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AS WE SEE IT
By Art Kinney

Have you been down town after dark? If not we advise that you make a special trip down to the Mall . . . Avon Park is really lit up this Christmas, and the lights are beautiful . . . The high winds of Sunday gave the streamers of lights on the flag pole quite a beating, but workmen have them back in place now . . . Colored lights are in place on both sides of the Mall in the business district and a live Christmas tree is all lit up with dozens of bulbs in Donaldson Park . . . Even if you are from the North, where Christmas does not seem like Christmas unless the ground is covered with snow, we assure you that the Christmas lighting on the Mall will help give you that spirit that we all should have at this time of year, and in fact that we should have the year around.

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R. R. Brown

Speaking of Christmas lighting on the Mall, the Sun has given a nod on the back to the C of C and the Women's Club and the business firms for making the lights possible, and now it is our desire to give a special Christmas wish and a "civic pat" to R. R. Lrown, manager of the AP branch of the Florida Power Corporation . . . Mr. Brown, known as "Brownie" to his many friends, went to bat with the powers that be of his organization and induced them to furnish the workmen to assemble the lights and install same and also to furnish the juice without a dime's cost to the committee or the city . . . This item alone ran into several hundred dollars, and without the generosity of the Florida Power Corp., and the efforts of this public spirited citizen AP would not have been able to blossom forth in it's present blaze of glory . . . So, "Brownie", please accept the thanks of the citizens of this city, and may we all wish you a "very, very Merry Christmas," for a public service well done.

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97 million pounds of popcorn produced in the U. S. in 1947 . . . And if you attend the motion picture theatres and hear the rattling of the popcorn sacks, at a crucial point in the picture, you gain the impression that every one of the 97 million pounds is being eaten in that particular theatre.

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A Christmas card was received at the local post office, addressed to Citizens of Avon Park, from the Kennedy Hospital, Memphis, Tenn., with the following message: "James J. West, appreciates kindness shown while member Army Air Force at the APAAF during 1945" . . . This is proof that AP is a kind and neighborly City.

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AP is fortunate this year in having 3 different broadcasts of Christmas Carols and Holiday music . . . All this week the First Methodist Church broadcasts at 5 p. m., each day . . . The Union Congregational Church broadcasts at high noon each day, starting last Friday . . . The newly organized Jaycees are furnishing broadcasts each morning and afternoon from the band stand on the Mall . . . All this along with our Christmas lighting shouls give Avon Park a splendid reputation as a real Christmas City.

MASONIC LODGE TO INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Recently elected officers of Poinciana Masonic Lodge will be installed at the Masonic Temple, Dec. 27. Those to be inducted are: L. C. Hooper, worshipful master; M. F. Stokey, senior warden; Roy E. Seims, junior warden; Jack Duggan, Jr., secretary, and J. N. Tomlinson, treasurer.

See You IN CHURCH Sunday.

City Saves $2000 By Installing Own Water Line West End

The Mayor and City Council are pleased that the installation of the new 6 inch water line to serve the ice plant and residenses north of Main Street and West of the Highway has been completed.

The new water line will insure adequate supply for present consumers and for considerable future construction. Inclusion of two additional fire hydrants in this area will provide greater protection from fire and serve to effect savings on fire insurance premiums for properties located so as to be within reasonable distance of the new hydrants.

At the time the City Council approved the installation of this new water line, a bid received for installation by contract amounted to $5,500.00. Thru purchase of the pipe and fittings direct from factory and the use of city labor the total cost of all materials and labor to complete the installation is slightly under $3,500.00, a savings of about $2,000.00. While the delay in securing the pipe from the factory caused a delay of several months in making the extension, it is considered that the savings made fully justified the delay.

The City Council has directed that the next project for extension of water service be the installation of a water line to the homes on the south side of Lake Tulane to serve a number of homes which now have no city water and must depend on private wells for supply. Funds in sight will not permit of making this extension a six inch line with fire hydrants but the new line will be of sufficient size to give adequate water supply for family use.

Pioneer Resident Died Monday P. M.

Edward Norton Griffith, 90, one of Avon Park's oldest residents died Monday, December 20.

Mr. Griffith was born February 26, 1858 in Belvedere, New Jersey. He was married December 20, 1912 and he and his wife came to Avon Park October 1, 1920. He bought property beyond King's Hill and built a nice home there. His cousin, Mrs. Claire Vanderwende Wells, came to live with her aunt, Miss Esther Neely, who was housekeeper for Mr. Griffith after his wife died in 1923. Mrs. Wells was then five years of age.

This deceased was a retired building contractor and ice dealer. He was also an artist, specializing in still life paints and until a few years ago he had an art class here. He painted as a hobby that he loved. He was a member of the Society of Independent Artist in New York and exhibited there and sold several pictures. His wife's failing health caused him to leave this career, and come to Florida.

His fine painting of the gates of Old Fort Marion, St. Augustine, was given to the Public Library, and he donated others to the Woman's Club, Chamber of Commerce and friends.

Funeral services were held Tuesday afternoon at two o'clock at Stephenson Funeral Chapel, with Rev. H. D. Graetz, officiating.

Active pallbearers were Martin Huebner, T. H. Maxwell, Walter Rutherford, Bryum Shockley, Thomas Weisheyer, and Dooris King. Honorary pallbearers were W. E. Davidson and J. R. Bennett.

Burial was in Bougainvilla Cemetery.

Mr. Griffith was loved by his friends and respected by all who knew him. He will long be remembered as "a fine old Gentleman."

COUNTY VETERANS OFFICE CLOSED DEC. 25—JAN. 2

Richard D. Beddick, County Veterans Serivce Office, at the Court House, will be closed from December 25, 1948 through New Years Day. He also states that beginning in January regular trips will be scheduled to Lorida, in addition to those to Lake Placid and Avon Park, for the purpose of advising Veterans or their dependents of the benefits under the various laws, and assisting them with any claims for benefits to which they may be entitled.

H. R. Duckett arrived Thursday from Washington, D. C., to spend the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wever and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier. He will be accompanied back by his wife who has been with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wever for a visit.

Christmas Concert By Choir Of Union Congregational

A concert of Christmas music will be given on Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock by the choir of the Union Congregational Church. Miss Peggy Horton, soprano of Lake Wales, will be guest soloist. Mrs. John Paul Gaber will direct, and Mrs. Vaughan Driggers will be accompanist at the organ. The following program will be presented:

Prelude
Introit—"Come, Let Us Adore Him"
Processional—"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."
Anthem—"Come To My Heart, Lord Jesus—Rasley.
Invocation
Soprano Solo — "The Lord's Prayer"—Malotte
Miss Peggy Horton
Anthems
"Good Will To Men"—Mescagni
"Mary's Slumber Song"—Lane
"We Three Kings of Orient Are"—Hopkins
Offertory
Soprano Solo—"Canteque Del Noel"—Adam
Mrs. Claire Wells
Anthems
"How Beautiful Upon the Mountains"—Lorenz
"Christmas Jubilate"—Wilson
Soprano Solo—"The Holy City"—Adams
Miss Peggy Horton
Anthem—"Gesu Bambino" — Lorenz
Benediction, Choral Amen.

The choir will be composed of 27 voices, as follows: Sopranos, Mrs. Claire Wells, Miss Peggy Horton, Mrs. Samuel Norris, Mrs. Raymond Dilly, Mrs. John Garber, Mrs. H. B. Donaldson, Mrs. Charles W. Ginn, Mrs. J. Paul Garber, Miss Arden Andelson and Miss Sandra Rogers; Altos, Mrs. M. G. Whitcomb, Mrs. D. G. Perry, Mrs. Floyd Johnson, Miss Daisy Smith and Miss Nancy Pickens; Tenors, Mr. J. Paul Garber, Mr. Charles W. Ginn, Mr. Abram Phpher, Mr. W. D. Rodgers, and Mr. John Garber, Basses, Mr. C. P. Anderson, Mr. C. L. Fisher, Mr. Glen Whitcomb, Mr. H. B. Donaldson, Rev. John Pickens, Mr. Fred W. Flagg and Mr. Wendell Driggers.

Santa Claus Arrived On Schedule

Hundreds and hundreds of kids and their parents greeted Santa on his arrival in Avon Park last Saturday afternoon, at the beach at Lake Lotela, and then followed the genial old fellow to Donaldson Park, where he lighted the Christmas tree, and passed out candy to all the children.

The High School band played several numbers at the tree, and everyone joined in community singing of Christmas Carrols, led by Miss Alma Harrell. All present agreed that it was a very successful party.

CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGARM FRIDAY EVENING

The Christmas Program of the Congregational Sunday School will be given Friday evening, Christmas Eve, at 7 o'clock in Lake Byrd Lodge. This will be a "White Gifts for the King" service and those attending are asked to bring food stuffs which will be used to make up Christmas baskets for several needy families.

The program will consist of carol sigging, presentation and consecration of the White Gifts, the Christmas story from Luke's Gospel, a 30-minute sound film entitled "The Saviour is Born," two short cartoon films "Christmas Carols" and "The Night Before Christmas," and the arrival of Santa Claus himself to distribute candy to the children.

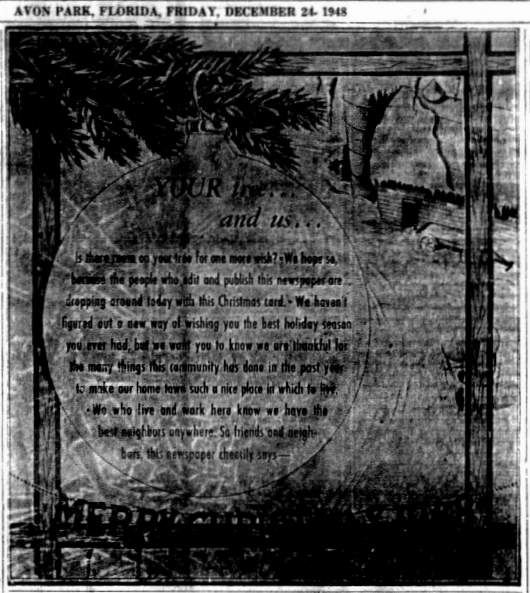
Any persons who wish to come will be welcome. Rev. John E. Pickens, Supt., will preside. Mrs. Charles Shepherd is in charge of the young people's class taught by Mr. Charles Ginn is in charge of decorations.

KILLER OF JOE LANDER FREE ON APPEAL BOND

Dr. Harry V. Moore, convicted of second degree murder in the slaying of a 23-year-old Joe Lander of this city, is free under $10,000 bond pending an appeal for a new trial before the Florida Supreme Court.

Moore, 51-year-old former Army officer, was convicted Dec. 16th by a 12-man jury for the fatal shooting of Joseph Lander on Moore's farm Sept. 28.

Saturday Circuit Judge John A. Murphree of Gainesville sentenced Moore to 30 years' imprisonment. A conviction for murder, second degree, carries a 20 years' life imprisonment sentence in Florida.



Local Brevities

Mrs. Ed Gough is able to be out again after a serious illness.

Frank Camp and E. C. Wever, Jr., spent Tuesday in Gainesville.

Mrs. H. M. Baldwin returned home Tuesday morning from Springfield, Ill.

Miss Barbara Lawhon, who is a student at Stetson University is home for the holidays.

Mrs. M. G. Whitcomb and son Glenn were visiting in Tampa, Tuesday.

Sammy Longbottom, who is attending Baylor University is home for the Christmas holidays.

Charles Bennett who is stationed at Keisler Field, Mississippi, will be at home during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Carlson and daughter, Katherine of Chicago, Ill., are visiting in the B. J. Thigpen home.

Francis Skipper is home from the University to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Skipper.

Mrs.R . R. Brown and daughter, Leah Jane are visiting Mrs. Brown's sister, Mrs. Bob Moore and family in Eustis.

Miss Mary Ruth Pardee of Gainesville, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pardee.

Mrs. H. Alderman is spending the Christmas holidays with her daughter, Mrs. Louise Moser in Jacksonville.

Dr. J. W. Cammack of Frostproof will supply the pulpit at the First Baptist Church Sunday for the morning service.

Rev. and Mrs. E. H. Puryear and son Bill left Monday for Danville, Virginia, where Rev. Puryear will be pastor of the Baptist Church in that city.

Friends of Mrs. D. H. Adams will be glad to know she is able to be home after being a patient at Walker Memorial for eight days.

Mrs. Nellie Gallaway of Sumpter, South Carolina, and Mrs. R. W. Callis and daughter, Cheryl of Orlando, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gough.

F. A. England, Sr., and son Tom England spent last week-end with Mr. England's daughter, Mrs. Newton Williams and family in West Palm Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith and little daughter, Sue, of Tampa were week-end guests of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Atkins.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting will have as their holiday guests, Mrs. Bunting's parents and brother, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Clayton and J. M. Clayton of Lakeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Linwood Bunting and children of Newport News, Virginia, will be guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Bunting and children, during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Worden and son, Harold, Jr., and daughter, Elaine Worden will be Christmas guests of Mrs. Worden's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. G. Knowles, in Deland.

Mrs. C. F. Etheridge of Sarasota will be the holiday guest of her daughter, Mrs. W. B. Archer and family.

Mrs. Vic Bryon and two children of Winter Haven visited Mrs. James Cooper several days last week.

Miss Peggy Thompson, who is a nursing student at John Hopkins is home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Thompson.

Miss Bettysue Davidson is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Fred Reddick.

Mrs. Estelle Rogers of St. Petersburg spent last week with Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Rogers at their new home on Lake Brentwood.

Miss Mary Susan Ward of Gainesville is the holiday guest of her aunt, Mrs. Ben Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pardee.

Dale Jordan arrived home Friday to spend the Christmas vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordon.

Mr. and Mrs. Forest Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wicker, Gerald Wicker and Miss Barbara Lawhon were in Lakeland Saturday afternoon.

Gerald Wicker, who is attending Stetson University is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wicker.

Mr. and Mrs. Al T. Nelson, Jr., will spend the Christmas holidays in Pass-A-Grille Beach, Florida as guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Nelson, Sr.

Billy Archer, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Foster, Miss Jane Foster, Fred Foster, Marion Foster and Raliegh Foster are in Avon Park for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Paulman of New York arrived Saturday for a visit with Mrs. Paulman's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wever.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordon and son Dale will spend Christmas in Tifton, Georgia, as the guests of Mrs. Jordan's mother, Mrs. W. I. Lane.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Harris are expected to arrive this week to spend the winter in Avon Park. They will live at the Bianford Cottages.

Dr. Ruth Miller and Miss Toni Gardner left Tuesday for a trip to La Crosse, Wisconsin where they will be the holiday guests of Dr. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Miller.

Professor and Mrs. Richard H. Jordan and daughters, Barbara and Susan, of Tallahassee, are spending the holidays with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. R. H. Jordan, of Highlands Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey and son, Johnny, of Homestead, arrived Friday to spend the holidays as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wever and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier.

Dr. and Mrs. O. H. Hauptman of Grinell, Iowa, and Mrs. Blanche Ratcliffe of Daytona Beach are spending the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hauptman.

WANT TO WIN A PRIZE

Have you a Christmas tree decorated in your yard? If you have will you call 307 and ask for Mr. Williamson and register your name and address. The Jaycees are offering prizes for the best outside Christmas decorations, and it will help the judges considerably if you will cooperate to this extent.

Sammy Longbottom arrived home Sunday afternoon from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Longbottom.

Mr. and Mrs. Milford Dilley have as their holiday guests, their son, Roland Dilley from the University and their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Dalton M. Neil of Gainesville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Kaller of Minneapolis, Minn., have arrived to spend the winter in Avon Park. They will be at 420 W. Bell Street in the Mrs. May Waldon apartment.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Betts, Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Nunnaliee of Kissimmee and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Kluberg will be the Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. William Kluberg, who have recently made their home here.

President D. R. Burgess, Jr., of Reinhardt College, Waleska, Ga., and his family visited Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Atkins, Wednesday, December 22. They have been touring the state, visiting former students and alumni of the college.

Rev. Lee Carter spoke at Walker Memorial Church Services Saturday morning and Saturday evening he showed moving pictures in the parlor on "The Amazon Awakens." Rev. Carter is in charge of the young people and Educational Secretary of Florida Conference of Seventh Day Adventists.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wever and son, E. C., Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Duckett of Washington, D. C.; Mr. and Mrs. John Bailey of Homestead; and Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Paulman of New York will be Christmas dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Shank and son, Kenneth, of Detroit, Mich., have joined the staff at Walker Memorial Hospital. Mrs. Shank will be in charge of the new Hydrotheropy and Physio-Theropy that has recently opened at the hospital. This service is now open for public inspection.

Mrs. Virginia Cloud, Mrs. Robert Peacock and son, Topper, of Orlando, who are spending the holidays in Barlow, were visitors in Avon Park, Tuesday. Mrs. Cloud was the guest of Mrs. W. S. Rawlings and Mrs. Peacock and Topper were guests of Miss Elizabeth Hetherington.

Morris Suggs, son of Mr. and Mrs. Talmadge Suggs of 407 W. Cornell Street, arrived home Saturday, Dec. 18, for a two weeks ecation. Morris is now a student at Marx Hill, North Carolina, but he expects to transfer to Wake Forest College, North Carolina in January.

Christmas Cheer Committee Helps Santa Visit Many Homes



George H. Reeder

Organized rather late for such a big job the Christmas Cheer Committee of the Avon Park Children's Committee hopes to complete food and toy deliveries today. Approximately fifty families were finally listed as in need of food supplies or toys or both if this Christmas was to be a merry one.

The Methodist Church parish house became headquarters and here the quantities of supplies, toys, wrapping paper, etc., were assembled and made into packages for delivery. Limited cash did not make it possible to give baskets of food as the committee had first hoped but in each case a reasonably good Christmas dinner was provided, endeavoring to supply some foods not usually on the menu of those who find it hard to get along. This included cranberry jell, celery, butter, fruit cake and meat in most cases.

Toys were provided for more than one hundred and fifty children, altho it was found necessary to put a limit on ages which meant that only children twelve years of age or younger could be helped. Another year it is hoped to do much better. The Sunday School boys and girls of the Episcopal Church provided many gifts at their program last Sunday, and the young ladies of the Beta Sigma Phi collected and repaired many toys including a number of very nice dolls. Most readers will remember the beautiful doll on which chances were sold by this chapter. The winner of this doll returned it that some girl who would not have such a gift might be made happy.

