we'll bring him in."

Wills drove and Marian huddled in the middle of the single seat of Virgie's old car. Freezing rain spatted on the roof, coated the wind-shield. The light failed with the swift completeness of mountain night. Wills got out to scrub the wind-shield clean. The wheels slewed on the curves in spite of the chains and Virgie's profile, against the dim light, was granite and grim.

"Drive on," she said. "I'll tell you when to turn."

"He wouldn't take the road, Mother," Marian worried. "And even if we met him we couldn't see him."

"Drive on," said Virgie, flatly.

They passed a looming mill and a curve where a waterfall came down, roaring and splashing under a high bridge.

"Left—at the next road," said Virgie.

"Mother—" an edge of panic was in Marian's voice. "You don't think—"

"I know!" said Virgie, soberly. "They were over there—Wallace and the others. Tom didn't know before who was working against us—but now he knows. Take it slow, Wills—this road is dirt and it'll be slippery."

"It's freezing a little. The chains hold. I can go faster if it won't make you nervous"

Marian huddled, small and frightened, under Branford Wills' elbow, her head in a snug beret, scarcely reaching his shoulder. Once he looked around and gave her a scrap of smile, in the dim light from the dash, but she was looking solemnly and searchingly ahead.

"How awful—to be wandering around in the hills on a night like this!" she said. "Poor old Tom!"

"I know how awful it can be," Wills agreed. "I had two nights of it. There's so much sky and black air and empty wind and savage dark around you—and you feel a sort of hatred in it—as though it would kill you if it could. And the branches reach out and snatch and almost snarl—and boulders and roots trip you up—and the wind gathers up handfuls of ice and flings them in your face."

"And you were lost!" said Marian in a small, frail voice.

He looked down at her. "I'm still lost," he said, levelly.

Virgie cleared her throat. "I'm here," she reminded them, "but I'm old and my hearing isn't what it used to be."

"Tom wouldn't be lost." Marian essayed the commonplace again. "He knows his way anywhere in these mountains—no matter how dark it might be."

The river was alongside now, dark and noisy and hidden by the whirling dash of sleety rain. Trees hung low, and the darkness grew thicker; it brooded and was hostile and fearsome. Marian clutched a sleeve and laid her face against it. Wind shook the old car fiercely, but the wheels dug and spun and plowed on. Once a frightened rabbit leaped through the darting steel rods of the rain, its eyes green and terrified. Ice was glassy on the hood, the wind-shield wiper gouged a feeble arc and then failed.

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SPEAKING OF SPORTS

By ROBERT McSHANE

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FOOTBALL fans still are debating the comparative greatness of Tommy Harmon and Red Grange. It is an argument that can be continued during the long winter months—or until the bright white light of nation-wide publicity focuses on next year's crop of stellar performers.

Not that Harmon will be forgotten by this time next year. His gridiron exploits, like Grange's or Berwanger's or Gipp's, have been too great for such quick oblivion.

It is likely that Harmon will have as large a niche in football's Hall of Fame as the Galloping Ghost. Harmon outweighed Grange by 20 pounds—195 to 175. The University of Michigan star was faster on the straightaway and packed more driving power. In addition, the records show that Harmon was the better kicker.

Grange's superiority in other phases of the game help balance the books more evenly. Once past the line of scrimmage, he was a more elusive ball carrier than Terrible Tommy. He was harder to reach in the open. Few players have been as slippery, as hard to handle as Grange.

Good Workmen

Though neither of the men were brilliant forward passers, both were good workmen in this department. Harmon has been called the better defensive back. However, comparison in this regard is more or less odious because Grange usually played in the safety spot.

It is a difficult enough job to evaluate the relative greatness of contemporary players. It is doubly hard to compare players who operated 15 years apart. Remember that styles of play have changed along with the rules. Then, too, the work of 10 other team members must be taken into consideration while judging the superlative qualities of any one ball carrier. Even a Grange or a Harmon needs men to throw blocks and run interference. The job they do often means the difference between mediocrity and greatness.

