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INVESTMENT CAPITAL CORP. EXEMPTED. The SEC has issued an order under the Investment Company Act (Release IC-3524) granting an application of Investment Capital Corporation for an order declaring that it has ceased to be an investment company. According to the order, the company has not been able to secure the \$150,000 required by the Small Business Administration for the establishment of a small business investment company. The company has issued no securities and does not intend to engage in any business activities as an investment company.

STEIN ROE & FARNHAM SEEKS ORDER. Stein Roe & Farnham Balanced Fund, Inc., Chicago investment company, has applied to the SEC for an exemption order under the Investment Company Act with respect to the proposed issuance of its shares at net asset value for substantially all of the cash and securities of Benco, Inc.; and the Commission has issued an order (Release IC-3525) giving interested persons until September 4, 1962 to request a hearing thereon. Benco is an unregistered investment company with total assets in excess of \$2,900,000 as of June 30, 1962.

CENTRAL MUTUAL FUND FILES FOR STOCK OFFERING. Central Mutual Fund, Inc., 110 North East St., Jacksonville, Ill., filed a registration statement (File 2-20659) with the SEC on August 20th seeking registration of 100,000 shares of capital stock, to be offered for public sale at net asset value (maximum \$14 per share*) plus a 2% sales commission. CN Agency, Inc. was recently formed for the purpose of acting as the Fund's underwriter, investment adviser and manager.

Organized under Maryland law in May 1962, the Fund is an open-end investment company whose assets will consist primarily of common stocks of companies engaged in the life insurance business. It has outstanding 10,000 capital shares, of which Richard Yates Rowe, a director, Richard Yates Rowe, Jr., president, and Frederick Harris Rowe, secretary, own or control an aggregate of 40% (acquired at \$10 per share). They also own all of the securities of the adviser.

SEC ACTS IN ST. JOHN'S VIEW SITES REORGANIZATION. The SEC has entered an appearance in the Chapter X proceedings for reorganization of St. John's View Sites, Inc., pending in the U. S. District Court in Los Angeles. The case has been assigned to Judge Leon Yankwich and Charles E. Beardsley was appointed Trustee. The Debtor was incorporated in California and its business consisted generally of the purchase of real property for the purpose of subdividing and selling the lots with or without improvement. The assets of the Debtor consist principally of real estate with an estimated value of \$1,000,000. Liabilities approximate \$2,000,000, consisting principally of outstanding trust deeds carrying 10% interest and held by about 2,300 investors. Some of the notes were distributed by Los Angeles Trust Deed & Mortgage Exchange, presently in bankruptcy liquidation.

TRADING BAN IN TWO STOCKS CONTINUED. The SEC has issued orders under the Securities Exchange Act suspending trading in the common stocks of E. L. Bruce Co. (Inc.) and Precision Microwave Corp. on the American Stock Exchange and over-the-counter market for an additional ten-day period August 22 to 31, 1962, inclusive.

ARTHUR P. GREEN SENTENCED. The SEC Atlanta Regional Office announced August 17th (Lit-2349) that Arthur P. Green of Miami, Fla., has received a three-year suspended sentence on his plea of guilty to one count of an indictment charging violations of the anti-fraud provisions of the Securities Act, and had been placed on probation for three years.

SEC COMPLAINT NAMES GLORY HOLE INC. AND W.M. MUCHOW. The SEC Chicago Regional Office announced August 16th (Lit-2350) the filing of Federal court action (USDC ND Ill. ED) seeking to enjoin Glory Hole, Inc., and William Mark Muchow from further violating the Securities Act registration and anti-fraud provisions in the sale of Glory Hole securities.

GRAYBAR ELECTRIC FILES STOCK PLAN. Graybar Electric Company, Inc., 420 Lexington Avenue, New York, filed a registration statement (File 2-20660) with the SEC on August 20th seeking registration of 175,000 shares of common stock, to be offered to employees pursuant to its Stock Purchase Plan.

VOTING TRUSTEES OF GRAYBAR ELECTRIC SEEK REGISTRATION. W. E. Henges, president, and three other officers, as trustees under a Voting Trust Agreement, also filed a registration statement (File 2-20661) with the SEC on August 20th seeking registration of voting trust certificates covering the 175,000 common shares to be offered to employees pursuant to the Stock Purchase Plan of Graybar Electric Company, Inc., of New York.

SECURITIES ACT REGISTRATIONS. Effective August 21: Admiral Automotive Products (File 2-19625); American Brake Shoe Co. (File 2-20630); Iowa Public Service Co. (File 2-20559); St. Regis Paper Co. (File 2-20541); Simplex Lock Corp. (File 2-20266); Unilux, Inc. (File 2-20458). Withdrawn August 20: Barogenics, Inc. (File 2-20169).

*As estimated for purposes of computing the registration fee.

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