Rev. John E. Pickens, Chairman of the committee promises a complete report for our next edition, but states that the following organizations have assisted in the work of the committee by providing baskets for families, giving cash, or providing toys, etc.: The American Legion, Town Shop, Business and Professional Women, Episcopal Sunday School, Congregational Sunday School, Garden Club, Chamber of Commerce, Junior Women's Club, Christian Science Church, First Baptist Church and organization, A. A. South Side Baptist Church, Methodist Church, Woman's Club, Rotary, Parent Teachers Association, and a number of individuals. Possibly other organizations may be assisting after this article is written and will be included in the report next week.

Even at this late date it is possible to help and information can be obtained from any member of the committee—Rev. John E. Pickens, Lake Byrd Lodge; Mrs. Charles Shepherd; Mrs. A. C. Wester; Mrs Helen Harris, Mrs. Edwin Carter and Mrs. Walter Dickson.

George H. Reeder Funeral Held Tuesday

George Hughie Reeder, 47 years of age died Sunday night Dec. 19th., after a lingering illness, at the Walker Memorial hospital. Mr. Reeder, an employee of the Florida Power Corp., for the past 23 years has been a resident of Avon Park since 1940, and at the time of his death was president of the local union of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the First Baptist Church.

He was born Nov. 17, 1901 at Louisville, Ala., and after his schooling, he became an employee of the Florida Power Corp., and was stationed at Orlando until 1939, when he was transferred to Enterprise and in 1940 he moved to this city. At the time of his death was living at 54 North Highlande avenue.

Surviving him are his widow, Mrs. Sally Jane Reeder; three sons, George, of Bartow, and Glen and Harold, and a daughter, Jackie living at home; his mother, Mrs. J. E. Reeder, of Evergreen, Ala.; two brothers, C. L. Reeder, of Miami, and L. D. Reeder, of Orlando; four sisters, Mrs. E. B. Horton and Mrs. Ann Johnson, of Evergreen, Ala., Mrs. S. D. Thomas, of Webb, Ala., and Mrs. W. C. Kemp, of Miami.

Besides his family, Mr. Reeder leaves a host of friends who join his loved ones in their great loss of a loving husband and father.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 o'clock Tuesday afternoon from the First Baptist Church, Rev. W. J. Ashworth officiating, in the absence of Rev. Puryear who has moved from the City. The church was banked with beautiful floral offerings, and appropriate music and favored hymns were rendered.

Interment was made at Bougainvilla Cemetery, where the services were conducted by the Masonic Order. Active bearers were: Bob Willis, A. L. Kelly, Floyd Wells, Charles Warrington, D. D. Smith and Ray Rutherford.

Honorary bearers: Dr. H. W. Coleman, Peter Boney, O. T. Stringfellow, David Stuckey, Walter Prescott, A. Parker, George McBride, Walter Rutherford, L. S. Ford, M. F. Stokey, Vernon Waters, J. E. Knight, E. E. Sharpe, J. R. Doubleday, R. P. Delaney, Richard Derkman, Tom Hamilton, O. H. Ware, Al Nelson of Avon Park, Morris Lee, Orlando, J. W. Ingle, Ft. Meade, Joe Kennedy and Dewey Tucker of Winter Garden.

The employees of the Avon Park Sun, co-workers with Harold Reeder, extend their sympathy to Harold and the bereaved family.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY AT STATE FAIR

Twelve Florida Counties will present prententions exhibits at the Florida State Fair, Feb. 1 to 12, it was announced here today.

Occupying space with 60 foot frontages in the main exhibition halls will be Volusia, Highlands, Indian River, Pinellas, Hernando, Manatee, Polk, Pasco, Gadsden, Marion, Franklin and Hillsborough counties. More than $15,000 will be paid in premiums to the 12 counties, General Manager P. T. Strieder reported.

Johnathan I. Thigpen, from North Carolina State College is spending the holidays at home.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Z. Olliff and son Bob, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Olliff and children, Lerida and Kathie, and Al Carlton of Wauchula, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Al T. Nelson on their seventh wedding anniversary, which they recently celebrated.

Leo Yantz Files Suit Against Massey

Three damage actions totaling $80,000 were filed in the Highlands County circuit court Wednesday.

One of the actions, for $50,000, was filed by Leo Yantz, of Avon Park, against Constable Bob Massey, also of Avon Park, no declaration was filed. Yantz has been involved in several charges of beer and liquor law violations.

Damages of $25,000 and $5,000 are sought by Eileen Gayton and Justine Roach, respectfully from Neil C. Potter, of Lake Placid. No declarations were filed in those cases and the addresses of the plaintiffs were not available.

COUNTY OFFICIALS TO HAVE DOUBLE HOLIDAY

Offices in the Highlands County Court House will be closed Friday of this week until Monday, Dec. 27th. This will allow the workers there to have a longer Christmas vacation. The following week the officers will be closed on Saturday, New Years day only.

The Avon Park City Hall will close at noon, today and remain closed until Monday morning, Dec. 27th, and also close Friday noon, Dec. 31st for New Year's day.

WEATHER REPORT

Following is the weather report for the beginning of December 16 and ending December 23 inclusive, as reported by Wilbur Giddens, local observer.

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Dec. 16	84	64	
Dec. 17	84	66	
Dec. 18	82	60	
Dec. 19	83	67	
Dec. 20	77	58	.75
Dec. 21	85	62	
Dec. 22	86	64	

—See YOU IN CHURCH Sunday—



T. E. Williamson

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College Night At Youth Center Is Planned

December 27, 1948 has been set aside as College Student Night at the Avon Park Youth Center by the Board of Directors.

The Center has facilities for dancing and playing various games, etc. The Board felt that the college students in the town for the holidays should be given an opportunity to get together to renew old friendships, make new ones, and for the dance of a good time.

W. T. Connell has been appointed as the director for the evening and Mrs. Talmadge Suggs as hostess. Others may be asked to assist also. Mr. Connell would appreciate help and suggestions from the college students.

The building will be open at 7:30 o'clock. All young people of college age in the town are invited to participate.

Episcopal Sunday School Enjoys Party

The Episcopal Church held their annual Sunday School party, Sunday night, December 19.

The story of the first Christmas was read by Mrs. Fred England with Christmas music sung by the children of the Children's Choir, accompanied by Mrs. Nels Kluberg at the organ.

The Devotions were led by Mr. Jimmy Johnson. During the singing of "We Three Kings of Orient," the children each carried a gift to the Altar to be distributed among the needy.

After the Church Services, the children assembled in the Parish House for a light supper and a visit from Santa Claus, who distributed a gift to each child after which Christmas Carols were sung by candlelight.

Many parents attended and a very pleasant evening was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Keith Collyer and Mrs. Roy Seims were in charge of refreshments and Mrs. Walter Betts and Mrs. E. G. Todd, decorations.

Jimmy Johnson and Mrs. Fred England were in charge of the program.

9-2 Freshmen Class Have Christmas Party

The second section of the Freshman Class and their dates enjoyed a Christmas party Friday evening, December 17, in the Bandroom, that was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors.

A "Scavenger Hunt" provided entertainment for the evening. Balloons and bubble gum were presented as favors. Mrs. Driggers was presented a corsage of roses from the class.

Refreshments of cake with red and green icing and cokes were served.

Expressions of thanks to the homeroom mothers, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Bost, Mrs. Bass, Mrs. Thigpen and Mrs. Driggers were given for their help in making the party a success.

Rebekah Lodge Elects Officers

At the last meeting for the year, the Elinor Severns Rebekah Lodge No. 65 nominated the officers of the coming year.

Those elected were Mrs. Mary Reed, Noble Grand; Mrs. Bertha Kelly, Vice Grand; Mrs. Belle Martin, Treasurer; Miss Margaretha Vogt, Financial Secretary, and Mrs. Amelia Dick, corresponding Secretary.

Triple Link Club To Have Xmas Party

Members of the Triple Link Club will be entertained December 28, at a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. Virginia Cornelgia.

All members has been asked to meet at the Avon Park Cafe at 7:30 Tuesday evening and go from there to the home where the party will be held.

Former Avon Park Girl Weds In Boston

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boney have received an announcement from Mrs. Mildred Brett of the marriage of her daughter, Mrs. Lillian Brett Boney to Michael Toscano. The wedding was an event of December 5, in Boston.

Mrs. Toscano will be remembered by friends here as Lillian Boney, widow of Olin C. Boney, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Boney of this city.

Mrs. Allen's Class Enjoys Xmas Party

The third section of the ninth grade enjoyed a Christmas party Wednesday afternoon, December 17, with their sponsor, Mrs. Martha Allen.

The party was held in the Home Economics Department, during the Home Room Period.

Refreshments of punch and cookies were prepared and served by the girls in the class.

Mrs. Worden Hostess To Bridge Club

Mrs. H. C. Worden entertained members of her Bridge Club, Friday evening with a delicious Christmas buffet supper.

Christmas decorations used throughout the party rooms and the exchange of gifts around the lighted tree created a holiday atmosphere.

The table spread was a white cloth printed with huge poinsettias, and a centerpiece of a poinsettias filled crystal bowl.

After the supper and exchange of gifts, the members enjoyed Bridge with Mrs. C. P. Anderson receiving high score.

Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Betts, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keller and Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Garber, and Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry were present.

Jaycees And Junior Woman's Club Sponsor Party

Final plans were made for the coming New Year's Eve Party, when the Board of Directors of the Jaycee Club and the Junior Woman's Club met Tuesday evening.

The event, to be held at the Bombing Range Officers Club, promises to be one of the outstanding parties of the season.

Tickets will go on sale December 27 at the Jacaranda Drug Store.

Senior Class Has Hay Ride

Members of the Senior Class met at the High School, Monday evening, at 6:30 o'clock to begin a Hay Ride that took the group to Highlands Hammock.

At the Hammock, a weiner roast, complete with baked beans, potato salad and slaw was enjoyed.

A record player provided music throughout the evening. Dancing and games provided entertainment.

7th Grade Enjoys Christmas Party

The three sections of the seventh grade had their Christmas party Tuesday evening, December 15, in the Bandroom.

The group enjoyed a scavenger hunt during the early part of the evening and then met in the band room to receive gifts from Santa Claus.

The class was very thankful to their homeroom mothers, Mrs. Martin, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Garber, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Sargent and Mrs. Starling for making the party a success.

Beta Sigma Phi Have Xmas Dance

The Alpha Omega Chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi of Avon Park will sponsor a Christmas Dance tonight (Friday) at the Officers Club at the Bombing Range.

Miss Llwyn Jones is chairman of the arrangement committees for the dance. Bob Cole's Orchestra of Tallahassee will furnish dance music for the evening.

MIDNIGHT CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES AT EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The annual midnight Christmas Eve Services of the Episcopal Church will begin five minutes before midnight, December 24.

EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

Mr. Art Kinney,
Managing Editor,
Avon Park Sun.

Dear Mr. Kinney:

Many thanks for the copy of the Sun that you sent me last week with the kindly greeting. I eagerly read every word of it. Your column is always of particular interest.

The Sun has improved greatly under your management and I hope you will remain as editor, Avon Park has long suffered a need for a good paper—now we have it.

Also thanks for publishing the fillers and my little story on tuberculosis. I did not expect to be able to submit more material before the Sale of Seals closed, as am again patient at Walker Memorial, second hospitalization for me in past three months— I like it so well here I cannot stay away.

Thanking you again, Mr. Kinney, for your never failing kindness and courtesy to me, and for the good work with the Sun, I am, with kind regards and all good wishes,

Barbara Darsey,
(Mrs. L. A. Darsey).

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brown of Walker Memorial Hospital announce the arrival of a son, December 17. The new arrival has been named Ronald Albert.

Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Tyner, former Avon Park residents now living in Dundee announce the arrival of a son, Irvin Curtis, December 14. The new arrival weighs 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. McClelland announce the arrival of a son, Harold Edward, December 18. He weighs seven pounds, two ounces.

Miss Rosalie Clausen of Miami is expected to spend Tuesday and Wednesday of next week in Avon Park as the guest of Mrs. J. R. Bennett. Miss Clausen is a former Avon Park school teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Heath and daughter, Eleanor and Mary White, of Greensboro, North Carolina are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Heath's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thigpen.

The Yukon River in Alaska rises in small lakes in the Dominion of Canada.

Mr. and Mrs. William McGinnis and son, Billy, Jr., of Lock Haven, Pa., are guests for the holidays of Mrs. McGinnis' sister, Mrs. William Bennett and Mr. Bennett.

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Sunday	Matthew 2:1-12
Monday	Romans 8:18-25
Tuesday	John 1:1-14
Wednesday	Isaiah 35:1-6
Thursday	Isaiah 40:1-11
Friday	Isaiah 9:2-7
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For schedule of yearly readings, write American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., N. Y. 22, N. Y.

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DALLAS V. MILLER, Plaintiff
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WILLIE GENE MILLER, Defendant
TO THE DEFENDANT, WILLIE GENE MILLER, HOSAKEN, VIRGINIA:
You are hereby notified that a suit in Chancery has been filed in the above styled court by the above named Plaintiff wherein the relief sought is a Divorce.
THIS IS, THEREFORE, TO REQUIRE YOU TO BE AND APPEAR before this Court on the 22nd of January, 1949 and in default of your appearance the Bill of Complaint will be taken as confessed and the Plaintiff allowed to proceed Ex Parte.
Witness my hand and official seal at Sebring, Florida, this 17th day of December, A. D., 1948.
H. T. PIETY,
Clerk of Circuit Court.
H. M. Callahan,
Deputy Clerk.
SEAL
LYTLE WHITEHURST,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Dec. 24-31—Jan 7-14

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In re Estate of
Grace Graves Herring, Deceased.
To All Creditors and Persons Having Claims or Demands Against Said Estate:
You, and each of you, are hereby notified to file all claims and demands which you have against the estate of Grace Graves Herring, Deceased, in the office of Howard G. Livingston, County Judge, at his office in the Court House at Sebring, Florida, within eight calendar months from December 17, 1948, which is the date of the first publication of this notice. Such claim or demand must be in writing, must state the place of residence and post office address of the claimant, must be sworn to and must be filed as aforesaid, or else same will become void.
Ralph Graves Herring,
As administrator of the estate of Grace Graves Herring Deceased.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY.
CHESTER H. KELLEY, Plaintiff
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HELEN KELLEY, Defendant.
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Witness my hand and official seal at Sebring, Florida, this 9th day of November, A. D., 1948.
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Luke 2:10 and the angel said unto them, "Fear not; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people."

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The Bible is centered around Christ, the Savior. Even in the garden of Eden, the promise of the Savior was given, and ever afterward, every Jewish maiden looked forward to giving birth to the Messiah. The time came when the angel announced to a timid maiden that unto her should the Saviour be born. This probably meant scorn and ostracism by society, but Mary said, "Behold the handmaiden of the Lord; be it unto me according to thy word." Luke 1:38.

Many are denying the deity of Jesus today but He is the fulfillment of prophecy. Micah had said that Christ should be born in Bethlehem, Luke tells us how it is that a family must journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem at the precise moment. Matthew shows how Herod uses Micha's prophecy to discover the whereabouts of the newborn King, and Isaiah had foretold that a virgin should "bring forth a son—His name Immanuel—God with us." Luke details the annunciation by Gabriel to Mary of the immaculate conception, the overshadowing by the Holy Ghost, the recognition of her purity by Joseph, her betrothed, and by Elizabeth, her cousin. Astounding, impossible, but true.

There was no room for Him in the Inn. Perhaps they were considered too poor, or that conditions were such that it was not considered wise to take them in. Would they have had room for Caesar or Pilate? He was the poorest of the poor, but He gave Himself that we might be rich. At this season of the year it is befitting that we should give as much as possible but we must not forget to make room for Him in our plans and in lives and homes.

The angel said, "fear not, for, behold, I bring you good joy." The world had been listening for that message for four thousand years. God gave His only begotten Son to the world—the greatest gift ever given—that whoever believeth in Him may have eternal life." He gives full assurance by giving a sign—"Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes — AND, the heavenly host praising God and saying, glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." Luke 2:13-14.

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Winter Guests Club News

By David Arthur Brodie

There will be a Christmas party at the Clubhouse on Saturday, December 25th, beginning at eight o'clock. Presents, not to exceed thirty cents worth are to be presented at the door, so designated as to show whether for lady or gentleman.

Again, it is our said duty to report the death of a fellow-member, Mr. W. E. Cunningham, of Fayetteville, Tennnessee. His sudden passing from our midst, cast a gloom over the entire membership. His manner was always genial and courteous, and he was well liked by all who knew him.

It is reported that Mr. James Luxton has been taken to the Hospital for observation. (At this writing we have had no information as to the nature of his illness. We all hope that he will soon recover.

Among the recent registrants are:

Miss Bessie Brewster, Kingston, N. Y.; Mrs. Fred Eggleston, Greene, N. Y.; A. S. Pickell, Dansville, N. Y.; Mrs. Virginia Hill, Dansville, N. Y.; David M. Harrold, Avon Park, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Oppy, Reynoldsburg, Ohio.

We now have 232 members, 52 more than we had on the same date last year.

Christmas time in Avon Park, Florida, is a unique experience to most of us who have spent our earlier years in more northern latitudes. This is especially true to those who are here for the first time. Instead of snow-covered landscapes, we have green lawns, and many varieties of flowers in full bloom. Instead of icicles hanging along the eaves, and from the branches of the deciduous trees, there is no frost, and the trees are in full leaf. Instead of sleighs, sleds, and cutters, and sleighbells, we have automobiles that stand outside all night without anti-freeze in the radiators. Instead of fur caps with ear flaps, overcoats, and mufflers, the women wear flowery hats, and summery dresses. Instead of overshoes and rubbers, they wear regular walking shoes, spikeheels, sport shoes, and toeless slippers, while the men for the most part wear straw, or Panama hats, or none at all, sleeveless shirts, wide open at the neck, and non-descript "trouserloons" of tropical worsted, light-weight slacks, or ordinary overalls of blue denim. The only personage who does not wear lighter clothing at Christmas time here, is Santa Claus. He dresses exactly the same as he did years ago when we were kids. However, this year, he left Donner and Blitzen, and his other reindeer, somewhere at the snowline further north, and came by hydroplane the rest of the way, and landed on one of our beautiful lakes nearby. The evening was warm, but he did not seem to mind, so his great coat must be heat-proof as well as frost-proof.