It might be the better part of valor to call the whole thing a stand-off. Both men, by any measuring device, are high in the list of gridiron immortals. Grange's glory has not lessened with the years. Tales of his prowess are as interesting as ever. Harmon's contributions, too, will stand the acid test of time.

Busy Champion

THE world's heavyweight championship, not quite as lucrative a possession as it once was, is going on a month-to-month basis this winter. For the first time since the Marquis of Queensbury banished shillelahs from the ring, boxing's greatest prize will be offered regularly with the approval of its present owner.

Champion Joe Louis, who has been demanding action from Promoter Mike Jacobs, will go to the post under this new plan every 30 days during the current season. Each time his heavyweight title will be at stake. It is an understatement to say that this recent development is startling. Until Louis came along, the champ who defended his title more than once a year was either over-ambitious or in sore need of funds.

No definite announcement has been made concerning a major portion of the schedule, but Mike Jacobs plans to have his No. 1 boy take 'em on from the Pacific to the Atlantic. As a followup to the December bout in Boston with Al McCoy, the Brown Bomber will meet Red Burman in Madison Square Garden in January.

Dorazio and Conn

After that, things are in a more or less tentative stage, but Jacobs figures on taking the champ to Los Angeles in February to show against some rival he has met before. Another probable match is with Gus Dorazio in Philadelphia. Somewhere along in here Billy Conn may get the title shot for which he has been clamoring.

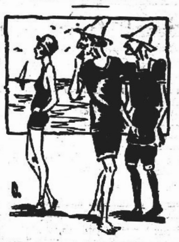
None of the bouts is likely to cause any great amount of blood curdling. Burman is a good journeyman heavyweight and Conn is clever, but Louis carries too many guns for them. With this kind of competition, it is not unlikely that Louis will be defending his title until his age-stiffened frame has to be hoisted over the ropes.

Louis is forced to fight second raters because no first raters are available. Promoter Jacobs undoubtedly would be happy to find a brawler who could meet the champ on more equal terms.

Sport Shorts

Eddie Brannick, New York Giants secretary, who for many years had toured Europe in the fall, settled this year for warm, bombless Florida . . . It's father and son on the Marquette university basketball squad this winter. Among Coach Bill Chandler's forward candidates is Bill Jr., a sophomore who was seven years old when his dad came to the Hilltop back in 1930 . . . Witt Guise, the Cincinnati lefthander, hails from Magazine, Ark.

SHOULD BE PROUD



"That young snip ought to be ashamed of herself."

"I don't see what she's got to be ashamed of, ma!"

NOBODY HOME

He—Yes, some people called at our house, but found nobody home.

She—Oh! Is your whole family that way?

THE SCRUB MOTHER KNEW

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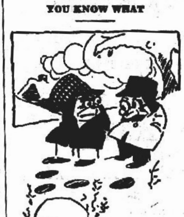
YOU KNOW WHAT



"It's as cold as—as—"

"Yes, just as in summer it's as hot as—as—"

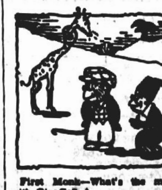
"Yes, that's it."

AGE, PLEASE

He—You remind me of an old sweetheart of mine.

She—Old? How old?

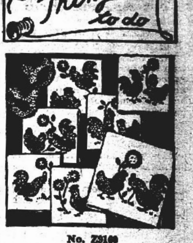
HE'LL REMEMBER



First Monk—What's the matter with Giraffe?

Second Ditto—Tied a knot in his neck to remind him to match some wool samples for a new cap his wife is knitting.

Things to do



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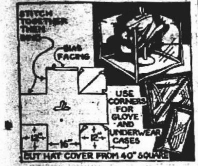
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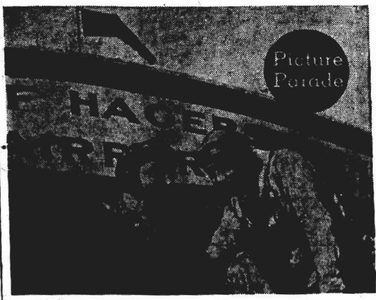
ASSEMBLY . . . In this department of the Hagerstown plant of the Fairchild company the motors are installed in plane fuselages. Then the assembled ship is towed to Hagerstown airport where test pilots take the ships into the air.

