

Clubs

Social Activities

Personal Items

Youngsters Enjoy Hayride

A group of boys and girls on Saturday, Jan. 10, went on a hayride to the fish and game club, where they enjoyed a picnic lunch of potato chips, roasted wieners, cookies and corn cobs. After the picnic lunch they continued the hayride to Sebring, visiting the Youth Center there. They returned to Avon Park late in the afternoon.

Those enjoying the trip were: Charles Shipper, Donald Ford, Anne Palmer, Gloria Garber, J. C. Walker, Joyce Baemore, Billy McGuinn, Jim James, Bill Thomas, Harold Baker, Betty Ann Anderson, Ralph Hill, Audra Anderson, Lamar Smith, Pat Sullivan, Gordon Spencer, Jane Ward, Willie Cravey, Pat Smith, Harold Worth, Helen Knowles, Gene Clark, Dot Edge and Buddy Hart.

Mrs. Childers Is Hostess to Circle

Mrs. L. P. Childers was hostess to the Fay Taylor Circle Tuesday afternoon January 13 at her home on East Canfield St. During the business session Mrs. Childers was elected social chairman of the Circle. After the business session the meeting was turned over to Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., who taught the Bible lesson for the afternoon. After the lesson a social hour was enjoyed.

The hostess served delicious refreshments of pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream and coffee to the following members and guests, Mesdames J. B. Coen, Jr., J. L. Collins, S. J. Pendleton, Wilma Robinson, Harold Guerdon, C. Wilkes, H. Alderman, Jim Packer, C. C. Clancy and Mrs. Powell.

Girl Scouts Take Inspection Tour and All Day Outing

January 9th, fourteen Girl Scouts, working for their Commader badge, inspected the first station and The Avon Park Sun press room where they saw and learned many interesting things. On January 10 an all day outing for the Girl Scouts at Highlands Hammock State Park with Miss Beck, State Botanist, personally conducting a two mile walk over some of the trails giving the girls much valuable information on plant life. After lunch Miss Beck took the girls for a nature study ride in one of the park trucks. A signpost, deer and many unusual birds were seen. The following girls attended: Jean Snyder, Jeanette Lockey, Ethel Hagan, Edna Duran, Frances Fisher, Sandra Shaw, Eileen Sackner, Jean Maxwell, Peggy Shields, Arlene Sargent, and their leader, Miss Olive Knight. Mr. William Sacknerman was given a hearty note of thanks for transportation.



Mrs. Samuel Caruso

Former Avon Park Girl Married in Rochester, N. Y.

A wedding of area interest was solemnized in Rochester, N. Y., on November 8, 1947, when Miss Lillian Elsie Kelley, daughter of Mrs. Hefte Brown became the bride of Mr. Samuel Henry Caruso, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rocco Caruso. The ceremony was performed by Rev. James F. O'Connell of St. Lucy Church, Troup Street, at 10:30 A. M.

The church was decorated with white and pink, entwined with green fern. The altar was draped with white and pink. Twelve palm branches adorned opposite sides of the altar and formed a circle down to the pews.

The bride was given in marriage by her Godfather, Mr. William F. Schenckel, also of Rochester, and attended by Miss Marian Isadore, as maid of honor. Her regular bridesmaids were Miss Louise Dittman, cousin of the bridegroom, and Miss Frances Phillips. Two junior bridesmaids were Miss Lillian Caruso, sister of the bridegroom, and Miss Elia Delfanti.

Frank Vignanni, cousin of the bridegroom, served as best man and the ushers were Joseph Caruso, brother of the bridegroom, and Frank De Rose.

The bride wore an eggshell white satin gown and train with fitted bodice and bustle back. The sweetheart neckline was edged with seeded pearl trimming to match the pearls on her high pointed crown on her finger tip veil. The bride carried a white pearl prayer book covered with the half round of white orchids and small pom poms and white step-inches, entwined with white ribbon and green fern.

The maid of honor wore a dark American beauty velvet gown with taffeta skirt, adorned with velvet burl. She carried a bouquet of yellow chrysanthemums with matching ribbon and feathers, hanging over the arm in a half round shape. The bridesmaids dresses and juniors were the same but in moss green and dusty rose. They carried bronze flowers and purple chrysanthemums.

Immediately following the ceremony, the mother of the bridegroom entertained friends and relatives at her home for a large breakfast and cutting of the wedding cake. A dinner for the immediate family was held at the Normandy Hotel. A reception was held at night at the Caltanissetta Hall for friends of the couple with drinks and dancing until the couple left at midnight for a two weeks honeymoon in Boston and New York City.

For a going away suit, the bride wore a black gabardine suit with maroon accessories. On her gray coat with the perian fur trim, she wore the orchids from her prayer book.