In short, the general air of unconventionality pervades the whole setting in this semi-tropical atmosphere without any loss of the amenities—common courtesy, politeness, or deference to recognized proprieties.

At the Winter Guest Club of between two and three hundred members, programs of various kinds are staged in the Club room. A Christmas tree of southern pine is in evidence. Christmas carols are sung, vigorous melodious, solemnly impressive. Here and there a voice breaks as former Christmas scenes are brought to mind, where loved ones at home are assembled and are singing the same world-wide songs and carols. The longing to be among them at the moment, is too much, tears cannot be suppressed, the vocal cords fail to function, yet the singing goes on around them, the holiday spirit prevails, involuntary tears are brushed aside, lonely hearts accept the situation, and all join with their old, and newly-made friends in keeping and maintaining that universal hope of all civilized peoples for the future "Peace on earth, and good-will toward all mankind."

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AS WE SEE IT
By Art Kinney

Old Man "1948" is on the way out with quite a hump on his back, and undoubtedly glad to turn things over to the little fellow in the three cornered pants, "1949" . . . It is not our plan to give you a chronology of the past year for Avon Park, but we think perhaps you would like to have a review of some of the head lines appearing in the Sun from month to month for 1948 . . . at least it will help fill this column. Starting with January they read as follows:

Dedication of Walker Memorial Sanitarium and Hospital—Hon. Claude Pepper Delivered Main Address —Over 3,000 people attended. Council Raised Water Rates on Jan. 1st, from a minimum of $1 to $1.50. Born—Mickey Paul Dean, Avon Park's first Baby of 1948. Florida Power Increases Rates. City Council Puts Tax on Cigarettes. March of Dimes Drive Successful in Avon Park. The Rev. and Mrs. John Pickens Take Over as Hosts and Resident Managers of Lake Byrd Lodge. Sale of Christmas Seals for 1947 reached $8,15.37. City Deeds Lots on Main Street to Woman's Club to Build New Library

February Headlines — Avon Park High School Band played in Gasparilla parade at Tampa and Edison Day parade at Fort Myers. Announcement of Public Hearing on Zoning Ordinance. City Purchases New Garbage Truck. Elanor Seaverns Rebekah Lodge No. 65 Observes Silver Anniversary. J. Paul Garber Selected Outstanding Citizen of Highlands County.

March Headlines — School Patrol Organized—Sponsored by Rotary Club. Announcement of New Library Building for Avon Park to be Known as Francis Memorial Library. "Hal" Worden Elected President of Rotary Club—"Army" Armstrong Elected Secy.-Treas. of Rotary. Highlands County Closed Successful Fair. Formal Opening of New Education Plant at Methodist Church. 500 Guests Visit Flower Show Sponsored by Garden Club.

April Headlines—Big Air Show for Hospital Benefit. Eastern Stars Install New 1948 Officers. District Commander Installs New Avon Park Legion Officers. Union Congregational Church Host to Florida Congregational Christian Conference. All Real and Personal Property Being Revaluied. Reason Shivers Resigns From City Council. Gregg Maxcy Packing Plant Destroyed By Fire. Air Force Pilots Put on War Time Show for Gen. George Kenney at Bombing Range.

May Headlines—Ward Department Store Moves Into New Location. J. C. Walker and Julia Nader Crowned May Day King and Queen. Avon Park's First War Dead Returned Home for Burial, S2C Fred G. Johns. Annual Conference Baseball Tournament Held Here. Home Economics Department Has Fashion Show. Keith Collyer Elected President Legion Auxiliary. Avon Park Red Devils Wins Baseball Crown. Warren Elected Governor—Coker Wins Sheriff Race.

June Headlines—6th and 9th Grade Pupils Receive Awards and Certificates. 40 Seniors Receive Diplomas. City Adopts New Zoning Ordinance. Wets and Drys Waging Battle in County. Rev. Ashworth is Re-appointed to Methodist Church. AP High School Wins State Baseball Championship.

July Headlines—Highlands Wet and Dry Election Dispute to Windup in Court. City Council Decides to Have Traffic Signals Installed. 65 Delegates Attend LAMA Convention. A.P. Women's Club Will Sponsor Christmas Lighting. City Council Passes Ordinance Placing Tax on Utilities. J. C. Walker Signs With Montreal Club. Avon Park Sun Publishes Mail-Away Edition. Appeal Filed on Wet and Dry Vote—Dry Forces Hope to Halt Election Until Winter. B. H. Griffin Jr., Buys Maxcy Packing Plant.

August Headlines—Chamber of Commerce Annual Dinner Big Success. C of C Membership Drive Starts—Goal 300 Members. Selective Service Board Set Up. Edwin B. Carter Appointed to City Council. Voters Decide In Favor of Legal Controlled Liquor. Crate Mill To Re-open.

September Headlines — City Fathers Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year Beginning Oct. 1st. City Schools Open With Largest Enrollment in History. Hurricane Passes Up Highlands County. P. T. A. To Sponsor Family Life Institute.

October Headlines—"See You in Church Sunday" Campaign Starts. Jaycees Adopt Constitution and By-Laws. Petition Presented for Repeal of Utility Tax.

Legion Sponsors New Year's Eve Colored Football Game

You can start your New Year's Eve celebration at a football game in Avon Park this year, and be sure of seeing plenty of football!

Two colored teams, both noted for their spirit of combat on the gridiron, will meet for the first time this season at the High School Athletic field, and since they represent the rival cities of Avon Park and Sebring, anything can, and probably will happen.

Highlands Post No. 69, American Legion, sponsoring the game, has set game time at 7:30 p. m. in order that you can see the game before you start out to the dance sponsored by the JC's and JWC's, or on whatever else you contemplate for the last night of '48.

Also, to keep your pocket-books from deflating too early in the evening, admission prices will be substantially lower than those charged at high school football games this year. The north stands will be set aside for white spectators, and the south stands will be reserved for colored patrons. Refreshments will be available at the concession stands.

If you like to watch hard-played football, here is a good way to celebrate New Year's Eve and enjoy yourself.

Report On Meeting Of City Council

The Avon Park City Council met in regular session Monday, Dec. 27, and transacted routine business.

Councilmen Carter and Delegal advised the Council that they, with Mr. Haskins, the City Attorney, had attended hearing before Circuit Judge Register at Bartow on Thursday, December 16th, 1948 in respect to the hours established by City Ordinance No. 299 for operation of Package Stores located in Avon Park.

The hearing held by Judge Register was on complaint filed by Prescott and Wright, operators of the two package stores located in Avon Park, in which it was claimed that the presently established hours of sale, from 10:00 A. M., to 6:00 P. M., daily except Sunday, were unreasonable and asking that such hours be extended for a greater period each day.

Both Mr. Carter and Mr. Delegal appeared as witnesses for the City in support of the hours as established by the City Ordinance and the position of the City was defended by Mr. Haskins. Judge Register inquired closely into the facts bearing upon the complaint and advised the attorneys for the City and Mr. Prescott and Mr. Wright that he would hand down his decision in the near future, probably before the first of the New Year.

Robert H. Barranger submitted his resignation as a member of the police force, effective December 31st., 1948, stating that he had been tendered appointment as deputy sheriff of Highlands County and that he had accepted the appointment. The Council accepted Mr. Barranger's resignation and, upon the recommendation of the Mayor, appointed Mr. Earnest Johns to fill the vacancy. The Mayor stated that Mr. Barranger had rendered excellent and faithful service as a member of the police force and the members of the Council wished him success in his new assignment.

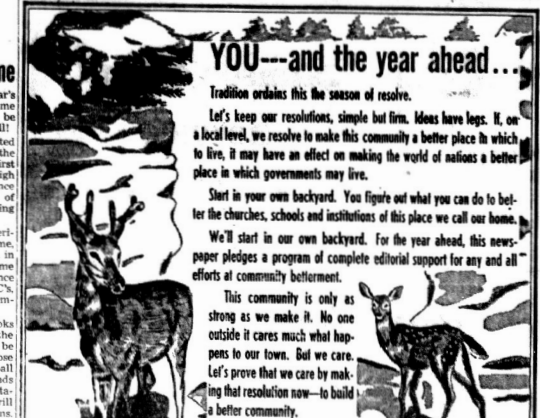
Miss Freda Clark, who has been serving in Burma Haven, Europe, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mizelle. She will leave the latter part of this week for California, where she will be stationed.

Old Settlers Enjoy Annual Picnic. Playground Equipment Ready For Children. Highlands County Youth For Christ Meets in Avon Park. Leon Howell appointed to Vacancy on City Council. Cemetery Association Will Re-organize.

November Headlines—Truman Elected — Democrats Control House and Senate. Hallowe'en Party Proves Big Success. Support The Church Program Series Starts Today in The Sun. Jaycees To Receive Charter Nov. 23. Three Local Men Drowned In Bonnet Lake. City Council Adopts Sanitary Code.

December Headlines — Avon Park Voters Reject Tax On Utilities. John Hood, Prominent Citizen and County Official Dies. City Employees Fired—Council Forced To Cut Improvements. Christmas Cheer Committee Helps Santa Visit Many Homes.

Take your choice . . . Was it a good year or a bad one.



A P High School On Accredited List

A. B. Wilhite, Supvervising Principal of the Avon Park Schools has received notice from Dr. W. T. Edward, Chairman of the Florida Committee of the Southern Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, that the Avon Park High School has again been placed on the accredited list of Southern Secondary Schools and Colleges.

The report indicated that there were no deficiences concerning which official notice should be given at this time.

The local schools are recognized as being among the best in the state.

Principal A. B. Wilhite announces that the Avon Park Public Schools will reopen on Monday, January 3, at the regular time. For the first time in many years it is expected that the complete faculty reporting in the fall will again be on hand to continue the years work.

Avon Park School is again participating in the Teacher Training Program of Interne Teaching this year, and will receive two young teacher internes on January 3, 1949. These internes will serve under experienced teachers in the field of Commerce and Physical Education.

Post Office Has Heavy Season

Postmaster D. G. Perry reports that the local postoffice had its heaviest Christmas season this year of the history of the office with the exception of the war years. Cancellations ran 18 per cent over last year and receipts were 20 per cent over 1947. Incoming mail was 30 per cent over last Christmas.

Avon Park people co-operated with the local post office by doing their mailing early, and Mr. Perry wishes to thank you all for this co-operation. The office will be closed all day Saturday, January 1st.

REV. BRUMBOUGH LECTURES AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. S. L. Brumbough will give the first of a series of illustrated lectures of "The Life of Christ" this Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock in the Union Congregational Church.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks and sincere appreciation to our friends and relatives for all their acts of kindness, sympathy and beautiful floral offerings.

Mrs. Geo. H. Reeder
and sons, George, Harold, Glenn and daughter, Jackie.

The Elinor Seaverns Rebekah Lodge No. 65, will have their regular meeting, Monday evening at 8 o'clock. The installation of officers for the year will be held.

Boulder Dam is the highest dam in the world.

Thirteen Colonels For Highlands Co.

Governor-Elect Fuller Warren announced the names of those chosen to serve on his official staff during his four years tenure of office.

Those named to the official Governor's staff from Hihlagnds County and who are planning to journey to Tallahassee for the Inauguration January 4, are as follows: Keith Collyer, O. C. Wilkes, Dr. I. W. Chandler, Louise Armstrong, S. C. Pardee, Jr., Cakley Murphy, R. S. Massey, Avon Park; W. A. Mackay, Mrs. Ellen Bee, C. T. Trayion, Dr. L. W. Martin, Sebring; R. J. Hargroves, Venus; John L. Pope, Lake Placid.

Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Hall visited relatives in High Springs Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of last week. They spent Christmas day in Tallahassee with their daughter, Mrs. J. A. Scanlan.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordan Skipper and sons, Bill and Jim, Mrs. Nettie Stellan of Muskegon, Mich., and Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Skipper visited Bok Tower and Cypress Gardens, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Gibson of Kingston, Jamica, were guests at Walker Memorial Hospital this week. Mr. Gibson is the business manager of the hospital in Kingston.

J. L. Quintana spent Christmas in Avon Park as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Booth. Mrs. Quintana and their children, who has been here for the past week returned with him to their home in Miami.

Sgt. and Mrs. Frank Wadell returned to their home in Tampa Sunday after spending the holiday week-end with Mrs. Wadell's mother, Mrs. Cora Wray. Sgt. Wadell has re-enlisted for another three year term in the Army.

Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Skipper and sons Bill and Jim and Mrs. Skipper's mother, Mrs. Nettie Stellen of Muskegon, Mich., were holiday guests of Mr. Skipper's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Skipper.

Mrs. Bryon Harmon of Barnff Alto, Canada, Mrs. Ethel Fitzgerald of Reverside, Conn., and Mrs. C. M. Townbly of West Chesley, New York, are recent arrivals in Avon Park that expect to spend the winter season. They are guests at the Jacaranda Hotel.

Mrs. Roy Hight and daughter Joan, of Nortonville, Kentucky, were visitors in Avon Park the early part of the week. They were guests of Mrs. Hight's brothers and their families, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sellars and Mr. and Mrs. N. R. Sellars.

Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cannon had as their guests for the holidays, Mr. and Mrs. George Elwell and son of Tampa; Mr. and Mrs. G. R. McGough and children of Mareitta, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Buchanan and daughter, of Tampa; and Joe Cannon of Columbia, South Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. James Robert Sellars are the proud parents of a son, Marshall Eugene, born December 28, at Dr. Coleman's hospital rooms. The new arrival weighs 8 pounds, 2 ounces.

The first flag to fly over the state of Texas was the French, under LaSalle, in 1684.

Governor Appoints Rev. W. J. Ashworth On Committee

Rev. W. J. Ashworth of the First Methodist Church was honored by Gov. Millard F. Caldwell by an appointment to the Highlands County Children's Committee. This appointment will meet the approval of all citizens of this county, as Mr. Ashworth is well qualified to serve on a committee of this kind.

The Governor's letter reads as follows:

Reverend W. J. Ashworth
Avon Park, Florida
Dear Rev. Ashworth:

It is my privilege to appoint you to the Highlands County Children's Committee to serve for a period of two years.

As a citizen of Highlands County you have demonstrated your interest in children, your knowledge of local conditions, and you have been active in the promotion of plans which benefit children. Your experience is invaluable to a group concerned with community action in behalf of children. It is for this reason that the law creating the Florida Children's Commission stated that at least four citizens like yourself must be included in the membership of the County Children's Committee.

Local action should result in constructive state wide action. Joint official-citizen groups like County Children's Committees working with the Children's Commission must seek common objectives toward which their energies can be directed.

I urge that as a member of this Committee you help to design a program which will protect our youth from harmful and destructive influences, and that you use your influence in helping to preserve their right to grow into useful citizens of our great State and Nation.

Sincerely,
Millard F. Caldwell,
Governor.

CHARLES EVERTON

Charles Everton, 83, resident of Avon Park for 53 years, passed away Saturday, December 25.

Mr. Eyerton, the son of John Henry and Catherine Everton, was born February 24, 1865 in Birmingham, England. He came to America in 1889 and to Avon Park, November 23, 1895. He was among the first residents of this city.

The deceased was a charter member of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer. During his early life he was very active in parish affairs and for a long time he served as parish treasurer.

He is survived by a sister, Mrs. Caroline Putney of this city and several brothers and sisters in England.

Funeral services were held Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock at the Church of the Redeemer.

Active pallbearers were Charles Barnett, Bryum Shockley, Demos Mandis, Walter S. Betts, James A. Johnson, and Herbert Todd. Honorary pallbearers were Ellis West, Eric Cheape, S. J. Pendleton, Fred Smith, and Claire Mann.

—See you IN CHURCH Sunday—

Walker Memorial Hospital To Celebrate 1st Anniversary Jan. 6



The Walker Memorial Sanitarium and Hospital will be one year old on Thursday, January 6th, and an invitation is extended to all to visit the Hospital on that day and help the staff celebrate the first anniversary.

Open house and conducted tours of inspection of this magnificent health plant will be held from 1:30 o'clock to 5:00 o'clock Thursday afternoon, and a program will be held starting at 7:30 p. m., the same evening. The evening program will be opened with an invocation and music by the Union Congregational Choir. Talks will be given by the president of the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce, and Dr. Larsen of the hospital staff will talk on the subject of "Our Aim, What We Hope to Accomplish and Have in the Future."

Following the program in the evening, refreshments will be served.

H. M. Baldwin, general business manager states that one complete new Hydrotherapy department is now open with the following equipment available, new whirl pool bath, Russian steam bath, electric light cabinet and a complete Calonic set-up. This is a very important department of the Sanitarium.

Records show that 458 patients have taken advantage of the accomodations of the institution to date. They have come from Washington, D. C., and 13 states including Massachusetts, Virginia, New York, North and South Carolinas, Georgia, New Jersey, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and Florida. Forty one babies, including two sets of twins have been born at the hospital during the first year of operation.

The Sanitarium and Hospital have 39 employees on the staff, including two staff doctors, eleven registered nurses and four nurses aids.

Mr. Baldwin hopes that all Ridge Area folks who can will make arrangements to visit the Sanitarium and Hospital on Thursday, January 6th.

A Paul Garber, president of the Ridge Area Hospital Association, states that a meeting of the Association will be called soon after the first of the year to complete plans of the association.

Bobby Keller Now Cadet Lt. Commander

Rear Admiral Gordon McLintock, Superintendent of the United States Merchant Marine Academy, Kings Point, Long Island, New York, has recently announced the appointment of Cadet-Midshipman Robert Taylor Keller, of Avon Park, to the rank of Cadet Lt. Commander in charge of the 2nd Battalion. This high post in the Regimental organization is attained only by those cadet officers who have shown the highest aptitude and deligence in leadership and general ability.

Cadet-Midshipman Keller, who will graduate in June, 1949, relieved Cadet-Midshipman Reichert of this December graduating class in a change of command ceremony held on Tomb Memorial field at the last review of the season. Cadet-Midshipman Keller entered the Cadet Corps in November, 1945 and was assigned to the Basic School at Pass Christian, Miss., where after a year of training he spent a year afloat with the Lykes Brothers Steamship Company visiting Panama, Japan, and the Philippines Islands.

On July 1, 1947, he reported to the United States Merchant Marine Academy for two years advanced training before receiving his commission as Third Engineer in the Merchant Marine, and concurrent commissions as Ensign U. S. Naval Reserve and U. S. Maritime Service. Prior to entering the Cadet Corps, he attended Duke University.

