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AFTER SHIPWRECK We are still too tired. Give us three. We are bruised by the waves that saved us.

Presently up to the green. And the meadows red with cattle. We must hug the cliff for a little.

Lips from the taste of bliss From the stony bowl of courage, Ere the bitter of that porridge Be drowned in honey and wine.

Mrs. Pinchot, wife of the governor of Pennsylvania, calls the NRA a "grizzly farce." We don't know what a "grizzly" farce is, but it is no joke to some of these little merchants who are trying to comply with it.

Among those visiting in Sanford yesterday was Eugene S. Matthews of Starks, railroad commissioner, and candidate for re-election. Mr. Matthews is expected to have opposition but is confident his friends will remember him and his work and return him to office.

Mark Wilcox says his municipal bankruptcy bill has not been shelved. "The real reason the (Senate) committee did not take up the measure is because certain members asked for further consideration of pending amendments. Not only has the bill not been shelved but I have been personally assured by Senate leaders that if the committee does pass the measure, a motion would be made on the floor to discharge the committee from further consideration of the bill."

We were sorry to see Marcus Fagg resign as director of the Emergency Relief Administration in Florida. There have been charges of politics and excessive salaries among the higher officials in Florida's relief forces, and Mr. Fagg necessarily resigns somewhat under a cloud. In all fairness to him, however, we doubt if there is anyone in the state who could have managed state relief with greater conscientiousness than the superintendent of the Children's Home Society at Jacksonville.

The month of March has been set aside for a community-wide clean-up and beautification campaign, and every resident of this city is being urged to do his part toward improving the looks of home sites, vacant lots, store fronts, and other business properties. This is a good time to encourage the planting of many shrubs and flowers. A few years ago the Lions Club in Orlando began a movement to get people to plant gardens and today their brilliant purple and pink colors are making Orlando the talk of those who visit. It would be a wonderful thing for Sanford if something of that nature could be accomplished here.

President Roosevelt's new program for relief provides for the placing and supporting on small farms of government expense of all unemployed persons in rural communities. It is not expected that this program will insure those who are already trying to make a living on farms, as the "unemployed farmers" would not be expected to raise anything which would compete in the markets with regular crops. However, we are afraid that by the time the government has provided the land, the soil, the fertilizer, and the equipment necessary to keep the unemployed alive, they are expected to raise something that, if sold, would bring a 100-cent bushel of wheat.

The Second Year Begins

President Roosevelt completes his first year in office tomorrow with his prestige undiminished and his popularity greater than ever. Within the year the power of his office has been increased beyond that ever known before in this country. The exercise of this power has been such as to strengthen his position with the people until, like George Washington, he could be king if he wanted to be. No president since the first ever had such widespread support.

The war against the depression during this first year has been waged on three fronts. It has been necessary to do something to promote business so that the normal processes of recovery might overcome the depression. It has been necessary to provide relief for the unemployed pending recovery. And it has been necessary to devise new laws and new methods for dealing with our economic system so that the evils which brought on the present depression might be avoided in the future.

On the first of these fronts, the President has been eminently successful. He has provided relief in a measure never before attempted in the history of the world. In addition to providing food and clothing to all without other means of support, the President through the CWA has put 4,000,000 men to work throughout the winter at wages not less than 80 cents an hour. Through the NRA he has induced business to re-employ perhaps a million more. It is estimated that the Public Works program has put between 200,000 and 300,000 men to work. There are 300,000 young men and boys in the Civilian Conservation Camps. All of these men, except those re-employed through the NRA, hold their jobs at government expense.

The battle on the second front shows progress. The placing of so large a number of persons previously pauperized in self-supporting positions, has not failed to have its effect upon business. According to the industrial chart of the Department of Commerce, factory employment has increased since March of last year from 56.6 to 72 (with 100 representing the average for the years 1923-25). Industrial production has increased from 60 to 81. Payrolls have increased from 36.9 to 52. Freight loadings have increased from 50 to 68. Department store sales are up from 57 to 70. Building contracts, which were down to 14 last March, are now registered at 50. The import value of 28 last year is now 42 and the export value has increased from 28 to 44.