Mrs. Caruso was a graduate of the Avon Park school in 1942, and worked for over four years at Hendricks Field, Sebring, until the close of the field. Then followed a year at Orlando Army

Ray Bennett of Miami spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bennett. Mr. and Mrs. George T. Elwell of Tampa spent the week end with relatives here.

Harry Elwell of Sarasota visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McKee Elwell over the weekend. Mr. Harry S. Elwell of Pittsburgh, Pa., is visiting his brother, McKee Elwell and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Smith of Tampa recently visited with their mother here, Mrs. J. S. Atkins. Bobby Hall has returned to Gainesville after an extended visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Hall.

Mrs. J. S. Atkins of Avon Park, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Levelette and Mrs. Sauer of Sebring returned Monday from a pleasure trip to West Palm Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. James Scoulan have returned to their home in Tallahassee after visiting several days with their mother, Mrs. L. L. Hall.

Mrs. Fred Stevens, who has spent the past season visiting in Ohio returned Wednesday and is residing at 141 No. Lakeview Dr. in Sebring.

The Woman's Club will hold a card party Friday, Jan. 23, 7:30 p. m. at the C. E. Lauer home on the Sebring road. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Archie Kelly, who recently underwent a serious operation at the Archbald Hospital in Thomasville, Ga., is reported to be improving slowly.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Christy and family have returned to their home in Turin, Pa., after spending several days with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Harper and children, David, Mary Jane and Ruth Elaine, have returned to their home in Brackenridge, Pa., after an extended visit here with Mr. Harper's mother, Mrs. John H. Harper, Sr., who resides on North Verona Ave.

Charles A. Sargent left Sunday for Jacksonville where he will attend the Spring Merchandise Show of the Western Auto Stores. The show is for the entire Jacksonville division and will be held Monday through Wednesday.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, at 3:00 p. m., the Covenant Circle of the Congregational Church will meet at the home of Mrs. Wm. Hauptman, 504 N. Lake Ave. Mrs. F. Frick will lead the devotional service. The guest speaker will be Rev. H. D. Gratz.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordan left Sunday to attend the Gift and Art show in Atlanta, Ga. Mr. Jordan will return Thursday and Mrs. Jordan will visit for a few days with relatives in Tiffin, Ga., before returning to her home.

Miss Beatrice Bohman, who has just recently taken over C.

D's Place here in Avon Park received word at 8 p. m. Tuesday that her mother passed away at 5:20 p. m. in Midland, Mich. Miss Bohman left by plane to Tampa at 9 a. m. Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Mac Clannahan of Columbus, Ohio, Mrs. H. H. Hale and daughter, Irene, of Bonita Springs, Fla., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hale at their home on Lake Letta. Mrs. Mac Clannahan and Mrs. Hale are aunts of Mr. Hale.

The Christian Science Society of Avon Park has just opened a public reading room in its church edifice on the corner of Pine and Fairfield, where all Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed or purchased. This reading room is open week days from 2 p. m. until 5 p. m. except on Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays. A librarian is always in attendance to welcome the public.

Grace O'Neal of Lake Placid, Mesdames Midge Coker, Laura Neubauer, and Maudie Varn at tended the conference in Tampa Friday and Saturday for Directing Teachers of Interns. At the present time there are four young college seniors interning in Highlands County schools. They are Miss Ruby Pate of the Florida State University at Tallahassee, working with Mrs. Coker; Miss Marilyn Maxwell of Florida Southern, working with Mrs. Neubauer; Miss Vendelle Sebring of Stetson University, working with Miss Martha Brown, Physical Education, Avon Park; and Joe Barton, of Florida Southern, working with Mrs. O'Neal at Lake Placid.

Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Lyons of Lewisburg, Pa., announced the birth of twin boys January 10. The twins have been named Lawrence Harvey and Joe Kenneth, weighing 5 pounds and 4 ounces and 4 pounds and 12 ounces. Mr. Lyons is the former editor of the Avon Park Sun.

L. D. Roberts sells Business L. D. Roberts for the past 17 years doing business as L. D. Roberts Dry Cleaning and Tailoring announces this week that he has sold his business on West Main street and that the new owner will take over on February 1st. Johnny Wright, young insurance man of this city is the new owner.

The announcement of the engagement of his daughter was made by Mr. Mandis to the guests present, and the Rev. A. B. Leuenborg of the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, in a beautiful ceremony, placed the ring on Peg's finger and said the Deacons.



Miss Peggy Mandis

Peggy Mandis and John Carabaris To Be Married

The announcement of the engagement of Miss Margaret Elizabeth Mandis, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Demos Stephen Mandis, to John George Carabaris, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Carabaris, of Brooklyn, New York, was made at a dinner party at the Mandis home on Lake Letta Friday evening.

