## WAY OF FLORIDA

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toward the west coast, was rather monotonous, for miles and miles thru an unimproved section of the country, where all of the large pine timber had been slain long ago and the small new growth pines had been trapped in order to extract the turpentine. Finally we came to the citrus fruit region, which attracted the attention and pleased the eye of al passengers. Orange and grape fruit trees were loaded with their golden fruit. Then as the train pulled in at varioos stations we began to separate; some heading for Tampa others for St. Petersburg or Bradenton or Sarasota, your writer off at the latter plaie.

In all these west coast towns and cities of Florida, there is a real estate boom and in some cases, land has sold as high as $2,500.00 a front foot. Tourists are from every state in the Union, many of them with the money and readiness to pay the price. While the hotel rates are high, reservations made indicate that every available spaie would be taken: while thousands of other families are there and others coming in their aoomobiles with a camping outfit in which they will spend the winter many of them expecting to buy and build in the near future.

The climate on the west coast of Florida is delightful. It was a common thing for us to sit with comfort on the porches during the day and not an unusual thing to see men wearing straw hats. Thousands of buildings are in course of erection at the present time. The orange and grape fruit groves are beautiful and in many cases heavily laden with fruit. It was my pleasure on several ocasions to go into the groves, pluck and eat to the extent of my capacity.

On leaving Sarasota, I went by auto bus to Tampa, a small city filled with tourists. As to climate conditions, it is much the same as Sarasota and had orange and grape fruit groves in the outlying districts. The weather was so warm that at Sulphur Springs, just outside the city of Tampa, on December 10th, many of the younger set were bathing and diving with as much glee as we usually see in Maryland or Delaware in the month of August. On the 3d of December, I had the pleasure of going in bathing in the Gulf of Mexico. At Tampa on December 10th I took passage on the steamship, Tampa, for New Orleans, which took us across the Gulf of Mexico and 110 miles up the Mississippi river. This trip took two nights and a day. New Orleans is a cosmopolitan city, with a population of over 300,000, and is the connecting link between two civilizations, which are working out the destinies of this hemisphere—the Latin and Anglo Saxson.

From here my journey was over the Southern Pacific railroad to El Paso, Tex., a distance of 1180 miles. This took us through the rice fields, cotton fields, oil fields and great Texas ranches, and so we approached El Paso a rocky region, with but little vegetation due to the fact that there is but a light rainfall. The Elephant Butte Dam, however, affords a system of irrigation, whereby the land around El Paso is made very productive. The population of El Paso is made very productive. The population of El Paso is made up of many nationalities. I was told that the population is only about 15 per cent. American. The following conditions have caused the growth of El Paso. It is one or the largest ports of entry on the southern border. It commands the best railroad pass across the continental divide. It is the gateway into Mexico. It has an exceptional winter climate and a climate adapted to the needs of those afflicted with pulmonary diseases. For several years, Fort Bliss, at El Paso, has been one of our largest garrisoned posts. It was the writer's pleasure to visit the fort and see its massive magnificent government structures.

As Mexico is just across the Rio Grande from El Paso, I took the opportunity to visit Ciudad Juarez, a five minute ride from the center of El Paso. My visit there was very interesting, as it gave me a glimpse of conditions in Mexico, which has been under the sway of Roman Catholicism for over four hundred years. While there were some average buildings, there were many evidencies of both illiteracy and poverty. Liquor saloons and gambling devices were conspicuous in every direction and to my surprise many of them are owned and operated by Americans. In a short time, I reached the conclusion that the people of Mexico are at least 50 to 100 years behind the people in the United States.

To reach Clifton, Ariz., my destination, from El Paso, the train took us across the continental divide in New Mexico and through a region where neither a tree nor scarcely a blade of grass was seen, due to limited rainfall. This condition prevailed almost from El Paso to Clifton. After we had journeyed for probably forty miles into Arizona, the table lands were no more seen, but great barren which ou... it entered the town of Cl... the end of the railroad line.

