

MANY TO ATTEND AFFAIR TONIGHT AT ITALIAN CLUB

Open House and Dance Proceeds to Go to Good Fellows Fund.

A gala occasion will be the open house and dance tonight sponsored by the Italian Benevolent & Social club for the benefit of the Good Fellows fund. The Italian club rooms, corner Lafayette and Laurel streets, will be the scene of this pre-Yule affair, which opens at 8 o'clock, and dancing to be in progress from 9 to 11 o'clock.

A dance orchestra has been engaged for the occasion, and there will be numerous delightful features. There is wide interest in the event and with many tickets already disposed of a large attendance is assured.

Members of the Italian Benevolent & Social club and their friends are especially looking forward to the event, as one that promises to be highly enjoyable, and at the same time result in the raising of a substantial sum for the Good Fellows in their service of providing Christmas cheer for needy children here.

Arrangements for the open house and dance tonight are in charge of committees from the Italian Benevolent & Social club, as follows:

General chairman, A. F. Maggio. Arrangement Committee—J. C. Barcelone, chairman; Charles Cangelosi, R. F. Cangelosi, W. C. Frank.

Finance Committee—Joseph Bologna, chairman; P. J. Mistretta, Joseph Bonfanti, Dr. C. A. McHardy.

Dance Committee—Joseph Romano, chairman; Jack Levey, Mike Noto, Sam J. Favaro.

Ticket Committee—Sidney Barcelone, chairman; John Ricca, Joseph Leto, Charles A. Bonfanti, Joseph Scaffia.

Refreshment Committee—B. W. Calabrese, Frank DeJohn, Gasper Oliver.

Clubroom Committee—Sam Modicut, chairman; Frank Marranto, Charles Maggio, Russell Barcelone.

Good Fellows Committee—Sam Marino, chairman; M. Farrant, Dr. A. E. Ferris, J. P. Roumain, Joe Noto, Simon Maggio, Charles Vince, Paul Spedale, Dr. John Nolan, Tony Romano, S. B. Corrent.

NO PLAYTHINGS, NOTHING PRETTY IN THIS SHANTY

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attractive, or bubbling over with merriment. Their faded garments are thin. They are not well kept. The little boy has been sick, and he's thin and pale. The little girl looks at you too seriously.

"Playthings?"

"She shakes her head. You glance about the room to see if you can glimpse so much as an old ball, or a picture book, or a set of blocks, or a tiny doll. No, you see only the few pieces of makeshift furniture, the scanty array of cooking utensils, a few old dishes.

In those two rooms there is nothing bright, nothing pretty. Yet, here are two little children—and after all, in some ways children are all alike.

"When even a piece of red paper would seem wonderful to these two," one reflects.

The story is not new. The father works away at the only trade he knows. He never earned very much, even when times were flush. Now, he can barely eke out an existence. The mother—you imagine that for her the struggle is not new—there has always been poverty.

But those two children, what of them?

They are not used to the things that your child has. Anything bright, anything pretty, would seem so marvelous to them.

And Good Fellows, wouldn't it be wonderful if Santa Claus could find this little shanty in its mud settings? Wouldn't it be wonderful if he could put a few toys, a little candy, in their stockings—perhaps leave a little warm garment? These little children, one so thin and pale, would remember the all they have—just a bit of sunshine in their shanty Christmas morning—wouldn't it be wonderful?

Good Fellows, won't you do this good thing? Won't you make it possible for Santa to visit even this poor home, leaving just a little something pretty—just a gay bauble, or a shining toy?

We know you will. But won't you hurry to join the Good Fellows ranks? Christmas is almost here. There is so much to be done. And there are 1,200 children dependent upon the Good Fellows for a visit from Santa Claus.

To join the Good Fellows send your check or your money to the State-Times, specifying it is for the Good Fellows. The workers will attend to details. You will be the real Good Fellow.

Letters Show Spirit.

The Good Fellows spirit is revealed in several letters accompanying checks sent to the State-Times for the Good Fellows fund. Such a spirit is characteristic of the Good Fellows, who seem to find real satisfaction and pleasure in helping provide Christmas cheer for needy children in this community.

