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TOM SIMS
Says

A plumber's pipe dream is a dream of a broken pipe. Absence of street cars doesn't make the hear grow any fonder. The only army being considered by people this close to Christmas is the Salvation Army.

Bandits in Chicago got \$3000. Overlooked \$30,000. Shows you if never pays to hurry too much. About all a rolling stone gathers is speed. Only a few more months until we can have a good-line cussing flies. (Copyright, 1925, Nea Service, Inc.)

Important Warning!
On account of the ten special features, there will be an extra demand for The World next Sunday. Unless you order the Christmas number of The World in advance, you may be unable to procure a copy. To what your appetite, one of the ten features will be Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol." This famous English classic, specially illustrated by 2Herb Roth, will be issued in a separate eight-page convenient tabloid section. Tell your newsdealer next Sunday you want the Christmas number of The World.

The Lawn Tennis Club of Nice, France, famous for its international tournaments during the winter season, possesses 21 excellent courts.

Stewart's WASHINGTON LETTER
BY CHARLES P. STEWART, NEA Service Writer

Washington—The United States Senate is caught at last—caught in a trap it helped to set.

At the last session of Congress the Senate acquiesced in the District of Columbia compulsory education bill, now a law, which provides that all children in the District under 14 years of age must attend school regularly.

In the 85th Congress more than half of the Senate's pages were under 14.

Superintendent of Schools Frank W. Ballou says this must stop.

Seventeen years ago Congress enacted a District anti-child labor law which, as originally proposed, would have accomplished what the new compulsory education law appears to have accomplished now.

At the last minute, however, it occurred to some senator that prohibition of the employment of children under 14 probably would be construed as including congressional pages. Accordingly the bill was amended, to leave them out.

The House of Representatives accepted the amendment, but didn't like it, and never since has employed a page below the minimum age limit for the rest of the District. The Senate has.

Doubtless the senators would have tried to amend the compulsory education bill, too, if anybody had thought of it, but nobody did.

Due to this oversight the measure slipped through and unless the Senate decides to defy it, as law, which it can't do with a good grace, it seems certain to have to abide by what Dr. Ballou says.

Don't pick quads—let them drop. No cigar is too bad to meet its match at last.

TEXTILE WORKERS FARE BADLY IN N. C.
Chief Industrial State at Foot of Last in Pay to Mill Folk. Durham, Dec. 12.—Despite the fact that North Carolina is rapidly becoming the leading industrial commonwealth in the country, its textile workers remain the poorest paid of any in the country, according to Paul Blanchard, field secretary of the league for industrial democracy, in an address to members of a class in economics at Duke university here today.

The labor representative asserted that the low wages paid cotton mill workers in the Carolinas and Georgia are serving to break down the unions in the north, and also, he said, to lower the standard of living among the workers there.

He urged that southern university students follow the example of the economic students of Harvard and gain first-hand knowledge of the conditions under which the mill operations work in order to understand labor problems. "The labor party in America," he said, "is twenty-five years behind the intelligent and important British labor party."

Flock of Hens Nets Him \$600 in Year.
Albemarle, Dec. 13.—(AP)—A flock of 145 hens yielded T. H. Almond, of Mount Pleasant, during the past year a net profit of \$609.68.

That is the report made by County Agent O. H. Phillips, who explains that the eggs secured and the birds culled from the flock were sold for \$913.91, and the addition of the flock of 35 pullets at an average selling price of \$1.25 each, made the total income amount to \$938.66. Feed for the year cost \$375, which, when deducted from the income left a net Two poultry houses were built by Mr. Almond at a cost of \$200, but since these are considered permanent improvements, they were not deducted from the profits.

Mr. Almond has two sons, Hugh and Worth, who are members of the poultry club in Stanly county, and much of the credit for the showing made by the flock is given the boys and the training they received in their club work by Mr. Almond.

PROSPERITY PREDICTED IN STATE BY GRIST
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larged and the ways and means of production greatly increased. There will be a greater demand for skilled labor in 1926 than there has been in 1925. About 75 per cent of the communities report that the prospects for the coming year are better than they have been for 1925 and the remaining 25 per cent report that the industrial development will continue about the same during 1926 as in 1925.