The living room was beautifully decorated for the occasion with arrangements of exotic red roses intermingled with greenery. A low silver bowl filled with carnations centered the table in the dining room, and tall blue tapers, burning in silver holders were at opposite ends of the table. The small individual cakes, served with the dessert course of the dinner, were inscribed with John-Peg in blue ink to further emphasize the blue motif chosen for the table appointments. A large birthday cake, aglow with miniature candles, was placed before Peg, in observance of her birthday anniversary, which came on this date.

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dition, after which the group toasted the couple, and showered them with congratulations. Dancing was enjoyed later in the evening.

Miss Mandis received her early education in the Avon Park schools, and graduated from Rollins College in Winter Park with a B. S. degree. She is a member of the American Association of University Women, the D. A. R., the Florida Academy of Science, and she is also an active member of the Junior Women's Club and of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Mr. Carabaris attended Brooklyn College and Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute, and served with the army air forces for four and one-half years; 18 months of this time he was a prisoner of war of the Germans. He held the rank of captain at the time of his discharge, and he has the Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He received his early military training as a cadet at Lodwick Aviation Military Academy, primary flying school in Avon Park, where the romance between the couple began. He was later stationed at Hendricks Field, in Sebring. He is now connected with the H. D. Lee company in New York state.

Plans for the wedding will be announced at a later date.

Bridge Party in Customer's Room

A delightful bridge party was given on the afternoon of Friday, January 9 in the attractive Customer's Room of the Florida Power Company by Mrs. M. Stagers and Mrs. M. Slack.

The room was tastefully decorated with Brazilian peppers. The centerpiece of the four tables were large chop-plates containing fruit salad arranged in the form of large flowers.

After the salad course, the ladies enjoyed three progresses of coffee. The hand-painted talies were made by Jim James. The hostesses served tangelo juice during the playing.

Mrs. Clarence Clark received high prize; Mrs. E. F. Armstrong, low; and Mrs. H. B. Deaton, the floating prize. Those enjoying the party were: Mrs. Frank Truett, Mrs. Clarence Clark, Mrs. E. F. Armstrong, Mrs. K. Bristol, Mrs. Volzinger, Mrs.

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Thompson, Mrs. H. B. Donaldson, Mrs. W. D. Dornay, Mrs. Hoyt Kempton, Mrs. G. P. Thayer, Mrs. Wm. Hauptman, Mrs. J. E. Richmond, Mrs. Gilmore, Mrs. John Hood, and Mrs. DeLoey James. Mrs. L. Bass, who has been ill for several months, came in to meet the guests later in the afternoon.

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Historical Pamphlets Received By Chamber of Commerce

By H. H. Jordan
Through the generosity of Dr. C. S. Davidson, former mayor of Avon Park, to whom the city owes a debt for many contributions to its welfare during the years of his residence here, the Chamber of Commerce has received two bits of historical value which he recently found in looking through some old documents.

The first is a sixteen page pamphlet published evidently in the year 1890, by Mr. T. M. Merwin, manager of the Hotel Verona, which then fronted on Lake Verona near the present site of the Winter Guest Club, and was the finest hotel in central southern Florida. Mr. Merwin also operated the Blue Mountain House in the Adirondack Mountains of New York State, and in his time between the two "homes" after the burning of the Hotel Verona, he continued to reside here during the winter season until his demise in 1938.

The pamphlet gives the first mention of Avon Park, and the information about the healthy climate, freedom from insect pests (which seem to have been much noted before the development of the citrus groves), in fact he terms it "A Natural Sanitarium." He points out that "The social and moral conditions of Avon Park are excellent. The population is cosmopolitan, representing various northern states, England and Germany, and no negroes within twenty miles."

There was, of course, no railroad into Avon Park, but a branch of the Atlantic Coast Line did go to Ft. Meade. "A daily hack line from Ft. Meade furnishes comfortable transportation to Avon Park, and the trip through the pine woods is usually a delightful journey by rail or steamship."

The hotel was steam heated and gas lighted, no inside or dark rooms, and only one bath on the board and room, \$10.00 per week. (Continued on Page Four)

Edwin G. Fraser Visits Avon Park

Edwin G. (Ed) Fraser, young Macclenny businessman, visited here Wednesday in the interest of his candidacy for re-election as state comptroller, a post for which he was chosen in 1946, but from which he was barred by a legal technicality.

Fraser was nominated for the post by the State Democratic Executive Committee at a meeting in Jacksonville following the death of Col. J. M. Lee. He was elected in the general election and later declared ineligible by the state supreme court because he was a member of the 1945 Senate, which voted a pay increase for Colonel Lee and other cabinet officers.

Fraser was a guest at the weekly Rotary luncheon and later spent several hours conferring with friends here. He is completing a preliminary swing around the state, and will start his speaking tour around the first of March.

