

## THIS WEEK IN WASHINGTON

By Ralph E. Church, Representative, Tenth Congressional (North Shore) District

## RESOLUTIONS FOR 1938

Evanston, Illinois, December 31—At the end of a year it is customary to look back over the road we have traveled and to look ahead in anticipation of even greater progress. We usually end a year with a feeling that we have accomplished much in solving the problems that faced us when the new year began. We usually begin each year with an assurance that it will be a happier and more prosperous one than just concluded. It is a time of rejoicing.

Such, unfortunately, does not seem to be the attitude and mood of today as our people greet 1938. Underneath the surface one senses a feeling of discouragement rather than satisfaction with 1937. One senses that 1938 is being welcomed by our people with a feeling of anxiety rather than assurance. There are hunger and weariness where there should be happiness and prosperity. Rather than unity and a spirit of friendly cooperation between organized groups, classes and the government there are disunity and hates.

## Must Face Realities

Indeed it is today we should courageously face realities, recognize and boldly acknowledge the errors we have made. It is today that our leaders should draw up resolutions abandoning their selfish policies fostering a constant economic and political warfare. Our hope for 1938 lies with the development of a new spirit of tolerance and cooperation. The new year may bring prosperity but it is idle to speak of it until there has been a change of attitude on the part of the Administration and on the part of various groups.

During the last session of Congress a "document" known as "The Address to The American People" was drawn up by several Republican and Democratic Senators. It is well worth the attention of every citizen as embodying a declaration of principles which points the way to economic recovery. This document could well be a New Year resolution which would bring real happiness and prosperity in 1938. It expresses the new spirit of tolerance, unity and cooperation so greatly needed. As expressing that spirit and need of today the opening paragraphs of the document are worth quoting here:

## Pledge Action

"A sudden and extensive recession in business, industry, employment, prices, and values demand instant attention of all in positions of responsibility. To arrest it, to reverse it, and to avert its consequences is the common task. In this as Senators we have a duty, and in partial discharge of it we have determined upon this statement.

"We believe that a policy of cooperation by all concerned upon sound lines will suffice to set the country as a whole on its accustomed way toward higher ground. This cooperation is the object of this address to the American people. This is no time for alarm or pessimism. We have come to the inevitable period of transition, and fortunately the underlying conditions are favorable.

## Non-Partisan Viewpoint

"We are concerned now only with our duty in view of the conditions that confront us, in order that full activity of employment and commerce may be had. To avoid controversy and make for unity, we may dispense with appraisals of policies or arguments. The past is experience and is of value only for its lessons. We propose no criticism, no politics."

That is the general spirit and tone of the document. It should constitute the resolution for 1938. Almost all of 1937 was spent in blaming each other and in a vain search for some magic formula. It is to be devoutly hoped that in 1938 the Administration will find a basis for cooperating with business and business with the Administration, that Republicans and Democrats will find a basis for cooperating in the common task, that all our people may look to the future with assurance of real prosperity and real happiness in a free country.

## Relief Rolls Show Increase for Month

There were 92 families on the role of New Trier Township relief December 31, an increase of 16 over the number in November, according to Director Seymour H. O. Olmsted.

Last year at this time, Mr. Olmsted explained, it was possible to relieve the load somewhat through WPA placements of able bodied workers, whereas, this year, it has been impossible to make such placements, as yet.

Mr. Olmsted said that in the sense there are no industrial layoffs of labor in this township, the so-called new "recession" has had no effect in New Trier.

"But indirectly," he said, "we are affected, because of the fact that limited WPA quotas are being filled by industrially unemployed in the city area."

## HOUSEGUEST

Miss Catherine McInerney of Grand Rapids, Mich., was the houseguest of the John O'Connors, 149 Kenilworth avenue, Kenilworth, during the Christmas holidays. Miss Martha O'Connor, who was home from Trinity college, returned to school Sunday, and her brother, Dick, left Friday for the Southern Arizona school in Tucson.

## George E. Victor Is Wed to Missouri Girl

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Breon of St. Joseph, Mo., have announced the marriage of their daughter, Elspey, to George Edward Victor, son of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Victor of 1046 Michigan avenue, Wilmette. Both of the young people have been students at Rollins college, at Winter Park, Fla. The wedding, a home ceremony, took place in Winter Park December 5. Mrs. Victor is a member of Pi Beta Phi and Mr. Victor belongs to Phi Delta Theta.

George Victor, a member of Shawnee and the Union League clubs, is also a member of Glen View club and ranks high among the younger golfers of the district. He won the closed district Junior championship for 1937, and qualified for match play in the national amateur at Portland in September.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor will be in the south for about a month on their honeymoon, and then will be at home at 946 Michigan avenue, Evanston.

## HOSTESS TO CLUB

Mrs. J. E. Sutton of 1185 Chatfield road, Hubbard Woods, entertained her Tuesday bridge luncheon club at her home this week.



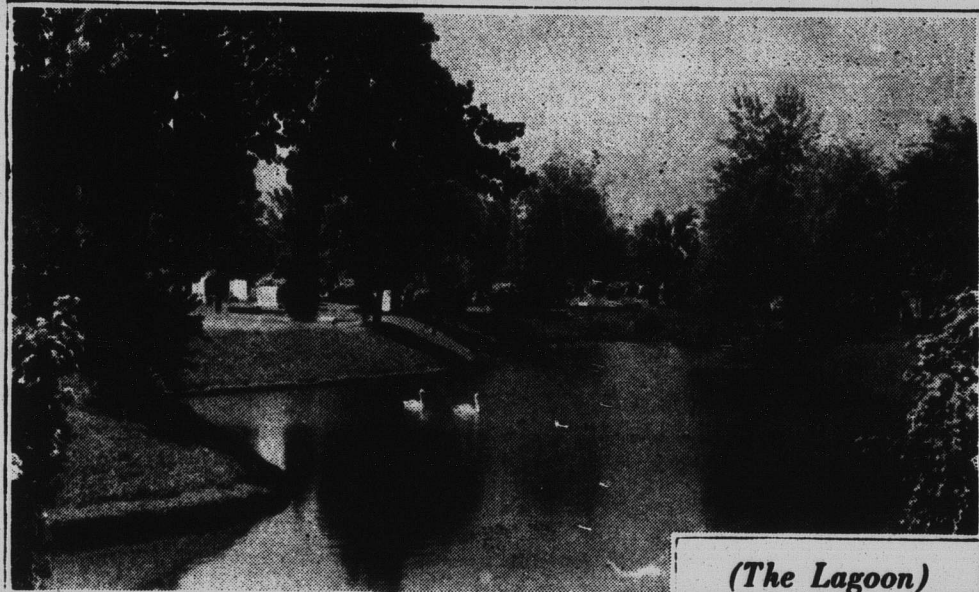
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