"The prospects for the building construction for 1926 are also very encouraging, and we find that about 65 per cent of the reports show that an increase in building is anticipated and that conditions are very favorable. In fact, it seems that all building communities, in the majority of communities, will have steady employment during the coming year.

"The building will be more active in the central and western sections of the state and will consist mostly in enlarging of plants, building of homes, business houses, hotels and schools. One city alone anticipates a building program that will cost seven millions of dollars, while another estimates that its program will total around six millions.

"As usual, North Carolina will keep up its progress in public works, and in estimating that between fifty and seventy-five millions of dollars will be spent on public works, we feel that this is a very conservative estimate. This work will consist in the building of highways, bridges, paving of streets, increasing and enlarging water and sewer systems, enlarging power and light plants, and in improving the schools. A certain portion will, of course, be put in playgrounds and parks.

"North Carolina has always been recognized as one of the leading agricultural states. On account of the unprecedented drought that prevailed over all the western and central portions of the state during the summer of 1925, the farmers did not have an especially good season, and having become a bit disheartened, the prospect for the increasing of the planting acreage is not very good in these sections. Through these sections there is a great acreage that could be cultivated, especially in raising food products. However, there is a strong tendency for a greater diversification of crops, rather than an increase in acreage.

"The eastern section of North Carolina is the leading trucking section of the state, and as this section was not seriously affected by the drought, the farmers show a more optimistic attitude, and our data shows that during the year 1926 there will be an increase in the acreage of all fruits, vegetables and trucking crops; especially is this true of the strawberry, bean, celery, and cucumber acreage. Irish potatoes will also come in this class.

SEEK METHODS TO COMBAT TREE SCALE
State Department of Agriculture Gives Much Thought to the Matter. Raleigh, Dec. 12.—(AP)—The State department of agriculture has been giving considerable attention to the control of the San Jose scale on fruit trees, and is encouraging the use of combative methods, it has been announced at the department. The work is being carried on through the division of entomology.

"The application of a spray to control the San Jose scale on fruit trees must be made while the tree is in the dormant stage," said J. A. Harris, of the division of entomology, who has been giving the subject definite study. "A strong spray is required to kill the insect, and if applied while the tree is in the growing stage, the twigs and buds may be severely damaged.

"The dormant application may be made any time during the winter, but it should be finished by March 1st. Every part of the tree should be well covered with the material, because good coverage is necessary for the thorough control of the scale.

"Either of two materials may be used satisfactorily to control San Jose scale. A concentrated lime sulphur spray or an oil spray will give good control. Experiments conducted during the past few years show that the oil sprays will give about a 10 per cent higher kill of the scale than the sulphur sprays. There is one advantage in using the sulphur spray in that sulphur sprays will control such diseases as leaf curl on peach trees and, generally speaking, the oil sprays have no value in disease control.

"If an orchard is heavily infested with scale, it would seem advisable to use an oil spray for at least one year. Oil sprays may be made at home or bought from commercial insecticide dealers. More satisfactory results will, in all probability, be secured by using a soluble oil prepared by the manufacturers rather than a home-made oil emulsion. Directions for making the oil have been prepared by the department of agriculture."

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The plane left New York Wednesday and made Washington that night. The following day it succeeded in reaching Fayetteville, N. C., but was delayed there three hours on account of difficulty in obtaining gas. It made Savannah that night and flew yesterday in a driving rain from Savannah to Inverness, Fla. It reached here this morning at 10 o'clock.

Adverse weather conditions and short delays in fuelling at several stops were given as the reason for the long trip.

LIST OF MEN WHO WON 32 RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

W. J. Cooke, Jr., of Asheville, Elected From North Carolina.

Swarthmore, Penn., Dec. 13.—The results of the annual election of Rhodes scholars held yesterday in 32 states of the union were announced today by President Frank Aydelotte, of Swarthmore College, American secretary of the Rhodes trustees. There were 420 candidates representing 85 colleges and universities this year, for the 32 appointments, as compared with 344 in 1922, when the corresponding group of state elected. Ohio led with 39, while Pennsylvania was second with 30.

Under the Rhodes each state in the union maintains always two Rhodes scholars at Oxford. Each scholar stays three years, so that each state elects two years out of three elections being arranged so that 32 scholars go to Oxford each year.

W. J. Cooke, Jr., of Asheville, won one of the scholarships.

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