MAKING IT STICK . . . Craftsman J. E. Clopper is engaged in welding the hollow piping used to shape the framework of an airplane. The piping is of aluminum alloy and each piece must be welded to its mate with the greatest care to withstand flight strain.

A BORN RIBBER . . . Ribbing is the assembling of the framework of the wings which is being done here. Then the wings of the plane are covered with plywood.

BRAIN DEPT. . . . Before you can start to build an airplane there are scores of things you must know about aero dynamics. Here are two project engineers doping out stress, weights, etc.

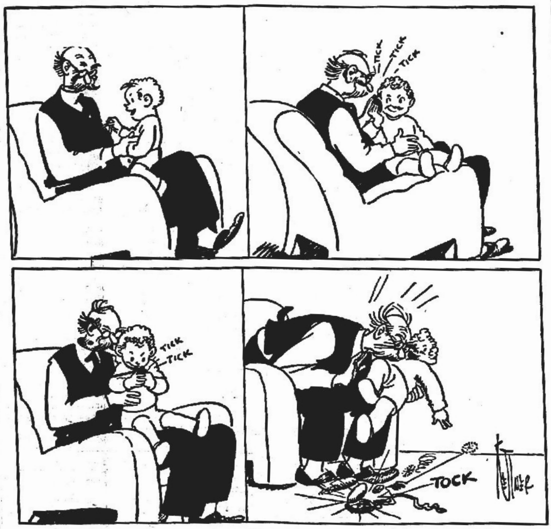


DEBUT . . . The men who take all army planes made in Hagerstown for their first trip are shown here in a brand-new ship. In the cockpit is Capt. C. W. O'Connor, U. S. A., army test pilot; chatting with him is Dick Henson, Fairchild's own test pilot. Henson has already flown the ship and passes it on to Capt. O'Connor.

A Fairchild plane, trim as a humming bird, makes its bow to the world.

• OUR COMIC SECTION •

Peter B. Peeve



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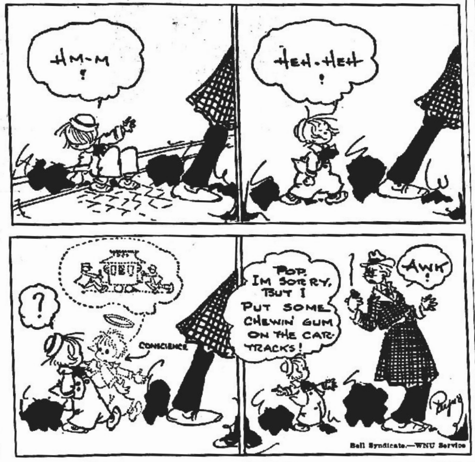
By C. M. Payne
WNU


HM-M !
HEH-HEH !
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CONSCIENCE
POP, I'M SORRY, BUT I PUT SOME CHEWIN' GUM ON THE CAR-TRACKS!
AWK !

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Service

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By J. Millar Watt
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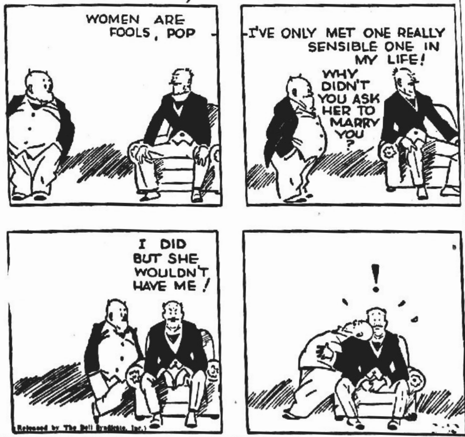
WOMEN ARE FOOLS, POP -
-I'VE ONLY MET ONE REALLY SENSIBLE ONE IN MY LIFE!
WHY DIDN'T YOU ASK HER TO MARRY YOU?
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Bird—I'll sit here for awhile and see the fun. Someone is sure to see if this sign tells the truth

Ask Me Another

● A General Quiz

The Questions

1. Who delivered the famous Cooper Union address?
2. What great river has its flow controlled by the Assum dam?
3. In what year did Hitler become dictator of Germany?
4. What is the official language of Liberia?
5. An anodyne is a medicine that does what?
6. What person in fiction had the "Old Man of the Sea" clinging to his shoulders?
7. How far do the Appalachian mountains extend?
8. What is a yashmak?
9. How many South American countries have no seacoast?

