

City News

F. LeBarge, an employee of the DeSelm Lumber company is putting the finishing touches on his new bungalow on South Center avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. DeSelm returned Monday from Pittsburgh, Pa., where they spent a week visiting Mrs. DeSelm's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marsh entertained in their home on Christmas their daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. John Gussman and daughters Lucille, Fern and Jean Marie and their son and wife Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Marsh Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Sherrill Allen of Chicago and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoegsted of Champaign were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey McCleary.

Mr. and Mrs. John Book of Mokena were Christmas guests of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Book.

Durl Johnson of Chicago spent Christmas with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mulligan of Chicago, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Mulligan and daughter Jeanne, Florence and Tommy Fortin of Kankakee and Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Mulligan and son Jackie of Muskegon, Mich., were guests Christmas of the Henry Mulligan family.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nickles and children Joe, Jr., Helen and Harley returned Monday from Chicago where they spent several days with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Emil Gonderman entertained in their home on Xmas Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Sauer, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Tanner and sons Robert and Bernard and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Gonderman and daughter Pearl.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Saltsider of Kankakee spent Christmas with their son and family Mr. and Mrs. Ross Saltsider.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoegsted and the former's brother Louis returned to their home in Champaign on Monday after several days' visit here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Lysle Gibson and sons Herbert and Robert motored to Champaign City on Christmas where they visited relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Amiot entertained on Christmas the Clarence Zufer family of Markham, Leon Amiot and family of Kankakee and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Frost of West Kankakee.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Dill and son Howard returned Monday from Chicago where they spent several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Vickery, Mrs. Florence Stoops and daughter Dolores, Mr. and Mrs. Byron Vickery and daughter Margery, Ben Vickery Jr., Mrs. Donald Cremer and children Betty and Buddy, Cecil Vickery and Walter Kirkman of Kankakee motored to Aurora and were entertained Christmas in the home of the former's daughter Mrs. William Cordiss all returned home that evening with the exception of Mrs. Cremer and children and Dolores Stoop who remained to spend the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bell and son Robert spent Christmas with the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. George Bell of North Cleveland avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mailloux were Christmas guests of the latter's mother Mrs. Z. Kirkman of Kankakee.

Mr. John Fahay of this city and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beland and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fahay of Chicago were guests Monday of Mr. and Mrs. William Knox.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Johnson and daughter Yvonne Frances and Miss Geraldine Turner motored to Odell and spent Christmas with relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson and daughter returned home that evening but Miss Turner remained to spend the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Lambert entertained at dinner on Christmas his parents Mr. and Mrs. Nick Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. William McGovern and David, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kane, and two sons Gerald and David, Mr. and Mrs. Joe McGovern and children Laura Ann and Dennis and Marvin Lambert of Chicago and the Misses Lorraine and Darlene Lambert and Ambrose Lambert.

Mrs. Harvey McCleary was taken to St. Mary hospital Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Anna Weakley and Miss Evelyn Weakley were entertained Christmas in the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Stang.

Mrs. Martha Aeicher and Mr. and Mrs. Hal McCleary and children Hal, Jr., Lloyd, Paul and Martha Jane were Christmas guests of the former's daughter and family Mr. and Mrs. Arthur English of Kankakee and also sons Fred and Arthur of the University of Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Bleau and daughters Madonna and Norma were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Knox.

Miss Vera Larsen is spending the holidays with relatives at Grant Park.

The girls of the intermediate class of the United Brethren Sunday school class were entertained Thursday evening in the home of Miss Mardell Hackley at a Christmas party. Games were played and refreshments were served.

Mr. and Mrs. John Brown of Bonfield were visitors Thursday of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore LaFleur.

Miss Jane Morey left Friday for St. Louis to spend the holidays with home folks.

Miss Tibbie of Harvey spent several days at the home of Miss Margery Hackley.

Mr. Earl Jones left Friday for Neoga, Ills., to spend the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Johnson are parents of a son. This is the second son in the Johnson home.

Mrs. Johnson was formerly Mattie McQueary.

Mrs. George Mulligan spent Friday in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Hoegsted and Louis Hoegsted of Champaign are spending the holidays here with their parents.

Superintendent an dMrs. Ruel Hall and son Stewart left Saturday for Charleston where they are spending the holidays with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beland of Chicago returned home Monday after spending the Christmas holidays with relatives.

Miss Hazel Horan is spending the holidays with her parents at Chebanse.

Mr. John Dustig of Chicago returned home Monday after spending Christmas with home folks.

Miss Carol Brock is spending the holidays at Earlsville.

Mrs. George Mulligan entertained the Afternoon Card club in her home Tuesday at a Christmas party. Dinner was served and the time was spent at cards. A Christmas exchange was held.

The Carefree club was entertained Thursday evening in the home of Miss Beatrice Rankin. The time was devoted to 50 with Miss Anna Mae Vanswick scoring high. Miss Rixie second, and Miss Rosaline Skeen third. Decorations were in keeping with the season and gifts were exchanged from a lighted Christmas tree. Refreshments were served. The next meeting will be held in the home of Mrs. Lester Skeen.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ahrens, Mr. and Mrs. August Pepin and Miss Frances McCarty were recent Chicago visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Arthur are spending the holidays with relatives at Streator and Tonica.

Miss Grace Atkins of Minneapolis arrived Saturday for a two weeks visit with her parents Mr. and Mrs. Gus Atkins and family.

The Bradley public school is enjoying a 10 day Christmas vacation which ends January 3.

Mrs. James Burford of Chicago was a recent visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dolar Martin.

Miss Helen McCarthy and Miss Mary McCarthy were recent Chicago visitors.

John Rogers of Our Lady Academy of Manteno is spending the holidays with his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. John Pezdirtz.

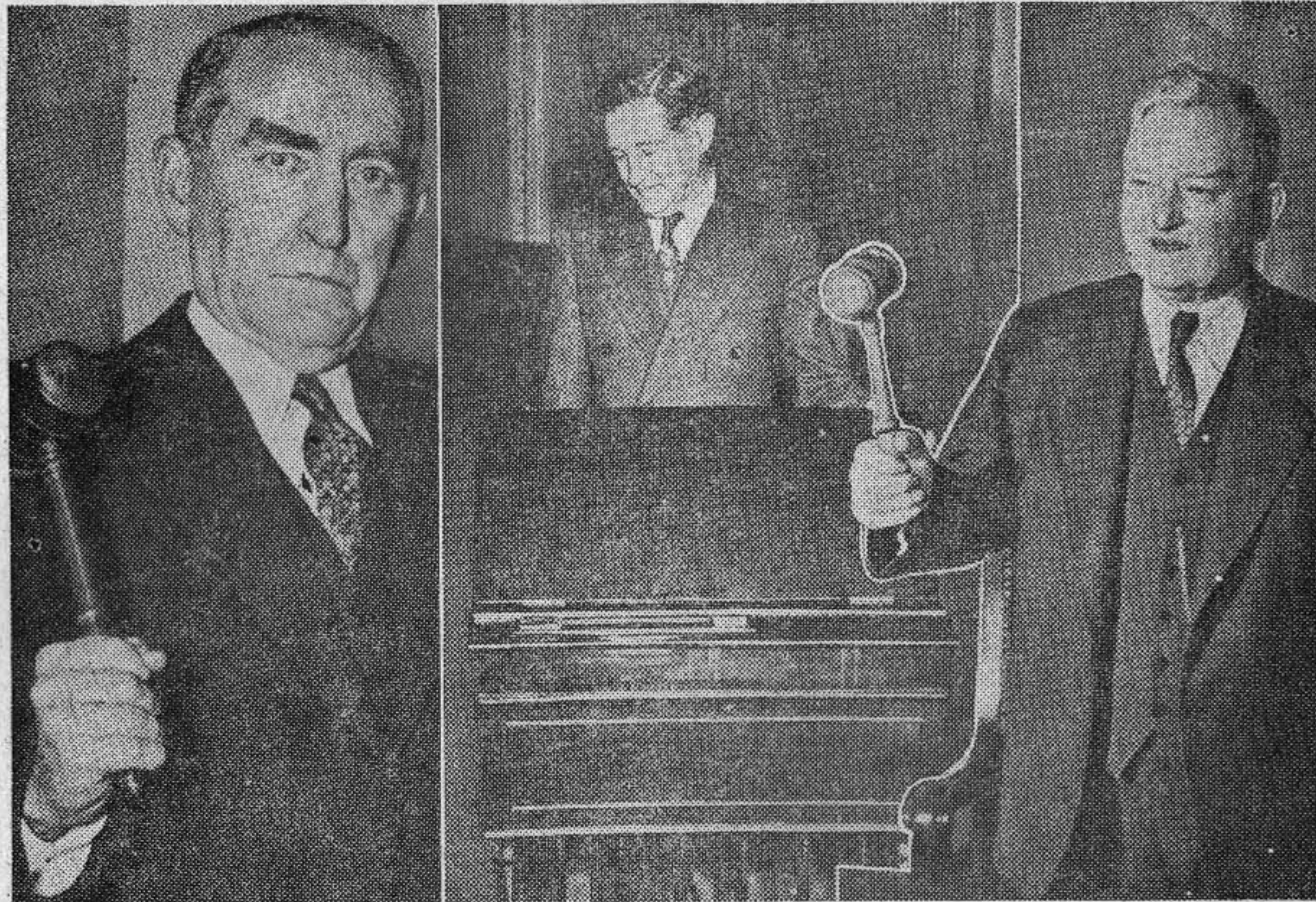
Mrs. Arthur Hayes and son Charles spent Thursday at the home of her sister Mrs. O. Stuck of South Prairie avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Casper Born and children Mildred Frances, Raymond and Bernard and the former's sister Miss Agnes Born of Chicago were recent visitors at the home of Mrs. Born's parents Mr. and Mrs. Charles Truett of North Michigan avenue.

