

We doubt if many would be surprised to learn the remarkable record which the City of Sanford has made during the last few years with respect to its financial affairs. When an administration is conserving your money and building highways higher and you're constructing vast public improvements, it is easy for the average citizen to see what is being done; but when it comes time to pay the bill, and the progress made is confined largely to the monotonous routine of clerical work, and an intricate mass of bookkeeping entries, even the most commendable achievement is apt to escape public notice.

We therefore wish to emphasize the audit recently prepared by the accounting firm of Portland, Gray and Company, Inc., to the City Commissioners. Last Monday night, before the City Commissioners, came the audited statement of the City's financial condition for the year 1927. The audit showed that the City debt which reached \$10,000,000 in 1926 had been materially reduced and that, contrary to popular belief, unpaid interest charges are not being pyramided.

The collections in 1927 amounted to \$81,055,124, and the following year reached a peak of \$82,055,247. Thereafter they steadily declined until this year they were only \$81,055,124. Had it not been that expenses were definitely cut and constantly held to a minimum, this City would have been in a deplorable condition indeed. In 1927 it cost \$1,000,000 to operate the City of Sanford, or more than \$60,000 per capita. By 1928 this figure had been reduced \$70,106.76, which is nearly \$10,000 more than the low of \$50,900.15 reached in 1926.

At the same time the City has had a wonderful record with its bondholders by which it is able to give over to them about half of all the tax money collected. This has amounted to \$1,000,000 per annum interest-free, and it is now down to \$800,000 per annum.

At the same time covering the three year period and having agreed to cancel it for another three year period ending next year,

as a result of this agreement, the total debt of the City has been increased by interest accruals. And at the same time the off-set of bonds in payment of defunct taxes as well as other debts, interest-free, have actually reduced the outstanding indebtedness from a peak of \$75,005,349.42 (which included three years' interest accruals under agreement to be cancelled but not yet employed) at that time to \$43,055,778.56 this year. This latter figure includes two years of interest accruals, about \$400,000, now under agreement to be cancelled.

Did you know that it requires about \$100,000 in stock gains to cover the \$800,000 per annum interest-free?

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Snow Falls In Marianna, Cold On Way South

Flakes Melt As Fast
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Blizzard Rages Along Atlantic

Atlanta Hard Hit By Worst Winter Storm In Last 30 Years

The Associated Press
Snowflakes fell at Marianna in northwest Florida today as another cold wave hit the state. The flakes melted as fast as they fell and the unusual sight lasted only five minutes. General cold in Florida also will be short, lived the Weather Bureau said.

Meanwhile a raging blizzard covered the middle Atlantic coast with six inches of snow, and swept on into New England, leaving in its wake at least 16 deaths and millions of dollars damage. High winds swirled the snow into deep drifts and the weather bureau warned that the thermometer, hovering around 10° at midday, would drop sharply tonight and average eight to ten above zero for east and north Georgia.

The South worked slowly from a paralyzing ice sheath caused by the worst winter storm in 50 years. Atlanta bore the brunt of the damage which public utility executives and city officials estimated at \$2,000,000. With street cars out, thousands walked to Friday night. Candles provided the only illumination in many homes. At only half of the snow and ice still left by Tuesday, Prepare for severe weather by Tuesday evening, the weather forecaster said.

In Tennessee and the Carolinas in the grip of the cold wave, trains ran late from the East and West. South Carolina closed with removing from five inches of snow from the highways.

There was a thin coating of ice on the breast of the great Mississippi River at Greenville. Inhabitants said it was the first time in their memory that this happened.

2 Degrees in Sanford Tonight
The mercury climbed to 76 degrees yesterday, fell to 48 early this morning, and a continued drop to a low of 30 degrees in Sanford tonight is predicted by the weather men. There is no danger of frost, according to Meteorologist E. H. Elliott, who telegraphed his forecast to County Agent G. E. Dawson soon after. His prediction of no danger temperature tonight is well in line with the forecast.

The official U. S. Weather Bureau forecast for tonight and tomorrow is as follows: "Fair to cloudy, mostly sunny, with temperatures in extreme north 30° to 40°; in interior of coastal plain, partly cloudy with warmer. Extreme cold winds." Fair, and some rain expected in the interior of the state, 24 to 30°, with some rain on the coast, mostly cloudy and cool.

'Chiselers' Scored By Air Show Head

Less than 450 of an estimated crowd of 4,000 persons at the air show in Sanford yesterday afternoon paid the 25-cent admission charge and as a result the aviators who put on every air stunt known on the calendar despite the inclement weather received barely enough to pay for the gasoline they burned in their planes. It was stated this morning by Andy Carraway, chairman of the Junior Chamber of Commerce committee which arranged the event.

