

Compton-Walker



Betty Compton, actress, (above) was to have become the bride of former New York mayor, James J. Walker, (below) in France during the second week in April. Divorce was granted the former Mrs. Walker in Florida in late March.

1366 Are Placed In Jobs In March By State Service

During March, 1,413 calls were received from persons and firms in this state, requesting that applicants for employment be sent to them. In response to these calls 1,500 applicants were sent out by the state public employment service and 1,366 were reported accepted or placed.

Of the total placements during March, 28.1 per cent are women and 8.9 per cent are war veterans. The active files of the offices contain the names of 16,873 applicants, of which 29.8 per cent are women and 11 per cent are war veterans.

Placements in all classifications, except that of "Unclassified and general common labor," showed a marked increase over February. In this one classification, however, a decline of 60 per cent under the February figure was noted.

Baseball Again



Baseball is officially under way for the season of 1933, the season being launched in major and minor leagues during the last week. And here we picture the man who really typifies the great American game at this time. It is none other than the Sultan of Swat, Babe Ruth, as he sat on the N. Y. Yankee bench awaiting the call... "Play Ball."

U. S. Plan For Curing World Ills

Moving with the same swiftness that has marked its attack on domestic problems, the administration has begun a spirited effort to insure effective action rather than mere idle talk at the world economic conference.

Invitations to come to Washington for personal talks with President Roosevelt on economic problems have been issued to nine powers. They are: Great Britain, France, Italy, Germany, Japan, China, Argentina, Brazil and Chile.

These countries were told by the State Department that the President would be glad to receive their premiers or officials they might designate. If it were inconvenient to send a mission, they were invited to discuss plans for the World Economic Conference with the United States through diplomatic channels.

Before the foreign statesmen will be placed an "American plan" for curing the world's economic ills. While details of the plan have not been revealed, it is understood to cover, among others, the following points:

- 1—Drastic reduction of tariffs.
2—Abolition or modification of import quotas.
3—Stabilization of international exchange, probably through a gradual reestablishment of the gold standard.
4—Stimulation of commodity prices.

Russia Left Out

The purpose of the Washington conversations, as outlined authoritatively is to establish a personal, cordial contact. It is hoped that these talks will encourage the "common man" to feel that the economic conference is not "just another conference" but a real, sincere effort to end the depression.

Russia, one of the most powerful commercial nations, will not be included among those with whom the United States conducts preliminary talks, the State Department said. Russia is a member of the Economic Conference, but the State Department will not invite its officials here because the two countries lack diplomatic relations.

WANT HEAVY BEAUTY

Palo Alto, Calif.—The beauty queen at Stanford university's annual masquerade ball this year must weigh at least 150 pounds, the rally committee, sponsors of the ball, announced.

CASHIER SHOTS BANDIT

Ashville, Ala.—An unidentified bank bandit was shot and probably fatally wounded here during an attempt to rob the Ashville Savings bank. R. D. DuBois, cashier, opened fire when he saw the young bandit draw a pistol.

Do You Know?



Photograph, Canadian National Railway

THAT the rock bearing a runic inscription, as shown above, tends to bear out the theory that Norsemen landed in North America long before Columbus announced his discovery? The rock which is now in the public library of Yarmouth, Nova Scotia, was found at Vaughn Lake near that town.

Rudy's Wife As Love Thief Sued

New York.—While crooning Rudy Vallee was busily wooing his wife in an attempted reconciliation, the lovely Fay Webb Vallee was just as busy wooing Garfield (Garry) Leon, handsome Adakio dancer, Mrs. Kathleen Leon charged when she dropped a \$100,000 love theft suit in Mrs. Vallee's lap.

"Wow," Says Rudy The surprise suit was revealed when Mrs. Vallee, on her way home to Santa Monica, Cal., with her father, Chief of Police Clarence E. Webb of that city, was served with a summons in the action at Harmon, N. Y.

Fay and her dad, who came here at Vallee's request in an attempt to assist at reconciliation conference, were very upset when handed the summons at Harmon, after taking the trouble to avoid public notice by going there instead of boarding the train at Grand Central.

But after a conference at the station, Chief Webb decided to take his girl home, summons or no summons, and they continued their journey to California.

"Wow!" was Rudy's first articulation when notified that Mrs. Leon says she wants \$100,000 from Mrs. Vallee for the stolen love of acrobatic Garry Leon.

Upsets Rudy and His Lawyer "We know nothing of this suit," hastily said Hyman Bushel, lawyer for Vallee, who happened to be at Essex House conferring with the singer. "We had hoped the matter would not be made public."

Vallee, definitely estranged from his wife, let his statement stand as "Wow." Neither the singer orchestra leader nor his lawyer would comment on the report that the friendship of Fay and Garry, now a member of the team of Taylor and Leon, playing at Loew's Theatres, caused the final smash of the Vallee's marriage.

Now that Fay has been served, attorneys for Mrs. Leon will file the \$100,000 love theft action in Supreme Court.