Mrs. Lena Green entertained the Streamline club at her home Wednesday evening.

The Thursday Afternoon Card club was entertained at the home of Mrs. Jim Mathis Thursday afternoon.

76th Congress Knuckles Down to Work



Both new and familiar faces are seen in the halls of congress as the nation's legislators open their seventy-sixth session Tuesday. Above, with gavels, are Speaker William B. Bankhead, house ringmaster, and Vice President John N. Garner, presiding officer in the senate. Center: One of the new senators, California's Sheridan Downey, examines his desk. The Republican minority in the new congress boasts 81 more representatives than last year, and eight more senators.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beland returned to their home in Chicago on Monday after several days visit here.

The Gloom Chasers entertained their mothers at a Christmas party in the basement of the Methodist church Wednesday evening. A Christmas exchange was held.

Mrs. Anna Messick entertained the Jolly Twelve club at her home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Pechaner entertained on Christmas Mr. and Mrs. John Hassett and children Corrine, Dorothy, and Bernard, Mr. and Mrs. John Pechauer and children Jean, and John Mr. and Mrs. Eric Metschleit and children Eric Jr., and Donald, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard LaMontague and son Bernard Jr., and Miss Doreen Shear of Kankakee.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCue entertained at a family gathering in their home on Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clark and daughters, Helen and Roberta of Kankakee, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse McCue and children Jimmie Jr. and Patsy and Mrs. Irene McCue and children John and Marietta.

Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Topliff and daughters included Orland Lehms and Ed Lemna of Kankakee.

Sherriff Allen returned to his home in Chicago on Monday evening after spending several days here. His wife remained here for the week.

Mrs. Charles Delong the Jerry Drazy family Albert Normandin family, Mr. and Mrs. Barton Stump of Elkart Ind., Mr. and Mrs. Rene Drazy, Edward Normandin, Miss Irene LaFere and George Walters were entertained Christmas in the home of Mrs. Ed. Stump of Kankakee.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold LeMaster were guests at Christmas of the latter's parents Mayor and Mrs. Clarence Lock.

Mrs. Stella Largen and daughter Dolores and Mr. and Mrs. Kennerd Howlett were guests Christmas of the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Largen.

Miss Lucille and Ora Bolduc were guests Christmas of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Doby and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Lancaster and children Beverly Dolores and Sonny were guests Christmas of the later's parents Mr. and Mrs. August Kirckman of Kankakee.

Lysle Johnson and Robert Younger of Manteno were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene St. Pierre.

Mr. and Mrs. Eric Metschleit and family were guests Monday of the later's sister and family Mrs. John Hassett.

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Weakley returned to their home in Chicago on Tuesday morning after spending several days here with the latter's mother Mrs. MacKenzie.

Mrs. Jesse McCue is numbered among the sick.

Mr. and Mrs. Byron Vickery and daughter Margery motored to Exline on Monday and were visitors in the Hunter Jones home.

Mr. and Mrs. George Borschneck of Kankakee were visitors Monday of Mr. and Mrs. Hal McCleary and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Cremer entertained in their home Monday the Byron Wilkensen family, Glen O'Dell family, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Beck and daughter Dolores and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peoples and children of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Vaughn Biedenharn of Normal are spending the holidays here with relatives.

Guests of the C. F. Nelson family Christmas included their daughters Nancy and Amy of Chicago Mr. and Mrs. Russel Owen, Mr. and Mrs. Algot Nelson and children Richard and Eleanor and Mrs. Frank Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. Dolar Martin entertained on Christmas the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. Emile Mailloux and Mr. and Mrs. Leo Mailloux.

Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Hoehn and daughter Violet were guests Christmas of the former's parents Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hoehn of Kankakee.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenwood Martin entertained on Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Martin and children Glenwood, Jack, and Joy, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Cohan and children Ronald, Jerry and Bud.

Miss Isabel Karaney returned to her home in Chicago on Tuesday after several days visit here.

Mrs. Spear of North Grand avenue is numbered among the sick.

Mrs. Clara Downing of Kankakee is visiting at the home of her sister Mrs. Frank Brickley, Sr.

Coach and Mrs. James Laffey entertained on Christmas Miss Mary Laffey and Thomas Laffey of Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Chaplinski and children Joseph Jr., Vivian Marie and Patsy were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Book Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sanor and children Arthur and Frances spent Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Murphy of Kankakee.

Mr. and Mrs. Adolore Deslauriers an dchildren Jean and James of Joliet, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marcotte of Springfield were Christmas guests of Mrs. Mary Drassler and family.

Mrs. Herbert Cremer and Dick Cremer motored to Chicago on Friday and visited relatives. They returned home Saturday and were accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peoples and children Jimmie and Nancy Marie.

Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Simons and daughter Donna of Muscatine, Iowa are spending the holidays here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Marcotte of Springfield left Tuesday for their home after several days visit here with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stuck entertained in their home Monday Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Larkins, Rev. and Mrs. H. D. Simons and daughter Donna, Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Wilkens, Mr. and Mrs. William Larkins and children Georgia Mae Jimmie, Jackie, Darrel.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Book, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Kinnemann and sons Richard and Howard spent Christmas Day in Chicago.

Mr. George Lambert was taken to St. Mary's hospital Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Rankin and children Jeanette, Beatrice and Edith spent Christmas at Shelly, Ind. with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vanden Huot and son Michael and Miss Rose Smole spent the week end with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Mike Smole.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Pombert and sons Davie and Stere spent Christmas with the latter's mother at Downers Grove.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coyer of Chicago spent Christmas at the home of the latter's parents here. Mr. Charles Delong who has been numbered among the sick is improving.

The Eagle Mark Club met Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. T. R. McCoy with Mrs. Jim Hayes as hostess, 500 was the diversion with Mrs. William McCoy receiving first prize, Mrs. Jones McLaren second, Mrs. Clarence Stoltz third and floatin gprize. Mrs. Jim Hayes received hostess prize. Mrs. Frank Coyer received guest prize. An exchange of Christmas gifts was held. Lunch was served and plans were made to meet in two weeks with Mrs. Nick Lambert.

Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Short entertained Christmas his mother Mrs. Josephine Short and sisters Margaret Dorothy June, Violet, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Brown and brother Mr. and Mrs. John Short of Paxton and Rev. and Mrs. H. C. Short and children Mary and James returned home with them for a few days visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Davi dGreen entertained in their home Christmas Mrs. Louise LeBran, Mr. August Seaberly Miss Blanche LeBran, Mr. and Mrs. Lionel LeBran and children Donald and Carol.

Mr. and Mrs. Lionel LeBran entertained 20 relatives and friends Monday evening in honor of their daughter Carol's first birthday. Refreshments were served and centered with a lighted cake. Carol received many gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Joh nBriscoe and Mr. and Mrs. O. Hahs and son LaVerne were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. Len McDuffie of 10 Forest Avenue.

Mrs. Loraine Martell entertained the Tip-Pi-Tin club at her home wit ha pot luck supper, 50 was the diversion with Mrs. Ronald Lambert first prize, Mrs. Louise Chamsecond, Mrs. Lorraine Martell third and also floatin gprize, Mrs. Roy Arsenau door prize. A Christmas exchange was also a feature of the evening.

Mrs. Frank Miller received word Wednesday of the death of her sister Mrs. M. L. Evans, ofRoseburg, Oregon.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Owen entertained Christmas Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Owen and sons Harold and Ronald, Mr. and Mrs. Russel Owens, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Owens and children Gloria, and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Boudreau and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Owens and children, Mr. and Mrs. Frances Owens of Kankakee, Mr. and Mrs. George Owens and sons Paul and Glen of Chicago.

Mr. Emory Allgaier of Herscher transacted business in this city Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cletus McCarty and Vira Lee of So. Clearland Ave. entertained relatives and friends on Christmas Day. Those present were; Mrs. Lucy McCarty of Mokena, Miss Vina and Bernice McCarty, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. McCarty and daughter Donna Grace of Kankakee, Mrs. Laura Bell Douglas of Kansas City, Kan., Mr. J. Smith of Exline, Mr. Otto Christenson, Mr. Phillip Rose, Mrs. Sopha Rens Mr. and Mrs. Clyde McCarty and children Calvert, Narna Jeane, Wayne.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ignatoniuss an son Donald, were entertained at the Clyde McCarty home for Christmas dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kaufman spent Christmas with there son Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cook and family of Hazel Crest.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nephew spent the week end at St. Anne with her folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Larry Cook and sons Dan and David Miss Vira and Bernice McCarty were entertained by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kaufman Monday.

Start the new year right by subscribing for your home town paper—The Bradley Times. You will enjoy it all year.

BROTHER DIES

Mrs. S. N. Longtin received word Wednesday of the sudden death of her brother, Fred Jarvis, at his home in Chicago. Interment will take place in Manteno Friday morning. Two other sisters, Mrs. George Contois of Manteno, and Miss Ida Jarvis of Kankakee, survive.

AREA EMPLOYMENT IN SLIGHT SLUMP

Decreases in both employment and payrolls were reported in the Kankakee-Bradley industrial area for November, according to state labor department statistics.

While the state as a whole showed gains of 1.1 per cent in employment and one-half of 1 per cent in payrolls, over October, the local area had decreases of 2.9 per cent and 13.5 per cent respectively, it was said.

HUSBAND ACCUSES AUTO SALESMAN IN ADULTERY CHARGE

Robert Lee, 27, Kankakee automobile salesman, was arrested early Monday morning on a warrant charging adultery, drunkenness and disorderly conduct.

The warrant was issued at the request of Edward Gerritson, Bradley printing plant proprietor, and was served by Raymond Toussignant, Bourbonnais township constable.

Lee is at liberty under bond of \$1,500 and is to appear in county court the morning of Jan. 3.

MRS. DOLAR MARTIN ENTERTAINS ORIENTALS

Mrs. Dolar Martin entertained the Oriental Bridge club and a guest Mrs. James Burford of Chicago at a Christmas party in her home Wednesday evening with bridge as the diversion. Mrs. Gladys Martin won high honors, Mrs. Joe Grill second, Mrs. Violet Stump third, and Mrs. Peori Mulligan fourth. Floating prize went to Mrs. Frieda Ullom and Mrs. Jeanette Burford received guest honors. Gifts were exchanged from a lighted tree. Refreshments were served and plans were made to meet with Mrs. Frank Damler Thursday evening.

BRADLEY UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH

H. C. Short, pastor. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 10:45. Senior and intermediate C. E. at 6:00. Evening service at 7:00. Wednesday evening prayer and bible study at 7:00. Come out and enjoy the fellowship of this hour. Begin the new year right by attending church on the Lord's Day.

ROYAL NEIGHBORS

The Royal Neighbors met Thursday night for a social hour with Mrs. E. O. Coash as hostess. Five hundred and bunco were played. At bunco Mrs. Clara Gintner second high, Mrs. Byron Vickery second, Mrs. Carrie Taylor third, Mrs. Anna Messick fourth. At 500 Miss Tillie Allford scored high, Mrs. A. Mann second, Mrs. Ed Anderson third and Mrs. David Walters fourth. A gift exchange was held.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR OUR LADY GUILD

At the meeting of Our Lady Guild Wednesday evening at the St. Joseph hall officers were elected as follows:

President, Miss Ann Smole. Vice president, Miss Muriel Wright. Secretary, Miss Henrietta Le-gris.

Treasurer, Miss Bennett Roy. A social hour followed with Miss Ann Smole, Miss Margaret Schlitz and Miss Antionette Lustig in charge. Fifty was played with Miss Muriel Wright making high score, Miss Elizabeth Starasnick second and Miss Elaine Wright third. Door prize was won by Miss Bennett Roy. Refreshments were served. An exchange of gifts took place. Misses Loretta and Josephine Lustig and Anna Krall were named as the committee for the January meeting.

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State and National News of Interest

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FROM WASHINGTON

The rumors of a contemplated Cabinet shape-up which have been in the air for the past several months came one step nearer to realization this week with the resignation of Daniel C. Roper as Secretary of Commerce.

Secretary Roper, who is now in his seventy-first year, in his letter of resignation to President Roosevelt to become effective December 23, said that the short notice was due to "personal affairs" which needed his immediate attention. However, persons close to him said that his withdrawal from the Cabinet was due to attacks on his so-called "conservatism" by prominent New Dealers.

This Cabinet vacancy is expected to make the opening necessary for the elevation of Harry L. Hopkins, WPA Administration and one of the President's closest advisers. Over in the Department of Interior, Secretary Ickes has decided to turn down the opportunity to run for the nomination for Mayor of Chicago. It is thought that he believes President Roosevelt dead, and will be re-elected for a third term.

With the vacancy yet unfilled in the Department of Justice due to the recent resignation of Attorney General Cummings, the President now has two important posts to fill and it is expected that nominations will be sent to the Senate soon after Congress convenes in January.

The President's monopoly committee was told, this week, of how a network of litigation, threatened suits, license restrictions and business "understandings" brought big and little glass container manufacturers under the Hartford-Empire patents and harassed those that failed to come in.

Charges of conspiracy and violations of the securities and exchange act against F. Donald Coster, head of the vast McKesson & Robbins drug concern have brought about an investigation into his past which reveal, according to New York police that he is the same Philip Musica, master mind of the \$1,500,000 "human hair" swindle of 1913. The Department of Justice is also investigating information that Coster played a part in the illegal export of munitions camouflaged as boxes of milk of magnesia.

Secretary of Agriculture declares the loss of foreign markets and prospects for a declining domestic demand for farm products after 1950 makes governmental crop control a "more or less" permanent necessity.

Opening an attack on the unemployment problem the Senate Profit-Sharing Committee ordered the drafting of a formula of profit-sharing designed to stabilize employment and guarantee old-age retirement funds for workers in ten of the Nation's largest industries.