Bobby arrived home Thursday, Dec. 23rd to spend Christmas with his parents, and will leave for the return trip to the academy. Cadet Lt. Commander Keller will also have the honor of marching in President Truman's inaugural parade in Washington, January 20th.

CONCERTS ASSOCIATION WILL BANQUET AT HADER HALL

The Highlands County Community Concerts Association will inaugurate their Membership Campaign with a banquet at Harder Hall on Monday night when approximately one hundred music-lovers of the county will meet and plan theis season's concerts. All programs are to be presented in the Sebring school auditorium. Mrs. Charles F. Kenney, Vice President of the organization and twenty of her Avon Park campaign workers are out to add their assistance to create a membership to tax the Sebring auditorium's capacity. The first program to be presented will be the celebrated Trapp Family Singers, who will appear on Jan. 18th.

Every dollar raised is spent on artists and only members are admitted to the concerts. The campaign will end on Saturday, January 8th., after which no memberships will be available.

CHAMBER MEMBERSHIP REACHES 300

The membership of the Chamber of Commerce for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1949, has reached the 300 mark for the first time in recent years. While there are a few firms in the City who for some reason or other have failed to join this commercial and civic organization, practically all branches of our business and industrial life are represented in its membership.

The state of Louisiana ranks third in the U. S. in the production of crude oil.

Report Shows Big Task Well Done

Twenty organizations, a number of business places and scores of individuals cooperated in bringing Christmas Cheer to sixty families including more than one hundred fifty children. Such is the report of the Christmas Cheer Committee appointed by the Avon Park Children's Committee. This group has been asked to continue throughout the year as a standing committee, and will no doubt find opportunity to serve during the months ahead, and to prepare well in advance of another Christmas.

The report of the chairman, Rev. John E. Pickens, includes the following data. Organizations and individuals contributing baskets of food for families — Elks 6, American Legion 8, Congregational Sunday School 2, Baptist Church groups 4, Junior Women's Club 1, South Side Baptist Church 2, Women's Club 1, Episcopal Sunday School 1, Mr. and Mrs. Towers 1, Garden Club 1, Christian Science Church 1, the last three named supplying toys also.

Supplies of foodstuffs were received from the Rebeccas, the Methodist Church and organizations, Carver's and other gifts from Smith Hardware and B & B Grocery. The City Market and the B & B also helped by giving reduced prices on supplies, and the Davis Store on toys. Many toys were received from Beta Sigma Phi and the Episcopal Sunday School. Beta Sigma Phi included a number of very nice dolls. The wonderful "bride" doll on which chances were sold by the Beta Sigma Phi was returned to them by the winner and given to the committee with instructions to be extra careful in placing this doll. The Committee recommended a certain 10-year-old girl, practically blind, and this was accepted by the ladies. The writer can personally testify that this little girl was one of the happiest in town on Christmas because of this special gift.

The assistance in making deliveries was an important contribution too. The Elks, American Legion, Congregational Sunday School and Junior Chamber of Commerce delivered the baskets prepared by the committee for their families and Mr. R. E. Maysack and Mr. C. R. Wingfield assisted by four boys made many deliveries.

Cash contributions were received as follows—Junior Chamber of Commerce, $50, Parent Teacher Association, $25, Business and Professional Women, $10, Mrs. B. M. Davis, $10, Mrs. Davidson, $5, Nazarene Church, $5, Mr. and Mrs. King, $10, Rotary Club, $10, T. E. L. Class, Baptist Church, $2, Two cash gifts, $2.

All this meant a great deal of work and much time spent on the part of many people, but there was a real joy in doing it and the general opinion was expressed "we had a good time." The chairman wishes to express his personal appreciation of the cooperation received, without which this could not have been accomplished; and particularly to thank the members of the committee for their faithfulness.

The Committee appointed by the Children's Committee included besides the chairman, Mrs. Charles Shepherd, Mrs. Edwin Carter, Mrs. A. C. Wester, Mrs. Helen Harris, and Mrs. Walter Dickson.

—See you IN CHURCH Sunday—

Christmas Dance Draws Crowd

The Beta Sigma Phi formal dance held Christmas night at the Officer's Club on the Avon Park Army Air Field was a successful climax to the first year's activities of this newly organized chapter.

Dancing from nine to one, was to the sophisticated rhythm of Bob Cole's orchestra from Tallahassee.

Decorations reflected the holiday spirit with a huge twenty-five foot tree at one end of the hall, frosted with silver and hung with gold and silver pine cones. Masses of silvered evergreens tied with gay Christmas cards outlineded the rest of the hall and pointed up the orchestra as they played from the balcony. It would have been hard to find a prettier Christmas night celebration than this sight of glamourously gowned girls being whirled around the floor by their partners.

WILLIAM A. LUTHYE

William A. Luthye, died at his home on Hill Street, Saturday, December 25. He was 85 years of age.

Mr. Luthye, who was born in Iowa, had made his home in Avon Park for a number of years. He was a Mason, member of the Methodist Church in Kansas and a member of the Woodman of the World.

Survivors include two daughters, Mrs. Vivian Mosely of Avon Park, and Mrs. Grace Minnie of Brighton, Colorado, and a son, Frank Luthye of Knoxville, Iowa.

The body was shipped to Topeka, Kansas for burial in Silver Lake, Kansas.

WEATHER REPORT

Following is the weather report for the beginning of December and ending December 28, inclusive, as reported by Wilbur Giddens, local observer.

	H	L	R
Dec. 22	85	63	
Dec. 23	88	68	
Dec. 24	88	70	
Dec. 25	88	70	
Dec. 26	75	57	
Dec. 27	77	55	
Dec. 28	80	58	

Happy New Year 1949

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San Souci Kindergarten Presents Program

The San Souci Kindergarten gave their regular Christmas Program at the Parish House, December 23, before an appreciative audience of parents and friends, who were amazed to see the youngsters carry on like veterans.

The Christmas Story, with the Shepherds and Wise Men, in costume, was interspersed with appropriate Christmas songs.

A "Dream" was dramatized with Jr. Santa Claus taking down the Christmas list of each child on his typewriter.

A skit that showed the acting ability of the children was "An Airplane Crash," with its Red Cross Headquarters. Doctor, Red Cross Nurses and Soldiers were in costumes. The wounded soldier was carried on a stretcher by his "Buddies" and after a thorough examination by the "Doctor", was skillfully treated and bandaged by the Red Cross Nurses.

The Bible Drill was answered by the class in unison, and concerned the Key stories of the Old Testiment, from Creation to the Birth of Christ.

There were other dialogues and recitations and the children were given hearty applause by all present.

A gaily decorated Christmas box was then opened and each child received an exchange gift and a surprise package for his Christmas tree.

Student Night At Baptist Church

College Students, home for the holiday vacation, had charge of the services at the First Baptist Church, Sunday evening.

Their theme for the even ng was "Christian Students Homecoming."

Highlights of Baptist Student Union and the spiritual side of BSU was given by some of the members. The congregation was also told of the new BSU House at Stetson University by Miss Barbara Lawhon and Gerald Wicker, Stetson students. Other students taking part in the evening services were Morris Suggs, Ted Ward, Garth Spencer, Sammy Longbottom, William Bennett, and Francis Skipper.

Dr. J. W. Commack used as the theme for the evening message, "Christ's Challenge to College Youth."

Family Reunion At Summer Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Sumner was the scene of a family reunion, Christmas Day, with members of the family gathering for the wonderful Christmas dinner together.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. G. R. Sumner and daughters, Mary and Hazel and Mr. and Mrs. Dewalt Sumner and children, Edsell, Faye and Eloise, all of Dade City; Mr. and Mrs. Claude Sumner and children, Evelyn and Carol, also of Dade City; Mrs. Olin Thompson and Mrs. Estelle Bailey and son Edwin of Oakland Park; L. J. Chancey, Mrs. Edna Miller and Mrs. Nellie Lowe, Mr. and Mrs. George Candy and son, Gary, all of Tampa; Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Schofield and daughter, Gloria of Leesburg and Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Sumner and children, Lois and Kenneth.

Mr. And Mrs. Sellars Have Family Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. R. Neal Sellars entertained at a dinner Sunday at their home on South Florida Avenue with members of the family and relatives present.

Those attending the dinner were Mrs. Roy Hight and daughter Joan, of Nortonville, Kentucky; Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Sellars and Edward Sellars of Zephyrhills; Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Sellars and daughter, Patricia Ann of Highlands City, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Sellars and sons, Edward and Jimmie of this city, Mr. and Mrs. R. Neal Sellars and family, Leanard, Billie, Carol, Barbara Ann and Janette.

Mr. And Mrs. Bryant Entertain Church Members

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Bryant entertained members of the Florida Avenue Baptist Church, Thursday evening, December 23, at their home on West Main Street.

Games were played and enjoyed by all. Billy Martin was winner of the Spider Web Game.

A delicious dinner was served on outdoor tables on the lawn.

Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Griner announce the arrival of a baby girl, December 23 at Walker Memorial Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Chickering of Sebring are the proud parents of a baby girl, born at Walker Memorial Hospital, December 23.

—See you IN CHURCH Sunday—

Family Dinner At Skipper Home

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Skipper was the scene of a delightful family picnic dinner Christmas Day, with children, relatives and friends of the family present.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordan Skipper and sons, Bill and Jim, Mrs. Nettie Stellen, of Muskegon, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Odell Skipper and Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Skipper and daughter, Waneta, of Miami; Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Pieety and daughters, Mary Jane and Joann, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Piety and children and Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Piety, all of Sebring, Mr. and Mrs. Rogers of Lake Wales and Mr. and Mrs. J. R. ennett of this city enjoyed the day with Mr. and Mrs. Skipper.

Three Link Club Meeting Held Tuesday Evening

The Three Link Club held their regular meeting at the home of Mrs. Virginia Corneglia, Tuesday evening.

After the business meeting a short social hour was enjoyed, and an exchange of gifts made.

The guests later went in a group to the Avon Park Cafe where a delicious supper was served to 21 members.

WALKER MEMORIAL HOSPITAL HAS BANQUET

Workers of Walker Memorial Hospital and their families were honored at a banquet, Tuesday evening at the hospital.

This lovely affair was given to show the appreciation of the wonderful work that was accomplished during the first year of the hospital's operation.

A delicious dinner was served, followed by a short program and movie.

Seventy-six workers and their families were present to enjoy the evening.

AVON PARK TEACHER WEDS IN JACKSONVILLE

An announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Maxine Suttle and Claude Smith. The wedding was an event of December 22, in Jacksonville.

Mrs. Smith is a teacher in the Avon Park School. Mr. Smith is connected with the Aetna Life Insurance Company in Tampa.

WATCHNIGHT SERVICES AT CHURCH

Everyone is invited to attend Watchnight Services at the First Baptist Church, Friday evening, December 31, beginning at 8:30 and lasting until 12 o'clock, midnight.

During the evening, there will be a program, refreshments, and a color movie with sound, "Mission Work in Mexico."

—See you IN CHURCH Sunday—

AVON PARK Theatre

LAST TIME TODAY
Rita Hayworth, Orsen Wells in
"Lady From Shanghai"
Cartoon—Superman No. 13

SAT. ONLY
Rod Cameron, Yvonne Decarlo as
"River Lady"
Cartoon—Serial No. 12

SUN. & MON.
Greer Garson, Walter Pidgeon in
"Julia Misbehaves"
Sport Short—News

TUES. & WDE.
Brian Donlevy in
"Song Of Scheherazade"
Bugs Bunny Cartoon

THURS. & FRI.
Ida LUPINO Cornel WILDE in
"Road House"
Cartoon—Superman No. 14

A HAPPY & PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR TO YOU

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wicker were in Lakeland, Sunday.

Jimmy Barrington is home on furlough for the holidays.

Mrs. Mary N. Fields spent the holidays with relatives and friends in Wauchula.

Howard Todd spent the vacation holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Nunn of Orlando visited Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Baldwin, this week.

Miss Peggy Jo Smith of Clewiston spent Xmas with her mother, Mrs. Charles E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Hayes spent the holiday week-end visiting relatives in Tampa and Istachatta.

Mrs. C. F. Tolbert of Miami has been the guest this week of her sister, Mrs. I. H. Hall.

Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Wicker visited friends in Lake Placid, Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. Lavinna Knust of Jessup, Maryland, has been admitted to Walker Memorial Hospital as a patient.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gebhart of Miamisburg, Ohio, arrived Sunday to spend some time with Mrs. Charles Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Keppie of Macomb, Illinois, arrived Thursday to spend the winter months in Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hardisty of Silver Springs, Maryland, arrived recently to spend the winter season in Avon Park.

Little Miss Kay Mizelle of Winter Garden is the guest of her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Mizelle, for the holidays.

Miss Kathryn Howell left Sunday to spend the week with relatives and friends in Mobile, Alabama.

Miss Kathlyn Johnson of Tampa visited her mother, Mrs. Albert Garrett during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Zaugg of Winchester, Tenn., are the guests of Mrs. Zaugg's sister, Mrs. H. H. Henderson.

Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnson spent the week-end in Nocatee with Mr. Johnson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Guy Johnson.

Kenneth Sumner and his cousin Edsell Sumner of Dade City spent the weekend duck hunting in Okeechobee.

William B. Young of Philadelphia, Pa., recently arrived in Avon Park to spend the winter. Mr. Young is staying at the Poinsetta Hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. V. W. Driggers and Wendell Driggers spent Christmas with Mr. Drigger's sister and her family, Mr. and Mrs. Birrel of Auburndale.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Mann of New Buffalo, Mich., Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mann and son, Charles, of Hammond, Ind., are visiting Mrs. S. E. Sonniman at her home on Kendell Blvd.

Miss Louise Hood of Jacksonville, was guest of her sister, Mrs. Charles E. Smith, several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. McDow and Harry Schnider, of Atlanta, are auditing the books at Walker Memorial Hospital, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Baldwin of Washington, D. C., are guests of their son and his wife, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Baldwin.

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Rudisaile of Orlando visited their son, W. V. Rudisaile at Walker Memorial Hospital for Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. B. P. Atler of Tifton, Ga., were guests for the holidays of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Robinson.

Miss Gene Robinson visited her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Robinson in Tifton, Ga., over the holidays.

Lt. and Mrs. Ralph Gardner and children of Albany, Ga., are guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Green.

Miss Frances Smith of Fort Myers was the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Hansen during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Crawford and daughters, Karen and Laura Jane spent the Christmas holidays with Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Underhill in Fort Myers.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Cassady of Loma Linda, California, were guests this week of Miss S. Tavoukdjian, dietition at Walker Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. I. B. Bessler of Charlotte, North Carolina, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. W. Payne, who is Superintendent of Nurses at at Walker Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Leo Duncan of Lakeland and Raymond Trice, who is a student at Florida State College has been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Vivian of Stratford, Canada, arrived Thursday to spend the winter here. They have taken an apartment at 103 North Verona Avenue.

Friends of Virgil Still will be sorry to learn he is ill and they wish him a speedy recovery. He was admitted to Walker Memorial Hospital Monday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Abbott of Charleston, South Carolina, were guests of Mrs. Abbott's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Williard and children.

Mrs. L. R. Humpries arrived Sunday to spend this week with her parents. She will return to her home in Birmingham, Ala., Saturday.

Roger Sappington, a junior at Manchester College, has been included on the list of those who made the honor roll for the fall quarter. This list includes those students whose grades ranked in the highest 10% of each class. Mr. Sappington is majoring in history.

Mrs. Johnnie Cladwell, daughter Doris, and son Cochran, and Miss Maurice Wesley of Concord, Ga., were visiting Mrs. Charles Smith last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Marleau, of Toledo, Ohio, recently bought a home on North Verona Avenue, where they expect to remain as permanent residents of this city.

Dan Rogers, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Rogers and daughter, Sandra, all of Hadley, Pa., have arrived in Avon Park to spend the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sherman of Cleveland, Ohio, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Sherman's brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Rush.

Arthur Gregory, a student at Georgia Tech, arrived Wednesday to spend the remainder of the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Garber.

Mr. and Mrs. John Garber are guests of Mr. Garber's parents, J. Paul Garber. Mrs. John Garber is recovering from a tonsilectomy.

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keller and son, Robert, had as their holiday guests, Mrs. Keller's mother, Mrs. M. E. Hugger of Jacksonville and a friend of the family, Walter Chaseock also of Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bolan of Winterport, Maine, arrived recently in Avon Park to spend the winter season. They have taken an apartment with Mrs. Albert Wester, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Duckett left Tuesday morning for Marietta, Georgia, after spending some time with Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Wever and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier.

Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Ashworth are enjoying a vacation this week. They joined their daughter, Mrs. H. Speegle of Savannah, Tenn., in Homasassa Springs, for a part of the trip.

Mrs. E. E. Davis and daughters, Misses Minnie and Grace Davis of Patchogue, New York, arrived in Avon Park Thursday to spend the season. They will reside at the Rumpas apartments.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Mears and daughters, Patricia and Jeanette spent the Christmas holidays in Bonifay, Florida, as guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. McDonald and Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Mears.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Hall and son, Dwayne of Sarasota and Ray Garrett of Sebring were Christmas guests of Mrs. Hall's and Mr. Garrett's Sister, Miss Alberta Garrett.

Dr. Stanley Reeves, former principal of Avon Park Schools was the recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Garber. He is now principal of the schools in Conway, South Carolina.

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Thursday ..... Isaiah 55:6-13
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY.

DALLAS V. MILLER, Plaintiff
—vs—
WILLIE GENE MILLER, Defendant

TO THE DEFENDANT, WILLIE GENE MILLER, HONAKER, VIRGINIA:

You are hereby notified that a suit in Chancery has been filed in the above styled court by the above named Plaintiff wherein the relief sought is a Divorce.

THIS IS THEREFORE TO REQUIRE YOU TO BE AND APPEAR before this Court on the 22nd of January, 1949 and in default of your appearance the Bill of Complaint will be taken as confessed and the Plaintiff allowed to proceed Ex Parte.

Witness my hand and official seal at Sebring, Florida, this 17th. day of December, A. D. 1948.

H. T. PIETY,
Clerk of Circuit Court.
H. M. Callahan,
Deputy Clerk.

SEAL
OTIS WHITEHURST,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Dec. 24-31—Jan. 7-14.

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In re Estate of,
Grace Graves Herring, Deceased.