Clifton is the county seat of Greenlee county. The elevation is 3465 feet and the average rainfall for the past ten years has been less than twelve inches. As a geological and mineralogical treasure house, its equal cannot be found in the state of Arizona and it is doubtful if it can be surpassed anywhere in the United States. Near here are found some of the richest copper deposits of the Southwest. Not only are the mountains rich in mineral deposits, but some of the most picturesque scenery in the world is to be found around Clifton. A little over a mile from Clifton is a large copper smelter owned by Phelps Dodge Corporation, at which my son, Harvey C. Smoot, is chief chemist. This plant has a capacity of over fifty million pounds of copper a year. The ores of this district carry a little gold and silver and these values are also saved. The climate here is not near as severe as on the Peninsula of Maryland and Delaware and here I will remain, in the home of my son, during the winter.

(Rev.) T. C. SMOOT
Clifton, Ariz.

## VERNON

Many here mourn the death of Richard Trise who formerly lived opposite Maple Grove school house. He was a good man and highly respected.

Arlie Outten has been visiting John Moore in New Jersey.

R. Wesley Ross and George H. Ross have been recent Dover visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Brooks Calescott have been guests of Mrs. Mitchell, the grand-mother of the latter.

William Hardesty of Seaford has been spending some time with Lewis Slaughter and family, and Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Slaughter. He has been ill at the latter's place but has recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Wesley Ross spent part of the Christmas holidays with friends in Maryland after a five course Christmas dinner at Ross Lane.

Rev. C. C. Day of Philadelphia on his recent visit at Harrington, at which place he preached the funeral of Mr. Tibbitt, was warmly welcomed by a host of friends, who in spite of his absence had not forgotten him in the least. The deceased has been a worker on the railroad for several years. The officiating clergyman, Mr. Day, was one of the most highly educated and one of the best ministers ever sent to Harrington and his good and most estimable wife is just the same, both being college graduates, and the former afterward attending as well as graduating from the Theological seminary and the latter Columbia University. To much cannot be said in praise of Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Day. Their memory will always be cherished by their friends here.

Mr. J. J. Brown and family have been Dover visitors.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellers with the Misses Ellers very pleasantly entertained the Epworth League of Prospect church recently.

Miss Bernice Hendricks and pupils of Raughley's school gave a fine Christmas entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. Anstine Stafford will remove to the farm of the former near Bursville.

The Union Corner M. P. church held a fine Christmas entertainment.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Otis Stafford and sons have been visiting relatives in Maryland.

The Sunday school at Piney church gave a Christmas program and treat, also at Thawley's.

Mrs. Sara Coulbourn Roach and husband of Audobon, N. J., spent the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coulbourn.

Many friends sympathize with Preston Sapp who has had to undergo an operation, but is getting along as well as could be expected. He was one of Rice's best pupils, but for the past year has been attending Harrington.

Miss Lureen Travis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nolan Travis of Rehoboth, but who formerly lived near here, and Willard Delong, of Felton, have announced their marriage. They are residing at Felton with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Delong, former residents here. Congratulations are extended.

The stork has visited Mr. and Mrs. Oscar B. Woolridge, nee Mary Williams of Norfolk, the mother being the daughter of Rev. W. S. H. Williams, a former pastor of White's church, and left a fine daughter. Mrs. Woolridge was a former school teacher. Congratulations are extended.

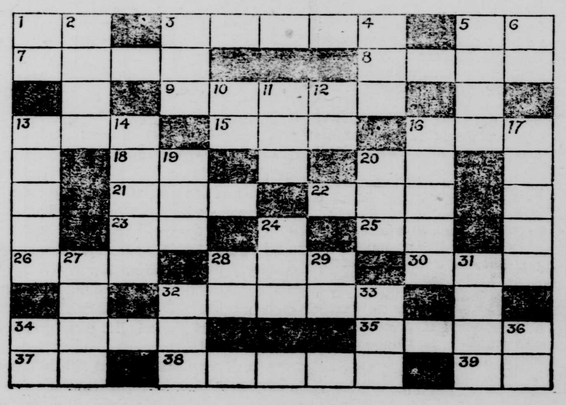
Maple Grove school gave a fine Christmas entertainment on Tuesday evening, December 23. Great credit was due the teacher, Mrs. Pearl Baynard.

