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GREATER WEEKLIES

'Cracker Politics'

By Allen Morris

The cabinet is weakening in its stand against central purchasing.

Heretofore the strongest force in opposition to uniform buying of state supplies, the cabinet privately has retreated to the position of willingness to accept a central purchasing agency—if this agency functions under its control.

What caused this retreat?

First of all, of course, the nomination of Fuller Warren, who [illegible] central purchasing a key [illegible] of his gubernatorial platform and whose election therefore may be regarded as a mandate to the 1949 Legislature to enact this.

Warren almost singlehandedly kept alive the idea of systematic buying through the years since [illegible] when a group of college pro[illegible] in the name of [illegible] on ef[illegible] economy, recom[illegible].

[illegible] central [illegible] would have [illegible] today, for the [illegible] that Fuller [illegible] with [illegible] Caldwell [illegible] may be re[illegible] after the conflict [illegible] had been printed [illegible] together with [illegible] legislative commit[illegible] the origin of [illegible] of the Governor [illegible] telephoned [illegible] that Caldwell [illegible] he was replying to Warren.

[illegible] continued the law [illegible] the Governor only had [illegible] certain statements [illegible] appeared in [illegible] and Caldwell [illegible] believing he [illegible] this paper. These [illegible] of the "Tampa com[illegible]

[illegible] there has been a change [illegible] attitude of the [illegible] as the cabinet [illegible] after next January [illegible] Warren supplants [illegible] Richard W. Ervin, Jr., [illegible] Attorney General J. [illegible] Watson, and Thos. D. Bailey [illegible] into the seat of School Superintendent Colin English.

[illegible]'s unique system of government of seven independent [illegible] encouraged opposition to [illegible] buying (or for that matter, [illegible] doing of anything). As independent administrators, the cabinet members naturally do not want to surrender any fragment of their constitutional authority. And they saw surrender in one form in pooled purchases.

The whole present system of the present may be reduced to a formula: A stenographer in a cabinet office ran out of carbon paper. Without the necessity of consulting anyone, she walked across Pensacola street to an office supply store and bought a fresh package at the full retail price simply by signing her name to a charge slip. She was the sole judge of that purchase: quantity, quality and price.

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Constable Emmett E. Shelby of Pensacola, big and good-looking, is among those who for many years have regarded Fuller Warren as "handed down"—set upon this earth by divinity for the special purpose of being Florida's governor.

Shelby also was follower of the late Huey P. Long, and the news of Long's assassination came to him as a shock equal to the loss of a member of his own family.

It was seven years ago, yet memory still is sharp of an evening in a Jacksonville hotel, with Warren stretched full-length on a bed and others listening intently around the room, when Shelby, then a sergeant of the Florida Highway Patrol, recited the famous passage from Long's speech beneath the Evangeline Oak in his [illegible]-28 campaign.

"And it is here under this oak where Evangeline waited for her lover, Gabriel," Shelby quoted Long. "This oak is immortal, but Evangeline is not the only one who waited here in disappointment.

"Where are the schools, the roads and highways, the institutions for the disabled you sent your money to build? Evangeline's tears lasted through one lifetime—yours through generations. Give me the chance to dry the eyes of those who still weep here."

Behind the facade of multi-million dollar temples of stone and concrete in Tallahassee, now being constructed for the Supreme court, the road department and the industrial commission, remains the half-loaf of facilities and of staff for care of the state's helpless. There are those who still weep in Florida.

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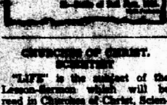

An honest man's word is as good as any contract.

JULY

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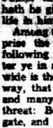

CHURCHES OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

"LIFE" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, throughout the world on Sunday, July 18.

The Golden Text is: "As the Father hath life in himself; so hath he given to the Son to have life in himself" (John 5:26).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "Enter ye in at the straight gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in threat: Because straight is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it" (Matthew 7:13, 14).

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: "The way is straight and narrow, which leads to the understanding that God is the only Life. It is a warfare with the flesh, in which we must conquer sin, sickness, and death, either here or hereafter—certainly before we can reach the goal of Spirit, or life in God" (324:13 The).