To All Creditors and Persons Having Claims or Demands Against Said Estate:

You, and each of you, are hereby notified to file all claims and demands which you have against the estate of Grace Graves Herring, Deceased, in the office of Howard G. Livingston, County Judge, at his office in the Court House at Sebring, Florida, within eight calendar months from December 17, 1948, which is the date of the first publication of this notice. Each claim or demand must be in writing, must state the place of residence and post office address of the claimant, must be sworn to and must be filed as aforesaid, or else same will become void.

Ralph Graves Herring,
As administrator of the estate of Grace Graves Herring, Deceased.

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY.

CHESTER H. KELLEY, Plaintiff
—vs—
HELEN KELLEY, Defendant.

NOTICE TO APPEAR

TO THE DEFENDANT HELEN KELLEY, 7 MYRTLE STREET, BEACON HILL, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:

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THIS IS THEREFORE TO REQUIRE YOU TO BE AND APPEAR before this Court on the 17th day of January, 1949 and in default of your appearance the Bill of Complaint will be taken as confessed and the Plaintiff allowed to proceed Ex Parte.

Witness my hand and official seal at Sebring, Florida, this 8th day of November, A. D., 1948.

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IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S COURT OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN RE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM AUGUST LUTHYE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS

All creditors of the estate of William August Luthye, deceased, are hereby notified and required to file any claims or demands which they may have against said estate in the office of the county judge of Highlands County, Florida, in the court house at Sebring, Florida, within eight calendar months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Each claim or demand must be in writing and must state the place of residence and post-office address of the claimant and must be sworn to by the claimant, his agent, or his attorney, or it will become void according to law.

First publication December 31, 1948.
Vivian Marie Luthye Moseley,
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Winter Guests Club News

By David Arthur Brodie

The chief feature of Christmas Day at the Club was the entertainment in the evening. Long before the hour set for it to commence, all available seats ere occupied, and the hall was filled with the hum of conversations, individual Christmas greetings, and welcoming greetings to former members newly arrived for the season. The hall was beautifully decorated throughout with festoons, wreaths and Christmas bells. A lighted, and delicately ornamented Christmas tree occupied a conspicuous place on the left, so placed as not to obstruct the stage. The piano was set against the wall on the left, and a wide setee occupied a similar position against the opposite wall of the rostrum. A center table stood among scatter rugs, and on the wall behind was a red-brick fireplace with its mantle filled with lighted candles and other ornaments, and to complete this homelike scene was an exquisite display of white gladiolas, in a setting of shorter red ones, the gift of Mr. and Mrs. Tomlinson, from Betty's Flower Shop.

Promptly at eight o'clock the assemblage was called to order by Mrs. Frank Cosselman, our hostess for the occasion. The first feature on the program was the singing of a Christmas carol by the entire audience, and this was followed by Miss Carol Graetz "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas," with Mrs. Christy at the piano, the general chorus joining in toward the end.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian next favored us with a delightful duet Mrs. Vivian playing the accompaniment on her sousaharp. A hearty applause brought a second just as pleasing.

Mr. Ira McClarren gave a reading in his own dignified and masterful style which was preceded by a few explanatory remarks anent the theme which followed. This number was followed by a group of carols by Mrs. Samuel Norris which was well received and encored as Mrs. Norris's renditions invariably are. Mr. Bradley favored us with a series of organ numbers which was well received as Mr. Bradley's performances always are whenever he takes part in our programs. Mrs. Isaac Kelley, who assisted our hostess throughout the program, stepped to the front and announced a "requested reading" by Mrs. Frank Cosselman, which was encored to the echo, which she gracefully acknowledged by giving us another. Again we were treated with a selection by our well-known quartette, Messrs. Flagg, Pipher, Rodgers, and Fisher. They sang "From Every Spire on Christmas Eve" with a harmony of male voices that is seldom heard anywhere.

During an interlude, President William Mann, made some announcements, and among some others, called attention to the Christmas tree as having been furnished by Mr. Rex Reed and Mr. Cliff Thomas of this City, and thanked them for their contribution. He also gave special credit to Mrs. Cosselman for her untiring efforts in making this occasion one long to be remembered. A burst of applause burst over the audience when Mrs. Cosselman called attention to the display of gladiolas from Betty's Flower Shop, of which "Betty", as she is popularly known, is the proprietary genius, and always gives value plus whenever the Club orders flowers from her., General tribute was also paid to Mrs. Ernest Armstrong, and Mrs. A. W. Forbes for a centerpiece of poinsettias and wax candles.

A home scene on Christmas Eve was the next feature, well carried out by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bovard, their daughter, Mrs. Christy, and granddaughters, Jean Louise Christy, and Patricia Ann Bovard. With them were Mrs Bovard's brother, Mr. Samuel Norris and his charming wife, Dempsy. Mrs. Bovard, with a complacement motherly air, occupied her rocking chair by the fireplace, industriously knitting, but because of her interest in the surrounding activities, her yarn was constantly getting snarled up, while Brother Sam, at the other side of the fireplace, sent up clouds of smoke from behind the evening paper, much to the envy of other pipe smokers in the audience who, for obvious reasons, could not indulge at the time. Once in a while his absorption in the newspaper was broken by direct questions, or remarks from Dempsy, who was busy wrapping up Christmas presents at the center table, and who chattered, and laughed, and broke into snatches of song as her facile fingers tied the ribbon bows. The father, showing a keen fatherly interest in what each member of the family was doing, helped to keep up a lively conversation all around, while the daughter, Mrs. Christy, softly played the piano, and once the granddaughters sang a carol together. As soon as the last package was wrapped, and the stockings were hanging from the mantle, father was importuned to give a recitation, which he did so well that he was applauded until he finally concented to give another. The home scene ended by the singing of "Jingle Bells" in which the whole audience joined with gusto. Another, always a pleasing feature, was a harmonies solo by Mr. J. C. Starrett. He played "Londonderry Air," "Whispering Hope," and "Holy City" in succession, remarking that Mrs. Cosselman had told him that he must play three selections, and he didn't dare do otherwise. Mr. Rodgers favored us with a solo with Mrs. Rodgers at the piano. This too, was heartily encored. Another striking feature was a Christmas story by Rev. Herbert Graetz, pastor of the Congregational Church, which brought hearty applause and favorable comments after the entertainment was over. The last number was a solo by Mr. Fred Flagg with Mrs. Flagg at the piano. As on numerous prior occasions, the amusement of a Flagg solo was hailed with special delight. The rest of the evening was taken up with the distribution of presents, ending with ice cream and cookies.

Mrs. Cosselman specially thanks her committee, Mrs. Kelley, Mrs. Fisher, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Paddock, and Mrs. Presson for their help and unselfish cooperation during her period as hostess. She also wishes to thank every one, who helped with the program for their hearty cooperation and willingness to help in every way.

So the year 1948 approaches its end. Its performances and events, good or bad, worthy or unworthy, take their places in history. Figuratively, Old Father Time disdains responsibility for our shortcomings, and throws our uncompleted commissions, promises, and broken pledges back into our laps.

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takes up his mighty scythe and disappears. However, on his way out, he waves goodbye to a cherubic character just coming in, and said, "Its all yours, kid. 1948 did its best to bring peace and harmony out of world chaos, and failed. Now, let's see what you can do."

We have just learned of the death of another of our members, Mr. W. A. Luthye, who had been ill a long time. He was a charter member of the Club, and a life member as well.

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AS WE SEE IT
By Art Kinney

If you failed to get on the Governor's Staff as a Lt. Colonel, don't feel so badly about it, as we understand they were treated as any other tax payer at the inaugural ceremonty. A very limited number were allowed on the reviewing stand . . . now that the big show is over, the "Colonels" can put their arm. bands away with their convention badges for their children and grand children to look at.

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Yep! the grapevine was correct . . . Stokes for chairman and Grice vice-chairman of the county board . . . Com. Tubbs received one vote for chairman, and two votes for vice-chairman . . . On motion by Mr. Tubbs the vote was made unanimous for the new officers.

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At least 309 persons died violently during the nation's New Year holiday weekend . . . Of the total deaths, 207 were in traffic accidents. The National Safety Council, which had predicted 170 traffic fatalities for the week-end, termed the toll "the greatest ever recorded for a two-day New Year's holiday period."

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A sorry boner was pulled, that may cause some re-percussions in county politics . . . On evidence presented by M. R. McDonald, county prosecutor, the Governor revoked the commission of "Bob" Stokes who was said to have been convicted of forgery in 1924 and had lost his civil rights . . . Monday, McDonald wired the Governor as follows: "Please reinstate his (Stokes) revoked commission. Regret mistaken identity." . . . Caldwell ordered that a new commission be prepared for his signature.

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Circuit Court Judge Don Register ruled Wednesday that the City of Avon Park has the power to set the hours for operation of liquor stores. The two stores here we're contesting the hours set by the City council . . . S-o-o-o- you guys and gals who want to purchase a little nip after 6 p. m., will have to drive beyond the city limits.

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The marquee on the south side of Main Street from the corner of Forest avenue to the Touchton building is being modernized and repaired . . . It is reported that the tenants of the buildings are paying the cost of the ceiling which will be of aluminum, and the owner of the building is standing the cost of the roof. When finished this work will prove an eye catching job and will add a great deal to the appearance of our Main street.

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To the victors, belong the spoils . . . Employees of Highlands county whose jobs are under the control of the county commissioners must file applications to retain their jobs . . . The move was sponsored by the new members of the board who are the majority bloc . . . will permit the new members to hire whom they please in respective districts.

Grove Of Trees

Considerable interest is being shown by Avon Park people in the growing of Lychee trees. Several resets have started one or two trees their yards. W. N. Kluberg started 14 trees on a lot on Wetan street that is attracting considerable attention. It is expected that the trees will start beat in 4 to 6 years time.

There is big market demand for the fruit of these trees. The market lastly among the Chinese who eat the fruit and after that proc they are known as lychee nu

The Lee Orchards are located at Lal on the south west coast. Ad Buereau, representative who at the Jacaranda Hotel ne week, according to an ad on anr page of this paper.

TOURIST ACCOMODATIONS STILL GOOD DEMAND

According to the Chamber of Commerce the demand for apartments is unuing unabated. So far this list season the Chamber has answered approximately 300 inqu for housing accomodations have been instrumental in ng approximately 75 units.

Anyone ving vacant apartments requested to notify the Chamber Commerce.

—See you CHURCH Sunday—

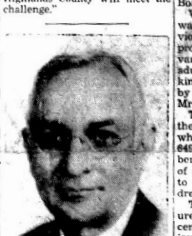
March Of Dimes Starts January 14

The annual March of Dimes swings into line throughout the nation January 14 and will continue to the end of the month, Mrs. A. R. Martin, 1949 March of Dimes chairman for Highlands County, announced today, urging everyone to give at least 50% more than year.

"The record polio epidemics of last summer and the soaring costs of care and treatment of patients," Mrs. Martin said, "point to the urgent need of putting on the greatest March of Dimes drive in history. This annual appeal is the sole source of funds through which the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis can carry on the fight against polio."

The Highlands County Campaign Chairman disclosed that the National Foundation exhausted its emergency epidemic aid fund last summer in servicing stricken areas during the recent epidemics. "Consequently," Mrs. Martin said, "we must all put our shoulders to the wheel and help roll up a new high mark during the March of Dimes."

"As we near the opening date of the 1949 March of Dimes," Mrs. Martin said, "let us bear in mind that each and every one of us has a stake in this humanitarian work. During the past six years more than 100,000 fellow-Americans have been stricken by polio. This disease is on the increase in the United States. We do not know where or how severely it may strike in the coming summer. So we must prepare now for any eventuality. I am sure we in Highlands County will meet the challenge."



Dr. Warren H. Denison

Dr. Denison At The Union Congregational Church

Rev. Warren H. Denison, nationally known authority on church stewardship and administration, is lecturing this week at the Union Congregational Church. He has spoken to the men on successive week nights, and will conclude his series of addressing this evening, Friday, at 7:30 o'clock in the church. He spoke to groups of women at the homes of Mrs. J. Paul Garber and Mrs. Ernest Armstrong on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons respectively. He is speaking this afternoon at the home of Mrs. Robert E. Maysack, 905 N. Lake Avenue, and all women of the church are urged to attend.

The public is cordially invited to hear Dr. Denison on Sunday morning at the 11 o'clock service of worship, during which he will preach to the subject: "Building The Church."

Dr. Denison will help to organize and conduct an Every Member Canvass in the Congregational Parish on Sunday afternoon. This canvass will be made by men of the church. They will be commissioned at the morning service, and will be sent out two by two after they have luncheed at Lake Byrd Lodge. All parishioners are urged to remain at home until they have had the privilege of receiving the men making the calls.

THREE HIGHLANDS DRAFT REGISTRANTS DELINQUENT

Local Board No. 39, Highlands County Selective Service System announces that three registrants are delinquent, and urge that any one reading this notice, if acquainted with them, will do the registrants a favor by calling their attention to the notice. They are: Warren Winslow Carey, Sebring, white; John Lee Everett, Avon Park, negro; William Burnette, Avon Park, negro. They should report at once to the Board in the County Court House, Sebring.

—See you IN CHURCH Sunday—

R. L. Stokes Elected Board Chairman

The Highlands County Board of Commissioners met on Tuesday and wound up the business for the past year, and Chairman Jackson sang his "swan song". He assured the new board and the audience that he would be available at their call, and stated that he would continue to work for the best interest of Highlands County. Mr. Jackson served 14 years on the Board. The three new members taking their seats are R. L. Stokes of Lorda, Johny "Bell" Schumacher of Sebring and M. H. Grice of Avon Park. Mr. Stokes was elected chairman and M. H. Grice vice-chairman.

The new board voted to request the state to start construction at once on" a Southern branch of Florida State Hospital at Avon Park; to request the State Road Department to build an overpass at the Seaboard Railroad crossing on Road 17 north of Sebring; and to repair courthouse sidewalks and the Sebring Cemetery road.

At Grice's instigation, a new appraisal of equipment turned over by retiring board members to their successors will be made.

District 8 Welfare Board Reports

Recipients of public assistance in Highlands County received a total of $22,487.50 during the month of December in the three major assistance programs, C. Parke Anderson, who is Chairman of the District No. 8 Welfare Board, announced today.

While issuance of assistance warrants constituted the most obvious part of the State Welfare program during the month, a wide variety of social services, both to adults and children needing that kind of assistance, was provided by workers throughout the State, Mr. Anderson said.

Total grants in aid throughout the state amounted to $3,373,413 for December, an increase of $1,649.50 over the month of November. The net increase in number of cases in old age assistance, aid to the blind and dependent children was 867.

The earlier compilation of figures was made possible for December because all checks were issued and in the mails in time for recipients to receive them before Christmas, it was explained.

During December 409 needy aged persons in Highlands County received $16,161; 146 dependent children cases received $3,599; and 16 needy blind persons received $727.50. In November, the figures were respectively, 410 and $16,165; 146 and $3,643.50; and for the blind, 16 and $727.50.

First Basketball Game Tuesday Night

The basketball teams of the Avon Park high school will open the season here on Tuesday night, January 11th., with Frostproof. The girls game will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Of the 13 games scheduled for the season, only three of them will be played away from home. The schedule is as follows:

January 11 — Frostproof, Here.
January 14 — L. Placid, Here.
January 18 — Sebring, There
January 21—Auburndale, Here.
January 25 — Wauchula, Here.
January 28 — Ft. Meade, Here.
February 1 — Wauchula, Here.
February 4—Auburndale, There
February 8 — Frostproof, Here
February 11 — Mulberry, There
February 15 — Sebring, Here.
February 18 — L. Placid, Here.
February 22 — Ft. Meade, Here.

Bronze Saddle Club Sponsors Rodeo

The Bronze Saddle Club of Highlands County will sponsor a rodeo, Saturday and Sunday, January 8-9, at Lake Placid, Florida, which promises to be one of the most exciting shows of its kind ever to be presented in this County.

Cowboys and cowgirls, including Hub Hubbell of Great Falls, Montana; Billy Keen, trick rider of Missoula, Montana; and Bob Cobb of Fort Worth Texas, with his trained Brahma Bull, Silver, will perform during the shows.

Adding to the excitement of the two performances, will be the Bronze Saddle Club, doing its Quadrille on horseback. The famous Virginia Reel, done on horseback, also adds to the spice and glamour of the Club's performances.

Miss Millie Pearson has returned after spending the holidays with relatives in Bailey, North Carolina.

Gov. Fuller Warren Takes Oath



In the most elaborate inaugural program in the state's history, Gov. Fuller Warren officially took office in Tallahassee Tuesday. Chief Justice Elwyn Thomas of the state supreme court, (left), is administering the oath before an estimated crowd of 40,000. The words were the same as those uttered by the constable on the state's smallest district when he assumes office. (Florida News and Photo Service).

Avon Park Youths Make Fine Showing In Music Standards

Avon Park High School students mentioned below are some of the few who have attained honorable mention in out of state colleges and institutes of higher learning in music.

Under the direction of Gene Gorman, the musical director and through the co-operation of the supervising principle A. B. Whithite, the school has five periods per day of instrumental music, giving everyone a chance to have group lessons. Those who are unable to fit music into their curriculum are privileged to attend a special class after the school hours. Each year the outstanding student during their senior year has the honor of becoming student conductor.

In 1946, James Perdue was the student conductor in the Avon Park High School Band and at present is majoring in music at Stetson University. Betty Jo Wells also a graduate the same year is a majorette with the Stetson Band.

With the University of Florida Band, who have received special mention, and who were graduates of Avon Park High School in 1947, are, William Bennett, Bobby Hall, Glen Whitcomb, Garth Spencer and Jimmy Tomlinson.

In 1948, student conductor was Ted Ward, who served his internship at the Avon Park High School often being in complete charge of the band both locally and at state conventions. On several occasions he won first honors in state and district competitions in solo flute. At the present time he is a student at Wheaton College where he is assistant conductor of the band, orchestra, assistant in charge of the Glee Club and is singing hi-tenor with the quartette.

This year at the Avon Park High School, Wendell Driggers Jr., is the student conductor with Harold Worden as his assistant. The assistant will fill the vacancy after graduation thus taking a step forward. Often the band is drilled by the drum major, Gloria Garber, assisted by the student conductor. At all times suggestions for drills or betterment of the band in general are accepted from students and if practical are put into effect.

Mr. Gorman says talent in Avon Park is very good and that not only the students but the parents and business men co-operate whole-heartedly both in work and finances. To date, the Avon Park High School Band, having participated in three state contests for Class "C" bonds, won first divisions in two, and second place in third. At present the Band is practicing for the District Festival that is to be held in Avon Park, and later a State Convention held in Jacksonville. Band membership now stands at 60 with 87 pupils taking music.