Senator Vandenberg made the prediction that some form of tax deductions would be included in next year's tax bill to encourage industrial plant expansion and purchase of heavy equipment. He said, "I have no doubt that the incentive tax idea is now here to stay and that it will find its way into the next Federal tax law. It is the key to Government co-operation with business in behalf of economics recovery and common welfare."

Chairman John J. Cochran of the House Reorganization committee proposes to revive the Government reorganization program which failed in the house last year. The program is to be split into four separate measures, provide for Congressional veto power.

Cochran predicted the program will meet with the approval of the House once the "Kniffen amendment," last minute modification voted by the House is added to it and "fully understood."

As investors paid for \$730,000,000 in new bonds and notes sold by the Government, the National debt soared to a new high reaching the total of \$39,400,000,000.

Meanwhile the debtor nations defaulted, as usual, in payment on their war debts. Hungary made a small payment while Finland met its obligation in full, also as usual.

The RFC has authorized the Export-Import band to extend \$25,000,000 in credit to Chinese interests for purchase of American agricultural and manufactured goods. The credits are to be made available to the Universal Trading Corporation of New York, composed of Chinese stockholders, and will be guaranteed by the Bank of China. They will mature in five years.

On the argument that it will needlessly take \$40,000,000,000 "out of America's pay envelope between now and 1980" Sen. Vandenberg announces opposition to the scheduled increase in old-age pension taxes and says he will demand these increases be cancelled.

The Fidelity Investment Association operating in 25 States with offices in 58 cities, with general offices in Wheeling, W. V., has been charged, by the Securities and Exchange Commission with "fraud and deceit," and has laid plans for a major legal battle. The complaint says the company has sold the general public a total of about \$600,000,000 in contract certificates since Nov. 9, 1920; that on June 30 of this year 112,542 certificates were outstanding at a face value of \$276,223,450 with about 60,000 purchasers now making payments.

FROM SPRINGFIELD

Victor in their grasp so far as the House of Representatives is concerned, Illinois Republicans are squabbling over the choicest plum of them all—the speakership.

Seven downstaters have agreed they'll be for a downstate man for the job.

The seven are the chief downstate candidates for the post and they expect before the weekend to agree on one of their number as their joint candidate for the Post.

Strength of Rep. Elmer J. Schackenberg, leading Chicago contender for the job, caused this coalition of the downstaters. Schackenberg allegedly has 39 Cook county Republican Housers lined up behind him.

The strength of unity must be invoked if a downstate is to defeat him, the downstaters agree in attempting to center their power behind one of their number.

Meantime, Democrats, outnumbered 79 to 74 by Republicans in the house, are sitting back and hoping the Republicans go into a deadlock over the speakership.

If they do, the Democrats rightly feel they have a good chance to nab the plum with a darkhorse entry.

The state canvassing board met last Wednesday and refusing to go back of returns submitted by county clerks did nothing with the protest filed by Rep. F. W. Lewis, (d), seating Fred Revall, (r), Flat Rock. Lewis charged vote fraud in Lawrence county and had been seated it would have cut the Republicans in the house down to 78. His only recourse now is to file a contest with the house.

Contests also may be filed from two other districts where Democratic candidates were defeated. Canvassing board returns show a total of 3,274,814 votes were cast in the Nov. 8 election, with Scott Lucas (d) defeating R. J. Lyons, (r) for U. S. senator by 95,588 votes.

Meantime, the state budget commission is conferring in an effort to hammer estimated financial needs for the coming biennium down to a par with estimated state income for that period. Some time back estimated costs were found to top income by \$75,000,000 and officials are paring away to cut that threatened deficit

to zero.

It was being whispered about that it's a safe bet there'll be no pro rota oil legislation passed at the coming assembly session.

Reason for this is, rumr has it, that too many legislators themselves are interested in oil.

ILLINOIS BERITIES

Supreme Court Clerk Adam Bloch will be sworn in today with Chief Justice E. R. Shaw of the Illinois Supreme Court to administer the oath.

Back in 1933 a law was passed to cut Bloch's salary from \$10,000 to \$7,500 per annum and it will become effective the moment Bloch takes the oath.

Illinois state income for Nov. 1938, totalled \$31,070,130 as against disbursements of \$17,541,758 State Treasurer John C. Martin announces.

The \$31,070,130 included \$14,200,000 in unemployment trust funds.

Receipts for October were \$19,285,340 and for November a year ago, \$16,593,048. The Treasury's gross balance rose from \$165,190,328 to \$178,718,700 during the month, Martin reported.

Incidentally, Mr. Martin, who is congressman-at-large elect, is expected to resign very soon from the chairmanship of the Illinois Emergency Relief commission, a position he has held for a number of years.

Also regarding Mr. Martin, he has announced receipt of a \$855,060.02 check from the Illinois Central Railroad for its semi-annual payment of its charter tax to the state.

The railroad pays a tax of 7 per cent on the gross earnings of its charter lines.

Final assessment on capital stock of downstate Illinois corporations for 1938 was \$46,530,890, an increase of \$4,463,087 over 1937, the state tax commission announces.

Corporations assessed numbered 1,660 against 1,568 in 1937. Peoria, Sangamon, Lake and Kane, Winnebago counties had the largest number of corporations.

Illinois' state property tax is dead for another year. It was killed by the state tax fixing board at a recent session here. The property impost first was lifted when the 2 per cent sales tax became effective in July, 1933, making the property levy no longer necessary. The last property tax back in 1932 was 50 cents on the \$100 valuation.

SUPPORT FOR NURSERY SCHOOLS

Community interest in Nursery Schools throughout Illinois has increased to such an extent that most of the food used for lunches is now being supplied by local organizations, Harry T. Fultz, Assistant State Director of Education Projects, W. P. A., stated recently.

Food was supplied entirely by Federal funds in the past, but under present arrangements, over half of the schools are receiving the entire cost of food from community clubs, such as American Legion, Community Chests, labor groups, and in some cases, Mothers' Clubs, and Parent-Teacher Associations. The rest of the schools are receiving from half to three-quarters of the total food expense from local support.

The yield of vegetables from the Nursery School gardens last summer was unusually large, averaging three to five hundred cans from each. A garden in Montgomery county produced 85 bushels of potatoes alone. Vacant lots for the gardens, which were tilled and tended by W. P. A. gardeners, were secured by local organizations.

"SAFE AT HOME"

The term "safe at home" is rather ironical when one considers that about 31,000 people are killed yearly in home accidents? The reason this stotal is so large is that injuries to babies and infirm old people who cannot protect themselves and to whom injuries are more serious occur usually in the home.

DO YOU KNOW—

Most accidents in the home are traceable to carelessness on the part of someone. Such apparently trifling hazards as a slippery floor, a shaky banister, a poorly lighted stairway, used razor blades, broken glass, crumpled rugs, playthings left on steps account for a large proportion of home accidents. The bath tub and waxed floors as incidental to accidents need no longer be considered as

DO YOU KNOW—

Children must be taught the rules of safety and the need for taking care of their toys and keeping them where they belong. Housekeepers must take time to heed the warnings of using chairs for stepladders, of touching electric appliances with wet hands, and of the dangers of fire. By cooperation and good sense on the part of all groups, "safe at home" can become true in its meaning instead of a travesty.

WINTER WOES

Sinusitis is primarily a disease of cold weather, coming along with the head colds of winter? Sinus trouble or sinusitis is without doubt the most common disease in America today.

hazards if widely advertised new inventions are used.

A corrugated rubber mat is now sold in department stores and when placed in the bath tub will prevent slipping. A non-slippery floor wax is now obtainable.

DO YOU KNOW—

Hundreds of engineers, lawmakers, and law enforcement agencies are constantly at work on the problems of reducing the annual toll of accidents. The principles of safety, particularly of highway safety, are now being taught in many schools. This no doubt will have a bearing on our future decrease of accidents.

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Sinusitis is primarily a disease of cold weather, coming along with the head colds of winter? Sinus trouble or sinusitis is without doubt the most common disease in America today.

You call it a new disease! Then you will be interested that from certain accounts written by Hippocrates, who lived in the fifth century B. C., one can feel reasonably certain that some of his Greek patients had sinus trouble in those days.