The Answers

1. Abe Lincoln.
2. Nile river.
3. In March, 1933, when the reichstag passed an act giving him absolute power.
4. English.
5. Relieves pain.
6. Sinbad.
7. From Quebec province to Alabama.
8. A double veil worn by Mohammedan women.
9. Two, Bolivia and Paraguay.

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By HUDNUT

Gemey	$1.00
Yankee Clover 50c to	$1.00

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Shaving Lotion, Shaving Bowl and Talc, $1.00

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BY "OLD SPICE"

Old Spice Mugs	$1.00
Other sets from 75c to	$2.50

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Pictures Needed For Avon Park Local Guide Book

The Avon Park Local Guide, American Guide Series, Work Projects Administration, will be published shortly in New York City, but is in need of pictures Biews of pioneer days, the present, and tropical scenes are needed. Pictures must be in gloss finish and about 5 x 7 inches, however post card views in gloss will do.

This Guide work has not cost the community any outlay of money. No immediate financial burden was entailed in its sponsorship. True, the chamber of commerce sponsored it and agreed to publish wher. the Guide was prepared, but this obligation has now been relieved by the NewYork house which assumes all responsibility.

As this, your Guide, is to be nationally advertised and distributed thus bringing Avon Park before the public eye, you will readily realize that pictures are a very necessary phase.

Friends willing to give pictures are requested to leave them at the chamber of commerce with Miss Hetherington, or mail to Mrs. L. A .Darsey, Box 1004, Sebring. All donors will be listed in State Office of the Project and pictures will be credited to sponsors contribution for Avon Park and Highlands County by Florida Writers' Project.

Although the Seaboard Air Line recently doubled facilities for their streamliner, the "Silver Meteor," officials report that reservations are so heavy it is advisable to make them as far in advance as possible to avoid diappointment, an indication of the amazing increased travel to Florida.

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CHURCHES OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

"Is the universe, including man, Evolved by Atomic Force?" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, throughout the world on Sunday, December 22, 1940.

The Golden Text is:: "Thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; . . . I am the Lord; and there is none else" (Isaiah 45:18).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible; "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good" (Gen. 1:1,2 (to first period), 3, 31).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "God creates and governs the universe, including man. The universe is filled with spiritual ideas, which He evolves, and they are obedient to the Mind that makes them" (p. 295:5-8).

One of the most interesting and unique attractions in the state is the St. Augustine Alligator and Ostrich Farm with its beautiful new entrance building and museum. For more than 50 years this entertaining exhibit with its 6,000 live 'gators has been an outstanding Florida attraction.

Annual Party At Lakeview Apts.

The annual Christmas party for residents of the Lakeview apartments, was held Tuesday evening. A brightly lighted outdoor Christmas tree on the lawn lent the seasonable atmosphere, and an exchange of gifts provided much gaiety. Each member of the group attending the party brought a packaged gift, with no name attached, and they were distributed from the tree.

Later, weiners were roasted over a huge bonfire built in the rear of the apartments, and were enjoyed with buns, pickles, ice box cookies and toasted marshmallows. Those present included Mr. and Mrs. Joe Cooke Van Dyke and daughter, Wanda, Mr .and Mrs. Firman Church and daughter, Debbie, Mr. and Mrs. John (Spot) Bunting, Miss Iva Phillips, Miss Elizabeth Green, Mrs. Ben T. Stewart, and Colquitt Pardee.

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Florida received four pages of splendid publicity in the current issue of the National Publisher, organ of the National Editorial Association, telling newspaper folks of the nation of plans being made here for their entertainment next spring.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY.

IN RE PETITION FOR ADOPTION OF ELIZABETH JAMES DANIELS BY ERWIN F. HOFFMAN AND MARGARET CARTER HOFFMAN.