"I really believe there are more 'chiselers' in Sanford than in a city as large as New York," Mr. Carraway said. "Thousands of persons defied

the law and drove onto the field without paying a nickel. And they didn't pay because they didn't have the money, because many of them drove fine, new, costly cars, and some are even on the city payroll."

Large Delegation Of Teachers Will Go To Convention

State Meeting Opens In Orlando Jan. 2; Nye To Be Speaker

County Superintendent of Schools T. W. Lawton said today that he expects that every teacher in the schools of this county will attend some, if not all, of the sessions of the Florida Education Association convention in Orlando opening Thursday evening of this week. Convention sessions will continue through Friday and Saturday. All sessions will be held in the Municipal Auditorium.

The following have been chosen as delegates from Seminole County: Mrs. May Bell Maxwell, Miss Nelle Williams, Mrs. Sybil Routh, Mrs. Quinton Brown, Mrs. Lottie Miz, Mrs. Stella P. Arington, Miss Esther Rodgers, Miss Kethra Culpepper and Prof. G. E. McKay. H. E. Morris, O. D. King, W. J. Wells, Jr., W. L. Slew, C. W. Iabell, W. A. Teague, B. C. Steele, R. E. True and T. W. Lawton.

It is to be the 50th session of the association, and one of the most important, educators assert. Henry H. Filer of Miami, president of the association, will preside at the convention sessions.

Gerald P. Nye, United States senator from North Dakota, will be the principal speaker at the opening session on Thursday evening.

Final Rites Tuesday For Mrs. S. F. Stokes

Funeral services for Mrs. Sarah Frances Stokes, widow of the late Richard W. Stokes, who died this morning, will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the graveside in Poinsettia Cemetery in Palatka, with the Rev. W. P. Brooks, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Sanford, officiating.

Mrs. Stokes, who was 90 years of age, died after an illness of 10 days at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Williams, 305 Park Avenue, at 6:45 o'clock this morning.

She was born in Early County, Ga., on Aug. 4, 1845, and had lived in Sanford since 1900.

She is survived by her son, Mrs. M. McGowen

and his wife of Sanford, and two grandsons of St. Petersburg, Fla.; and a number of nieces, nephews, great grandsons and great granddaughters.

John Liggett, Hero Of Marine, Dies

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Lieutenant-General Hunter Liggett, 78, one-time Indian fighter, hero of the Army of Occupation in Germany, died in San Francisco at the Presidio.

DISCOVERED
Dec. 30.—A doctor developed in New York City to a previous condition of rheumatism, and recovered.

Air Stunts In Gusty Weather Thrill Crowds

Perfect Landing Is Made By Bat Man, Dog Fights Held, Baby Plane Flies

Despite low hanging clouds and gusty weather with sudden blasts of driving rain every few minutes, stunts in the air put on a thrilling exhibition at the Sanford Municipal Airport Sunday afternoon before a crowd estimated at close to 4,000 persons. All advertised

as "perfect landing" was made by the Bat Man, dog fights held, baby plane flies.

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Souvenir hunters and amateur

Bombs Dropped From Planes Halt River Of Molten Lava Near Hilo Water Reservoir

HILU, Hawaii, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Photographers took advantage of the weak-end holiday, undaunted by thunderous explosions in the new flows and the razor-edge sharpness of red lava deposits.

A favorite trick is to snatch a lava cake from the fiery stream with an iron shovel and poke a hole into it before it hardens. But a fiery red gash on the slope of Mauna Loa showed the volcano still was pouring out lava. Hilo business men rushed plans for an emergency meeting today or Tuesday to devise measures for protecting the water source.

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High tides tomorrow will be at 18:15 A. M. and 12:30 P. M., and low tides will be at 6:15 A. M. and 6:35 P. M.

Capt. C. H. Stret, former army instructor in Sanford, and his mother are spending a few days with friends in the city.

The regular weekly meeting of the Sanford Chess Club will be held in the Valder Hotel at 7:30 o'clock Sunday evening.

Twenty acres of land in Section 41, Township 51, were sold today by R. G. Cox to C. G. Lane for \$100, according to a deed filed for record Saturday.

The rain gauge showed a precipitation of only .06 of an inch yesterday. The mercury rose to 64 degrees Saturday and fell to 46 that high, and yesterday it got up to 76 and fell to 48 last night.

Marriage licenses were issued Saturday to George A. Huggins, 25, and Lauri Hayes, 21, both of Apopka, and to W. E. O'Sullivan, 26, and Jeannette Harrington, 22, both of Jacksonville.

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Finger prints taken of a negro, picked up by the police last Saturday and held for investigation, disclosed today that he is an escaped convict from Georgia. He gave the name of Willie Smith, Chief of Police Williams was notified by the sheriff of Valdosta that he is sending a deputy for the man.