DO YOU KNOW—

The nasal sinuses are a group of irregularly shaped cavities in the facial bones of the skull. They are connected with the nasal passages by small openings and vary in size and shape. The walls of both the nasal sinuses and passages by small openings and vary in size and shape. The walls of both the nasal sinuses and passages are lined with the same membrane.

DO YOU KNOW—

Sudden changes in temperature cause a great deal of sinus trouble? The majority of cases, however, are due to head colds.

The main point then in avoiding infection in the sinuses is to prevent colds. Keeping in good general condition will help. Secure a proper diet, including cereals, fresh fruits, vegetables, milk and water. Take sufficient exercise under proper conditions. See that the temperature and humidity of your home and office is as it should be.

DO YOU KNOW—

Symptoms of sinus infection are usually quite pronounced? Some of the effects of sinus disease occur nearby, such as, a persistent stuffy nose, nasal discharge, a constant dropping of such discharge into the throat, a persistent cough and sore throat. The patient may have headaches, persistent or periodic.

A long standing stubborn cold may be due to a sinus infection which has been overlooked or neglected. A neglected sinus infection may become chronic and thus a constant menace to good health. Most of them may be entirely cured and often the treatment is quite simple.

The above statements have been approved by the Educational Committee of the Illinois State Medical Society.

BEHIND THE SCENES IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

(By John Craddock)
NEW YORK, December 28—BUSINESS—With their cash registers ringing pleasantly from the splurge of heavy Christmas gift buying, American retailers are confidently wishing themselves a "prosperous New Year." Builders, lumber dealers, glass retailers and other building material suppliers should find sales considerably better next year, for the F. W. Dodge Corp. reports to the building trade predict that American families will spend \$415,000,000 for labor and materials in building new homes as compared with \$360,000,000 this year. Other trade surveys reveal that Mr. and Mrs. America will spend more money next year in department stores than they have since 1936. Both of these influences should help to boost general business in '39 at least 10 to 15 per cent ahead of this year.

WASHINGTON

Congressmen returning to their work on Capitol Hill are discovering that a measure to be presented for their con-

sideration in the coming session has encountered public opposition, spearheaded by two of the nation's popular groups. The Patman anti-chain store tax bill, after suffering a mortal wound at Houston when the A. F. of L. sternly denounced it, has now been given the coup de grace by the American Farm Bureau Federation. At the organization's New Orleans convention, delegates representing 2,000,000 farmers, denounced "discriminatory and punitive taxes of all types designed to favor or penalize a selected group," and declared "such unnecessary taxes and restrictions have a damaging effect by increasing costs of distribution, increasing costs to consumers, reducing total consumption and limiting production in agriculture as well as in industry."

AMERICA'S SANDWICH BILL

Drug store and lunch counter owners probably never think of the ham and chicken sandwiches they serve as units in a "big business." But according to the latest figures the sandwich industry definitely deserves the title of "big business," a recent estimate revealing that quick lunchers in American drug stores alone spend \$322,000,000 annually for sandwiches. This amounts to \$2.50 for each man, woman and child in the country, and does not take into account all the sandwiches sold in restaurants, roadside stands and other establishments. Here's how the estimate was made: The Department of Commerce figures that the nation's 38,000 drug stores equipped with soda fountains do a billion dollars worth of business yearly. An independent study conducted by Soda Fountain Magazine disclosed that \$460,000,000 of this volume represents soda fountain sales, and that 70 per cent of that sum, or \$322,000,000, goes for sandwiches.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR—

For bicycle riders: sleds with a single ski instead of the usual pair of steel runners. . . new nickel confession called "jitterbugs" each package featuring a lesson on jitterbug dancing. . . Electric cocktail shakers. . . New office-size print machines for economical duplication of office records, correspondence and records, also makes positive copies of positive photographs. . . Nursery mask for mothers to wear over the face so that babies are not infected by mouth germs. . . Winter overcoats, insulated for cold weather by a cork lining. . . Butcher shops offering turkeys not only fresh-frozen and plucked, but equipped with stuffing and all the fixings ready to put in the oven. . . Return of the old fashioned ear-muff for ladies, because of the new up-swept hair-do.

HEADLINES IN NEW YORK—

P. W. A. announces that 5,509 projects costing \$1,222,870,000 have been placed under construction in the 1938 works program. . . Looking over the earnings report—higher; Pennsylvania Railroad—lower; Caterpillar Tractor and Swift Packing. . . Price reductions ranging from 1 to 10 per cent effected on 1939 farm machinery, exclusive of tractors, by International Harvester and other implement manufacturers. . . Moving up in the Business World: Arthur B. Newhall, 55 years old, placed in charge of production and sales of The B. F. Goodrich Rubber Company, with title of executive vice-president; Chester Mackay, selected as vice-president and controller of Western Union; Joseph L. Egan, appointed vice-president of Western Union Telegraph Company in charge of public relations. . . Bank deposits insured by the FDIC increase 11.3 per cent. . . Cooperatives located in 39 countries now have a membership of 71,500,000 and do an annual world business worth \$20,000,000,000, the Co-Operative League of the U. S. A. estimates on the 94th anniversary of the movement.

Best Wishes—for a very Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year to all the readers of this column.

GOOD THOUGHTS

I shall try to correct errors when shown to be errors, and I shall adopt new views so fast as they are shown to be true views—Abraham Lincoln.

To retract or mend a fault at the admonition of a friend in no way hurts your liberty, for it is still your own activity which, by means of your own impulse and judgment and by your own mind, makes you see your mistakes.—Marcus Aurelius.

If we will not control ourselves, then eventually we will be controlled.—Dr. W. O. Mendenhall. He that will not command his

thoughts and his will, will soon lose the command of his actions.—Matthew Arnold.

He who gains self-knowledge, self-control, and the kingdom of heaven within himself, within his own consciousness, is saved through Christ, Truth.—Mary Baker Eddy.

Ponder the path of thy feet, and let all thy ways be established. Turn not to the right hand nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil. . . Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.—Proverbs 4.

"SPEAKER HUGH CROSS"

It is highly probable that the distinguished title, "Speaker" will soon be our salutation to Representative Hugh W. Cross of Jerseyville.

That Mr. Cross was endorsed by 27 Republican House members yesterday, that such other distinguished aspirants for the Speakership as Reed F. Cutler, Robert J. Branson, Mrs. Lottie Holman O'Neill, I. H. Streeper, Dennis Collins and O. P. Tuttle withdrew their names in favor of Mr. Cross, and that a number of other Republican members telegraphed their approval, seems to insure the confirmation of the selection of Mr. Cross at the Republican House caucus to be held on the eve of the convening of the 61st General Assembly next January 4.

Whatever of conflict there may be between Cook County and downstate Republican groups over the selection of Representative Cross for Speaker, and with all partisan considerations swept aside, The State Register is pleased to concur

with its fellow citizens of Republican faith, who suggest that Representative Cross is eminently qualified for the Speakership.

Over in the 38th Senatorial District, consisting of Macoupin, Montgomery, Greene and Jersey counties, the voters are rather discriminating. Most of them are Democrats, but they like Hugh Cross of Jerseyville, Republican. They like him so well they have elected and re-elected him four times.

Santa Claus couldn't place a more significant Christmas tag upon any aspirant for the Speakership, of whatever party, than that.—Illinois State Register, Springfield, December 21, 1938.

Editor's Note—Mr. Cross is not yet speaker, and it may be possible, very possible that a Democrat will be named speaker.

INDUSTRY PUTS THE RAINBOW TO WORK

Color has become industry's star salesman, report James McQueeney and Edward Podolsky in the January Rotarian. Selected wisely, colors may do much to make homes more livable, business firms more profitable, and human relations more agreeable. Color is a thing with which we live. Let's read about it.

INCOME TAXES—IN BRITAIN AND AMERICA

Comparisons of British and United States income taxes too frequently are served up unseasoned by facts. Who pays more? That's the question F. Britton Austin, British writer, answers—with facts—in the January Rotarian.