LABOR SURVEY

White women between the ages of 20 and 30 who would be interested in working in a hosiery mill, if and when one should be established in Avon Park, are requested to register with the Chamber of Commerce before February 1, 1948. A sign and mail the coupon below. Those who register now will be the first considered.

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Report of Legion Meeting Wednesday

At the regular meeting of Post 89 American Legion held Wednesday night at the Club House on Lake Lotela, a report was made by Commander Johnny Wright of the Mid-Winter conference of the State Legion held at Tampa last week. A delegation from Avon Park accompanied Mr. Wright to the meeting, in order to present the offer of Avon Park to the Legion to establish a memorial building here for the State headquarters. Those in the party are as follows: Mayor O. C. Wilkes, Gen. Owens, H. Jordan, president of the Chamber of Commerce, Walter Betts, John Hood, Capt. McAdams, and H. Horn.

The proposal of the local Legion was the first of four to be presented to the meeting and was as follows: Gift of a parcel of land on Main street fronting on Lake Verona as building site for the memorial building. The offer of 17 rooms on the second floor of the Avon Park Hotel, or in place of that 3300 square feet in the Betts building, rent free for one year, for temporary headquarters while the memorial building is being built. Three suitable residential buildings to be made available for the department personnel, along with moral support, co-operation and good will of the city. The report was received very favorably, but no decision can be made until after the State meeting of the Legion in Miami sometime in April.

Bryant Coker and George Lilly of Sebring were guests at the meeting. The report was made a suggestion that the local post join with the A.F.W.O. of Sebring in staging an air show at the lake sometime in March. A committee was appointed to work with a committee of A.F.W.O. to work out details.

Sunday Bear Sales May Be Banned Here

The rate of bear sales on Sunday in Highlands County will soon be a thing of the past, if the county commissioners have their way. The board has instructed its attorney, M. R. McDonald, to check the Sunday bear sales to the county to see if it has to prohibit the sale of bear on the Sabbath.

Offhand, the commissioners have been advised they can set up regulations banning Sunday bear sales outside of the municipalities that they would be certain to prevent any booming from any action they might take along that line. In addition, the commissioners will have to seek the cooperation of the officials of the various municipalities to the end that no Sunday bear sales will be allowed within the city limits.

City and Lake Placid officials are expected to go along with the commission's idea. In fact, it was the recent policy of Reason Shivers, Highlands County Commissioner, to the county board to close the bear emporiums outside of the Avon Park city limits that gave the commissioners the idea of closing the third-quitting towns throughout the county on Sunday.

One Sebring town operator is heartily in favor of the idea. He is Jack Pugh, who said "we're with the commissioners 100 percent. We'd like to close on Sunday but we're open because another bear parker decided to stay open. We hope the commissioners go through with their plan."

Pending further action by the county commission, the Avon Park Council has taken steps to make a survey of the distances of bear parlors from churches and schools in the city, preparatory to enacting an ordinance regulating the distance between them. The church survey was made for a protest by The Rev. Mr. C. W. Jones, of the Church of God.

THE BAPTIST HOUR

Sunday morning at 8:30 o'clock January 25, 1948 Dr. Kyle M. Yates, of Houston, Texas will be the speaker on The Baptist Hour. The subject is "The Baptist Hour, 'Justice-Man to Man.' Radio Stations WDBO, WFLA, WOPF and WKX will carry the program, each with a 12-hour record.

It Could Happen To You!

Editor Avon Park Sun
Dear Editor:
The drive is now on to raise funds for the Foundation of Infantile Paralysis. This letter is an appeal to the public from someone who knows and appreciates the foundation.

Not being a columnist or a professional writer, I do not know a whole lot of fancy words that should be used in such an appeal, but I do know how much the foundation helped us and how much we appreciated it. Therefore I would like to tell our experience with the foundation so that others may understand the value and importance of the March of Dimes campaign.

On November 25, 1947 our family physician examined our 11 weeks old daughter, Mary Susan, diagnosed the case as polio and referred her to a baby specialist in Lakeland for further diagnosis and treatment. The specialist verified the diagnosis as polio, placed her in the hospital and started the Kinney treatment at once.

The following day I was in the Barnett bank to see Mr. Longbottom, treasurer of the Highlands County Foundation, on other business. After a few words of greeting, Mr. Longbottom said he had just heard about our child and expressed his deepest sympathy. At the time I was so full of grief and anxiety I could hardly think or speak. Before I had time to speak, however, he went on to say that I was not to worry about anything financially. That would be taken care of by the Foundation.

Please remember that this was the first day after our child had been placed in the hospital and no one knew how much the cost would be. But the foundation said, "we will take care of everything financially." Words can not describe my feelings at that moment. I was already grietstricken and any words of sympathy filled me with tears. I felt I had been rescued from worries. I do not mind admitting I was physically able to attend to the business that I had gone into the bank to attend.