To All Whom It May Concern:

Notice is hereby given of the intention of Erwin F. Hoffman and Margaret Carter Hoffman, his wife, of Highlands County, State of Florida, to file a Petition with the Hon. Judge of the Circuit Court in the Tenth Judicial Circuit of the State of Florida, in and for Highlands County, on the 30th day of December A. D. 1940, praying the said court to grant and legalise the adoption of Elizabeth James Daniels, age as of this date, to-wit: six days, whose last place of residence is with her parents to-wit: E. W. Daniels and Elizabeth Daniels, residing in Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, the mother of said child being now deceased.

Dated at Sebring, Florida, this [illegible] day of November, A. D. 1940.

ERWIN F. HOFFMAN,
Petitioner.

1941 Telephone Directory

The new telephone directory, which will be ready for distribution by January 1st is now being compiled. For your name to be included it is necessary that your order for telephone service be placed at once. The demands for new installations are now heavier than in the past ten years.

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Rainy Weather Has Blanding Ocean of Mud

But Boys Have Big Christmas Feed at Camp

(By SGT. W. A. SADLER)

Camp Blanding, Dec. 24—Three days and nights of continuous rain has flooded the Camp Blanding area, but has failed to dampen the spirits of the men of Headquarters battery. Weather conditions have changed since the bright sunny Saturday afternoon two weeks ago when the battery rolled into its position in Uncle Sam's newest military camp. If plans are completed the camp will be one of the Army's most modern training centers.

The battery street, fronted by seven five-men tents on each side, has been knee deep in mud for the past several days, making it necessary for the men to work Sunday's filling holes that have been truck traps since the rainy spell set in. Holes for sewer pipes have been filled by the heavy rains, making it necessary for camp workers to operate pumps day and night. This delay has caused new arrivals to go lacking as far as latrine facilities are concerned. At present headquarters battery is sharing its latrine with two other batteries which arrived in camp from Mississippi two days ago. This make a total of approximately 250 men using a latrine built to accomodate 75. It will take a week or two to remedy the situation.

The men of the battery were issued additional clothing this week, including tooth brush, razor, shaving brush, comb, underwear shirts and shorts as well as a couple pair of long cotton drawer which the boys eye from a distance at present, but weather conditions point to a reconciliation in the near future.

The 114th Field Artillery regiment from Mississippi arrived in camp yesterday, completing the encampment of the 56th F. A. Brigade. This includes the 117th regiment from Alabama and as the Tampa Tribune put it the 116th regiment "Tampa's own." The only thing that keeps the 116th from being "Tampa's own" is the fact batteries from Plant City, St. Petersburg, Winter Haven and Bartow make up part of the 116th regiment. Just thought we'd mention the fact so that people of central Florida would know what organization their boys belong. To be exact the 116th is composed of two battalions. The first battalion coming from Tampa and the second battalion is composed of batteries from the above mentioned towns.

Church services for headquarters battery are held in tne mess hall each Sunday evening and are conducted by Captain Chester R. Yates, commanding officer. This policy will continue until regimental chaplains complete arrangements for these services.

Due to the fact that half of the battery received Christmas leave, there will be only thirty men to prepare dinner for Christmas day, reports Mess Sgt. Flippen. The menu will consist of the following:

Thirty First Division
Christmas Dinner Menu
Fruit Cocktail
Celery Ripe Olives
Turkey, Celery Dressing
Mashed Potatoes or Steamed Rice
Candied Yams
Buttered Asparagus
Cranberry Sauce
Sweet Mixed Pickles
Lettuce and Tomatoes
Bread Jelly
Fruit Cake
Mince Pie Ice Cream
Coffee

Orders have been issued to the effect that Sergeant Reynolds and Private Edgar Smith of headquarters battery will be transferred to Fort Sill, Okla., in the near future for three months special training. Sgt. Reynolds will receive instructions in army communication and Private Smith will take a course so as to fill the position of battery mechanic. Other members of the battery will attend special schools here at Camp Blanding in their respective line of duty.

New Year's leave orders for this battery have been changed. Instead of four days leave the men taking New Year's off will receive only a day and a half as previous-announced. This means that they will be excused noon December 31 and will report for reveille January 2.