Gloria Garber is the chief drum major this season, with Bibi Dean, Helen Knowles, Pat Knowles, Lea Jane Brown, Judy Campbell and Peggy Martin as majorettes. The Avon Park Band Association has as its president this year, Mrs. H. C. Worden. Mrs. Paul Garber and Mrs. Ted Ward are past presidents of this association.

Florida High Schools lead all states for high school bands and Avon Park feels honored and privileged that some of their pupils have been selected and recognized in this art throughout the states.

LIQUOR STORE LAWS IS UPHELD

Circuit Judge Don Register, in an order filed in the courthouse at Sebring Wednesday, sustained six sections of an ordinance which regulates the package store business in Avon Park.

Only two sections of the measure, which was passed several months ago, and which was attacked by two package store operators, Murrell C. Prescott and John C. Wright, were declared unconstitutional.

The sections thrown out gave the city the right to inspect or search the package stores at any time without a search warrant. The judge enjoined the city from enforcing those provisions, but the restraining order does not not prevent the police from exercising search powers granted under the state beverage laws.

The majority of the provisions upheld regulated the hours of sale, prohibits the sale of liquor on regular or special election days.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all our friends for their many acts of kindness, expressions of sympathy and consideration during the loss of our father, William A. Luthye.

Mrs. Vivian Mosley and the family.

GARBER HEADS SCHOOL BOARD

The Highlands County School Board organized Tuesday and re-elected J. Paul Garber as chairman.

S. F. Longbottom took his seat on the board, succeeding J. Parke Anderson.

L. C. Green, who succeeded T. V. Conway, did not attend the session. He moved to Fort Valley, Ga., in November. At that time he stated that he would return monthly to attend the meetings. Other members of the board suggested that County School Superintendent Wild write Green for a statement of his intentions.

A. P. H. S. Library

These new standard books are in circulation now: Sea For Sam, by Reed. (Marine biology); Great Heritage, by Shippen. (Natural resources); American Government, by Magruder; How Man Became A Giant, by Marshak; Indians Of The Americas, by Collier; Plays For Our American Holidays, by Schauffler; Names On The Land, by Stewart; (Geographical names); Man's Way From Cave To Skyscraper, by Linton; Little Era In Old Russia, by Skaristina; Franklin D. Roosevelt, by Hatch.

Anne Felton, Librarian.

Rotary Club Tours New School Buildings

Fred Wild, Superintendent of Public Instruction was the guest speaker at the noon luncheon of the Avon Park Rotary Club Wednesday noon. Mr. Wild delivered a very interesting and instructive talk on the new elementary school building and the new gym building. Citing figures to show the need of more room for students Mr. Wild stated that enrollment had increased 22 per cent since 1941. In 1940-41 the number of students in the Avon Park elementary school was 338, Jr. High, 203 and Sr. High 114 making a total of 655. December 1948 enrollment was 842, consisting of 514 elementary, 199 Junior High and 129 in Senior High. The estimate for 1955 is 1,000 students in Avon Park schools.

An invitation was extended to all Rotarians and guests to visit the new buildings and the Hopewell Elementary school following the luncheon. Around 50 or more Rotarians accepted the invitation, and were met by the school bus and taken to the school where an inspection was made under the directions of school officials. All on the trip were well pleased with what the school board has been able to do with the money available, and feel that Avon Park can truthfully boast of having one of the best educational plants of any town in Florida of compasable size.

At the Hopewell Elementary School, Professor H. L. Warner escorted the visiting Rotarians through the school cafeteria and the other buildings. Mr. Warner is proud of the school and the grounds which are high and dry and plenty of room for play. A basket ball court is under construction at the school. The cafeteria was a model of cleanliness and efficiency. Practically 265 students can be handled in this department.

Among the visiting Rotarians and guests at the luncheon were Irvin LaRue, Bradenton; R. L. Maxsom, Urbana, Ill., and now a resident of this city; Raymond Johnson, Frostproof; Dr. H. V. Weems, Sebring; Dr. L. A. Richburg, Glencoe, Ill., and Art Kinney who was guest of J. Paul Garber.

Mr. Maxsom has a perfect attendance record of 23 years, and Dr. Richburg of 19 years. Irvin Johnson was introduced as a new member of the Avon Park Club.

23 Highlanders On Children's Committee

The following were appointed on December 21, 1948, by Governor Millard F. Caldwell to the Highlands County Children's Committee:

H. G. Livingston, Arthur J. Tubbs, C. Parke Anderson, Dr. G. L. Beaumont, F. M. Wild, J. Paul Garber, Louis Alesmeyer, Mrs. N. B. Jackson, Miss Faye Gordon, Harold C. Worden, Mrs. Harold C. Worden, Mrs. Rod Arkell, Mrs. M. R. McDonald, Elbert Sharpe, Mrs. Maude Yawn, L. M. Moseley, Mrs. Betty True, Mrs. E. B. Bayliss, Jonas Foy, W. B. Sowers, Rev. W. J. Ashworth, C. R. Ginn, and Mrs. Rose Catalano.

The Highlands County Children's Committee met at the Court House, Sebring, in December and elected the following officers: J. Paul Garber, President; Mrs. N. B. Jackson, Vice-President; Mrs. Rod Arkell, Secretary-Treasurer.

The next meeting of the Children's Committee will be held in Customers room of Florida Power Corporation, Jacaranda Hotel building, Avon Park, on Thursday, January 13th, 8 p. m. Dr. G. L. Beaumont, County Health Director, will speak on Child Health. Mr. C. R. Ginn, Secretary of Avon Park Children's Committee, will explain what this committee has been doing for the children of Avon Park. It is hoped that similar committees can be organized in Sebring and Lake Placid and with Avon Park serve as sub-committees to the County Children's Committee.

NEW AGRICULTURAL BULLETINS AT CHAMBER

The following new bulletins have been received by the Chamber of Commerce from the State Department of Agriculture: Grape Culture; Conservation; Soils of Florida and their Utilization; Domestic Rabbit Raising; Malnutrition Symptoms of Citrus with Practical Methods of Treatment; Legume Feed Crops; and Flowers for Florida Homes.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Welch and family spent the week-end in Tampa and St. Petersburg.

Jaycees Sponsor Donkey Ball Game Monday Night At 8



Miss Edna Pearce Plans Her Program

Miss Edna Pearce, Highlands County representative, who will be the only woman in the 1949 legislature, was among those present on the inaugural stand when Fuller Warren took the oath of office Tuesday.

Miss Pearce, whose major interest will be citrus legislation, also is conscious of her position as defender of her sex in Florida's law making body.

One thing she wants to see accomplished is legal recognition of women as people, which will lead to their being entitled to serve on Florida juries.

She also would like to see that women receive equal pay for equal jobs—one of the crusades of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs, of which she is a member. She is not certain that there will be anything radical in the way of legislation which will be effective, but thinks that women ought to demand the equality.

"As things are, a woman often receives less money for doing exactly the same work," she said. "And for a woman to win an executive position, she has to be far more outstanding than a man who gets a similar job."

Miss Pearce, ranch owner, would not commit herself on the request for fences, designed to hem in Florida's cattle and keep them off the highways, which has been proposed by Warren.

C. Of C. Sponsors Showing Of Film, "New Horizons"

The Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring the showing of the film, "New Horizons," in the Palm Room of the Jacaranda Hotel, Thursday evening, January 13th, at 8:00 P. M. The film which is presented by the Seaboard Air Line Railroad Company, is a motion picture which depicts, in full color and with sound, the great strides the South has made. It shows how the New South, although retaining the ease of living, enjoyment of recreation, and love of beauty that characterized the Old South, has grown into a mighty industrial and agricultural force. Into this theme is woven the tremendous role that rail transportation has played and is playing in the progress of the region extending from the Potomac southward through Florida.

The film will be shown three times in Avon Park. In addition to the showing at the Jacaranda, it will be shown at the high school Friday afternoon, Jan. 14th., and at the Winter Guest Club Saturday night, January 15th.

No admission will be charged and the public is invited to see this very interesting picture.

New Officers Installed In Poinciana Lodge

The newly elected officers of Poinciana Lodge, 2278 of F. S. A. M. were recently installed by Past Master S. Colquitt Pardee.

They are as follows: (W. M.) L. C. Hooper, (S. W.) Milton Stokey, (J. W.) Roy Seims, (J. D.) Charles Lewis, (S. D.) Robert Woodruff, (S. S.) T. J. McGinnis, (J. S.) Hilton Grimes, (Chaplain) R. C. Dean, (Tyler) H. A. Maddox.

Addresses were made by the newly installed officers and by visiting members. The principal address was made by Past Master, S. Colquitt Pardee, who gave an inspiring talk on the spiritual value of Masonry.

Thrills and spills of donkey baseball will be presented Monday night, Jan. 10th, at Head Field when the Rotarians and Jaycees of Avon Park mount their donkeys in stiff competition playing for hometown championship while astride the little animals. The local Jaycees are sponsoring the donkey game in an effort to raise funds for the playground equipment here in Avon Park.

The donkeys are trained at night by lights and music to play a good game of baseball that adults will enjoy as well as children. They are named according to personalities and disposition as follows: Mae West, "the come up to see me sometime gal", Dick Tracy, "the eagle eye", Frank Sinatra, "the golden voice of Hee-Haw", Mr. Milktoast, "the average guy", Betty Grabble, "the million dollar legs", Miss America, "fat in the best places", Gypsy Rose Lee, "won't keep anything on, not even good ball players", Sad-Sack, "does everything wrong", Superman, "the atomic bomb", Tillie the Toiler, "hard working gal", Gravel Gertie, "she's got B. O. plenty."

The donkeys however are only half of the show. Rosters of the opposing teams read like those for a world series game.

Lineup for the Jaycees team read: Dwight "Bush Beater" Lucas, as captain and pitcher in the first inning. Stan "Hammer Head" Taff, Bill "Ice Box" Williamson, 1st base, Chas. "Ozzie" Locke, 2nd base, Leon "Green Fruit" Campbell, 3rd base, H. A. "Mortuary" Maddox, short stop, Cracker "Crabby" Crawford, right field, Jerry "Ten Penny" Senkarik, center field, Bill "Groceries" Hand, left field, Malcolm "Tiny" Carnes, water boy, Floyd "Hot Wire" Freer. Substitutes are: "Frog" King, Jim "Spotless" Wilson, Carson "Hi-Voltage" Murphy, Olia "Cherry" Harris, Billy "Horn Tooter" Martin, E. A. "Winner Knot" Delaney, and L. M. "Fancy Pants" Shackleford. Lineup for the Rotarians are as follows: Harold Worden, Captain, H. K. Biggs, Ed Carter, Bob King, Ed Klumpelburg, Marian Nelson, Dr. Stewart Ward, Herb Todd, Nels Kluberg, Joe Hevia, and Bob Gibson.

In addition to the comedy baseball game, the Jaycees have planned a feature attraction for the evening, a Lady Godiva Relay Race. Four contestants will dress and undress in an exaggerated conglomeration of women's apparel and ride the donkeys to and from home base, run around the donkeys three times and the one to finish the race first will be the winner. The names of the contestants to participate are being withheld until the night of the game.

A parade of the donkeys is scheduled for Monday at 3:30 P. M., January 10th, succeeding the game that night. The parade will start at Donaldson Park go west on Main Street to the railroad track and back east on Main to starting point. An advance ticket sale is being staged and tickets may be obtained from different members of the local organization.

Acting officials of the game are: W. R. Butch Carter, will give a blow by blow of the game over the public address system, while Walter Betts and Mayor O. C. Wilkes will umpire the game.

The fun starts promptly at 8:02 P. M., and the gate will open at 7:02. The local Jaycees cordially invite all their friends to attend the comedy baseball game for the fun and laughter promised in addition to supporting a community-wide benefit.

CHRISTMAS LIGHTING WINNERS ANNOUNCED

After much deliberation by the judges, the Jaycee Christmas Lighting Contest winners have been announced.

First prize, $15.00 was awarded for the display at the Brodie residence at Canfield Street. Second prize, $10.00 went to the W. H. Walker residence at West Pleasant Street and third prize, $5.00, was won by Margaret Smith, 11, W. LeGrande Street.

WEATHER REPORT

Following is the weather report for the beginning of December 30 and ending January 5, inclusive, as reported by Wilbur Giddens, local observer.

	H	L	P
Dec. 30	74	52	
Dec. 31	58	39	
Jan. 1	61	32	
Jan. 2	68	34	
Jan. 3	80	42	
Jan. 4	84	59	
Jan. 5	83	62	

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GREATER WEEKLIES

Winter Guests Club News

By DAVID ARTHUR BRODIE

Among the recent registrants are:

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Hopkins, Avon Park, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. William Fitch, Niagara, N. Y.; Carylon Taylor, Johnsburg, N. Y.; Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Smith, Avon Park, Florida; Mrs. M. E. Fitzgerald, Riverside, Conn.; Mrs. Byron Harmon, Banff, Canada; F. J. Mann, New Buffalo, Mich.; Mrs. M. E. Mann, New Buffalo, Mich.; Mr. and Mrs. Willis Robinson, Avon Park, Florida, Mr. and Mrs. Cameron Vivian, Stratford, Ontario.

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There are now 278 members, 86 more than ye had last year at this time.

A bingo party is scheduled for Friday evening, January 7th., with Mrs. Samuel Norris, Mrs. Borden, and Mrs. Harper in charge.

A number of the members have asked about games other than shuffleboard and pinocle. While little has been done with other equipment for the entertainment of the Club guests, we have chess, dominoes, Chinese checkers, and cards for indoor games, and croquet and quoits for the outside. It is true that grounds for the outdoor sports have not been kept up, but that is because there is no call for them, shuffleboard having been the chief attraction for years. However, those interested in other games may contact the entertainment committee, of which Mrs. Book is chairman, or Mr. Clarence Tallman, chairman of the Shuffleboard committee.

New Year's Day in Avon Park, was bright and sunny. The sky was cloudless. However, the air was chilly, and a sharp northwest wind caused people to seek shelter, and huddle around the fires. Yet that did not stop the already-scheduled lake-shore picnics of the churches and other organizations from being well attended, where all are reported as having had a good time.

At the Winter Guest Club, a dance was scheduled at between 9:30 and 11:00 P. M. As usual, by 7:00 the shuffleboards were gleaming brightly under the flood lights, inviting early players, but the chilly evening drove everyone inside where it was warm. As a consequence, the ballroom began to fill rapidly, and our hostess, Mrs. Cosselman, always on the alert to keep everyone in a good humor, began to rack her resourceful brain. She reached back into her wealth of experiences as an entertainer, and social worker in other parts of the State, and put on little skits to fill in the time until the orchestra should arrive at 9:30. One was a sort of tableau, entitled "Gathering of the Nuts", which ranged from a cow to a school superintendent. Another was a series of musical exercises on the accordion by Mr. Brickenstofer, who was kind enough to go home for the instrument. With the arrival of the "foldees" things began to liven up in earnest. President William Mann, with Mrs. Mann, led the grand march. White-haired, streaked-haired, and brindled locks, forgot the intervening fifty years, and were at once back into the gay "90's". They quadrilled, and waltzed, and schottisched, and clog danced with a youthful enthusiasm that knew no bounds. Once in a while, a foot or a knee seemed to fly out of line, but whether because of sparin, or springhalt, or "rheumatiz", or sheer coltish exuberance, it was not always possible to tell. One thing certain, if good old Doctor Osler could have looked upon this scene, and no doubt he did, he must have felt like revising his rather gloomy philosophy that people should be chloroformed at sixty, for here were terpsichorean artists, who, according to him, should have been dancing around the celestial altar with golden diadems on their angelic heads, ten or fifteen years ago.

Promptly at 11:00 o'clock the music stopped and ample refreshments of coffee, cup-cakes, and cookies were served. The coffee, par excellence, was furnished by Mrs. William Prescott, a member of the entertainment committee.

As the old year faded out, and the New Year took over, amid a chorus of steam whistles, and honking horns outside, New Year greetings were exchanged all around, and apparently all felt it to be "the end of a perfect day. In a very few minutes all was dark and silent about the clubhouse grounds.

EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

Walker Memorial Sanitarium and Hospital,
Avon Park, Florida.
December 25, 1948.

Dear Friends of Avon Park:

Many, many thanks for your kindness to me during my two recent hospitalizations here in Walker Memorial Hospital.

Now, I want you all to know what a great blessing our Heavenly Father has bestowed upon us, His children here in Avon Park, by giving us this wonderful Seventh Day Adventist Hospital. A praying hospital, as Miss Alice Davidson so appropriately names it. Yes, we are indeed blessed with a Praying Hospital in our midst.

Here at Walker Memorial every member of the staff is trained to minister spiritually as well as minister spiritually as well as physically, and all hold the Principles of Christ in their hearts and manifest them in daily life, and that is comforting to patients.

And Oh! How particularly comforting in serious illness, it is to know that we are in the hands of Doctors who talk with God, who offer inspiring prayers at the bedside, who ask God's guidance in operations.

All the service here is wonderful: tender and gentle always, no matter how recalcitrant a patient may be. Then too, this Hospital is spotless, clean and shining throughout, peaceful, quiet, just as if we were with our own loved ones. And, there is plenty of delicious nutritious food.

Won't you all give thanks always, and especially at this Christmastide and New Year, to our Heavenly Father, for this, His wondrous blessing—our PRAYING HOSPITAL.

With kind regards and all good wishes, I am,

Barbara Darsey,
(Mrs. L. A. Darsey).

Churches of Christ, Scientist

"SACRAMENT" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, throughout the world on Sunday, January 9.

The Golden Text is: "Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me" (Psalms 51:10).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Therefore let us keep the feast, not with the old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness; but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth" (1 Corinthians 5:8).

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures," by Mary Baker Eddy: "Are all who eat bread and drink wine in memory of Jesus willing truly to drink his cup, take his cross, and leave all for the Christ-principle? . . . If Christ, Truth, has come to us in demonstration, no other commemoration is requisite, for demonstration is Immanuel, or God with us; and if a friend be with us, why need we memorials of that friend?" (33: 31-2, 5).

SANITATION

This report is being made to D. L. Smith, Sanitary Officer, in compliance with the State Board of Health Sanitary Code—which has been adopted by the Cities of Sebring and Avon Park, as Sanitary Ordinances.