At the same time the average value of industrial stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange has increased from 80.20 to 103.77, while bonds have gone up from 73.19 to 93.23. U. S. Steel tonnage is up from 285,183 a year ago to 331,177 now. Pig iron production has increased from 568,785 to 1,215,226. Automobile production which was 132,000 in January of last year was 155,000 in January of this year. Electrical production has increased 1,469,732,000 kilowatt hours to 1,640,951,000. The price of wheat has gone up from 56 1/2 cents a bushel to 97 cents a bushel. Corn and cotton have increased proportionately. Business failures have declined from 571 in one week a year ago to 245 last week.

However encouraging these figures may be, the pessimistic fact cannot be discounted that there are still practically as many people unemployed today as there were one year ago. The estimate on Mar. 4 of last year placed the figure at 12,000,000. The estimate of William Green, president of the American Federation of Labor, would indicate that there are still 11,600,000 unemployed. If those having temporary jobs with the CWA are included. How many would now be unemployed were it not for the billions of dollars which the government is pouring into channels of trade is of course a speculation too futile to attempt.

What this conflict in statistical fact would largely seem to indicate is that we are not entirely out of the woods yet. If government spending can be continued until such business readjustments can be made as are necessary to absorb unemployment in normal channels of trade, the improvement already noted in the Department of Commerce's chart will doubtless continue. But if these readjustments cannot be made soon enough, some reaction will sooner or later be evident. It should be apparent to everyone that the government cannot go on indefinitely furnishing relief and employment at the present rate.

The Florida Boom

The Florida boom is again becoming a subject for national discussion, but this time it does not revolve around options and binder boys and huge profits and wild cat promotion schemes, but rather about the tremendous business which the many tourist resorts of this state are doing. Newspaper headlines recite the facts about Florida—the mobs of countless pleasure-seekers.

Times News-magazine this week says that the A. C. L. and the Seaboard Airline railroads have been running two to five sections of their crack trains to Florida. Eastern Air Transport claims to be carrying twice as many passengers as last year. In two weeks 63,000 automobiles from other states, drove into Miami. On one day 75,000 persons were counted lying on the sands at Miami Beach, a number which is said to be three times the peak reported in 1926.

Miami Beach is reported as having all available accommodations taken. The best hotels are charging from \$15 to \$45 per day. In Tampa the Floridan and Tampa Terrace were said to be 85 percent occupied. Tampa merchants claim business is 75 to 150 percent ahead of last year. St. Petersburg gas, electric, and telephone companies are reporting a 40 percent improvement. "But," says Time, "what made Florida's pulse beat faster was the fact that real estate transactions had tripled since 1933 and for the first time since 1926 there was a real demand for acreage."

SANFORD, TWENTY YEARS AGO

The Welfare Department meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23, was unusually interesting. The gentlemen of the city were invited to be present and talks were made by Mayor H. L. Thrasher and J. N. Whitner. Mrs. Waldron read a paper prepared by Mrs. A. E. Phillips on the subject, "The Commission Form of Government for Cities."

First Year Under Roosevelt Seen As Period of Action

(Continued From Page One) ly when the gold standard was abandoned. When beer came the WCTU warned, "Beer makes women fat." He urged repeal. Michigan voted first. Others rapidly opened his recommendation. Apr. 3 message—Relief to farmers from mortgages. "I seek an end to the threatened loss of homes." Apr. 13—Relief to small home owners. The Thomas amendment to the AAA was drawn. Conservatives screamed, "Inflation." But inflationists screamed, "More."

May 17—"I recommend two further steps in our national campaign to put people back to work." That was the NRA with its Blue Eagle and the \$1,300,000,000 Public Works program. It promised higher wages, a partnership of government and business, an end to unfair competition.

The "Brain Trust" mobilized, and the TVA was projected as an experiment in social planning. "We cannot ballyhoo ourselves back to prosperity." Bonus marchers, grumbling over their lot, moved on the White House. They asked for money; he gave them work. He chatted with MacDonald of England to arrive at a "clearer understanding" and to 54 nations he said, "The way to disarm is to disarm." They applauded, continued talking and arming.