Some may ask why so much grief? Let me ask them if they have children of their own and blood. Have they ever seen them so restless and in so much pain day and night that nothing would ease them? Did they ever have a child look up into their eyes as if to say, "please do something for me" and they have children of their own and blood. Have they ever seen them so restless and in so much pain day and night that nothing would ease them? Did they ever have a child look up into their eyes as if to say, "please do something for me" and they have children of their own and blood. Have they ever seen them so restless and in so much pain day and night that nothing would ease them? Did they ever have a child look up into their eyes as if to say, "please do something for me" and they have children of their own and blood.

We are very thankful that Mary Susan's case was a mild one, but even at that the total cost amounted to almost \$20 per day for the actual number of days she was confined to the hospital. The entire amount was paid by the Highlands County Chapter of the Foundation. Had her case been a more severe one the cost would have been well over \$40 per day and not in Highlands county can afford that kind of expense?

The only way your foundation can afford it is by your liberal donations. No one knows who will be stricken next. It strikes without warning and without mercy. Without the financial backing of the polo foundation many children would go lacking for the necessary and adequate treatment. The bill for the summer every person a free and equal opportunity to get the very best of treatment and care. Please don't put it off—give as much as you can as many times as you can during the drive. Maybe your child will benefit by the money you give—Ours did.

Very truly yours,
J. C. Still

Florida Power Corp. Annual Safety Meet

The annual safety dinner meeting for employees of the Lake Wales division and Avon Park plant of the Florida Power Corp. was held Monday night at the Seminole Hotel in Lake Wales with G. M. McBride, chief engineer of the Avon Park plant, as master of ceremonies.

Mr. H. D. Owens, safety director of the Florida Power Corp., gave a very inspiring and educational talk on safety entitled "The Journey Through Life." Included on the program after dinner was a movie, "Careless Costs You"; a talk by H. B. McMahon, the company's safety director, and the presentation of individual and departmental safety certificates to those employees and groups having completed the past year or more without a lost-time accident.

Local employees receiving the awards at the dinner, together with the lengths of their safety records in years, were: G. E. McBride, 22; John Knight, 12; G. H. Beeler, 15; W. K. Rutherford, 15; D. D. Smith, 8; Albert Smith, Jr., 8; R. C. Rader, 8; James Indle, Jr., 8; Thomas Hamilton, Jr., 8; Lawrence Ford, 3; Robert Woodruff, 3; Robert W. Venable, 3; Charles Worthington, 2; Helen Tuten, 2; Milton Slocum, 2; Walter Shivers, 2; "Ward" Harper, 2; Harry Doubler, 2; Acis Kelly, 1; Charles Doss, 1; J. L. Johnson, 1; R. R. Brown, 1; H. H. Shepherd, 1; D. D. Smith, 1; L. L. Mitchell, 1; Vera Bowers, 1; Henry McCully, 1; James Murphy, 1; John Mathis, 1; Harry Chadwick, 1; James Ward, 1; and Fred Redick, 1.

Departmental awards for local groups went to the Avon Park district and to the power to convey crew, each with a 12-hour record.

Slot Machines and Liquor Seized Here

Six slot machines and 96 bottles of liquor were seized by state and county officers Monday night at the exclusive Inverness Lakes Club, on Lake Lotela.

M. R. Thompson, club president, posted bonds totaling \$2500 on charges involving violations of the liquor and gambling laws.

State Revenue Agents Frank Register and H. V. Miller and Chief Deputy Sheriff J. B. Stanley made the seizure after the state agents went to the club to inspect its beer license. There they saw the liquor and slot machines, the sheriff's office reported.

The slot machines were of various types, taking coins of sizes from a nickel to a half dollar. Nearly \$300 in coins was found in the six machines. The liquor was of assorted kinds and in assorted bottles, some of it allegedly the individual property of guests at the club.

County Prosecutor M. R. McDonald said he was preparing warrants on the liquor phase of the raid. He said Thompson, as club president and in possession of the slot machines for sale, having liquor in an establishment with a beer license, and possessing liquor not bearing state stamps.

In warrants prepared, Thompson was charged on six counts with possession of slot machines. While the sheriff's force was busy supplying the machines of their money and tagging bottles in the liquor haul, Highlands County commissioners were busy among other things at their semi-monthly session Tuesday.

The board decided to ask the sheriff to let legally confiscated liquor in his possession to the best bidder among licensed wholesalers. The board also decided to let Thompson go into the county treasury. The county cannot be sold in this county because it was voted five years ago.

In addition, the board received a resolution from its counsel, Attorney McDonald, covering the winning of beer sales throughout the county from midnight dinners until 7 A. M. Monday, except in the municipalities. Officers were asked to see that the will be asked to pass ordinances covering that period of time. Lake Placid already has such an ordinance in effect.