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED

Instructors at salaries ranging from $2,644 to $7,102 per annum are needed by the Department of the Air Force at Kessler Air Force Base, Biloxi, Mississippi, to teach the theory, operation and use of ground and airborne radar and associated equipment, according to the Executive Secretary, Board of U. S. Civil Service Examiners for Kessler Air Force Base.

Experience in the field of electronics; teaching experience at high school or college level in physics, electrical engineering, or mathematics; or college education with courses in physics, mathematics, or electrical engineering are all qualifying for the Trainee grade of Radar Instructor, $2,644 per annum. The higher grades of Radar Instructor require in addition experience as an instructor teaching courses in radar or college teaching in electrical engineering or physics.

Further information and necessary application forms may be obtained from the Civil Service Secretary at any first or second-class post office in the state of Florida.

A total of $572,773 benefit payments to approximately 13,700 individuals was made through the Unemployment Compensation division of the Florida Industrial Commission during the month of June.

A total of 552 handicapped workers were placed through the Florida State Employment Service during June. Of this number, 320 were disabled veterans, while 41 of the placements were of handicapped women.

RALPH McGILL

. . . One Southerner's Viewpoint

'HE WAS KIND AND GENTLE AND A GREAT FRIEND, BUT SOMEHOW—'

He came in and talked, and while I had never know him, we each knew people from bygone years.

"You knew about Bob?" he asked.

"Yes," I said, "I heard, but I know nothing, really. All I know is that after a long struggle with drink he took his own life."

"Yes," he said, "it was very sad. We never knew why he drank. He had everything he wanted, and he hated and feared drinking and yet the bouts with it came closer and closer until, one night, he counted life so little worth the struggle that he quit it . . . I was one of the pall-bearers."

I remember college and a room—laughter and fun—words called in the darkness from bed to bed in a fraternity house room.

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It is a curious thing how some go down in the sea of life and, while they struggle up for air, they go down again and cannot swim in it. They cannot swim though there be those who try to buoy them up and thrust hands under them in their struggling or blow up waterwings of hope and love and trust and tie about them. It comes, finally, down to the fact that there is within them something of which they are afraid and which they weed until it grows into a tiger which must be met and slain, or which will devour them.

I think I know what was his tiger, and it was in the beginning so small and so absurd a thing.

He was kind and gentle and a great friend, but somehow in his childhood years he had become afraid to lean on himself.

I remember so many things.

He always admired daring of deed or word. I recall his running laughter and his adjectives as he shook his head in our college room over the exploits of two of us who shared the room with him. They were sophomoric exploits of putting beer kegs on the chancellors' front porch, or of locking the campus policeman in a closet, or entering the professor's rooms in the dormitory wing and changing the furniture from one room to another.

In the occasional college drinking bouts, which prohibition brought, with the thrill of driving into the country and finding one of those dirty men who sold the stuff, he would become boisterous and difficult to control as the inhibitions melted and the false assurance made him do and dare.

Remorse sat heavily upon him afterwards and guilt roweled him with its spurs.

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There was no one to dig into the shadows of his mind and find the fear and drag it forth into the light and say, "It isn't real."

There was none to probe into his feeling of uncertainty about himself, and say, "You have a fine mind that will carry you far." He made fine grades and was a brilliant student, but when he went into the law he was not good before a jury, but could find the law in books and prepare the case . . . but hate himself and curse himself for his fear to stand before a court and fight. There was none to look into his mind and find the key to unlock that door for him.

And so, to remove that croaking raven of black doubt which sat always before the door of his inner self, he turned to drinking so deeply that he was for days blacked out. Then his family would find and straighten him out and he would try again, but by now his feeling of guilt and his fear were a dragon and it was not in him to face it and slay it.

He was good and fine and gentle—yet it would have been better had he never lived.

They are not cowards by design or plan . . . yet they put the burden on their families and those who love them most.

