

This Week IN WASHINGTON

Washington, December 19—Are we going to revise our neutrality laws to make it legal for us to give greater help to Great Britain?

That's the most important subject under discussion here today. That, and the fact that the President has been on a fishing trip. For, to most of Washington a fishing trip heralds an important decision, and it is expected that



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soon after the President returns he is apt to say just what he thinks we should do about increasing help to Britain and making it possible to loan money to that country.

The visit of England's Sir Frederick Phillips to Washington, is also expected to bring to a head a decision on the loan to Britain question. Sir Frederick came here primarily to lay the groundwork for loans and to present figures to show the present financial strength of the British Empire and its ability to pay. He has said that Britain is now spending about \$45,000,000 a day on the war and that help will be needed soon.

Question of Involvement
To the people in this country, and to Congress, the problem isn't so much how England will pay. It is more how much we will be involved in the war if we decide to repeal our law which now prevents loans to nations which haven't paid their debts from the last war.

That law was one of several which were passed in order to keep our country in a neutral position. Among the people as well as among Congressmen, there is a wide division of opinion on what should be done. The question revolves around the one point which affects so many decisions in Washington today—namely: Are we willing to risk war for America in order to aid Britain's chances of defeating the Axis powers?

On this subject, Congressional thought ranges from those who think we should enter the war

immediately to those who think that it isn't our war and we should keep our hands off no matter what happens. Public opinion has been polled on this question many times, but there still seems to be no clear group feeling on the subject. The American nation has clearly said that it wants our defenses built to the hilt and that's as far as it is willing to talk for the record. But there is no doubt that the next session of Congress will be forced to decide this vital question.

Although the war and our defense program overshadow everything else in Washington today, there are still other problems which require intelligent consideration. One subject which is being widely discussed at the moment is that of changes in representation in Congress based on the new 1940 Census.

It is not expected that there will be an increase in the number of representatives in the House, since a law was passed in 1929 to limit the number of representatives to 435—the number which have been in the House ever since 1910. That law could be changed to increase the number, but it is not thought likely that that will be done.

There are several methods that Congress can use to reapportion the representation of the various states based on their new population. At the present time each representative speaks for slightly over 300,000 people. After each census action is taken to reapportion representation in line with population shifts.

If the method used after the 1930 Census is adopted by this Congress, eight states would gain representatives and ten states would lose one.

California would gain three and the following states would each gain one: Arizona, Florida, Michigan, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon and Tennessee.

The states which would each lose one are: Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania.

Action on Dies Reports
Revelations by the Dies Committee, of Fifth Column and Communist activities in this

FARM NOTES

By R. E. SMITHWICK
County Agent

Mr. W. J. Barker, assistant Extension forester, from State College, Raleigh, contacted several farmers at the county agent's office in Dobson concerning planting, thinning, and marketing of timber.

Mr. Barker pointed out that orders were rapidly going into the department office for tree seedlings. Most of the seedlings of pines recommended for this county sell for \$2.00 per thousand delivered. One thousand trees set six feet by seven feet will plant one acre. Some of the farmers discussing planting admitted that there were few farms in Surry county that do not have a place where pines or locusts can be planted to an advantage. It should be remembered that each acre of tree seedlings planted counts three units or \$4.50 per acre under the 1941 Agricultural Conservation Program in addition to the regular payment on the farm up to \$15.00 worth. Order blanks for seedlings may be secured at the county agent's office in Dobson. Persons desiring information concerning planting seedlings should contact the county agent's office in Dobson.

GREEN BLANKET FOR WINTER

Winter cover cropping is winning its way as an outstanding contribution to southern agriculture. Valued originally as soil improvers, recent emphasis has been on the protective value of cover crops. The roots and foliage resist erosion. When the AAA farm programs of recent years began to encourage conservation practices cover cropping spurred ahead until now the acreage is counted in millions of acres. In 1938, farmers of 13 Southern States planted 10 million acres of cover crops in connection with the AAA. In 1939 they increased the acreage to more than 18 million. Southern farm leaders say there is urgent need to protect from a fourth to a third of the crop land in the South each winter with a green cover-crop blanket.

country, have caused a lot of angry arguments here and it is expected that these arguments will grow more fervent in discussions in Congress. With the country sacrificing billions to build defenses, most Congressmen are in no mood to permit anti-Democratic groups or individuals to interfere with that program. And it is expected that they will propose legal means to make fast work of putting the screws on Fifth Column activities.

It is the general feeling that in spite of the excellent work certain individuals, such as J. Edgar Hoover, are doing to control these activities, the government is being too lax with the situation. Closely tied up with these activities, in the eyes of Congress, are the labor problems and strikes which have slowed up work in defense industries. On the floor of Congress, Representative Summers, of Texas, who heads a subcommittee which is seeking the answer to the defense strike situation, warned that unless action is taken we will have the same situation as in France, "where manufacturers were concerned for a profit and the operatives were concerned for what they called social gains."

Mr. Summers said that the nation "will not tolerate for one split second that anybody can paralyze the operation of these plants upon which the safety of this nation may depend."

It is expected that the next session of Congress will pass remedial legislation which will prevent all interference on the part of either labor or employers.