Following are among the letters accompanying Good Fellows checks announced today:

"Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 12. Good Fellows Club. Care State-Times.

"Gentlemen: "Enclosed we hand you our check No. 4121 for \$50 for the good cause it stands for. "We also call to your attention that we have turned over to the women for retouching a quantity of toys, which we trust will assist in bringing cheer and happiness to the worthy children to whom they are distributed.

"Yours very truly, "ROSENFIELD DRY GOODS CO., LTD., J. Wechs, Vice President.

"Here's another Good Fellows letter.

"Baton Rouge, La., Dec. 11. State-Times.

"Gentlemen: "Enclosed will find the amount of \$75, which will kindly place to the credit of Good Fellows, and oblige.

"Very truly yours, "KAHN DRY GOODS CO."

Sugar.

New York, Dec. 14 (AP)—Sugar futures were easier today. Prices at the beginning of the last hour were three to four points net lower.

Sugar futures closed steady, unchanged to three lower, sales 15,000 tons. December 77 1/2; January 77 1/2; March 77 1/2; May 77 1/2; July 76 1/2; September 76 1/2; October 76 1/2.

PUBLIC SERVICE GETS INJUNCTION AGAINST I. C. C.

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Highway commission brought action against the United States government, the I. C. C. and the railroads whose petition to intervene was granted.

The case resulted from an order issued by the I. C. C. on November 7 directing that surcharges similar to those affecting interstate commerce be applied to interstate commerce. The order was to extend until March 31, 1933. The Louisiana Public Service commission had ordered 37 commodities exempted from the surcharge, these commodities chiefly comprising, agricultural products, highway building material and less-than-carload traffic.

The state commission contended that the proposed 15 per cent surcharge on these commodities would result in unjust hardship upon the shippers, and that the I. C. C. was without authority to issue such an order.

In granting the preliminary injunction, the decision said in part: "In cases of this character, the commission may apparently act from one or both reasons: Namely (1) that there is an unjust discrimination or undue prejudice created against interstate commerce; or (2) that it is a revenue case, the intrastate rates are not contributing their proper proportion to the revenue of carriers, thus creating a burden on interstate commerce.

"In our judgment the commission's order, under either situation, lacks the findings that are essential to support a destruction of the state's regulatory power; it made no error requiring the carriers to apply their proposed interstate surcharges, but only granted them permission to do so or not as they elected and the rates resulting from the authorized surcharges were never found to be just and reasonable; nor can the commission's order be justified as a revenue measure because it specifically found that 'where we discover such a finding of unjust discrimination and require an increase in the intrastate rates, it is to be understood that we conclude that no positive finding in regard to the revenue outcome of the increase can be justified.'

"We do not believe that the interstate commerce commission can be allowing a general increase in interstate rates to compel the state commission to allow the same increase on intrastate traffic in the absence of the essential findings that the resulting rates would be reasonable or that for the future they will increase the carriers' revenue."

The court which heard the case on November 25 composed Circuit Judge Rufus E. Foster, Judge Wayne G. Borah of the eastern district of Louisiana, and Allen Cox of the northern district of Mississippi.

Mr. Barrow said the court's action in granting the injunction was of national importance in that it affected in principle several other states besides Louisiana.

Last October the Interstate Commerce commission ordered the Louisiana Public Service commission to allow railroads to collect 15 per cent higher freight rates in Louisiana in conformity with the increased intrastate tariffs authorized by the commerce commission last March as emergency relief to the railroads, particularly with regard to highway materials, cottonseed and cottonseed cake, fertilizer and fertilizer materials and other commodities exempted by the state utilities commission from the I. C. C. increase.

When the Louisiana Public Service commission disregarded the order, the Interstate Commerce commission announced intention of placing the increases in Louisiana intrastate effect on its own authority. The state commission, contending that higher rates on the commodities it exempted would work hardship on Louisiana shippers, attacked the Interstate Commerce commission's authority to carry them into effect on what it held was purely intrastate commerce.

FUNERAL SERVICES AT 3 O'CLOCK FOR MRS. JULIA GASS

Aged Mother of Second Ward Police Juror Passes Away.