Fay and Rudy were married on July 5, 1931, in West Orange, N. J. Only a few weeks later Fay went to California alone. Rudy

explained her health was poor and she needed the California air. From that time on their spats and reconciliations followed in rapid succession.

Home Loan Plan By Example

If you are hard pressed to meet mortgage payments on your home, and it doesn't exceed \$10,000 in value, this is the way the Roosevelt plan for refinancing would operate:

Insurance company holds a \$6,000 mortgage—for example—on owner's home now valued at \$9,000, on which the interest rate is six per cent, or above, but owner is unable to pay.

Either the insurance company or the owner has to approach the "Home Owners Corporation" of offices for refinancing.

The insurance company will accept, in exchange for the mortgage, bonds issued by the corporation on which the Government guarantees four per cent interest. In return for the sure interest the company may agree to mark down the debt to \$5,000.

The corporation then gives the owner a new mortgage with a face value of \$5,000 payable in fifteen years at five per cent interest.

In addition, the corporation may advance him cash for payment of taxes and necessary repairs and cover it in the mortgage.

In the discretion of the Home Loan Bank Board, the owner may be given a three-year moratorium on his debt. The owner could make his payments monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, or annually.

GETS QUICK DIVORCE

Hot Springs, Ark.—A record divorce was granted to Mrs. Mary Rainey, Newark, N. J., from her husband, F. C. Rainey. They agreed to disagree after coming here two months ago for a vacation. Mrs. Rainey's application was filed and the divorce was granted 24 hours later.

Assails Free Love As Peril To Race

New York.—Free love, as it is sentimentalized in sexy movies and trashy novels, has taken another sock on the chin.

In delivering the blow, Dr. Henry Neumann, leader of the Brooklyn Ethical Culture Society, proclaimed that, though husbands and wives may "lie and cheat," and "no law can force them to be honest," still—

"If love and civilization are to survive, the institution of holy matrimony must carry on," he said.

Dr. Neumann was addressing a meeting of women at Teachers College, Columbia University, in a series of lectures given in memory of the late Anna Garlin Spencer, suffragist and humanitarian. He

selected the free love test of Bertrand Russell, English philosopher, as the chief target of his attack.

He said he was sickened at the tendencies of women who allowed themselves to be victimized by false arguments favoring free love. Mating, he added, is but a single incident in a process of wooing.

The great present-day need, Dr. Neumann said, is neither more liberty nor stricter divorce laws, but rather a higher grade of personality and honesty with one's self. The truly married, he declared, understand, without law or coercion what those loyalties are which make their unions an increasingly noble companionship.

Miss Thompson Is Winner In Beauty Event

The title of "Miss Salisbury" was bestowed on Miss Gertrude Thompson at the American Legion beauty contest held at the Boyden high school auditorium Wednesday night.

Miss Louise Harry and Miss Gannelle Raney were declared second and third place winners.

Miss Thompson, as "Miss Salisbury" will go to Wrightsville Beach August 18 and 19 to compete for the title of "Miss North Carolina."

Wallace Taking Farm Aid Out Of Political Hands

New Secretary Informed On The Problems Of The Soil By Work As Agricultural Editor

FARMS ENTER ECONOMICS

Agriculture, for better or worse, is out of the hands of the politicians, says Rodney Dutcher, Washington correspondent.

The farmers are the intended beneficiaries of the most far-reaching program of economic rehabilitation that any government—perhaps excepting Soviet Russia has ever devised.

The man who will supervise this gigantic attempt to put agriculture on its feet is President Roosevelt's secretary of agriculture, Henry Agard Wallace, of Iowa.

Wallace never held office before. He is an economist, an agricultural scientist, a dirt farmer and a business man who has been in constant contact with farmers and their organizations through his editorship of one of the most distinguished and successful weeklies of the middle west. He holds the respect of farmers, economists, scientists—and politicians.

Right behind him, helping to carry the enormous burden of power which it is hoped can be used to save 10,000,000 farmers and their families from ruin, are Prof. Rexford Tugwell and Dr. Mordecai, economists who have specialized in agriculture. Tugwell, who was an economic adviser to Roosevelt in the campaign, is assistant secretary. Ezekiel, who has been assistant chief economist with the farm board, is economic adviser to Wallace.

They are the "Big Three" behind the new farm program. They framed it with the advice of President Roosevelt, of farm organization leaders and others and are now trying to figure out how best to make it work.

Wallace thinks in terms of farm prices, overproduction, taxes, acreage, planting, charts, yield, mortgages and the various other aspects of the farm problem.

To a stranger he seems saturated and rather preoccupied with it. Handsome, medium-sized, younger than his 44 years, wearing a rather unruly shock of hair hardly beginning to gray, and with determined, thoughtful eyes among other semi-rugged features, he seems friendly but slightly hesitant and even indifferent at times. But that appears due to his caution in making statements. One can't imagine the man ever going off half-cocked.