No action was taken on the resolution, the board deciding to delay action. It would go into effect February 1.

Pay Unemployment Tax By January 31

Chairman Carl B. Smith of the Florida unemployment commission reminded Florida employers subject to the unemployment tax that any contributions due the state unemployment compensation fund for 1947 must be paid by January 31, 1948, in order to be eligible for full credit against the 3 per cent federal unemployment tax for 1947.

Employers subject to the federal unemployment tax are allowed to take credit on the federal return up to 90 per cent of such tax for contributions paid to the state on time, but less 10 per cent of such credit if payment to the state is delayed until after January 31.

All employers who have paid their total Florida tax for 1947 by January 31, will be entitled to a 90 per cent credit on their federal return regardless of the rate at which they have contributed their Florida tax. For example, a Florida employer contributing to the state unemployment compensation fund at a rate of 1 per cent would still have a 90 per cent credit against his federal tax of 3 per cent.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR GOVERNOR

W. A. Shands a member of the State Senate for the last eight years and prior to that four years a member of the State Road Department, announced today his candidacy for Governor, stating in an initial that "I am among my fellow Floridians to enter the race with the greatest responsibility and the greatest privilege."

Mr. Shands' first step was to get the endorsement of the Florida Bar Association, which he did last night.

THE BARNETT BANK ELECTS TWO NEW DIRECTORS

S. F. Longbottom, president of The Barnett Bank of Avon Park, announced the election of two new directors to the board at the annual meeting of stockholders and directors January 14th. The new directors are John H. Hood and S. F. Longbottom.

Incidentally, the meeting of the stockholders' meeting the director not re-elected William H. Barnett as Chairman of the Board. S. F. Longbottom, president, W. D. Durney, cashier and elected a new officer, Earl W. Hart as vice president.

John H. Hood is a pioneer citizen of Avon Park. He was born in Burlington, Coffee County, Kansas. After living in California, Oklahoma, Colorado and Nebraska, he came to Tampa, Florida in 1911 and on to Avon Park in 1912, filing on Homestead about seven miles east of Avon Park.

Mr. Hood, having been an engineer and a stockholder in the Navy two years during World War One, he became City Engineer for Avon Park from 1919 to 1921 and 1922 to 1923. He was also a member of the Highlands County Board of County Commissioners from 1921 through 1924. From 1923 to 1924 he was a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County from 1924 through 1925. From 1925 to 1926 he was a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County from 1926 through 1927. From 1927 to 1928 he was a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County from 1928 through 1929. From 1929 to 1930 he was a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County from 1930 through 1931. From 1931 to 1932 he was a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County from 1932 through 1933. From 1933 to 1934 he was a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County from 1934 through 1935. 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Winter Guests Club News

By David Arthur Brodie

We all know that our Club members represent a good many different professions, so that it is rather difficult, if not impossible, to write something each week that will interest everyone. Yet, we may take it for granted that whatever concerns Florida in its natural state, should be of interest generally, since we have all congregated here for one reason or another, but mostly to enjoy its exceptionally mild winters. However, the state has many attractions aside from its mild winters, so many in fact, that it would be useless to attempt to enumerate them in a short article. Outside of its mild winters, perhaps the most fundamental feature of the state is the fact that from the standpoint of written history, it is the oldest state in the Union, but geologically, it is the youngest. The history of the development of Florida since its discovery, is so voluminous and so easily available, that it is at least passing interest to those behind the scenes, as it shows and learns something of the development of the state.

When we know as the State of Florida lies upon a great mass of very ancient rock known as the Florida Plateau. This plateau is about 500 miles long and from 100 to 300 miles wide, and is situated to the south of the Gulf of Mexico. It is a part of the North American continent, and is considered to be one of the most stable parts of the earth's crust. It is free from earthquakes, and is the only place along which takes place the slipping that causes earthquakes. During the younger part of the geological past, the Florida Plateau was a vast, flat, open sea, and at such times, the waves washed down from the mountains and deposited on this plateau, and eventually hardened into rock, mostly limestone. Centuries later, there was a slight upheaval of the plateau until a small island began to appear near what is now Ocala. After another lapse of centuries, this island had broadened and extended southward into a rounded point near Lake Placid, so that what we now know as the Ridge of Florida, was a long island separated from the mainland by a wide channel, variously mentioned as Okefenokee Sound, or Suwannee Channel, connecting the Atlantic Ocean with the Gulf of Mexico. Eventually, as debris continued to be washed down from the higher lands in Georgia and further to the north, this channel was filled up and the peninsula of Florida took on its present shape. Those of us who have travelled between Gainesville and Ocala may have noticed a wide strip of low, level land—across which the highway runs—part of the fill of the old channel. While this filling was going on, the exposed deposits were being eroded and washed off, uncovering the earliest deposits around Ocala where the best known, and most extensive rock, the Ocala limestone, crops out. From deep borings, this information is known to cover most of the peninsula, but is deeply buried under later deposits. One of the outstanding features of the Ridge of Florida is the large number of beautiful lakes, great and small, that dot the landscape. Most of these lakes do not show any inlet or outlet, yet they have both, of course. All of them are said to be the result of dissolution of the lime in the Ocala limestone, causing sinks and underground channels through which rain water, and water from other sources, drain. This helps to explain why they remain at a pretty constant level throughout the seasons.