Funeral services for Mrs. Julia Gass, aged resident of Baton Rouge, were set for this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the home of her son, 1341 North street, with services in the Sacred Heart church. Father D. Blasco officiating, and burial in the Magnolia cemetery.

Mrs. Gass, who had reached the advanced age of 86 years, passed away last night shortly after 9 o'clock at her home, 1917 North street, following a two-week illness, during which time she had received every attention of medical skill and nursing care.

Mrs. Gass, formerly Miss Julia Hernandez, was married to the late Laurence Gass early in life. She resided in Baton Rouge practically all her life, and was a member of one of the oldest families of this community. She was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic church and had a large number of friends and acquaintances. She led an active life until her recent illness and was engaged in numerous activities.

She is survived by the following children: Ernest L. Gass, member of the police jury from Ward 2, Mrs. William Bang, Mrs. Edward Ross, Mrs. H. A. Thomas and two sisters, Mrs. C. L. McAdams and Mrs. J. L. McAdams, also a brother, Dr. H. Hernandez. In addition she is survived by 13 grandchildren and eight great-grand children.

NEGRO COMMUNIST LEADS VETERANS DEMANDING BONUS

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of troops in the bonus army eviction was the issue over which Curtis and the delegation argued excitedly.

The petition asked immediate cash payment of the soldiers' drawn through funds to be brought from a surtax on industry, high inheritance taxes, and the use of all armament appropriations and funds now allocated to the Reconstruction Finance corporation.

A delegation of five, headed by Samuel J. Stember, New York, saw Curtis after city police had stopped a larger group on the capital steps and allowed only ten men to pass, said to the vice president's office and half to petition Garner.

The offending passage in the petition, which Stember read aloud, asked congress to pass a resolution condemning President Hoover.

"Wait a minute. You won't make any reference to the president, the speaker, or either branch of congress."

"Condemning the president and those responsible for the use of troops to evict the bonus army," Stember continued.

"You strike that out or present it through some other source," Curtis exclaimed.

"Do you sanction the throwing out of the bonus army?" Stember asked.

"No," Curtis answered angrily, "but I won't present anything to congress casting reflections on the president, the speaker or either house."

Stember asked the vice president to strike out the passage, and Curtis agreed. He said he would present the petition as soon as he returned to the chamber.

The delegation that called on Speaker Garner was headed by J. W. Ford, Communist vice presidential candidate in November.

MILLS SAYS BUREAU WILL NOT PRODUCE REVENUE NEEDED

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"The department believes," Mills said, "that the administration of the beer tax would be practicable though it is not clear why the distinction is made between the fermented liquor covered by the bill and certain beverages with less than one-half of one percentum of alcohol by volume. The tax on the latter being retained at the rate of 1 1/2 cent per gallon.

"This seems illogical and may give rise to difficulties of administration and I think you should consider whether tax paid beer should not be distinctively marked by stamp or otherwise."

"Furthermore, the bill is ambiguous on the question of whether the license tax imposed on the wholesaler and retailer of fermented liquors under the internal revenue laws applies to the seller of the new beverage.

"The provision, however, relating to the taxation of vinous liquors appears to the treasury department as impossible of administration in that it gives no working definition of what liquors are subject to the tax.

"As to the revenue which might be expected from the proposed tax on beer at the rate of 5 per barrel, the treasury estimates the amount at \$125,000,000 to \$150,000,000 for the fiscal year 1934. However, main spirit which is taxed at a relatively low rate under the present law is subjected to compensatory tax, the ultimate yield of the tax on beer could be increased somewhat."

Mills said the treasury figured that beer consumption in 1934 might amount to 45,000,000 barrels, or 15,000,000 barrels. The figure upon the number of states in which its sale might be made legal in the coming fiscal year. He listed 16 in which immediate sale could take place after enactment of the legislation and nine in which it might be sold. But he then scaled

FRENCH DECISION SEVERELY SCORED BY CONGRESSMEN

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The United States has felt for some time that France has administered tariff quotas and regulations in such a manner as to discriminate against American exporters.