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New 'First Families' Prepare to Take Office



As 1938 draws to an end, new governors prepare to take office in 13 states immediately after the new year begins. Four of them include Culbert Olson of California, left; William Vanderbilt of Rhode Island, shown with Mrs. Vanderbilt, upper center; Arthur James of Pennsylvania, shown in lower center with his daughter, Miss Dorothy James; and Raymond E. Baldwin of Connecticut.

STATE CAPITOL NEWS

CONTRACTS LET FOR STATE INSTITUTIONS

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—The Illinois Division of Architecture and Engineering today awarded \$387,703.00 in contracts for new construction, repairs and alterations at the Illinois State Normal University, Normal, and eight state institutions.

Contracts awarded include: Manteno State Hospital, Manteno—Furnishing and installing electric wiring for addition to hospital for tuberculosis patients, Divane Brothers, Chicago, \$2,790; same project, pipe covering work, Johnson and Andrews, Chicago, \$2,250; heating work, Northwestern Heating and Plumbing Company, Evanston, \$4,094; plumbing work, Arnold Peterson Company, Springfield, \$8,890.

Kankakee State Hospital, Kankakee—General work, hospital for tubercular patients, John Moroff and Son, Kankakee, \$96,650.

Anna State Hospital, Anna—General work, hospital for tubercular patients, Dickie Construction Company, St. Louis, Mo., \$97,400.

Illinois State Normal University, Normal—Heating work for Home Management House, John P. Shields, Bloomington, \$4,347; same project, plumbing work, George Gilder, Bloomington, \$5,149.

Starved Rock State Park, Utica—Refrigeration for kitchen of new park lodge building, National Korceaire Company, Chicago, \$933.

Lincoln State School and Colony, Lincoln—Electric wiring for proposed addition to laundry building, Ernest Freeman and Company, Chicago, \$8,745; same project, plumbing work, John P. Shields, Bloomington, \$1,057; heating work, Arnold Peterson Company, Springfield, \$1,411.

Research and Educational Hospitals, Chicago—Elevators and dumbwaiters for psychiatric institute and hospital, Otis Elevator Company, Chicago, \$91,402.

St. Charles School for Boys, St. Charles—Complete electric work for primary and secondary connections, Divane Brothers, Chicago, \$46,755.

Elgin State Hospital, Elgin—Heating work for addition to employees' building, Klein and Heckman, Incorporated, Dixon, \$3,142; electric wiring, Divane Brothers, Chicago, \$4,690; plumbing work, M. J. Corby Company, Chicago \$4,694, and pipe covering work Chicago Asbestos Manufacturing Company, Chicago, \$1,305.

MANTENO GIRL WINS SECOND PLACE IN W. P. A. POSTER CONTEST

Word has been received from Decatur that Lillian Rozopsek, was awarded second place in the W. P. A. District-wide book poster contest held in connection with National Book Week. The eighth grade girl's poster was judged one of the very best submitted by a student of the upper grades. This is quite an honor for the Manteno girl, particularly in view of the fact that her poster had to compete against over five hundred others from more than thirty towns in the district.

The posters were on display in the Children's Room of the Decatur Public Library for several days before being judged Monday by a group of experts. The 180 posters on display represented the three best, in both upper and lower-grade contestants, from all competing communities. Those representing Manteno in the Decatur finals were selected in the local contest held during Book Week, November 13 to 19th.

SOCIAL SECURITY BOARD AUTHORIZE SETTLEMENTS

With procedure for handling old-age insurance claims now fully developed, G. A. McCollum, manager of the Joliet field office announced today that the Social Security

January Yule—And 2 Santas!



Christmas comes twice a year at Rodanthe, N. C., on isolated Roanoke island, where old people among the fishing village's 300 inhabitants will celebrate "old Christmas" next Thursday. Villagers explain that the little Santa is the big one's "son." The truth is that Rodanthe has two Santa Claus suits and sees no good reason why both of the costumes should not be used.

Board had authorized on December 1, 1938, a total of 250,782 single cash settlements amounting to \$10,697,111.93. These payments were made to wage earners who have reached age 65 and to the heirs or estates of those who have died.

"Of these cash payments, 7,195 have been paid in Illinois," Mr. McCollum said. During November, 1,170 claims, totaling \$84,785.97, or an average of \$72.47 each, were certified for this state. The national total of claims certified during November was 16,699, amounting to \$1,074,750.97, or an average of \$64.36 each.

"In the area covered by the local field office, comprising the counties of Will, Grundy, Kendall, Kane, DeKalb, LaSalle, Kankakee and Livingston, claims amounting to \$4,435.09 were certified for payment to 53 claimants, or an average of \$85.38 each.

"The time required by the Bureau of Old-Age Insurance," Mr. McCollum declared, "for the handling of a claim, after its receipt from a field office until it is sent to the Treasury for payment, has been reduced from an average of 25 days, in December, 1937, to less than 10 days.

"Single cash payments are the only benefits now being paid. Monthly retirement benefits to wage earners will not begin until 1942. During the early months of this program, many persons failed to file claims because of the very small amounts involved. From now on, it may be expected that claimants for these single cash payments will appear in increasing numbers. As these payments are equal to 3 1-2 percent of the total wages that a person has received after 1936 and before age 65 or death, the amounts now payable are increasing in size and in most cases will be well worth collecting.

"Any resident in the area served by the Joliet field office who believes he has a claim for old-age insurance benefits should file his claim at once," said Mr. McCollum.

COSTER CONDEMNS WALL STREET BANKERS

F. Donald Coster, unmasked as Swindler Philip Musica, left a dramatic suicide note. Here is an excerpt from it:

"As God is my judge I am the victim of Wall Street plunder and blackmail in a struggle for honest existence. Oh, Merciful God bring the truth to light.

F. D. COSTER Confesses Betrayal of Aids.

As an amazing "confession" of his activities by F. Donald Coster, suicide president of the McKesson & Robbins drug firm, was released by his attorney, U. S. authorities disclosed that at least eight persons who knew the swindler as ex-Convict Philip Musica profited financially because of their knowledge.

U. S. Attorney Gregory F. Noonan said: "We have information with respect to some of them—former associates of his Musica days, some of whom had criminal records. Noonan branded the letter left by Coster-Musica and written just before he took his life as the work of a man "who had been under the care of a psychiatrist for two days and who contemplated suicide."

Note Absolves Wife.

In Washington, Brien McMahon, assistant attorney general said: "Regardless of what Coster said in his note, our information definitely indicates that the surviving brothers are more culpable than he would have led us to believe."

Coster's remarkable letter, released by his attorney, Samuel Reich, exonerated his wife and his relatives of any guilty knowledge

of the American people for Germany, Russia and Japan.

Pittman—with reported official sanction—declared the United States has the right to insist on international morality as set forth in its treaties—even to the extent of using force. Whether his statement had express approval of President Roosevelt and Welles, however, could not immediately be learned.

Germany Fears U. S. Breach.

While Chancellor Hitler studied the United States' rejection of the Reich's demand for an official apology for Secretary Ickes' recent anti-Nazi speech, Nazi officials said the rejection might rupture relations between the two countries.

The official German embassy report on the rejection was rushed to Hitler while he was being feted by 7,000 workers on the new chancellery, "Deutschland Hall."

A foreign office emissary brought the report to Hitler's attention after the Fuehrer decorated four giant Christmas trees, presented each of the workers with his autographed picture and made a speech.

Hitler's address announced Berlin would be rebuilt "to make it worthy of representation in the biggest state in Europe and to attract foreign visitors and diplomats." He also indirectly attacked democracies, declaring:

"During the forthcoming decade we will demonstrate to the patent democracies where there is real culture at home."

FIRE PERILS TOMB OF NAPOLEON

A roaring fire threatened to destroy the tomb of Napoleon last Thursday. Freezing weather hampered firemen in fighting the fire.

Flames destroyed the cupola of the building housing the remains of Emperor Napoleon I, but were quenched before they could reach the tomb.