Sanitation is the main factor in preventative medicine. (Preventative medicine is precaution before sickness starts).

The Health Department has no licenses or fees to collect, but passes on the safety of food and sources of food which the public comes in contact with. It has been the duty of this department to close and condemn some establishments which were not properly operated. Therefore, it does not matter how many licenses a place has, if it is a health hazard, then it must be eliminated. This is a warning to all eating establishments, including hotels to fish camps. We are fortunate in Highlands County to have the most modern equipped and operated school lunch rooms.

It has been the duty of this department to trace reported cases of typhoid and botulism (food poisoning). This investigation has taken in milk supplies and handling, to cafes and meat markets which includes abattoirs (slaughter pens or meat killed under the trees where flies blow it.)

It is the desire of this department to commend the Sebring health inspector, Mr. Bartley, for the enforcement of properly constructed septic tanks. This is definitely a step forward for the safety of public health, since it does tend to guard against typhoid, hookworm and other diseases.

Milk is one of the best known cultures of germs and bacteria. According to Chapter X Section 7, of the State Sanitary Code, and due to the many requests for the printing of the record of milk in Highlands County, below is a complete report of laboratory findings for the past 12 months, and records may be found in your County Health Department.

Dairy	Type Milk	Butter Fat	Solids not Fat	Bacteria Count
Bennett	Retail raw	4.20	8.88	4,000
Durrance	Wholesale raw	4.25	8.68	180,000
Land O'Sun	Pasteurized	3.64	8.48	24,000
Mandis	Pasteurized	4.35	8.76	3,000
Ramer's	Pasteurized	4.55	8.82	10,000
Titus	Wholesale raw	4.50	8.93	100,000
Mann's Halfway Dairy	Pasteurized	4.2	8.57	110,000

State requirements are that all milk will have at least 3.25 percent butter fat, 8.50 percent solids not fat, and the bacteria will not exceed the following figures.

Pasteurized	30,000
Retail Raw	50,000
Wholesale Raw	200,000

The big margin for wholesale raw is because it will be pasteurized before being sold to the public. Many of the public allow their milk to sit on their door steps for a period of time and therefore the bacteria will increase so in a case of this kind, it is not the fault of the distributor.

Due to the regulations which require that samples be taken at four separate times, it is impossible to give a report on Ridge Dairies.

Florida Farm Bureau News

The Mexican government is taking steps to control spreading infestations from the citrus black fly, the Florida Farm Bureau learned today from the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

To defray expenses of the control campaign, citrus growers of the areas affected are required to pay a tax of 1.46 cents per tree until the danger of black fly infestation spreading has been eliminated. Another source of funds is tax on gasoline sold in towns of the three Mexican states in which the campaign is being arranged, the Farm Bureau reported.

In the United States this pest is recognized as a dangerous threat to citrus groves. The 80th Congress appropriated $100,000 to aid in combating the black fly. Of this sum $25,000 is being used in the search of a suitable parasite to eliminate the pest, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Open House At Fla. Southern College

Lakeland, Jan. 6—(Special)—Florida Southern College will open its doors to the public on Monday, January 10, for the first open house of 19 new buildings, it was announced today by President Ludd M. Spivey.

Visitors are welcome to visit the campus during the day and evening on Monday. Fraternity and sorority houses will receive visitors instead of holding regular Monday night meetings. Orange juice bars will be set up on campus, college officials say, to serve visitors juice from the campus fruit trees. Music will be provided by the college orchestra in the bandshell on the middle campus.

AGRICULTURAL CONSERVATION REPORTS MUST BE FILED JANUARY 15

County Agent Oxer asks that all farmers who are participating in the Agricultural Conservation Program for 1948 file their performance reports at the County Agent's office not later than January 15, 1949, as this is the closing date for reporting any work done in the 1948 Agricultural Conservation Program. Individual notices have been mailed to each farmer; therefore, no further notice will be given.

In 1045 South Dakota harvested 32,900,000 bushels of barley.

—See you IN CHURCH Sunday—

Highway 27 Ass'n. At Cypress Gardens

A state wide meeting for the final organization of an all-Florida U. S. Highway 27 Association, with representatives from cities along the 485 mile route from Tallahassee to Miami, will be held at Cypress Gardens on January 12, it was announced here early this week by Bill Landgon, committee chairman.

Representatives are scheduled to arrive at Cypress Gardens at 4:00 p. m., where a special water ski show will be given by the famous Aqua-Maid team. The business session will be called at 5:00 p. m., where final plans for organizing the Florida U. S. Highway 27 Association will be discussed.

There will be an election of permanent officers and various committees are to be appointed. Tentative plans will be forwarded for the further promotion and advertising of U. S. Highway 27 as the newest and best route from Tallahassee through Central Florida to Miami. A delicious dinner of southern fried chicken will be served in the Palm Terrace at 6:30 p. m.

AVON PARK WAR DEAD RETURNED FROM EUROPE

The remains of Pfc. Sampson Jones will be among the 65 Florida World War II dead, who were, originally interned in temporary military cemeteries in France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg, that are being returned to the United States aboard the U. S. Army Transport, "Barney Kirschbaum."

Next of kin of Private Jones is listed as Mrs. Mary E. Jones of this City.

ELSIE AND SON TO VISIT FLORIDA

Elsie, bovine beauty from the Borden Farms with her pampered son, Boregard, will visit Florida this winter and from Feb. 1 to 12 will be honored guests at the Florida State Fair, it was announced today.

Elsie and Boregard will arrive in Tampa by special plane and will be quartered in lavish style in the Florida Building at the exposition.

Some 4,000 roller skating rinks are now in operation in the U. S. A., according to SKF Industries which annually makes millions of tiny steel balls for skates and other rolling elements.

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TEXT: Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The Watchman said, the morning cometh, and also the night; if ye will enquire, inquire ye; return, come. Isaiah 21:11-12.

In this passage of scripture, the Prophet seeth in a vision, the fall of Babylon by the Medes and Persians, and he set a watchman to watch for the enemy. The watchman's duty was to stay awake at all times, regardless of the weather or what the hour of the night it might be.

We the American people have just seen the coming in of the New Year of 1948. As we bid the old year good-bye, we think of the good things and the bad that we have seen and taking stock of our life think of the places we could have made things better, then we begin to make New Year Resolutions, and of course we always try to make good ones, no one would surely want to make one to do worse than he had done in the year before.

As we look back and see where we have made such a failure in trying to improve our life over the one before, we come to the place that we realize we are a complete failure without God to help us, so as the Lord has placed each one of us a Watchman, let us take Him as a partner in our everyday life, WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT? Surely as we look at this old world, today, with sin on every hand, we surely can see something to do, to point the lost on to the Man of Galilee, who spoke the comforting words to Peter down by the Lake Gennesaret, and said to Simon, "Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught." And Simon, answering said unto him, "Master, we have toiled all the night and have taken nothing, nevertheless at Thy Word I will let down the net.

We may not have done very much for the Lord in the year past, but let us start the New Year with our mind set on Jesus as our guide and help, and will keep our eyes open as a Watchman.

Our Text said ,"The Morning Cometh and also the Night". We are living in the evening time just before the sunset, let us do as the Word says in St. John 9:4 "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day, the night cometh, when no man can work". Night is coming on. Let us work for the Master now. Jesus said when He went away that He was coming back and He may come at the midnight hour, are we watching? He said He was coming for them that were looking for Him. He may come in the year of 1949, who knows? The question is, "Are you ready for His coming? Why not make a new resolution now that you are going to give your heart to the Lord now and start the New Year living for the Lord and then you can make this year a better one than 1948.

Many have gone out to meet their Master this year of 1948, many more will go in the year of 1949. God is calling the rich, the poor, the sick, the well, can we tell which one is going to answer the call next?

The WATCHMAN SAID, THE MORNING COMETH, AND ALSO THE NIGHT, IF YOU WILL ENQUIRE, COME, He is sending out the invitation to whosoever and will. Will you be one of them that will return and come to the Lord now, pick up your CROSS and follow the Lord Jesus Christ. He will be the greatest leader the world can have for 1949. Let us put our trust in Him and He will lead us safely through.

Friends here on earth may help you but they can go only just so far, but Jesus can go all the way with you. He is our Friend in time of need, in the time of trouble. He is the friend we need to be looking for, as a Watchman looking for the daybreak. When the skies light up with His great coming, will you be one of them that will rejoice, or be one that is sad because you are not ready. Decide this now and be a Watchman for Jesus.

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Sunday	John 17:1-11
Monday	Revelation 21:1-7
Tuesday	Psalms 121:1-8
Wednesday	Acts 17:16-34
Thursday	Psalms 27:1-6
Friday	John 15:1-11
Saturday	Psalms 150:1-6

For schedule of yearly readings, write American Bible Society, 450 Park Ave., N. Y. 22, N. Y.

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Highlands County Music Association First Meeting

The Highlands County Music Association held its first meeting, a dinner at Harder Hall, Monday evening, January 3.

Among the guests were committees from Lake Placid and Avon Park who, with Sebring committees, discussed and formulated plans for the season's program.

The occasion marked the beginning of a five-day campaign for memberships in the organization. The extensive program will close Saturday, January 8, at 5 o'clock and no memberships can be secured thereafter. So be sure to contact any of your Avon Park committee at once for your reservation.

The program will consist of three concerts. The first to be presented in Sebring, January 18, will be the famous Trapp Family. The other two programs follow in February, and March and are tentatively a piano quartette and a singer of note.

If you are a lover of music and are interested in the cultural development for your community, contact one of the committee now and make reservation for your membership.

The Avon Park Committee is as follows: Mrs. C. F. Kenney, Mrs. W. R. Martin, Mrs. Ruby Bass, Mrs. J. A. Johnson, Miss Ouida Fields, Mrs. W. V. Driggers, Miss Alma Harrell, Mrs. H. G. Dickinson, Mrs. W. W. Wingfield, Miss Olive Knight, Miss Llwyn Jones, Miss Dorothy Jones, Mrs. Nels Kluberg, and Mrs. Mary Hayworth. For any further information call the Chamber of Commerce.

We are grateful for partiepation in these palns and wish to thank the Sebring Committee and both Sebring and Avon Park Chambers of Commerce, who caught the vision and extended the invitation.

We, as a community appreciate the gracious spirit that Sebring has expressed in assuming a responsibility, we at present might not attempt.

Bennett—Bryan

In a simple but impressive ceremony at the Florida Avenue Baptist Church, Friday evening at 8 o'clock, Miss Elizabeth Bennett became the bride of Mr. Riley Bryan, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Bryan.

The bride was dressed in a winter white gabardine suit with which she wore black accessories. Her corsage was of pink carnations. She was given in marriage by her brother, Daniel Bennett.

Miss Frances Boat served as bridesmaid. She wes dressed in an aqua suit with black accessories. Her corsage was of yellow carnations.

Rev. L. M. Collins, officiated. Mr. Wallace Collins provided music throughout the wedding ceremony.

After the ceremony the couple left for a short wedding trip. Upon their return they will make their home at 205 S. Lake Avenue.

James—Wenzel

Miss Carole James, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. K. DeLoy James of Tampa, became the bride of Mr. John Joseph Wenzel, son of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Wenzle of Toledo, Ohio, at 7:30 o'clock, Thursday evening, December 20.

The vows were exchanged in a candlelight service at the Union Congregational Church, with Rev. Herbert Graetz, officiating. Mrs. Vaughan Driggers, organist, presented a program of nuptial music. The Church was beautifully decorated with red and white gladioli.

The bride, who is formerly of Toledo, Ohio, was a member of the 1946 graduating class of Avon Park High School. She is now connected with Florida State Theatres, as a commercial artist in Tampa.

The bridegroom is a native of Toledo, Ohio, and is now attending the University of Toledo, where he is a Junior, majoring in History. During World War II, he served as an Army Parstrooper, spending 2½ years in the European Theatres.

For the wedding, the bride chose a gray suit with black accesories. Her corsage was of white camelias and she carried a white Bible.

The matron of honor, Mrs. Elinor Chisholm Fields, wore a green suit with black accesories.

Mrs. James, mother of the bride was dressed in a gray suit, with a corsage of Talismann roses.

Woman's Club Meets Friday

The Woman's Club will hold their regular meeting, Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Palm Room of the Jacaranda Hotel. The Winter Guest Club will be in charge of the program.

Full attendance is urged that all members may enjoy the virsability of these visitors.

Bride-Elect Honored At Shower

Miss Elizabeth Bennett, popular bride-elect was honored with a miscellaneous shower, Thursday evening by Mrs. H. L. Bryant at her home on West Canfield Street.

The many lovely gifts that were received by the honoree were opened and displayed during the evening.

The hostess served cup cakes and hot chocolate to the following guests: Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Maddox, Zelma Dixon, Mrs. Stuart, Mrs. Sanders, Mrs. A. Lightsey, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bennett, Mrs. Alex Bennett, Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Bryant, Miss Helen Bryant, Miss Margaret Bryant, Miss Eunice Hulon, Mrs. Otis Smith, Mrs. C. G. Drawdy, Mrs. D. J. Bost, Mrs. T. O. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Bennett, Perry Smith, Eddie Meeks, Catherine Fletcher, Mrs. W. D. Fletcher, Janet Williams, Mrs. H. C. Rutledge, Dorothy Williams, Edith Bryan, Kenneth Bryan, Earl Bryan, Royce Bryan, Ida Williams, Mrs. Mae Rich, Nila Collins, Sally Jo Collins, Bonnie Collins, Alice Collins, Wallace Collins, Erie Lewis, Mrs. P. T. Carlisle, Mrs. Sally Reeder, Miss Ruth Elder, and Mrs. R. Elder.

Christian Science Lecture Held

The Christian Science Lecture was held Tuesday evening at the High School Auditorium, with Mrs. Elizabeth Carroll Scott, giving the lecture.

The guest speaker of the evening, who was introduced by Mrs. E. J. Thigpen, gave an interesting message that was well received by all. Her wonderful disposition relays to all her listeners throughout her messages.

Mrs. Scott will hold her next lecture in Atlanta, Georgia, at the Christian Science Church. She will leave New York, by plane, Monday to lecture in Berlin and other countries in Europe.

Miss Helen Bryant Honored At Party

A surprise party was given Tuesday evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Bryant, honoring their daughter, Miss Helen Bryant on her eighteenth birthday.

During the early part of the evening the guests enjoyed games, and then the honoree opened the many nice gifts.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and cup cakes were served to the following guests: Ruth Elder, Riley Bryan Wayne Newsome, Buddy Rigdon, Frank Lunsford, Walace Collins, Holly Newsome, Waldyne Newsome, Alice Sue Collins, Mary Margaret Bryant, Mary Lou Farmer, Elizabeth Bennett, David McAfee, Mrs. H. C. Rutledge and Mrs. Bryant's sister, Mrs. S. E. Prescott of Arcadia.

Mrs. Hill Entertains Co-Workers

Employees of Engleman's Hatcheries enjoyed a goose supper at the home of Mrs. C. L. Hill, Monday evening, Mrs. Ophelia Rhiner and Miss Juanita Sauls assisted Mrs. Hill as co-hostess, for the evening.

Crysanthemums and roses decorated the table where the delicious supper was served.

Those enjoying the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. A. Engleman, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Engleman, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Yeoman Moseley, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Tom LaFlam, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rhiner, Mrs. Betty Sheffield, Melvin Mann, Howard Peacock, Charlie Rowland, Donal Hill and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hill.

Auxiliary Meeting Monday Evening

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their regular monthly business meeting, Monday evening at 8 o'clock, at the American Legion Home. All members and those eligible for membership are urged to attend this meeting.

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Barbecue At Capital



A small army of cooks and helpers prepare food for the record crowd at the inauguration of Gov. Fuller Warren in Tallahassee Tuesday. They served 30,000 pounds of beef, 10,000 pounds of pork, 1,000 gallons of baked beans, and 2,500 gallons of coffee. Forty serving lines accommodated 20,000 per hour. (Florida News and Photo Service).

Miss Mildred Myers has returned after spending the holidays with relatives in Augusta, Georgia.

Bobby Hall returned to the University, Sunday after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Hall.

Mrs. William Hand, who has been a patient at Walker Memorial Hospital returned home Sunday.

Jim Hetherington left last week-end for Rolla, Missouri to resume his studies at Missouri School of Mines.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest J. Childers of Tampa have been the holiday guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Welch.

Mrs. O. C. Wilkes and Mrs. Jack Head carried Miss Yvonne Head and Miss Ann Brodie to Tallahassee where they rode on the Highlands County Float at the inaugurtion of Governor Warren.

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Aho and family of Lakeland were week-end guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. L. Hall.

Among the Colonels from Avon Park going to Tallahassee for the inauguration were Mayor O. C. Wilkes, R. S. Massey, Oakley Murphy, and S. C. Pardee, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Sherman left Wednesday morning for their home in Cleveland, Ohio, after visiting Mrs. Sherman's brother, Leonard Rush and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heath of Tampa and Mr. and Mrs. Royce Henry of Orlando were recent guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Adams and Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hill.

During their vacation last week, Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Ashworth visited their son, Dr. W. E. Drawdy, who is a member of the medical staff at Alto Medical Center, Alto, Georgia.

Mrs. H. N. Bovard was called to Tarauntum, Pa., due to the illness of her mother, Mrs. J. D. Huston. She returned with Mr. and Mrs. Emery Christy, who had been her guests during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Ford, Miss Betty Rose Ford, Miss Virginia Landress and Miss Jean Crews attended the football game between Missouri Tigers and Clemson Tigers, that was held in Jacksonville, New Year's Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Webber and daughter, Janet Kay and Mr. Robert Webber of Plains City, Ohio, are visiting Mrs. Webber's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walker at their home at 1002 West Pleasant Street.

Friends of Mrs. Samuel Norris will be happy to know she is able to be up again after her illness.

Miss Beth Moore of Trop, New York, was the New Year's Eve guest of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mitten.

Keith Collyer attended the inaugural ceremonies for Governor Warren in Tallahassee, Tuesday. He had a seat of honor on the platform.

Dr. Ruth Miller and Miss Toni Gardner returned Monday after spending the holidays with Dr. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Carl F. Miller, of La Crosse, Wisc.

Mrs. L. R. Humphries left Saturday for her home in Birmingham, Ala., after spending last week here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Barnett.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Geiger and children, Dow and Gayle of Leesburg, former Avon Park residents, visited friends here during the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. Harvey E. Simmers and son Earl of Rising Sun, Maryland, and Mr. and Mrs. Russell J. Keller of Port Deposit, Maryland, have been spending the past ten days with their sister-in-law and aunt, Mrs. J. H. Kirkwood.