The United States might impose retaliatory tariffs against France as a protest, but in official circles no such step is foreseen in the immediate future.

Expressions of indignation first rose in Democratic quarters. Senator McKellar of Tennessee saying it was clear "that Germany is not the only European nation that treats its obligations as scraps of paper."

"I think it is the most ungrateful act in the career of any nation in the world," he added to newspapermen.

Hoover is Silent.

While President Hoover kept in close touch with the situation, there was no indication of further action to come either from him or the state department. Officials pondered the consequences likely to flow from the Paris refusal to meet its debt payment.

One congressional view given to reporters, by Chairman McReynolds of the house foreign affairs committee, was that "France has less excuse not to pay than any other nation."

"The settlement made with her was only 75 per cent of what she received after the war."

"There is no question about France's ability to pay."

"I admire very much the strenuous fight made by Premier Herriot, but apparently the opposition ran wild."

Senator McNary, assistant Republican leader, expressed surprise at the French decision, because it is the central figure of all history. He said, "He is the foundation stone of the truest, finest civilization. Third, He gives the race its inspiration. Fourth, he is the hope for all time and eternity."

In closing his message he pictured vividly the four attitudes that were found at the cross-roads, antipathy, sympathy and saving faith. Referring to the famous picture by the artist Hunt in which Christ is portrayed as knocking on the closed door, the bishop brought out the thought that the door to one's heart must be opened to Jesus from the inside.

BISHOP A. J. MOORE TO DELIVER FINAL MESSAGE TONIGHT

All Invited to Attend Services at First Methodist.

Bishop Arthur J. Moore of San Francisco will deliver tonight his final message to the 10-day retreat which he has conducted at the First Methodist church here, and Dr. R. H. Harper, pastor, invites the public to hear the bishop in his closing sermon.

Interest has increased from night to night, and large congregations have been impressed with the messages given by Bishop Moore. The singing, under the direction of Harry Armstrong of Birmingham, has been an inspiring part of each service.

A large congregation heard Bishop Moore last night and again this morning. In his night service, he used as his text Luke 18:37, "Jesus of Nazareth Passeth By." He discussed the significance of His passing, and why one should give him the attention and devotion of their hearts. Bishop Moore discussed four reasons why the passing of the coming of Jesus is significant. First, because His year is the central figure of all history. He said, "He is the foundation stone of the truest, finest civilization. Third, He gives the race its inspiration. Fourth, he is the hope for all time and eternity."

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SULPHUR MINING IN STATE FIELDS BEGUN IN EARNEST

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Production Ends.

But three decades later, in 1924, the company found it had mined the dome to economic limit, and operations were abandoned. Sulphur production in Louisiana ended that year—temporarily.

But this year, after laborious tests and experiments, a new company, the Jefferson Lake Oil company, developed the dome at Lake Peigneur in Iberia parish.

With a dozen or so wells already drilled, extracted and commercial shipment of the product has begun in earnest.

Officials say the dome is a vast supply of sulphur testing 99.5 per cent pure, well above the standard purity of 99.5 per cent. The deposit, also, is but from 600 to 500 feet below the surface.

Louisiana's unique mining method is believed to be the only one of its kind in the world. In producing regions such as Sicily, Japan, Chile and Peru, the ore is openly mined, placed in a kiln and melted by firing a portion of the sulphur by external heating. The element is then run into moulds and purified by distillation.

Sulphur, one of the best known and most important of the elements, was likewise one of the first to gain attention in remote ages. Alchemists of old knew it as "brimstone."

It is indispensable in the vulcanization of rubber, in insecticides and fungicides for agricultural and horticultural use, in steel and paper production, as a basis for the manufacture of sulphuric acid, and for innumerable laboratory purposes.

During the World War sulphur played a gruesome role as a component part of dichloroethyl sulphide (mustard gas).

With production at the Lake Peigneur dome now established and prospects for other operations bright, the state, Louisiana, is once more visioning the surrender of the leadership it surrendered in 1924.

POLICE HOLD MAN WHO FLOURISHED PISTOL IN HOUSE

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"I want the floor for a few minutes," he shouted.

