

# Littleton News Events

MISS EMILY PIPPEN, Editor

Miss Katherine Leach is spending this week with her mother, Mrs. J. P. Leach.

Mr. Cary Dowd and Mr. Sam Turner of Raleigh spent the week end in town with friends.

Mr. T. L. Cordon of Washington, N. C., was in town Tuesday.

Dr. Henry L. Townsend returned to his home in Marshall, Va., Monday after spending a few days in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Phippen.

Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Kennedy and Miss Virginia Kennedy of Durham spent several days this week with relatives in town.

Miss Lib Smith left Monday for Raleigh after spending the holidays at her home here.

Mrs. H. L. Townsend and daughter, Anne, left Friday for their home in Marshall, Va., after spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Phippen.

Among those from Littleton attending the dance in Warrenton on Friday night were: Misses Emily Stallings, Isobel Nelson, Emily Phippen, Messrs. Willis Stallings, Bill Nelson, Jack Nelson, Harry Cassada, Cecil Bobbitt, Sidney Ray Williams.

Mrs. J. P. Phippen, Mrs. H. L. Townsend, Miss Anne Langdon Townsend, and Miss Emily Phippen spent Wednesday in Raleigh with relatives.

Mr. Bill Nelson of Norfolk spent the week end with his mother, Mrs. M. Nelson.

Mr. and Mrs. William Shaw spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Perry. Mrs. Lucy Perry Nelson returned with them to Rocky Mount Monday to spend a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. George Prichard of Washington spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Hinton Prichard.

Miss Emily Stallings has returned from visiting Miss Isobelle Nelson in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Foster spent some time last week with relatives.

Mrs. H. L. Townsend and Miss Carrie Helen Moore were in Warrenton Monday.

Mr. T. L. Cordon visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. P. Phippen for a few days last week.

Messrs. Claude and Edwin Whitehead, formerly of Littleton, and now successful wholesale merchants of Richmond, were in town Tuesday.

Former Lieut.-Governor R. T. (Dick) Fountain of Rocky Mount was in town Tuesday.

### PROGRESSIVE DINNER

On Tuesday evening, December 28, a progressive dinner was given by the Misses Mary Jane and Rebecca Johnston, Misses Emily Phippen, Mary Emma Smith and Anne Person. The several courses were served at the homes of Miss Emily Phippen, the Misses Johnston, Miss Mary Emma Smith and Miss Anne Person, respectively. After the last course, dancing was enjoyed at the home of Miss Person. The following attended the delightful affair: Misses Anne Hunter Fishel of Vaughan, Miriam Boyd of Warrenton, Susie Fountain of Rocky Mount, and Anne Person, Emily Phippen, Mary Jane Johnston, Rebecca Johnston, Mary Lou Taylor, Edwinia Taylor, Margaret Lee Delbridge, Mary Emma Smith and Eleanor Phipps, all of Littleton; Messrs. Bennie Bullock of Roxboro, James Carr Moore of Warrenton, and Ras Daniel, John Leach, Willis Taylor, Sidney Ray Williams, Horace Palmer, Sterling Johnston, Ben Browning Jr., Lang Foster, Dandridge House, William Leach and Leon Acree, all of Littleton.

### CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENT

At her beautiful home on Mosby Avenue, Mrs. L. H. Justis entertained the members of the Sunday School of the Episcopal Church on Thursday night, December 23rd. A Christmas program, including singing many beautiful carols, was thoroughly enjoyed, after which de-

licious refreshments were served. Those present included: Mrs. J. H. and Miss Annie Alexander, Mrs. T. N. Harrison, Mrs. J. R. Glasgow, Mrs. C. E. Foster, Miss Carrie Helen Moore, Miss Pearl Fishel, Mrs. Paul A. Johnston, Misses Jane and Dorothy Johnston, Beth Partin, Elizabeth Moore, Louise Stansbury, Mary Shields Justis, Emily Phippen, the Rev. Francis Joyner, Messrs. John Leach, Wheelis Cole, Lang Foster, James Leach, Lee and Rodney Glasgow Jr.

## THIS WEEK In Washington

Washington, Dec. 30.—When the special session was called six weeks ago, it became evident from the first that Congress was in a mood to assert its pre-New Deal independence. Business wanted relief from an ill-distributed tax burden and some assurance of a stable government policy toward labor. Labor factions, engaged in an internal row, demanded clarification of laws affecting collective bargaining. Besides this, the longer-standing problems of relief, reorganization of government departments, regional planning, balancing of the budget, and a threatening foreign situation all called for timely, intelligent action.