Judge J. G. Sharon attended the Dade Massacre memorial service in Bushnell Saturday and reports that fully 8,000 persons were present and that an interesting and impressive ceremony was conducted on the 100th anniversary of the disastrous battle in which Major Dade and his 108 men were killed by the Indians.

Market Manager J. G. Michael was advised by Commissioner of Agriculture Nathan Mayo today that the State Marketing Board has reappointed H. M. Pawpaw, John Moore, Sr., and Rex Fackler as members of the executive committee of the supervisory committee of the Sanford State Farmers Wholesale Market.

Death for the Jackson Day dinner in the Mayfield Hotel on the evening of Jan. 3 are now on sale at the Remond & Anderson and the L. L. Jenkins stores. They can also be bought from J. C. Jones, John and Frank Diehl, all of Sanford, and from Mrs. Frank Diehl, Mrs. L. L. Jenkins, and Mrs. M. E. Moore, all of Sanford, and Mrs. W. A. Moore, both of Daytona.

Autos Kill 36,000
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WPA Costs Must Be Cut, Says Hopkins

Administrator Will Try To Keep Overhead This Year Below \$50,000,000

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)—A general overhaul of the WPA administrative staff directed at decreasing overhead costs and increasing efficiency, was said by officials to have been ordered by Harry L. Hopkins.

Two long and arduous trips across the country were taken by the WPA administration to review the \$4,000,000,000 program, officials said Hopkins proposed to hold WPA administrative costs to around \$50,000,000. With approximately \$3,900,000 newly employed and efficient projects approved to continue the program until July 1, the Washington WPA staff has been ordered cut 50 percent. Average reduction of 20 percent was said to be the objective including the WPA field staff.

Along with closer supervision of the projects being carried out, Hopkins was said to have taken action to end delay in paying the more than 2,000,000 needy employed by WPA.

His order called for delivery of pay checks within 72 hours after completion of a work period, instead of the week or more which originally prevailed. To do this, Treasury disbursing agents in the states as well as WPA pay roll supervisors have been ordered to put on night shifts where necessary.

Those given WPA jobs have had to be continued on the dole until their checks actually arrived.

Several months ago, Hopkins borrowed a dozen Army engineers to act as trouble shooters for WPA. Officials explained the new overlords did not call for anyone being sent out from Washington but that district WPA administrators were being given authority to discharge members of their staffs without consulting national headquarters.

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Lectures On Diet Is Given By Richardson

The first of a series of lectures on diet was given by Irvin D. Richardson at the Woman's Club last night. Lectures will be given every evening this week. The public is invited and there is no admission charge. This evening's subject will be "Immunity to Disease by Diet."

In last evening's lecture Mr. Richardson stressed the importance of giving more attention to our foods, their chemical value, and their relation to health. Leading staticians were cited who say that 97 percent of American citizens are suffering from some form of physical ailment. Mental and physical efficiency the speaker said, depend largely on the alkaline and acid balance of our foods. He said there should be four times as much of the alkaline foods as of the acid forming in order to keep the normal alkaline and acid balance.

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Won't Nurse Again



Betty Gow, nurse of Col. and Mrs. Chas. A. Lindbergh's first baby who was kidnapped and murdered and who was the state's star witness in the trial of Hauptmann for that crime, has declined a request to re-enter the employ of the Lindberghs in their new home in England.

Pierce said he will discuss the matter with Postmaster-General Farley next week and then with the Democratic National Committee on Jan. 9 because a straw ballot could be planned to throw the majority in a certain way and by "creating a bandwagon get a million votes right off the bat," Pierce said he believes the Republicans are manipulating "a current poll which shows the trend away from President Roosevelt."

While the poll being conducted by the Literary Digest was not mentioned specifically by name by Congressman Pierce, that is the only poll of a nation-wide nature being conducted at present.

The last tabulation of the Digest's poll, published on another page in today's Herald, shows that 29 states are voting against the New Deal and 12 for it. Florida is listed as one of the 12 voting against it, though by a narrow margin. Out of a total of 10,418 votes cast in this state, 5,141 (or 49.35 percent) are against the New Deal, and 5,277 (or 50.65 percent) are against it.

She disclosed the invitation from the Lindberghs as they with their second son, Jon, reached Liverpool on a freighter seeking a calm and secure life in the English countryside.

Miss Gow was the star witness in the trial of Bruno Hauptmann.

PROFIT WAS MADE BY Postoffice In 1935

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—(AP)

The Federal Communications Commission is preparing to step into the field of radio broadcasting regulation, an authoritative source said today. Regulations probably will be designed to eliminate undue duplication of programs.

Commission officials said it will be possible during the next few months to chart general station alignment on networks to insure a variety of programs for listeners throughout the country.

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Relying Pavement Down Town Block

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