A page boy cried "Look out for the gun," and there was a dash for the cloakrooms, the members forgetting the vote they were engaged in and most of their dignity.

Further in the gallery "I want the floor," Kemmerer shouted again. Representative McMillan (Democrat, South Carolina), who was in the speaker's chair, vainly rapped for order.

At that moment Representative Maas (Republican, Minnesota), a World War aviator, appeared at a spot under the pale, excited clerk who told newspapermen later he was "for all the people."

"All right, son," Maas called to him, "but before you get the floor just give me the gun," Kemmerer dropped it into Maas' hands. Just then Representative LaGuardia (Republican, New York) who had rushed from the floor to the gallery, and police appeared behind the youth and he was taken to headquarters for questioning.

In his rooms here police found two sticks of dynamite and in his pockets the opening paragraph of his intended speech:

"Okay, America!" It began. "For the next 30 minutes you will listen to a speech which has the interest of the American people. The first man that tries to stop me will die. It is that understood?"

He told police he planned to demand relief for unemployment and other economic ills which he blamed on congress. He was held on the open charge pending investigation.

DESTITUTE FAMILY STRICKEN BY FLU FOUND BY HUNTERS

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is about sixteen feet square and was anything but clean. They were stricken about a week ago, all at about the same time, by the flu. The two now alive are under a physician's care."

There are 1,000 cases in this city of 12,000 inhabitants. Dr. Hubbard said, and the epidemic is spreading rapidly through the county.

PREDICT RAINS IN SOUTHERN STATES TO STOP THURSDAY

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The highway department announced several roads closed because of high water.

The Coosa gave Alabama chief concern but the Alabama river also was reported rising at Montgomery.

So far, the "Old Man," the Mississippi river that valley dwellers watch with mingled fear and admiration in the rainy season, has behaved itself.

Flood Warnings.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 14. (AP)—The almost uninterrupted rainfall of the past seven days pushed streams to dangerous levels today and resulted in issuance of flood warnings on Mississippi's inland rivers.

The Pearl River here threatened to disrupt the city's sewage system and drive scores of lowland residents from their homes as the raging stream neared an all-time record height.

The Vicksburg weather bureau for the first time today issued flood warnings on the Yazoo river in the Mississippi Delta. R. T. Lindley, meteorologist, said the river will attain a 25-foot stage at Swan Lake by Monday. Flood stage is 24 feet.

Over in the eastern section of the state the Tombigbee continued on a rampage that menaced highways and flooded extensive lowland areas.

Jackson municipal authorities cast anxious eyes toward the Pearl river as that stream, steadily rising, crept toward the business section of the city.

The river gauge at noon stood at 29.9 feet with the crest yet in sight.

To Ask Congress for Help.

Mayor Walter A. Scott announced today that a plea would be made to the new congress for flood control help on Pearl river as a preventive for an overflow here.

Throughout the state other smaller streams were reported rising rapidly and spreading their overflow into lowlands areas.

Scobba, in East Mississippi, reported all streams up and far out of their banks.

Macon, in the northeast portion of the state, reported the Noxubee river on a rampage and on a level with highways.

Lexington reported that Telula lake is up about 12 feet, but has not yet reached a dangerous stage. Sandbags were reported to in an effort to keep highways open between Philadelphia and Louisville in the vicinity of Burnside, highway department reports revealed.

Water covered the Yates river crossing on the Philadelphia-Knox county road, and the bridge at Edinburg on the Jackson highway was reported under water.

The weather forecast is for continued occasional rains which may turn to sleet or snow in central and North Mississippi if the mercury continues to drop.

RESERVATIONS FOR FOOTBALL DINNER NOW BEING MADE

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What are characterized as the most elaborate formations of the year for the cadet band of the Louisiana State university are being planned for the Oregon-L. S. U. game Saturday. It is announced by A. W. Wickboldt, director of the cadet musicians.

For the appearance of the cadet group before the Oregon followers, a stationary "U" with a revolving "O" will be formed and the band will play "Mighty Oregon."