New Year Greetings

May the cheer of the year . . . May the best of the good.
May contentment and joy come your way

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SCENIC HIGHLANDS SUN

Highand Lakes Hotel Sold To New Jersey Man

Highland Lakes Hotel has been sold by the Howard National Bank and Trust Company of Burlington, Vermont to Paul C. Leatherman of Maplewood, N. J., according to word received here today by V. B. Dickey from the bank.

It is Mr. Dickey's understanding that the new owner will arrive in Avon Park soon, and he will operate the hotel. The sale price is said to have been in the neighborhood of $30,000.

LIONS CLUB GIVES HOLIDAY CHEER

The local Lions club spread Christmas joy in many of the homes this Christmas, clothing, shoes, baskets of food and lovely cakes being given to those in need. Toys were gven to brighten the little tots Christmas. Each and every member shared in the joy of giving.

Indians Charge Wells Party Hunt On Reservation

J. L. Wells went to Miami Monday to answer complaint that he and a party of hunters had violated the law by hunting within the Indian reservation. In company with Carl Walker of Basinger and Sam and Harold Belcher of Miami, Wells went on a deer hunt near the Indian reservation, about two weeks ago. They flew into the hunting grounds and landed their plane in the only open spot available, Wells said. They killed a deer outside the reservation, about half mile from here they landed, and took the deer to the plane, Wells related. When they arrived they found two Indians there, who informed them they were inside the reservation. Wells said the reservation was poorly marked and it was almost impossible to distinguish the boundaries. The complaint was lodged by the Indians, and Wells and his friends appeared before the U. S. Commissioner for a hearing. They are charged with hunting and attempting to take game on the reservation. This they denied.

Capt. Yates Retains Command of Battery For Three Months

Capt. Chester R. Yates will retain command of Headquarters battery at Camp Blanding for the next three months, in addition to his new duties as staff officer of the 56th F. A. Brigade, he said here Tuesday.

Capt. Wm. R. Gunby, who was reported to have been assigned to the battery, has been detailed to the field artillery school at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma for three months' special training. He will take over the battery upon his return to Camp Blanding, Yates said.

.. MRS. OLIVER IN HOSPITAL ..

The many friends here of Mrs. G. W. Oliver will regret to learn that she is confined to a hospital in Montgomery, Ala., as the result of an accident last Friday in a department store, when she fell as she stepped from an elevator. Her injuries consisted of a broken arm and severe bruises and shock. Mrs. Oliver is the mother of Mrs. Chas. Sherman.

Florida Banks Make Report on Commercial Loans

New York — Twenty-eight per cent of Florida's commercial banks made more than 75,000 loans totaling $67,000,000 to business firms and individuals throughout the state during the first six months of 1940, according to the semi-annual survey of bank lending activity made by the American Bankers Association.

The ABA loan survey was participated in by 47 Florida banks, or 28.5 per cent of the 165 commercial banks in the state.

These 47 banks reported that they made between January 1 and June 30, 1040:

51,588 new loans for....	$46,068,116
23,092 renewals of loans	17,869,099
1,229 new mortgages	3,885,422
75,909	$67,822,637

The survey showed that business firms in the state used only 35 per cent of the "confirmed open lines of credit" maintained for their use on the books of banks. A total of 13 banks in the larger centers of the state reported that they carried on their books $11,576,159 in "open lines of credit" offered to and kept available for regular borrowers for use as needed by them. Of this amount $4,087,563 or 35.3 per cent was used.

The average number of new loans made per bank during the six months periods under review was 1,098 and the average size of loan was $893.

The average number of loans renewed per bank was 491 and the average renewal was for $774.

The average number of new mortgage loans made per bank was 26 and the average new mortgage made was for $3,161.