Again, centuries passed. So far as we can ascertain, the Ridge of Florida, upon which we are situated here at Avon Park, has remained about sea-level, and it is claimed that this Florida Plateau is still slowly and imperceptibly rising, which may account for the gradual drainage of the limestone area, of new, and mostly natural putres, in the central and southern parts of the peninsula, much of which was probably created by the rising of the land. During these hundreds, or thousands of centuries, the surface of the land became crisscrossed with trees, shrubs and plants of various species indigenous to this latitude, and animal life became abundant. During what is known as the Pliocene and Pleistocene eras, the animal life was very different from the wild life of today. Bizarre creatures, looking more ungainly, as well as many kinds of smaller animals, existed. Among these were sloths, three-toed horses, saber-toothed tigers, rhinoceroses, mastodons, tapirs, camels, and many others. Many of them resembled South American animals, and are believed to have come across, when the Isthmus of Panama bridged the gap between the two continents. There were also the American mammoth and other native animals of the north, which were probably driven south during the Glacial Epoch, at which time the northern part of the continent was covered by sheets of ice hundreds of feet thick as far south as southern Ohio. All of the animals mentioned here, except the sloth, lived before Columbus discovered America, and among the bones of these pre-historic animals, have been found in the bones of ancient man, which were being unearthed. A rich deposit of these remains are to be found in what is known as the Seminole bog around Melbourne and Vero, and other points in the region. Neander to us in the south, and of the Bone Valley Gravel, extending from the neighborhood of Fort Meade to Clearwater, which is full of broken bones and shelled teeth. This area yields phosphate which has been one of the leading industries of Florida for many years. A rich deposit is just north of Bowling Green on U. S. Route 17.

In this article we have just touched a few of the high points of the state's history, and it is hoped that it will stimulate the interest of many of our winter guests, who are here to enjoy the state's natural beauty and the mild climate.

There was really no good reason for me to climb out on a limb with Mr. Harris. "But," I said, "one of these days, in a year or so, the Supreme Court of the United States is going to knock the white primary bill in the head and then you will be left with all this anti-unionism and with wounds that won't heal for a long time. Why don't you fellows get together on a qualifications bill, similar to North Carolina's and let's build a really strong Democratic Party? We can do it if we don't drive a lot of people out of it permanently."

Well, that led to more and more talk and so, I forgot what it was we bet. But, anyhow, we bet.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals, composed entirely of Southerners, did knock the South Carolina white primary in the head, and these really isn't any use taking it on up to the Supreme Court. The Court of Appeals, hearing an appeal from another Southern-born judge's opinion in the South Carolina District Court, was repeating an earlier U. S. Supreme Court decision when it said:

"No election machinery can be upheld if its purpose is to deny to the Negro, on account of his race or color, an effective voice in the government of his country, or the state or community wherein he lives."

So, as you see, there isn't any use carrying the fight to the Supreme Court with its own precedents from Richmond, Va. on up to the Supreme Court.

Anyhow, I hope Mr. Harris will send me the copy or whatever it is. Come to think of it, I was in trouble also, at the time I speak, for saying that in my opinion Mr. Roy Harris was a smart fellow, and the best single political worker in the state. Some of those in the bleachers were all throwing bottles at the umpire's head for that. Well, I thought so then, and I still think so. He either is, or isn't, and I never saw anything wrong with having an opinion about it. It didn't mean I supported all he did. There was, however, one curious fact. At the time Ellis Arnall was elected, I had, along with others, accepted all Mr. Harris did in running that election. It was therefore, that I viewed with cynical eyes and some contempt, those who now were hysterically demanding the Harris tactics be denounced because they were now in another camp. My code is not inflexible, but I couldn't do that.

Anyhow, I can assume this will mean that Roy Harris will cease and desist on the white primary business. He was too good a lawyer to let his emotions fool him before. As a frequent dealer in subtleties, he knows the law in the law, and no amount of evading tactics will succeed. He is too good a politician to go ahead with it. Or, at least, I think he is.

The state has had enough of viewing the Negro vote with alarm, anyhow. It could have been pulled right into the Democratic Party and a great deal of it, yes, can be salvaged with a little fair treatment.