CHANGE
The principal change in the 1941 AAA program, as part of a continuing policy to place more emphasis on soil conservation, makes available a greater share of funds for soil-building practices.

HIDES
Argentine hides now have their largest market in this country, the United States taking about 60 per cent. of the total produced by the South American republic.

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CHEMIST IS CLUB SPEAKER

J. D. Sandridge, of DuPont Company, Makes Educational Talk

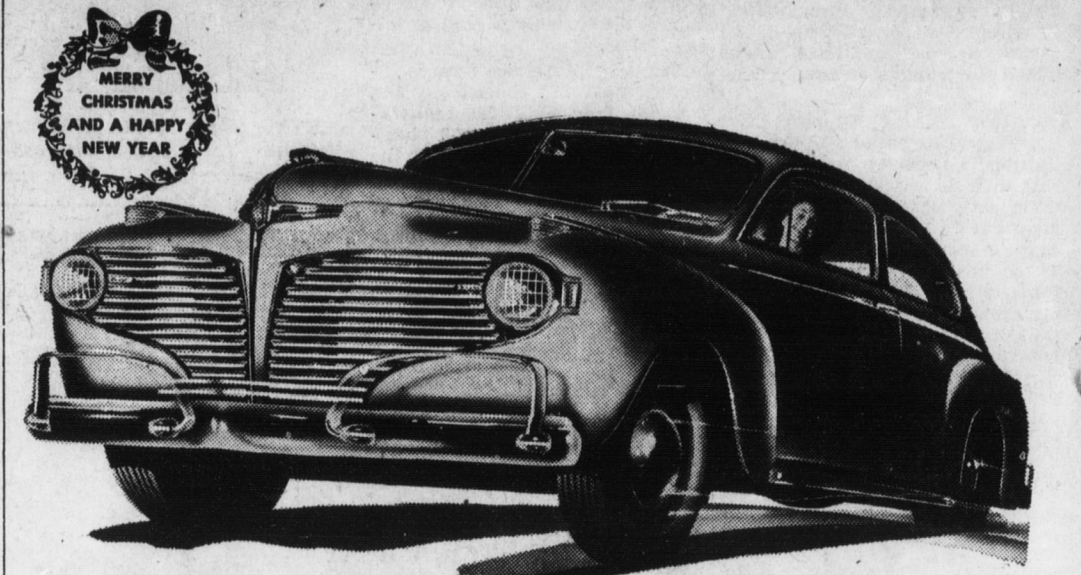
ARE TO HOLD AUCTION

J. D. Sandridge, of Charlotte, assistant Southern manager of the DuPont company, was guest speaker of the Elkin Kiwanis club, at Hotel Elkin, Thursday evening. His subject was Chemistry and the Nation's Business, which was illustrated with a talking motion picture, showing the progress made in chemistry in the past quarter of a century. The program was very interesting and educational.

The speaker was introduced by C. C. Poindexter, program chairman for the evening. Guests of the club were T. A. Redmon, Sam Atkinson and Van W. Dillon, Jr., of Chatham Manufacturing Com-

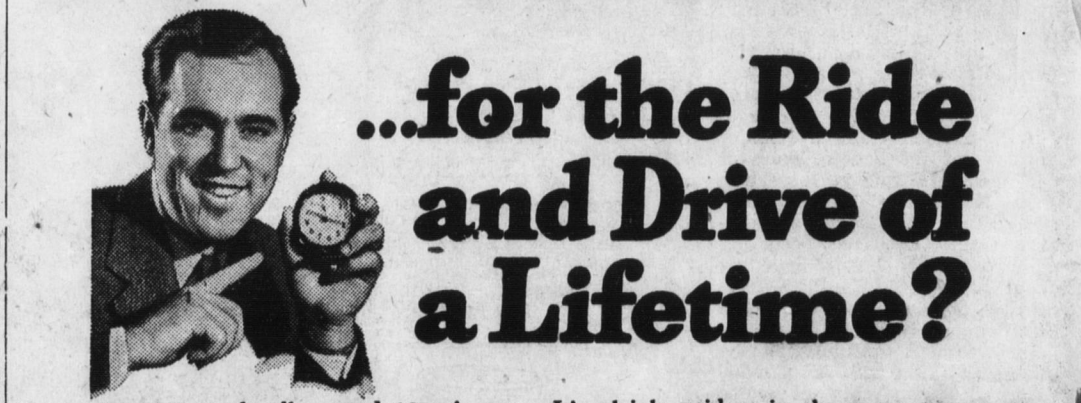
pany, guests of C. C. Poindexter; Henry Meinung, guest of Alex Biggs, and E. C. Jacobs, of Hotel Elkin, guest of Hugh A. Royall. The annual Christmas auction will be held this evening (Thursday) immediately following the dinner at Hotel Elkin. All citizens of the city are invited to attend and bid on the articles offered for sale, as well as bring something to be auctioned off. Proceeds will go to the Associated Charities. During the business session it was announced that the board of directors had voted to donate \$100 to the local Public Library for the purpose of purchasing reference work. Patronize Tribune advertisers. They appreciate your business.

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