The Florida survey was part of a national survey of bank lending activity made by the American Bankers Association. For the country as a whole 6,203 banks, or 43.3 per cent of the nation's commercial banks reported that they made between January 1 and June 30, 1940:

7,331,097 new loans	$12,253,628,581
6,134,178 renewals	8,246,301,835
177,398 new mtgs.	453,653,612
13,642,673	$20,953,584,028

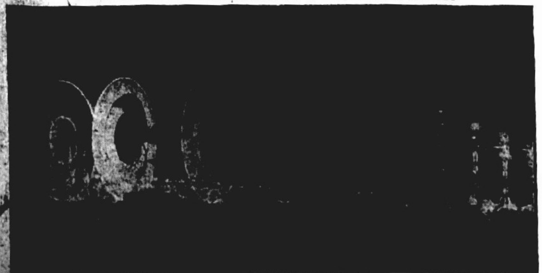
This is a total of 13,642,673 credit transactions amounting to $20,953,584,028, reported for the first half of the year by less than half the country's banks.

Frostproof Youths Hurt in Car Wreck

Bob Carlton and Ruth Pond of Frostproof were painfully cut about the face and head, when their car skidded on the wet pavement and overturned in a ditch on the edge of town on the Wauchula road Friday night. Jack Andrews, Jennie Godwin and Clifford Combs, other occupants of the car, sustained only minor cuts and bruises. Carlton, who was driving, said he was going at about 35 miles an hour when the accident occurred.

Sgt. Devon Reddick returned to Camp Blanding Wednesday evening, after spending Chirstmas here with his family.

BRILLIANT LIGHTING FOR STATE FAIR



GREAT WHITE WAY—Hundreds of thousands of fluorescent, neon and mazda lights will be used to add brillianace to the Florida State Fair in Tampa, Feb. 4 to 15. Above is shown a night view of the new midway of the Royal American Shows with the four giant ferris wheels, the dozen lofty flood lighting towers and many other attractions with their colorful illumination.

City Attorney to Fight Ouster at Council Hands

Pardee Says 3-2 Vote Not Sufficient To Fire Him

City Attorney S. C. Pardee served notice on the city council that he would continue to act in full capacity as city attorney, despite a 3 to 2 vote by that body Friday afternoon, to oust him from office.

Pardee contended that a unanimous vote was necessary to remove him, and said he had no intention of relinquishing the office, unless the courts ruled against him.

No charges were made against Pardee as a basis for the action.

The special council meeting was called at the insistence of the city attorney, who challenged the legality of a previous special meeting held December 13, which sought his discharge. That meeting was attended by Councilmen Ware, Anderson, Wild and McKnight. Councilman Mattie Tompkins received no notice of the special meeting, she stated, and upon that alleged irregularity, and the further charge that business was transacted other than that for which the meeting was called, contrary to the city charter, Pardee branded the meeting as illegal and a libel, and said he refused to recognize or abide by any action taken.

Following an opening statement by the city attorney, in which he outlined the procedure for discharging a city official, according to provisions of the charter, Chairman E. H. Ware called for a vote "to either remove Mr. Parde as city attorney, or keep him on."

Pardee objected, stating that, if any action were to be taken, the only proper motion to put before the council, would be a motion to discharge him. The chair then called for such a motion.

Councilman Anderson stated he believed the former action to be legal, and saw no need for further action.

Councilman McKnight sought to bring about harmony, and counselled against making a change. "Although I voted with the majority on the former occasion, I thought it would be preferable to pass a motion bringing the city attorney's actions in line with our wishes. The affairs of the city are in such a mess, financially, and otherwise, that it would be unwise to make a change now. Mr. Pardee has always had the best interests of the city at heart — to such an extent that he would put through things that no outside attorney would attempt. He has his fingertips on the various affairs vital to the city's interest. I think it would be a mistake to take any action now. I believe we should get together and try to get along. Since nobody has made a motion to discharge him, I make a motion to keep him."

McKnight's motion was ruled out of order, and Miss Tompkins broke the silence, saying: "Since nobody else will do it, and in order to get the motion before the meeting, I move that Mr. Pardee be discharged as city attorney." McKnight seconded the motion.

On roll call, Miss Tompkins and McKnight voted against, and Anderson asked to be recorded as not voting, dictating the notation, "No vote because previous motion for the same purpose already a part of the minutes."