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I have always felt, and still feel, that the qualified Negro certainly had a right to vote in the choice of those who will govern him.

It is high time the South came to its own thinking about the Negro. We were touched very little by the great political and social convulsions which shook India, China, all of Asia, and the great Dutch and French possessions of the Pacific and the Indies. But, we felt them slightly.

If we fail to go ahead with social and I am not talking about social equality justice and political justice for the Negro citizen, there will be more and more chickens coming home to roost. It simply is not possible always to defend, and uphold a moral wrong. And that is what we have been doing.

We have got to face this problem in that light, and not in a welter of shouted phrases about "nigger lover," and social equality, and Zebra parties, and all that sort of thing. Gentlemen, the warning bell has struck. Shall we think and act to do the best we can for the South and its problems, or go on fighting against the inevitable, and be overwhelmed by it?

There is time yet. But, there is not as much time as there was.

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Local Brevities

Mr. Jack Head spent Thursday in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pendleton Wednesday in Tampa.

Vernon Lanier spent Tuesday in Jacksonville where he attended a Fed dealers meeting.

Mr. Freddie Paley was in Avon Park on Monday, a guest of Mrs. B. T. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. George Sherman from Castile, N. Y., are guests of Mrs. Alice Sherman.

Clyde Hooker of Ocala and D. E. "Lefty" Zimmerman of Tallahassee were visitors in Avon Park Wednesday.

The Eleanor Seavers Rebekah Lodge No. 648 gave postponed their installation to Tuesday, Jan. 27th, 8:00 o'clock P. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heim of Boston, Mass., have returned to their home after spending two weeks vacation in Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bradley of Middleboro, Mass., have arrived in Avon Park to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Ekins and daughter Helen, of Key West, Fla., have recently moved to Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Vivian of Canada recently arrived in Avon Park to spend the winter and have taken an apartment with Mrs. Amelia Dick on Verona Ave.

Mr. and Mrs. William J. Bridges and children have returned to their home in Birmingham, Ala., after a delightful visit in Avon Park.

Mrs. C. W. Pabor and children, Anne and Edgar, spent the week end in Tampa as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Smith in Beach Park.

Miss Frances Knabb of Gainesville spent the week-end as guest in the Dilley home. She was a bride in the Dilley-Neal wedding.

The Rebekah Club extends their thanks to the Winter Guest of the tourist club for making their card party a big success on Thursday evening, January 15th.

Mrs. Frank H. McDonald, Jr., and Mrs. C. S. English of Miami, were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Lockett. The Lockets are parents of Mrs. English.

Miss Olive Knight is attending the Girl Scout Leadership Training Program, being taught this week at the Shipping Stores in Sebring.

The Avon Park Firemen and the Palmette Independents will clash at the Avon Park Armory basketball court Thursday night, at eight o'clock.

Paul Lynch, who recently came to Avon Park as manager of the Avon Park Theatre, passed away on January 19th, and was buried on the 17th at Titusville, Fla.

Charles "Chuck" Deaman, who has recently been transferred to Haines City to manage the Flop Theatre there is back in Avon Park for two weeks.

Mrs. Paul Jordan has returned home after several days visit with relatives in Titusville, Fla. Her sister, Mrs. Marvin Kennedy returned with her for a few days visit here.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Skipper of Gainesville arrived Friday to spend the week-end with relatives. Mrs. Skipper attended the Dilley-Neal wedding as bridesmaid.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. R. Bishop and children, Carol and James and Miss Mary Bishop of Chesapeake, Conn., recently arrived in Avon Park to spend the winter.

Ronald Dilley, John Paul Garber and J. B. Neal, Jr., arrived in Avon Park Friday, from Gainesville to spend the week-end with their parents and to attend the Dilley-Neal wedding.

Mrs. B. T. Stewart, Mrs. T. C. Stewart, and Mrs. Alice Sherman spent Sunday in Tampa attending the American Legion Auxiliary mid-winter conference at the Floridian Hotel.

Mr. Harris Turner of Salem, N. J., arrived Monday to spend a few days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Cooper, upon leaving Avon Park Mr. Turner expects to spend the remaining part of the winter in Miami.

Miss Pearl Purley of Albertville, Ala., Miss Billie Burge, Miss Hollins Barge and Mr. E. T. Hudgins of Birmingham, Ala., Mrs. R. H. Hudgins, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Runkless of Sebring visited with Mr. and Mrs. Les J. Loy Sunday.

Enjoy your dinner by dining on our porch. Eddie's Nautical Club—Adm.

Mr. and Mrs. William R. Barnett of Jacksonville, entertained the directors and officers of the Barnett Bank of Avon Park and their wives at a dinner at the Tropic Club on Wednesday night. The guests of Mr. and Mrs. Barnett were E. W. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. John H. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dornmyr, Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ward and Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Longbottom.

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