

Correspondence was as usual varied, with less of the political tinge. More emphasis was placed on matters incident to the Christmas holidays. There were many requests for personal gifts, Christmas baskets, and the like; these were usually addressed to President Roosevelt.

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Economics inherent in our private industries structure were commented upon to some length, as is apparent from these excerpts:

"My husband works for a Mr. E. Myers, the owner of a turpentine camp here at \$5\$ a day, which is not enough to feed and barely clothe my humble family."

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"Now the reason that the Relief woman dont want to help me because they want to send me back down south where I come from and the white peopel are so mean to the poor colored peopel untill I could not stay any longer they was going to kill me.... they took all I had and I was talking for my rights and they told me that they was going to kill me for me to shut up my mouth."

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"On Saturday Nov. 28th 1936, the Plover's Auto Salvage Co. 610 S. Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware, (Mr. Dave Plover, Owner) discharged 15 of their laborers; stating as their reason for so doing, that, they would raise the wages of the laborers that they retained; unfortunately all the men that were laid off are black men, but those retained are white men."

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Women's work remained a current topic:

"I was working at the sewing room in Georgiana and they cut me off. I have been out off ever since the first day of June, and worked in the field from daylight till dark and now all the work is through and I am about to starve to death. I am an old lady of 60 years am not able to do much work of no kind but if you will kindly