Mr. and Mrs. Emery Christy and daughter, Jean Louise and son, Richard, of Tarauntum, Pa., spent the holidays with Mrs. Christy's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Bovard and their brother and family, Mr. and Mrs. H. N. Bovard of North Lake Avenue. They returned to their home Friday.

Miss Beth Moore, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Moore at their home at 121 Cornell Street, left Sunday to return to her home and business in Troy, New York, where she is manager of the State Employment Service Office. Miss Moore planned to stop over for two days in New York City on her return trip.

Professor May Walker, head of the Business Department of Lincoln Memorial University, Cumberland Gap, Tenn., and her father, "Pop" Walker were Wednesday luncheon guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Chappell of this city. They were on their return home from Ft. Lauderdale and Miami where they had spent a two weeks vacation.

New arrivals at the Poinsettia Hotel are Mrs. Mable Thomas of Dark Harber, Maine, Ira A. Mc. Kinney of Champaigne, Ill., G. B. Young, of Philadelphia, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Francis, of Strongsville, Ohio, Mrs. Catherine Godshalk of Elkhart, Ind., Mr. and Mrs. W. I. Golden, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hall of Bunker Hill, Ill., and Arthur Hockin, of Elk Rapids, Michigan.

SINGING TOWER PROGRAMS ANNOUNCED FOR SEASON

Anton Brees, Carillonneur at the Singing Tower, Lake Wales, has announced the schedule of programs from the Tower for the remainder of the season.

Recitals will be given regularly at 3 P. M. on Sundays, and at noon on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. In addition, these special programs will be given.

At noon on Jan. 9, 19, Feb. 14, 25, 28; at 3 P. M. on Jan. 25, Feb. 1, 12, 22, March 22; at 9 P. M. on Jan. 14, Feb. 13, March 14, April 12; at midnight on New Year's Eve.

The Easter program will be given at sunrise, noon and 3 P. M.

The season will end April 30.

WEBBER COLLEGE FORUM SERIES TO START

Eight specialists will survey the status or the world for ridge section audiences in the 13th annual Webber College forum series which opens here on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

The subjects of the touring observers, who will appear on eight successive Wednesday nights at the Babson Park Woman's club auditorium, cover crucial aspects of the times in relation to education, business, human relations, atomic energy, Asia, Europe, Russia, and Latin America.

The series, sponsored by the college and Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Babson, is open without admission charge to interest residents and winter visitors, up to the capacity of the auditorium.

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CASH and Due from Banks	$ 266,055.74	
U. S. Securities	1,240,355.74	
Listed, Municipal and Other Bonds and Securities	51,652.50	
Accured Interest	9,402.47	$1,567,466.45
Loans and Discounts		354,596.20
Overdrafts		79.72
Furniture and Fixtures		6,100.00
Other Resources		240.13
		$1,928,482.50

LIABILITIES

Capital	$ 50,000.00	
Surplus and Undivided Profits	116,254.96	$ 166,254.96
Reserve for Dividend Payable Jan. 1, 1949		2,500.00
Reserves		10,041.87
Bills Payable		None
Other Liabilities		932.84
Deposits		1,748,752.83
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY.
DALLAS W. MILLER, Plaintiff
vs.
WILLIE GENE MILLER, Defendant
TO THE DEFENDANT, WILLIE GENE MILLER, HONAKER, VIRGINIA:
You are hereby notified that a suit in Chancery has been filed in the above styled court by the above named Plaintiff wherein the relief sought is a Divorce.
THIS IS THEREFORE TO REQUIRE YOU TO BE AND APPEAR before this Court on the 17th day of January, 1949 and in default of your appearance the Bill of Complaint will be taken as confessed and the Plaintiff allowed to proceed Ex Parte.
Witness my hand and official seal at Sebring, Florida, this 17th day of December, A. D. 1948.
H. T. PIETY,
Clerk of Circuit Court.
H. M. Callahan,
Deputy Clerk.
SEAL
BYRD WHITEHURST,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Dec. 31-Jan 7-14.

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE OF POLK COUNTY, FLORIDA.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In re Estate of
Grace Graves Herring, Deceased.
To All Creditors and Persons Having Claims or Demands Against Said Estate:
You, and each of you, are hereby notified to file all claims and demands which you have against the estate of Grace Graves Herring, Deceased, in the office of Howard G. Livingston, County Judge, at his office in the Court House at Sebring, Florida, within eight calendar months from December 17, 1948, which is the date of the first publication of this notice, or such claim or demand must be in writing, must state the place of residence and post office address of the claimant, must be sworn to and must be filed as aforesaid, or else same will become void.
Ralph Graves Herring,
As administrator of the estate of Grace Graves Herring, Deceased.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY.
CHESTER H. KELLEY, Plaintiff
vs.
HELEN KELLEY, Defendant.
NOTICE TO APPEAR
TO THE DEFENDANT HELEN KELLEY, 7 MYRTLE STREET, BEACON HILL, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS:
You are hereby notified that a suit in Chancery has been filed in the above styled court by the above named Plaintiff wherein the relief sought is a Divorce.
THIS IS THEREFORE TO REQUIRE YOU TO BE AND APPEAR before this Court on the 17th day of January, 1949 and in default of your appearance the Bill of Complaint will be taken as confessed and the Plaintiff allowed to proceed Ex Parte.
Witness my hand and official seal at Sebring, Florida, this 8th day of November, A. D. 1948.
H. T. PIETY,
Clerk of Circuit Court
H. M. Callahan,
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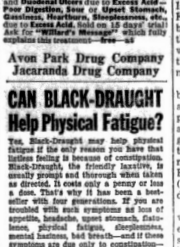
IN THE COUNTY JUDGE'S COURT OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
IN RE ESTATE OF
WILLIAM AUGUST LUTHYE.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
All creditors of the estate of William August Luthye, deceased, are hereby notified and required to file any claims or demands which they may have against said estate in the office of the county judge of Highlands County, Florida, in the court house at Sebring, Florida, within eight calendar months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Each claim or demand must be in writing and must state the place of residence and post-office address of the claimant and must be sworn to by the claimant, his agent, or his attorney or it will be denied. All according to law.
First publication December 31, 1948.
Vivian Marie Luthye Moseley,
Executrix, Estate of William August Luthye.
KEITH E. COLLYER,
Attorney for Executrix
Avon Park, Florida.
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Lakes And Water

By
Bryan Shockley
Read At Meeting Of The Old Settlers Association, Wed. Oct. 13, 1948
Final Installment

It is interesting to note that they largely follow the leaf pattern, common to most river systems, while in contrast let us follow the meanderings of some of our waters: when the Climch-Reody canal is flowing under you in "downtown" Frostproof they fall 22 feet (according to Federal Survey in 1907 when a canal to move our fruit was considered), or about 30 feet to the mile—they will join Streaty-Livingston and North Avon Park waters to enter Arbuckle as I've said—then in Arbuckle Creek and Istokpoga they will join waters of lower ridge leaving Istokpoga thru the Istokpoga creek and canal for the Kissimmee—then into Okeechobee, when the natural outlet was the Colocosshatchee, 60 miles long where it drops 16 feet in going to the sea, or about 3 inches to the mile.

That this divide to our west, between the Peace River system and those waters going into Istopoga, should be so relatively low and straight, when these Istokpoga waters must go to such lengths to pass our higher hills would normally indicate that our main Ridge elevations are "younger" (in a geologic sense) than this low divide to our west.

East of this divide—only on the west shore of Streaty, have I noted any of the fine flatwoods sand, so prevalent in Peace River Valley. Since barring locations limited by drainage and frost hazard, citrus can be grown uphill and down over much of Peace River area and east of this divide on to the East Coast no groves are off of our "yellow" sandhills except on a few knolls along the Kissimmee.

The geologic features of our drainage area become more striking than the casual observer might guess—also barring some "muck pockets" like Bryant's farm, land improvement (other than pasture) has usually not paid its way except on Norfolk sand, as our "yellow" sandhills are known to soil experts.

Decade after decade, these vast stretches of marginal land about us had defied all hope of worthwhile use in any large way. A garden here, some bulbs there and maybe pineapples in another place—but nothing like the continuity one finds in the fine-sand soils, that often seem no richer in neighboring Hardee County. Then in the thirties, down below Istokpoga, men like Jesse Durrance began to improve promising stretches of native pasture in a big way. But it was into the forties before we began to realize that the off grade sandhill, sand-soak, cut-throat, hay-ponds and bay-heads right about us were also becoming efficient pasture in a big way. The heavy machinery (bull dozers, brush-plows, etc.), to subdue the native growth, had been improved, it is true, but the soil conservation charts and subsidies begun in previous Decade, touched it off. Now Rex Beach east of us, and Dr. Touchton north and west of us, using new grasses, dolomite and raw phosphate (as soil aids and corrective) and pasture mixtures containing such raw elements as cobalt have good pastures, uphill and down without the flood hazards that plague owners of better, but lower pastures, to our southwest.

When, as a boy of five, at the turn of the century, I first saw what is now Hardee it was mostly virgin pine, the groves mostly seedlings, often largely fertilized by cow-penning, a practise, by which for a season, woods cattle were corralled for the night. This penning spree always included the prospective potato patch, which meant sweet potatoes (they then sold for 50c a bushel), being as staple an article of diet as white potatoes in central states, or maybe more so. Then for part of the year, the larger herds were brought to our hills or even further east, sometimes in droves of a thousand head. They then sold for $6 and $8 a head. Large owners often "let out" parts of their herd to neighbors to "pen" in return for aid in the big round-ups.

Then it was considered unsafe to leave cattle "on the hills" all the year. "Drinking this here 'clair' lake water" was once hazard to me as cause of prevalence of "sale sick" a "deficiency disease" that average cattle a forlorn weathered look. Good "feed" cows were often lost from this ailment. The idea of changing their environs had merit, but is rarely praceised any longer on that scale. The many "cowmen" pooh-hood the thought of salting woods cattle, but now plain salt is kept "out", alongside it to be licked at the cow's discretion will be a mixture like this: 100 lbs. plain salt, 25 lbs. ferric oxide, 1 lb. bluestone and a thimbleful of cobalt; this last is highly effective in keeping the coats glossy.

The local markets were supplied from the smaller herds. For decades before the turn of the entry the larger herds were shipped to Cuba where better pastures made them more suitable to butcher.

Expansion of the sugar industry cut down so on available pasture land that our cowmen began to look to Texas for a similar outlet for surplus herds and for a few years buyers from such famous ranches as Miller Bros. 101, bought our stock by the trainload. The native grasses of Cuba and Texas were just enough better than ours were then, to make such practice "pay". It has been said that it could pay to take our cattle to Texas pastures, to take their cattle on up and put them on bluegrass, take "Bluegrass" stock and put on "grain", but what one might call a "double-jump" would not pay. Facts are, most of our herds didn't know the taste of grain and could hence mature hardly become "Feed" stock on a bet.

Up to 1910 wiregrass, more than anything else, covered the open pine woods about our village. Where exceptions had been made and abondoned (and ⅔ had been abondoned, when I first saw Avon Park) it never came back. Top growth in these "came in" largely to oak (especially turkey oak), while the low growth "came in" mostly as sand spurs, cactus and "poor-land-weed". Some were trying spineless cactus as cattle feed and it is "said" that sandspurs had been brought in from Africa as mulefeed. I first saw Natal grass in 1909. Dr. Hyde having bought some roots to start a horse pasture in his Lake Damon home. Just recently imported from Africa, it became the dominant grass over our hills, even more than wiregrass had been (one hardly notices wire grass any more). Sandspurs can sprout three times from same seed, thus some seeding could take three years to get rid of, as there are two "spares" behind each seed. Where Natal grass is let alone it has driven out sandspurs quite effectively. Some half-hearted attempts to "clean up" seems to spread the sandspur, but at that, they are no longer a leading gripe, thanks to Natal grass.

Since writing about the string of forts designed to guard the Indians, I seem to recall maps showing Ft. Arbuckle at upper end of Lake Arbuckle. Into Arbuckle, from due north, comes: "The Blue Jordan" (a decided misnomer — since small and deep in swamp it can't reflect the sky) bringing the waters of Weooh-yah-pop-ka, or Lake Walk-in-the-Water, a large lake you can glimpse from high ridge east of Crooked Lake. I mention this mainly to point how expressive and picturesque Indian names can be (either interpreted or "as wuz". In our county I can think of only Kissimmee, Istokpoga, Billy - Bow - Legs and Nanceswee, — unfortunately, none in our township.

The earlier we go into our history, the more cloudy we find life and events linked to our lakes and streams. Though our Union Church, first used in '93, seems to be the oldest (and likely the first) church edifice on the Ridge, we find that services were held regularly at Ft. Kissimmee and Bassenger for at least a decade before. When I came here, for most of the year, a boat was giving twice-a-week service along Kissimmee, from Kissimmee City to Okeechobee.

About the seventies, a family from New York had a winter home on Lake Letta, coming in a private yacht to Ft. Pierce and bringing a full retinue of servants. After making this trip a few seasons, they were never heard from again and in time their lodge on Leetta was caught up in a woods fire. As there was a storm at sea, about their usual time of sail, it was hazard to have likely sunk them with the tract.

Dr. Jordan has repeated to you the legend that Sidney Lanier, beloved Southern poet, wrote his most inspiring poem, "Trees" while camping on the shores of Tulane. This legend was handed down to us by Mrs. King. (They, as a young people, were Avon Park's first settlers). As I've told you, the only thing I know that tends to confirm this legend is that the poet suffered with TB, thus such a trip would have been thought beneficial. If possible, I would like to see the legend verified, but even left as legend, it is fitting if we would honor the event with a tablet or reading room to the poet's memory. But whether inspired by trees overlooking Tulane or Verona or some other of the then unnamed jewels of our Ridge, we would miss the point, if we failed to realize his legancy was not just for us or his beloved South, but for all mankind. It was to stress that only the trees were left to give the Master solace in the ever-recurring tragedy of mankind, where power-crazed persons rudely hunt aside those gentle souls, trying to call us back from sources that torrentially carry us to mass disillusionment and destruction.

To better "point up" what I'm trying to say, let me cite the case of a stray Florida stream whose main asset was its lovely Indian name, Suwannee. Stephen Foster was trying to depict the longing of someone to return to the banks of the Peedee, a Carolina stream, but for sake of more melody he put his finger on the map and followed it until it came to Suwannee. It is no reflection on the Peedee or any other Carolina stream when I say it is lucky for America that he did. For it is not the meanderings of any given stream that lends importance to Foster's melody as this clipping so ably shows:

Suwannee River's Red Source Is In The Heart Of Humanity

Objecting to the crass materialism of a report by United States Geological Survey Engineers on the Suwannee River, stream immortalized in song by Stephen Foster, the New York World Telegram, editorially, in a recent issue, published one of the most delightfully human tributes to appear in any newspaper in recent times.

Referring to the report saying the Suwannee—variously spelled —was "only an ordinary creek, affording a sort of lazy outlet for the waters of the Okefenokee Swamp in South Georgia," the New York paper says:

"That was all right and part of their business. But when these young men—or some of them—went so far as to report that the immortal river of Stephen C. Foster's song is little better than a mere ditch, they committed a colossal error. It is a blunder to which every practical man and every literal mind are particularly susceptible. They have confused the realm of geography with that of imagination and have fallen into the fallacy of trying to measure with gauges and surveyor's chains something which is beyond logarithms and laughs at all the laws of trigonometry.

"The real Suwannee River does not rise in any part of Georgia. It rises in the highest mountains of the human soul and is fed by the deepest springs in the human heart. It does not flow through the southern part of Florida, but through the pleasant, sunny lands of memory. It does not empty into a material sea, but into the glorious ocean of unfilled dreams. It leaves the shoes of childhood. Its current ripples with the low, sweet melody of distance. There is such mystical power in its waters that whoever finds himself wearied and worn by the struggle has only to quaff and gain nepenthe.

"It is far, far away, but the heart is ever turning to it, because there's where the old folks stay. On its banks may be only a hut among the bushes, but the bees are still humming around it by day and the banjo is still strumming there in the starlight. And so they will continue to do while memories of home and simple hopes and affections are the most prized possession of mankind. It was in a quaint jargon, such as probably was never actually spoken by anybody, that Foster first sang about it. Nevertheless, his plaintive ditty has become one of the great songs of all times. The surveyors who would find the true Suwannee River must hunt not among the Florida streams, but among the majestic streams of infinite tenderness and love."

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In long hearings at Miami and Jacksonville, the company estimated it was losing $5,000 daily under present rates.

Health Topics

Sponsored by Avon Park Woman's Club
By
Dr. Ruth Miller
Lock Jaw

Lockjaw, or Tetanus, is one of the most vicious diseases that can attack a human being. Easily acquired by even a small injury, lock jaw oftentimes results from neglect. The germ which causes lockjaw lies hidden almost anywhere, but especially in ordinary dirt, animal excrement, rust, gun powder, sand, - etc. The germ gains entrance to the body by means of a small or large puncture wound. A pin, jack with a rusty needle is a good example of this, or an abrasion of the skin into which dirt lodges. If such a wound is not thoroughly cleaned out, lockjaw germs may rest and grow there for several weeks until a generalized infection is noted. Of course the wound itself will be swollen, tender, and drain foul pus, the temperature will rise and a red streak may be noted running up the arm. The patient will find that his jaw has become progressively stiffer until he will be unable to open his mouth at all. When this has happened, the disease is oftentimes fatal. The patient has to be tube-fed and treatment began at such a late time oftentimes is not effective enough to save the life of the patient. Lockjaw reaches a fatal stage when the jaws are tightly closed and cannot be opened, fever becomes high, and delerium sets in. Death from lockjaw is one of suffering and great distress.

Medical science has devised a preventive treatment against this disease now, which is quite effective. It consists of an injection of serum called "tetanus anti-toxin" given at the time of the injury by your physician. This serum is effective as a protection against lockjaw, but it must be remembered that the wound itself which has been the focus of introduction of the germ must also be thoroughly cleansed and sterilized, for best results. If you have any wound which you believe might not be absolutely clean, and which might harbor the dreaded lockjaw germ, you should see your physician at once so that this disease might be prevented. Remember, lockjaw is preventable if proper measures are taken at once. Delay may result in death, even tho the injury may have only been slight.

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