For a time a nearby military hospital and barracks in Paris were also threatened by flying sparks.

MORE SWINDLERS ARE INDICTED IN NEW YORK

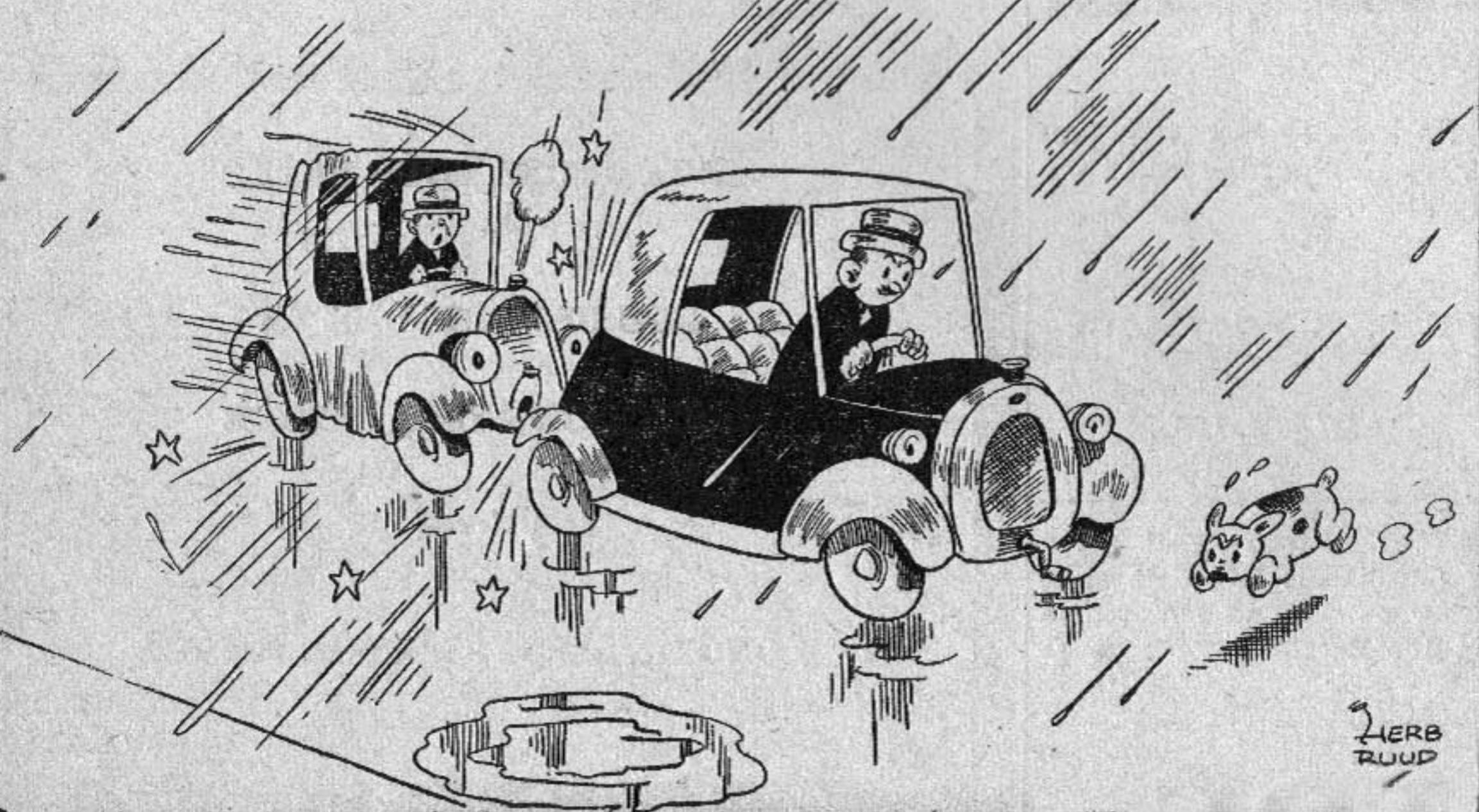
The federal government came to the aid last week of credulous elderly people who claimed they invested their savings on sure-thing propositions only to see their assets, like their financial advisers, disappear.

Rufus Oliver, investigator for the district attorney in Corpus Christi, Tex., and twenty-one others were cited in an indictment before Federal Judge William Bondy charging mail fraud and conspiracy in a \$100,000 racket and stock market swindle.

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BEHIND THE SCENES IN AMERICAN BUSINESS

(By John Craddock) NEW YORK, December 16 — BUSINESS—Santa's pack is going to be heavier this year, retailers throughout the country report. A lot of American women are going to be surprised with gifts of lingerie, handbags, costume jewelry and watches, because the stores say that these are the things most popular with male buyers this year. More expensive items such as refrigerators, rugs, furniture and fur coats, however, aren't going into as many homes this Xmas as in 1937, although many of them are being purchased. Even drug stores are profiting from the holiday spending spree, with customers buying gift merchandise in the 50 cent to \$1 range in greater volume than in previous years.

WASHINGTON — Grocers, jewelers, hardware merchants, electrical appliance shops and others selling at retail to the public should keep their shelves filled for the next few months, even if general industry activity declines. That is the advice to be taken from the forecast made by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics that Mr. and Mrs. America will increase their spending considerably during the next quarter. The bureau, which accurately forecast the recent recession, however, is not too optimistic about the outlook in major industries such as auto and steel. "Little or no further increase in these important industries can be looked for during the next several months," it concluded.

SCIENTIFIC DISPLAY — It may not be long before the butcher displays his sausages and veal on "ferris wheel" in his store window, or the milliner attracts milady's attention by installing a "merry-go-round" in her hat store, making possible a constant parade of the latest creations. At any rate, a Philadelphia meeting of lighting engineers was informed last week by H. M. Alexander, architect of the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Company, that the "revolving stage" of the theater would soon be applied to pep up the nation's show windows. Another innovation that Mr. Alexander unfolded at the same meeting is "luminous architecture," or indirect lighting through translucent, vari-colored structural glass for "face lifting" the fronts of stores, office buildings and theaters.

THINGS TO WATCH FOR — "Talking Christmas cards" or miniature phonograph records giving the season's greetings in the donor's own voice. . . All-rayon rugs available in Oriental patterns. . . Curbstone banking for busy motorists who are too rushed to go into the bank. . . All-color movie of the children's story, "The Wizard of Oz" . . . Another new movie magazine, but! — it will feature Hollywood as a fashion center instead of lives and doings of stars. . . An air-conditioned ash tray with an inbuilt electric fan to dissipate smoke. . . Light on dashboard of auto to tell whether tail light is out.

INVITATION TO A PARTY—When a group of tax-conscious colonists staged the Boston Tea Party on December 16, 1773, there was only one Boston. Now, on the 165th anniversary of the event, there are thirteen additional cities named Boston in the nation. This bit of information came to light last week when it was disclosed that all fourteen "Hubs" are joining in a commemoration of that event, led by the Massachusetts units of the National Consumers Tax Commission, who will stage their program on the historic wharf where the first "party" took place. Mrs. John H. Kimball, Massachusetts member of the national committee, declared last week: "Nearly two-thirds of the nation's \$13,000,000,000 tax bill is paid by you and me as consumers in "hidden" taxes of which we are totally unaware. Therefore, taxation without representation flares up again as being a live issue. It was not killed and buried in 1773 or in 1776."

HEADLINES IN NEW YORK—President Roosevelt increases mortgage insurance limit of Federal Housing Administration from \$2,000,000,000 to \$3,000,000,000. . . Unemployment in November was at lowest level of 1933, according to A. F. of L. . . Federal Reserve index of industrial production jumps to 100 as compared with 76 in May and 96 in October. . . Looking over the earnings reports—higher: Servel, Inc. and Rath Packing; lower: Western Union and Florsheim Shoe. . . November shipments of pianos totaled 11,120 units, second highest for any month since 1929.