The P. T. A. meeting at Cannon school for December was called to order by the vice-president, Mrs. Priestly, in the absence of the president, Mr. Gilbert. Quite a good deal of business was transacted, including various matters for the betterment of the school, an invitation to Dr. Holloway to speak at the next meeting to be held on the last Thursday afternoon in January, and if the weather is inclement, the next day (Frday). at one o'clock, the subject bearing on "Face the Facts" program. There was a prayer by Rev. G. F. Farring and an address by him and State Highway Officer Ingram, a Christmas play and recitations by Jessie Allen and Mrs. Ross, who was also the organist.

One of our readers who wants to arrange a cross-word puzzle asks us to explain more fully what is meant by "no interlocked units." No doubt such explanation will be welcomed by other readers.

As an example, this week's puzzle, below, as arranged by Lillian Middleditch, is an excellent design. It will be observed that the black spaces are so arranged in the design that no word or group of words is locked off from the other words or groups throughout the puzzle. In other words, the solver of the puzzle may as well start at the lower right hand corner as at the uper lefthand corner, or No. 1, An arrangement of this kind permits a wide approach to the correct solution, as there are keys available all over the puzzle.

Mrs Middleditch's puzzle is filled with simple words, but still containing enough "twsters" to make its working very interesting. Work it now—then save it until next week when the correct answer will be published. If you want to arrange a puzzle and send it in to this newspaper, we'll be mighty glad to publish it. Why not try one?



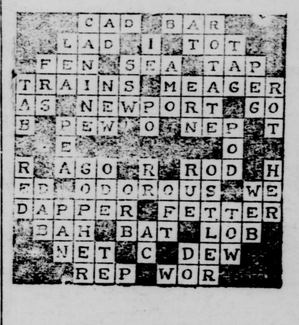
**Horizontal**

1. Article.
3. A cough (Prov. Eng.)
5. Extra explanation (abbr.).
7. For some reason.
8. A body of individuals regarded as one.
9. A liquid.
13. To wager.
15. A form of crochet.
16. An epoch.
18. Pronoun.
20. A parent.
21. A hardwood tree.
22. Form of verb "To have."
23. Opposed to left (abbr.).
25. The nominative plural of the second personal pronoun.
26. Girl's name.
28. A lazy, immoral fellow.
30. A falsehood.
32. In the metric system.
34. A dwelling place.
35. Resting on.
37. Form of verb "to be."
38. A subject.
39. Observe.

**Vertical**

1. Since.
2. Part of the neck.
3. To cut with an axe.
4. Turkey (abbr.).
5. Wharf.
6. A thoroughfare.
10. A preposition.
11. A girl's cap.
12. And (Latin).
13. Color.
14. Anything that is spiny.
16. Frame on which artists place pictures.
17. Pertaining to the axis.
19. To consume food.
20. A month of the year.
24. Unless.
27. A minute particle of matter.
28. To have existence.
29. Myself.
31. Person loved and honored to adoration.
32. To come together (past).
33. To repent of.
34. An exclamation.
36. Negative.

## ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE



## PRESTON

Miss Ethel Wooten spent the Christmas holidays at her home in Delmar.

Miss Mae LeCompte and Mr. William McAllister spent the week end with Miss Ethel Wooten in Delmar.

Mr. and Mrs. Somers Blake of Denton spent Christmas dey at the home of Mr. William H. Hollis.

Miss Irene Wright of Baltimore spent a few days last week with her mother, Mrs. Emily Wright.