The four-point legislative program presented by the White House which had been prepared during the relatively serene summer months failed to click with Congressional independents who were in no mood to tune up the ink-pads for another rubber-stamp session. But the working leadership both in the House and Senate was faced with the many-horned dilemma of having to cling to the President's "Must" schedule, throttle opposition moves and if necessary stall for time until dependable majorities could be swung solidly behind a more up-to-date governmental policy to combat the political ominous "Roosevelt Recession."

**Plans To Boost Business**  
Immediate plans to help business are still largely in the conference stage. Passage of the Housing Bill by the House was the first concrete step to carry out the President's program to stimulate a building boom. Other moves "in the works" will be designed to help the railroads with higher rates, easy credit, and recommended consolidations. Public utilities may be given a breathing spell, and the present tax structure will be modified to relieve "middle-sized" businesses of their present oppressive burdens.

No doubt affected by the verbal barrage from assembled businessmen at the National Association of Manufacturers convention, the House refused to add another hamstringing to business when it voted to send the Black-Connerly Wages and Hours Bill back to the Labor Committee. House spokesmen doubted whether it would ever be revived. The Bill, backed by CIO and opposed by the powerful AFL lobby, killed largely through a blockade action led by Southern Congressmen who affected a coalition among opposing Democrats and Republicans to defeat the pet Administration measure.

**Farm Bill Has Many Hurdles**  
The Farm Bill experienced a better fate. The House passed its own version of the Bill and awaited similar action by the Senate which came nine days later. Differences between the two measures are being ironed out preparatory to final passage and presentation for White House approval sometime in early 1938 unless the House refuses to confirm Senate changes or if friends of the Wages and Hours Bill carry out their threat to scuttle Farm Relief after their Bill, for which they traded votes, was not

passed. A veto is also possible because of the McNary-Bolleau Amendment, which cannot be changed in conference, prohibiting use of retired acreage by farmers for pasturage or for the production of milk, meat or poultry.

**Foreign Affairs in Spotlight**  
Lack of action last week in the domestic scene was more than counterbalanced by developments in our foreign affairs. When first reports of the Panay bombing reached here, Japanese Ambassador Hiroshi Saito rushed to the office of Secretary Hull to present profound regrets, offer indemnities and guarantees against repetition of such "incidents."

But this time the White House had evidently lost patience with the Nipponese custom of presenting mimeographed apologies after each bombing and shooting of neutral Americans, and a note signed "F. D. R." instructed Hull to request that the Japanese Foreign Office talk the matter over with Emperor Hirohito and get some definite satisfaction.

**"Son of Heaven" Gets Note**  
Old-school diplomats were shocked at the unprecedented action. The Japanese Emperor, "Son of Heaven" and 129th lineal descendant of the Sun Goddess who, according to legend, made the world nearly 2600 years ago, is aloof from politics, is consulted only at rare intervals on the most urgent questions through the medium of difficult "court language" which precludes extended discussion. The firm American stand brought little results. The Emperor was reported to have been duly informed but no reply was forthcoming from the Nipponese Holy-of-Holies.

An empassé was struck in the diplomatic situation when Japanese military officials refused to admit the charges of witnesses and survivors of the Panay sinking that land forces had raked the decks of the ship and machine-gunned sailors and civilians struggling in the water. Another point was made when it was definitely proved that the U. S. gunboat was flying the Stars and Stripes when the attack took place.

**Field-Day for Headline Scribes**  
Throughout the week, the Press has been having a field day of "war-scare" headlines, and here, in Washington, two Congressional moves could be directly traced to the sudden interest in international affairs.

One action was to force the Ludlow Amendment before the House early in the January regular session. This Amendment would take away from Congress its constitutional right to declare war except after a national referendum affirming such action unless there was "an invasion of the United States or its territorial possessions and an attack upon its citizens residing therein."

More important is the growing opinion that the Neutrality Act, as presently constituted, is a failure. Representative Maas, Minnesota, has already proposed a resolution to repeal the act outright. Senator Lodge has written a series of amendments to the present law which would emasculate it until it had practically no effect at all.

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## Today and Tomorrow

By Frank Parker Stockbridge

**CELEBRATE . . . but seriously**  
Time for a New Start. Some will "celebrate" the New Year with wild carousal, others will see the old year out and the new year in quietly at home. A number will work, for much of the world's activity must continue without interruption even on New Year's Day. Not a few will sleep, preferring to attach no special significance to the mere passing of a year.