Addressograph - Multigraph Corp. plans \$750,000 plant expansion. . . RFC announces grant of \$25,000,000 credit to China for the purchase of American agricultural and manufactured products. . . Daniel C. Roper resigns as Secretary of Commerce. . . Traffic on air lines in November 45 per cent above same month year ago. . . Leonard P. Ayres, of the Cleveland Trust Company, predicts business upswing in 1939, with conditions definitely better than 1938.

ECONOMIC HIGHLIGHTS

The United States government—unless there is unlooked-for opposition in the forthcoming Congress—has started to fight the dictator nations with their own weapons of government - subsidized trade and financial credits to needy friendly nations.

That, in the view of political experts, is the only deduction that can be made from two remarkable events which occurred during the week ending December 17th.

First, in a cautiously worded announcement, Secretary Morgenthau said that the Treasury was studying a plan to use Federal funds to help finance trade with South America. Coming on the heels of the Lima conference, in which the American delegates tried, with moderate success, to cement cracked Pan-American relations, the meaning of this is apparent. We have been steadily losing ground in South America. Germany, with her blocked-market barter system, has been steadily gaining, as has Italy to a lesser degree. With foreign trade in its present state of doldrums, private capital is not in any position to fight a trade war in which the "enemy" has behind it the resources of a powerful government. Therefore, it is argued, this government must help American business in a way very similar to the way the Fascist and Nazi governments help their businesses.

Second, there was announced an extremely complicated plan which will give the hard-pressed Chinese national government a sizable U. S. Treasury credit. As Washington correspondents Alsop and Kintner write, "The highly involved form of the Chinese credit all but obscures the vital fact that it will bring desperately needed supplies to the tattered armies of Chiang Kai-Shek. But, however complex the method, supplying the Chinese patriots is an assault on the invading Japanese."

There is a moral issue in all this - our government definitely dislikes the dictators, and various surveys have shown the American people to be almost solidly behind the Administration in its attack on totalitarian states and methods. At the same time, there is also a very practical, dollars-and-cents issue involved in our giving support to China, as well as in our trying to regain lost South American business. At the beginning of the undeclared Sino-Japanese war, the representatives of the aggressive little Eastern empire were extremely vocal in assuring interested foreign powers that, whatever came to pass, the traditional "open door" theory of China trade would be maintained. Since then, much has happened—notably the creation of the Rome-Berlin-Tokyo axis, which makes Japan an ally of Germany and Italy, both in commerce and in potential war. And Japan has gradually changed her tune in talking to us, the French and the British. In Japanese-seized China ports and commercial centers, U. S., French and English businessmen are being politely but ruthlessly squeezed out. And a few months ago came an official Nipponese announcement which, though it was framed in the careful diplomatic language in which the Japanese statesmen excel, made it perfectly clear that the "open door" policy was to be much modified—even to the extent that the Chinese trade of other powers would be stopped, or subjected to ruinous economic burdens, if the government of the Son of Heaven so desires.

Thus a Japanese victory in China would mean, in all probability, the loss of hundreds of millions of dollars in trade to American industry—and, at the same time, would immensely increase the economic resources of an empire which our military leaders view as a potential enemy in a Pacific war. The Chinese armies have been steadily losing, due in large part to lack of money and supplies, and it seems inevitable that an ultimate Japanese victory is a certainty unless Chiang Kai-Shek is given what he needs. The Treasury credit is apparently designed to help him solve that vital problem. The new international technique is to right wars with the weapon of trade, before resorting to the weapons of physical violence. And it seems that the relentless press of

events has at last forced us to adopt that course of action, if only to a limited extent, as yet.

The recent annual Congress of the National Association of Manufacturers — representative organization of America's Grade-A service and manufacturing industries — was principally publicized because of Anthony Eden's address on democracy and world affairs. But other addresses made there by business leaders, were notable, not only for what they said, but for the very moderate tone they took toward governmental - industrial differences and problems.

In the words of Time, "N.A.M. was obviously sincere in . . . its belief that it is now meeting the New Deal and Labor at least halfway." Almost all of the speakers urged conciliation. Typical expression of opinion came from the Association's retiring president, Chas. R. Hook, when he said, "I believe in all sincerity that our activities during the past year have brought industry and Government substantially closer to mutual understanding, respect and cooperation."

I. T. A. THANKS EDITOR; PEOPLE OF COMMUNITY

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 17. To the Editor: The generous cooperation given by your newspaper has been of great aid in the present Christmas Seal Sale campaign. An important aim in this campaign is to direct public attention to the problem of tuberculosis, the nature of the disease, and ways and means of preventing and curing it. You have cooperated not only in the campaign, but throughout the year by publishing educational articles relative to tuberculosis so that people of your community might know more about this disease.

Without the generous assistance of your paper, the desired results in spreading information on tuberculosis could not have been attained.

We wish to take this opportunity to send thanks to you, and through your paper, to those in your community who have given assistance generously and wholeheartedly by buying Christmas Seals. Although the returns from the Seal Sale are still far short of the goal set, there are a large number of people who have not

yet replied to the appeal sent out at Thanksgiving. We hope that late returns will help us reach the goal of \$150,000 for the state.

Sincerely yours, ROBINSON BOSWORTH, M. D., President Illinois Tuberculosis Association.

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Following are the bookings for the week:

Friday. Turkey Nite — Free Turkeys, Ducks and Chickens. "A Man to Remember" with Anne Shirley and Edward Ellis; color cartoon; "They Live Again" miniature.

Saturday. Double feature. No. 1 Jackie Cooper in "Boy of the Streets." No. 2, Harry Carey in "Law West of Tombstone."

Sunday - Monday. Continuous both days from 1:30 p. m. Tyrone Power and Loretta Young in "Suez". No. 2 Smiley Burnette in "Get Along Little Dogie" with Gene Autry.

Tuesday. Pal Nite—2 for the price of 1. "Arrest Bulldog Drummond" with John Howard; color cartoon; another episode of "Dick Tracy Returns."

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A survey indicates that seven South Carolinians left that state for every outsider who moved in during the decade from 1920 to 1930.

STREAMLINE STATE LAWMAKING BODIES URGE AUTHORITIES

How should state legislatures—many of which meet in January—be modernized? Legislative councils have curbed incoherent lawmaking in Kansas and eight other states, asserts Henry J. Allen, former United States senator from Kansas, in the current Rotarian Magazine, so why not set up similar advisory bodies in other states? But these councils don't cure basic evils, counters Harvey Walker, professor of political science at Ohio State University, in an accompanying article in which he urges more drastic changes.

The legislative council, whose personnel usually is drawn from the state lawmaking body, is constituted to develop a program of legislation between the adjournment of one session and the opening of the next, explains Allen. It meets periodically to analyze the public demand for action on various issues, to formulate the legislative program, and to provide for scientific fact finding and competent bill drafting needed to realize accepted objectives. Final decisions, of course, are made by the state legislatures.

The vital need for such advisory bodies is becoming more and more apparent, according to the former United States senator. Four legislatures meet annually, 43 biannually, and one quadrennially; consequently, legislators have much to do in their infrequent sessions which often are limited in length. In 1937, state lawmakers considered 50,000 legislative proposals, made 12,000 enactments. Yet only 58 per cent of them had any previous legislative experience. The legislative council would help them make laws more intelligently, Allen declares, for it has worked well in Kansas and other states.

"Creation of a little legislature within a legislature complicates rather than simplifies the legislative process in state governments," objects Walker. The legislative council is purely a stopgap device and nothing more. Therein lies its weakness, its inability to get at basic evils. If we are to get at basic evils in the legislative departments of state governments, we must make more drastic changes despite the fact that antiquity throws an odor of patriotic sanctity around institutions and practices which never would be tolerated if suggested by contemporary statesmen.

"What our state legislatures need today is not a stopgap device like the legislative council, but instead a complete overhauling," Walker concludes. "Transformed into unicameral houses with fewer but more capable and responsible members who represent citizens and not maps, our state legislatures could become the most perfectly functioning legislative bodies in the world."

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