

# THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

## A BUILDING CLASH

Washington, Dec. 3.—The big clash in the inside of the Administration right now is between Harold Ickes and Jim Moffett. Ickes, besides being Secretary of the Interior and administrator of the oil code is, as everybody knows, head of the Public Works Administration. Jim Moffett is the former Standard Oil vice-president who is head of the Federal Housing Administration. And the clash is over fundamental policies of promoting new home building.

Moffett's job is to try to get private capital into this field. He has made better progress thus far than anyone expected him to. But just as he got things going along where lending institutions were about prepared to put out several billions at 5 per cent to finance new home building, Ickes came out with a broadcast declaration that he thought the Government ought to do this financing with public funds at 3 percent.

That threw a scare into the lending institutions. Wouldn't they look foolish offering money at 5 percent when the Government was offering it on better terms—Ickes even suggested "no down payment"—and at 3 percent?

### Ickes and Moffett

So Jim Moffett and the folks who have money they want to put to work want to know which of the two policies is to be adopted. Secretary Ickes is very close to the Presidential ear. He also has built up a strong following among members of Congress, most of whom will follow anybody who will spend public money in their districts.

Jim Moffett is not any kind of a politician at all. He suffers under the illusion that so many business men have when they come to Washington, that all they have to do is to do their job. That, as everybody who has been around the national capital very long, fully understands, isn't the half of it. Getting around among the boys, making himself a goodfellow with the insiders, talking to the public in a personal way and making glittering, though vague promises, is an important part of the technique of making good at the head of any Federal bureau.

### Up To President

The President himself will have to make the final decision between Jim Moffett's plans and those of Harold Ickes. Mr. Roosevelt has been much interested in the project of getting building trade workers back on the job without using public funds to do it. But a strong group of his advisers, including Ickes, Harry Hopkins, the Relief Administrator, and some others, protest that the Moffett program won't do the trick fast enough. Looking forward to a larger demand for direct relief this winter than ever before and realizing that the longer men stay off the payrolls of industry the lower their morale sinks and the less likely they are to ever want to go back to work at all, Harry Hopkins is for anything that will provide plenty of real work at real wages and provide it quick.

John Fahey, head of Home Owners Loan Corporation, is wisely keeping out of the controversy. His appropriation of two billions is exhausted, all having been lent to

needy home owners, and he is not likely to ask Congress for any more until it is decided whether the FEA plan or the PWA plan is the program finally adopted.

Congress, it is believed here, will be strongly inclined to give Mr. Ickes the five or more billions he wants, with which to enable anybody who would like to own a home to build a brand new one with no down payment whatever and twenty years in which to pay off the instalments.

### Uncle Sam's Loans

If that plan carries through the Government can hope and expect to get most of the money back. It will be lent, not given away. And being a creditor on a big scale will be no novelty for Uncle Sam. Already the Government loans amount to about ten thousand million dollars, put out through thirty different Federal agencies. There are loans to farmers, through farm organizations, cooperatives and otherwise; loans to Indians to finance industry and agriculture; loans to banks, railroads and industry through the Reconstruction Finance Corporation; farm mortgage loans, home mortgage loans, loans for low-cost city housing projects, loans through the Tennessee Valley Authority to finance municipal lighting plants and cooperative enterprises in the area; loans to shipping companies; loans to veterans on their adjusted compensation certificates; loans to states for public works.

The United States of America has thus become the largest banker in the world, and financial control of all of these lending agencies is now centered in the Treasury, making Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Secretary of the Treasury, who up to two years ago was a "gentleman farmer" in New York state and the publisher of an agricultural paper, the most powerful figure in the world finance. And those who know most about such things say that he has grown as fast as his job has grown.

### On Foreign Debts

The question of debts owed to the United States by foreign nations is going to come up for action when Congress meets. The report of the economic commission headed by President Hutchins of Chicago University takes the realistic view that since we can't collect them we might as well cancel them, or at least set a small lump sum for final settlement. The novel suggestion that we might take the defaulted bonds of states that tried to secede from the Union in 1861 in exchange is arousing a good deal of interest here. That would be about an equal swap, one piece of worthless paper for another equally worthless piece of paper.

## Operating Mule Stable At McNeer Warehouse

R. M. Fletcher, well-known citizen of Boonville, who has operated a stable for the sale of mules there for a number of years, in association with Hinse Harris, is now operating stables here located under McNeer's warehouse.

According to Mr. Fletcher and Mr. Harris, they are prepared to furnish the mules at prices and terms to suit everyone, and extend a cordial invitation to their friends to call on them at the earliest opportunity.

### NOT TO INTERVENE

Bascom and Lester Green, father and son, and R. E. Black, son-in-law and brother-in-law, respectively, of the Greens, have lost their appeals to the mercy seat and Friday will die in the electric chair for the murder of Banker T. C. Barnes, of

## Timely Farm Questions Answered At N.C. State

Question: When should turnips and rye be fed the dairy cow?

Answer: All highly flavored feeds, such as rye and turnips, should always be fed after milking as they will impart an objectionable odor to the milk if fed during or shortly before milking. All roughage should also be fed after milking. If fed before milking the air will be filled with small particles of dust which will get in the milk. Care should also be taken to keep wild onions away from the animals especially in the late fall and early spring. The cows should be taken off pasture and given a dry feed for at least six hours before milking at these times.

Question: Is it advisable to feed wet mash at this time of the year?

Answer: Wet mash has a definite place in poultry feeding. It may be used at this time of the year to bring birds into production and will also retard the neck moult in early hatched pullets. Care, however, should be exercised in feeding the mash. It should be fed at mid-day or in the early afternoon and only as much mash should be fed as the birds will clean up in fifteen minutes.

Question: When should manure be applied to the garden plot.

Answer: Manure is best applied during the fall and winter months. On soils of average fertility about ten two-horse loads should be broadcast to the acre and plowed under as soon as possible. This fall or winter plowing not only keeps all plant nutrients in the soil but it also aids in the destruction of insect pests and plant diseases by exposing them to the freezing weather. If manure is applied in the spring or summer it should be in a well-rotted condition.

### TIME OUT!

"A flirt am I?" exclaimed the maid, under notice to go. "Well, I know them as flirt more than I do, and with less excuse." She shot a pitiful look at her mistress, and added, "I'm better looking than you. More handsome. How do I know? Your husband told me so."

"That will do," said the mistress frigidly.

"But I ain't finished yet," retorted the maid. "I can give a better kiss than you. Want to know who told me that, ma'am?"

"If you mean to suggest my husband—"

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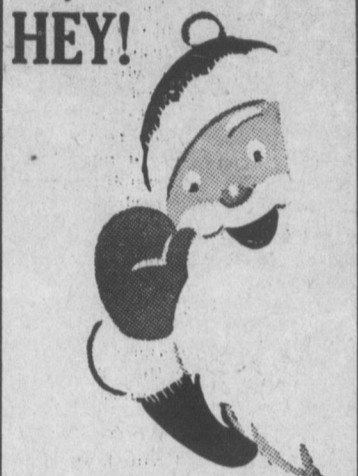
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