Something new in cadet formations, for the L. S. U. musicians at least, will then follow. Instead of going back into regular formation before appearing before the L. S. U. side of the stadium, the group will go immediately into formation spelling "BIF," as a formation courtesy to Capt. L. M. "Bliff" Jones, head football coach. Holding this position they will play "Tiger Rag," most popular of the band selections, and Drum Major Lew Williams will stage a one-man drum-major "parade" from the north end of the field to the south. As the drum major takes his stand at the south, the band, still keeping in the "BIF" formation, will march to the south of the field and, playing "Tiger Swing," will leave the field in single file.

Director Wickboldt, who instituted the special formations for the band at football intermissions, has won wide renown for the care with which he works out the formations and has won applause for himself, the university, and the band members in their excellent execution.

Texas papers were especially emphatic in their praises of Mr. Wickboldt and the band following their appearance in Houston for the L. S. U.-Rice game.

He states that this is the most elaborate he has yet planned and one which he hopes will add greatly to the interest and effectiveness of the intermission program.

EXTRA SESSION OF MISSISSIPPI LAW MAKERS ORDERED

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The partial payment of taxes, state, county, school, road, levee and municipal ad valorem, was the sole subject submitted to action in the governor's proclamation.

May Submit Other Issues.

The governor though may submit other questions to the legislature through additional message calls.

All legislature members were sent a copy of the proclamation calling the session with an announcement signed by Senator John W. Kyle of Sardis, chairman of the senate finance committee and Representative J. J. McCallum, of Laurel, chairman of the state ways and means committee, summoning their committee members into session on the 19th in order to draft the proposed legislation.

Lieut. Gov. Dennis Murphey, who is sponsoring a plan for redemption of tax-distressed property, is reported to be considering asking Governor Conner to submit this proposition to the special session.

There was another report that certain members of the house would seek consideration of legislation designed to force the sale of \$5,000,000 worth of state highway construction bonds which were authorized by the special session of 1931, but which have not yet been marketed.

At least 110 members of the house and more than 30 members of the senate notified Governor Conner that they were in favor of the special session proposed. The house has 140 members and the senate has 49. Only a majority vote is needed for passage of the tax installment bill.

NO REST FOR HIM

Baltimore, Dec. 14. (AP)—Still actively employed, Jacob Gerlach, 74-year-old engineer, millwright and patternmaker of this city, has found a way to fill in his spare time since his working days were reduced from six to four a week.

He obtained a slab of stone from a local quarryman, and spends his idle hours dressing it down into a tombstone for his family plot, where his wife, a daughter-in-law and three children already are buried, and where he expects to be interred.

THEY'RE OFF

—that's what the excitement is all about at CLUB VILLA

See the Races with 10 Beautiful Girls Doing the Latest Track Numbers At Bargain Night Prices of ONE DOLLAR For Food, Drinks and All the Dancing You Wish to the Latest Tunes.

LOU CROTTY, Manager

TO CLEAR WIFE IN MURDER CASE

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bodies dismembered and sent to Los Angeles in trunks, where the crime was discovered when Mrs. Judd called to claim them at the depot.

"When I tell the whole truth of this case," Dr. Judd said in Prescott last night, "there will be another person in a prison cell. My wife will stand exonerated of this crime of which she has been accused and convicted."

O. V. Wilson, chief of Mrs. Judd's defense counsel, said he would await the arrival of Dr. Judd and that the two, after Dr. Judd had talked with the sheriff, would go to the state prison at Florence to confer with Mrs. Judd. Wilson said a petition for a rehearing of the case before the state supreme court, which on Monday denied the woman a new trial and set the date for execution, would be filed within the next few days.

Harvest of Florida Cane to Start Friday

Fort Myers, Fla., Dec. 14 (AP)—The harvest of sugar cane on the vast Everglades plantations of the United States Sugar corporation will begin Friday with the employment of 3,000 men.

James J. Harrington, general manager, who announced cutting and grinding of the cane soon would start, said sufficient workers to fill all available jobs already are in the area.

The corporation's grinding mill at Clewiston has a capacity of 2,500 tons daily.

Harvest of Florida Cane to Start Friday

Lake Charles, La., Dec. 14. (AP)—Rice, southern market, unchanged.