The wise will celebrate the New Year during each of the 365 days by giving the serious business of living their most intelligent thought—and action. They will look upon the 8,760 brand-new hours of 1938 as welcome opportunities for improving the mental, moral and material well-being of themselves and those around them.

As 1937 passes, few will mourn. Starting as a robust youngster only 525,600 minutes ago, this weary year drags itself over the threshold of a doddering, sick old man. 1938 brings fresh hope. It has our best wishes, but it will need more than mere wishing to restore the world to well-being. It will need wisdom and judgment to rectify many grave mistakes committed before its time. That requires more than luck and "good intentions."

**FORECAST . . . encouraging**  
In spite of a year which has ended on a down-beat, there is much to be encouraged about in the forecasts for the coming twelve months. Business men will be glad to learn that inventories, over-stocked last Spring and Summer, have now been depleted until actual shortages are reported in the wake of the Christmas shopping.

Lovers of music will be cheered to hear that Opera both in New York and in Chicago is enjoying its best season in a decade. Those who prefer entertainment not so "high-brow" may choose from a larger selection of "hit" Broadway shows than at any time since 1930.

Farmers, most prosperous group of Americans, can look forward to even better times if the Farm Bill in Washington succeeds in delivering a fair percentage of Administration promises.

But most noteworthy "sign of the times" of all is not in the field of economics, politics or the arts. Recently, down in New Orleans, a 68-year-old man, John Amos, learned that Frank Chabina, a young Albany, Louisiana, farmer, would lose his sight unless a delicate operation were performed.

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**FOR MILLIONS . . . no 1938**  
As millions all over the world hang up new calendars, three times as many more millions go about their business unconcerned. For them there is no new year.

Two hundred million Mohammedans will celebrate their new year of 1357 in the month of Muharram, which corresponds to our March. Fifteen million orthodox Jews must wait until September before seeing year 5698 out and year 5699 in. Another 25 million Japanese Shintoists are looking forward to welcoming the 2598th year of their calendar which will mark the 13th year of the present period of Showa (Radiant Peace). Some 350 million Chinese Confucianists and Taoists may thus be induced to accept a widespread Christian belief in the unlucky qualities of 13,—for the Japs.

The Jewish reckoning of nearly 6,000 years may seem like a long period of time but this is not the oldest calendar in the world by any means. According to modern records, our 1938 will mark the years 7446-7447 of the Byzantine Era, which is reckoned from the founding of the city of Byzantium, now Istanbul, 5510 B. C., on the First day of September. Some readers, mathematically inclined, will note the loss of a year between then and

### Pens New Thriller



Phlo Vance, super-detective, who has lived on a thousand screens in the persons of such noted stars as William Powell, Warren William and Edmund Lowe, will solve the Kidnap Murder Case for readers of this newspaper in the new serialized version of the famous "snatch" mystery starting in these columns soon. Above is author S. S. Van Dine as he appeared in New-York when the story contract was announced last week.

now. This is explained by the fact that the year 1 in which Christ was born was neither B. C. or A. D.

**HEART . . . no wrinkles**  
Some who are reading this will look with hostility upon the encroachment of another year. They feel it brings them closer to old

age. It is foolish to fear passing years for there are many compensations for loss of youth. Much of the world's great works have been done by "old" men and women.

For instance, beside the usual examples of Cincinnati, Lincoln and Goethe, we have such lively oldsters in our midst as Arturo Toscanini, George M. Cohan, Jack Garner and David Lloyd George; not to mention a hundred others. All are past the half-century mark and still going strong. However much you may disagree with Walter Pitkin, you must admit that men, 40, and women who have weathered the "best ten years" since 39, are invariably considered "young" if by that age they have achieved any great success in public or professional life. Women who are beginning to worry about crow's feet and sagging chins can take comfort in Madame de Sevigne's remark that, "the heart has no wrinkles."

And others, not so acutely disturbed but who wish that time would not hurry so fast will agree with her saying, "I dislike clocks with second-hands—they cut up life into too small pieces!"  
See you next year!

J. C. Redfern of Wadesboro and Robert Batten of Route 3, Wadesboro, both have hydraulic rams pumping water for their barns and homes. Other Anson farmers are planning to add the simple water

# What'cha Got You Don't Want?

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