One of his friends is quoted as reporting:

"We took an adding machine last night and went out to Henry's house and had a hell of a time!"

Henry himself would never use such language. In Wallace's Farmer—which his grandfather, Henry, and his father, Henry C., edited before him, and which his 17-year-old son, Henry B., probably will edit some time in the future—you find regularly two pages entitled "Sabbath School Lesson" by Henry A. Wallace himself. The journal's slogan is "Good Farming, Clear Thinking, Right Living."

USE EGGS FOR TICKETS

Strausburg, Colo.—Two dozen eggs for adults and one dozen for children will be the price of admission when the Young People's Dramatic club presents the play, "Aaron Slick From Pumpkin Crick."

TO REDUCE PERSONNEL

Washington.—Attorney General Homer Cummings has promised drastic reorganization and scaling down of personnel in the department of justice.

They Rule Supreme In Agriculture



Henry Morgenthau, Jr., (left) and Secretary of Agriculture, Henry A. Wallace, (right) are the two men who will rule supreme in federal activities to give relief to agriculture, as provided in President Roosevelt's farm measure. All farm and agriculture bureaus have been consolidated under the direction of one board with Mr. Morgenthau at its head, who will work directly with Secretary Wallace.

Both Drop Senseless In Battle

Wife From Blows, But Husband Rum, She Testifies

Salem.—After a pitched battle in their New York city apartment four years ago, during which she was thrown down a flight of stairs and threatened with a carving knife, both Mrs. Elizabeth Deane Williams of North Andover and her husband, Richard V. Williams, a Philadelphia writer, fell unconscious.

The coma into which she lapsed when the melee ended was caused by exhaustion from the blows she received at the hands of her husband, but Williams' stupor was the result of too much liquor, the attractive young wife told Judge Harry R. Dow here in Probate Court as she petitioned for a divorce on the grounds of habitual intoxication and cruelty.

Mrs. Williams' testimony, however, was rivaled by that of another Mrs. Williams, who asked the same court for a divorce from Rollins B. Williams of Beverly on the identical allegations of habitual intoxication and cruel and abusive treatment. She is Mrs. Pauline P. Williams of Salem. She, too, was tossed down a stairway by her husband and subjected to frequent assaults, she charged.

The first Mrs. Williams, daughter of well-to-do parents, became a bride at a brilliant wedding in King's Chapel in Boston on Nov. 28, 1926, and went to New York City to reside with her writer-husband. She described for the court the drinking habits of Williams and in a graphic manner told of the domestic imbroglio in which both she and he fell into unconsciousness. This occurred late in 1928, she said.

"He was getting drunk quite consistently, almost every night," maintained Mrs. Williams. "One evening he came home intoxicated and started to quarrel with me. He locked me in the apartment and hid the key. Then he came at me, and I was thrown down a stairway."

"My husband next picked up the tongs from the fireplace and struck me with them when I came upstairs again," she revealed. "I tried to resist him, but he kicked me. I was kicked into another room, and I was bleeding, bruised and cut. He picked up a carving knife and stood over me."

"But then the knife fell out of his hand, and he dropped off into a stupor. I managed to find the key and to escape. I got into a taxi-cab and went to the home of some friends, but I was unconscious in the cab when it arrived."

Judge Dow took both petitions under advisement, neither Mr. Williams appearing to contest the case.

TRY TO BREAK UP GANGS

Knoxville, Tenn.—Juvenile leaders have started an extensive campaign to disband a number of alleged "secret societies" organized by groups of young boys here. Three alleged ringleaders believed to be part of a large "gang" which has committed robberies and other depredations in residential sections, have been arrested.

ACTRESS LOSES JEWELS

Hollywood.—Laura Le Plante, film star, lost a purse containing jewels valued at \$10,000 in Agua Caliente, Mexico, and has returned there in search of it.

Naval Aeronautics Chief



Commander John A. Towers, (above) of the U. S. Navy is expected to succeed the late Admiral Moffett, lost in the destruction of the Akron, as chief of the Naval Bureau of Aeronautics.

Hero of Akron Rescue



Captain Dalldorf, master of the German oil tanker Phoebus, is to be honored in some befitting manner for the heroic rescue made of the three surviving members of the Akron crew. Such is the order of President Roosevelt.

Minister To Denmark



Ruth Bryan Owen, daughter of the great commoner, is the new U. S. minister to Denmark, the first woman ever named by an American president to represent this country at a foreign court.

Roosevelt Goes Western



Elliot Roosevelt, second son of President and Mrs. Roosevelt, resigned all advertising business connections when his father took office, to avoid possible complications. He is now in the west and is shown at Fort Worth, Tex., under a 10-gallon hat.

The Radio Priest



Dispite the bombing of his home. Also notice of suits for libel and criminal slander, the latter by a Detroit newspaper, in connection with the banking situation there, the Rev. Charles E. Coughlin, Radio Priest of Royal Oak, Mich., went on the air the following Sunday, "retracting not one word" of specific charges.