Conservatives berated dictatorship. Roosevelt prayed for peace. Churchmen attacked him. He received his first 21-gun salute. "I have no expectation of making a hit every time I come to bat."

To the World Economic Conference in July he outlined America's "independent dollar," prices rose. "The U. S. is not ready for stabilization." The dollar fell. Managed currency plans were laid. Ranks of economists split wide.

July 17—A milestone. Textile Code No. 1 was effective. He cautioned against overproduction, warned of the fall slump, appealed to the nation to accept the blanket code. Then came a running vacation on a battleship.

August—Coal strikes, inflation clamor, war in Cuba. General Johnson, code dictator, was ordered by the President to "quit working so hard or, if tired, He didn't. . . and wasn't."

To Secretary takes he gave the all administration, named with George Warren and Irving Fisher, advocates of manager move.

September—The coal code was signed. 8000 mines of coal were mined daily, banks closed, NRA paraders had sore feet. The President did a little salt water sailing.

October—"We have a long even if cold comfort to the northern stay-at-home—while he shivers he can save money."

November—The President's first Christmas message. He said, "I have no special message for this year but I feel that I should like to say a few words to you as we enter the season of peace and goodwill to men."

December—"We have a long year ahead of us. We must be prepared to meet it with courage and determination. We must be prepared to meet it with a united front. We must be prepared to meet it with a common purpose. We must be prepared to meet it with a common faith. We must be prepared to meet it with a common hope. We must be prepared to meet it with a common love. We must be prepared to meet it with a common peace. We must be prepared to meet it with a common goodwill to men."

Public Hearing On Celery Pact Begins Monday

Public hearing on the celery pact began Monday in the Court House here, and read, paragraph by paragraph, after which it was sent to Washington for final adjustment. There it was re-written and again placed before the shippers, and in November 1933, after this new agreement was rejected by two large shippers and one grower, the subject was left dormant until local growers, seeing the need of such an agreement, met again on Jan. 19, 1934 for a new discussion. At a meeting of our club, a secret ballot was taken among the growers in attendance, and more than 23 percent of the total acreage in the county voted in favor of the agreement. A total of 1680 acres was represented at that meeting, with no dissenting votes.

French Cabinet Will Study Debt Owed U.S.

PARIS, Mar. 2.—(AP)—The Doumergue government today was reported seriously as considering how the question of debts owed the United States may be settled. Although the question has not yet been discussed by the cabinet, it was learned that the government wants to find some solution. It is thought likely that the cabinet will take it up as soon as pressing domestic problems are settled.

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SEMINOLE HIGH LOSES TO BUCS BY 27-25 SCORE

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For the first time in several seasons a Seminole High School basketball squad will not be represented in the annual State Basketball Tournament in Gainesville this month.

Couch McLucas' squad, after scoring a 58 to 9 victory over Oryado in yesterday morning's opening game of the Fifth District tournament at Leesburg, dropped its quarter-final game with Daytona Beach 28 to 7:00 o'clock last night by a 27 to 25 score.

U. S. SCHOOLS SAID HURT BY BIG BUSINESS

(Continued From Page One) teaching of 'socialistic' doctrines in the schools were all playing the same role.

As the result of play last night, Daytona was to meet Apopka at 10:00 o'clock this morning in semi-final play, while Leesburg was to meet Tavarez at 11:00 o'clock.

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Celery Market Reports

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U. S. Spending Spree Checked Last Month

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—(AP)—February put a sharp brake on the government's huge spending program and further lessened the probability of a \$7,000,000,000 deficit by the end of June.

Stabilization Fund Is Unused After Month

WASHINGTON, Mar. 3.—(AP)—The treasury closed the first month of the revalued dollar without using its \$2,000,000,000 currency stabilization fund.

Dighton Accepts Place With DeLand Firm

S. R. Dighton, local attorney who has been an associate counsel for the Federal Land Bank in Columbia, S. C., for the past several weeks, resigned that position.

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