Mrs. C. S. Bradley and Mrs. Sadie Merrill are spending some time with their mother and sister in New Haven, Conn.

Mr. Douglas Fooks is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Fooks.

Mr. Medford Burgess of Baltimore visited his mother, Mrs. R. M. Burgess last week.

Rev. and Mrs. J. P. Outten and daughter, Marguerite, spent a few days with Delmar friends last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Osteen and children of Baltimore; Mr. and Mrs. Cookman Orrel of Centreville spent the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sisk.

Miss Blanche Alderson of Baltimore and Mr. William Alderson of New York are spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Alderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Browning of Washington and Miss Sarah Reynolds of Wilmington spent several days with their mother, Mrs. M. E. Reynolds.

Miss Esther Lednum of Richmond is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Frank Lednum.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Elzey spent Friday with friends in Sharptown.

Miss Lillian Cox of Washington is visiting her mother, Mrs. J. A. Cox.

Miss Naomi Parker of Brooklyn, N. Y., and Miss Emma Lowe of Baltimore are spending some time with Mrs. M. M. Parker.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Smith and daughter visited Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Parker, Friday.

Mrs. Mary W. Clark of Georgetown is spending some time with Mrs. Martha B. Noble.

Mr. James Bowling of Washington visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Wrightson last week.

Mrs. Charles Howard and Mrs. Roope of Denton visited Mr. and Mrs. F. F. Collins last Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Wright and son, Harry B. Jr.; Mrs. Martha B. Noble, and Mrs. Mary W. Clark spent Christmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Jarrell, Sr. at Goldsboro.

Miss Inez Noble spent Saturday at the home of Mrs. Sallie N. Andrews, Hurlock.

Professor W. K. Cumming is spending the holidays with his parents in Baltimore.

Miss Inez Noble of Salem, N. J., is visiting her sister, Mrs. Clare N. Payne.

Misses Lillian Cheezum, Agnes Dulin, Cornelia Cannon and Marie Proctor, students of the State Normal School, Towson, are home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Dennis are spending the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. J. W. Clement, Plainfield, N. J.

Mrs. Albert Culver of Bridgeville, Del., spent several days with her sister, Mrs. W. T. Covey.

Mr. J. Garris of Norfolk visited his brother, Mr. J. J. Garris last week.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Fletcher visited Mrs. Fletcher's parents at Goldsboro Christmas day.

Mrs. D. W. Silvey and little daughter of Salisbury are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Wright.

Miss Elizabeth Douglas is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Douglas, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Colbert and daughter, Doris, are visiting relatives in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Noble, Messrs. Sewell Noble and Charles Lednum of Federalsburg visited relatives in town last Friday.

Mr. Walter Fluharty spent the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Fluharty.

## CONCORD

Mrs. Alice Trice has gone to North Carolina to visit her sister over the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Neal made a business trip to Philadelphia last week.

Little Miss Mildred Lord has the chicken pox.

Mr. Paul Maloney and Miss Hilda Lord attended the wedding of Mr. Fred Lord in Ridgely last Tuesday night.

Mrs. J. C. Hardesty and son, Carlton of Harrington, Del. spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Beauchamp.

Little Miss Jean Beauchamp has been spending two weeks with her grandmother Mrs. Belle Beauchamp.

Miss Ruth Maloney spent the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Maloney.

Mr. Kirwin F. Everngam has purchased a new radio outfit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph D. Finkbinder and son spent a part of this week with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Everngam.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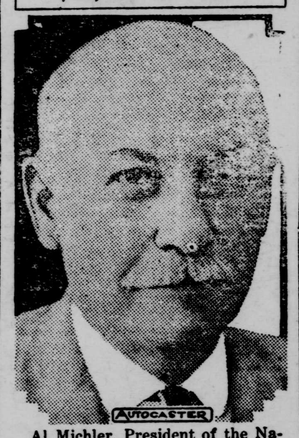

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