Chairman Ware interrupted the roll call to call a lawyer for advice. He questioned Miss Tompkins' and McKnight's right to make and second a motion and vote against it. Returning to the council chamber, he reported the procedure proper, but announced that he had also been advised that a 3-2 vote would be sufficient to discharge the city attorney. Pardee held a unanimous vote to be necessary.

In order to change his vote, Councilman Anderson moved Miss Tompkins' motion be tabled. Wild seconded, and the motion carried.

A second roll call vote was then taken on the original motion to discharge, which resulted: Tompkins, no; McKnight, no; Wild, yes; Anderson, yes; Ware, yes.

Pardee announced he would continue to serve as city attorney, "because the vote was not unanimous, and therefore not binding."

State Chairman

Chester B. Treadway of Orlando, widely known throughout the state, has been appointed state chairman of the 1941 "Fight Infantile Paralysis" campaign for Florida, Keith Morgan, National chairman of the Committee for the Celebration of the President's Birthday, announced this week.

State headquarters will be opened in Orlando Dec. 15, Treadway said.

Joseph Pepper, brother of U. S. Senator Claude Pepper, has been appointed Director of the organization. The entire state will be intensively organized and a vast army of volunteer workers will drive for funds during January.

"Sold Down River" Pardee's Comment

After the meeting, Pardee refused to admit defeat, indicating he would take the matter to court, in the following statement:

"You have heard of being sold down the river by your friends. Well, that's what has happened to me. Those who play at politics expect just such things to happen.

"I do not concede that I am out. If the judge says I am, then I will go my way rejoicing and even the score at the proper time.

"I understaand that Mr. Joe Kinsey, of Sebring, is slated for my job."

MARRIED CHRISTMAS DAY

Ray Saunders of Avon Park and Miss Loree Campbell of Sarasota were married in a ceremony on Christmas day in Sarasota. They returned here to make their home, where Mr. Saunders is employed at Donaldson's Trout Lake grove.

JOINT INSTALLATION

The Avon Park Woodmen Circle will be hosts to the Sebring Circle at a joint installation on Tuesday evening, Jan. 14. The Sebring drill team will assist in the installation.

Service Station Man Slugged and Robbed

Foye Giddens Victim of Thug Who Gets Away With $100

Foye Giddens was slugged by an unknown assailant at about ten o'clock Thursday morning, while working at the Cities Service Station, and robbed of over $100, he told police, after regaining consciousness at a Sebring hospital five hours afterwards He was knocked out by a blow on the head, he told police, while making change from his wallet.

He related that a stranger, a large man, wearing a blue suit, drove up to the station, entered and bought chewing gum, paying for his purchase with a bill. Unable to make change from the drawer, Giddens said he opened his bill fold and was counting out the money, when he was knocked unconscious.

Giddens was found lying on the floor behind the counter by a bread truck salesman, his empty wallet lying close by, and a dollar bill and some silver scattered on the floor. The cash register had also been rifled.

Giddens was taken to a Sebring hospital, and did not regain consciousness until mid-afternoon.

City police and county officers investigated, but have reported no trace of the robber.

U. of Tampa Glee Club and Soloists To Give Program

A concert will be given by the Glee Club of the University of Tampa, the University Faculty Trio, and John Trusler, baritone, in the Union Congregational church on Tuesday evening, Jan. 7 at 8 o'clock. There will be no admission charge, but a free will offering will be taken for the benefit of the church organ fund. Reserved seat tickets may be obtained from J. Paul Garber, by making a donation for any amount in advance of the concert.

Evryone is cordially invited to attend and enjoy this splendid musical program.

Artists include: Lyman Wiltse, violinist, Director of Music, University of Tampa; Kathleen Barkley Wiltse, cellist; Mary Haverstick, pianist; John Trusler, baritone soloist; and Glee Club of 38 voices.

Florida in Citrus Fruit at Cypress Gardens

Cypress Gardens, Florida.—Many of Florida's most beautiful girls, attired in typical costumes, made a map of Florida in citrus fruit for three of the major newsreels using the tropical scenery of Cypress Gardens as a Florida background. From East Coast to West Coast—from the Rhumba dancer of Key West to the Old Fashioned Misses on the Georgia line, these young ladies are the stars that mark the cities of Florida.

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