Finally, if they will not themselves find the way out of their own maze, or if one cannot find it for them, there is nothing left to do but be cruel and cut them off before they drag all others near them down. In the end they will lie and deceive and lose the dignity that is a person's best asset, a mouse in the paws of the tiger.

The answer is not in law, but in self . . . And looking back across the years, remembering young laughter and careless, carefree days, I do not know the answer and I do not know how man and God's plan for man so often grow apart so that neither love nor prayer nor force may call them back.

Business may be off at other race tracks this summer, but not at Hialeah, which is enjoying record crowds of sightseers. There was an increase of 15 per cent in visitors for June over 1947, a survey reveals. More than 2,000 daily visit the track, the only in the world kept open the year-round as a public park.

It Pays to Read The Classifieds.

CHURCH Notices

CHURCH OF CHRIST

(South Forrest Avenue)
W. B. FREEMAN, Minister
Sunday Bible Study 10:00 A. M.
Preaching 11:00 A. M. & 7:30
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30
All are welcome to these services

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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH

Rev. J. R. Purvis, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 10:45 A. M.
Evening Worship, 7:30 P. M.
Wednesday Prayer Service, 7:45 P. M.

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FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

S. Lake Ave & Walnut St.
Rev. W. J. Ashworth, Pastor
Church School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 10:55 A. M.
Nursery for babies and small children during Sunday School and Church.

The Youth Fellowship at 6:45 P. M.

Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 P. M.
Service.
Choir Practice following Prayer

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. E. H. Puryear, Pastor
Sunday School 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship 10:55 A. M.
Nursery for small children during morning services.
Training Union 6:45.
Evening Worship 8:00.
Wednesday Prayer Service 7:30 P. M.

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THE CHURCH OF GOD

S. Verona Ave.
Rev. W. O. Crews, Pastor
Sunday School 10:00 A. M.
Sunday Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Young People's Service Thursday 7:15 P. M.
Sunday Evening Service 7:00 P. M.
[illegible]day Prayer Service 7:15 P. M.

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UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Church St. & N. Forrest Ave.
Rev. Herbert Graetz, Pastor
Mrs. J. Paul Garber, Choir Director.
Mrs. Althea Pickens, Organist.
Rev. John E. Pickens, Sunday School Superintendent.
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11:00 A. M.
Nursery for Small Children During Morning Service.

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FLORIDA AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. L. E. McRae, Pastor
Sunday School, 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship, 11 A. M.
Training Union, 6:45 P. M.
Evening Worship, 8 P. M.
Prayer Service Wednesday Evening, 8 P. M.

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CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER

(Episcopal)
Rev. A. Bruce Lauenborg
Sunday, 7:30 A. M.
Holy Communion
9:45 A. M. Church School
First and Third Sundays 11 A. M.
Holy Communion and Sermon
Second and Fourth Sundays
Morning Prayer and Sermon
Nursery for babies and small children 11 A. M.
6 P. M. Young Peoples Service League
Wednesday, 10 A. M.
Holy Communion

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Church of the Nazarene

W. Main St. & DeSoto Ave.
Pastor: Rev. L. S. Huff
Sunday School: 9:45 A. M.
Morning Worship: 11:00 A. M.
Junior Society: 7:30 P. M.
Evangelistic service: 7:30 P. M.
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday 7:30 P. M.

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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

Chapel at Walker Memorial Sanitarium & Hospital
J. R. Young, Pastor
SERVICES:
Sabbath Worship, Saturday 9:30 A. M. Sabbath School 11:00 Morning Sermon.
Prayer Meeting, Wednesday, 7:45 P. M.
Missionary Volunteer Service (Youth Meeting) Friday, 7:45 P. M.
Public cordially invited to all services.

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Christian Science Services

Sunday School 9:30 A. M.
Sunday Morning Service 11 A.M.
Wednesday Evening 8 P. M.
Corner East Pine & Fairfield St.

The PS-1, "package" box car developed by Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Company, is now accounting for approximately 40 per cent of the box cars ordered from all contract builders and more than 28 per cent of box cars ordered from all sources.

Read the Classified Ads.

Local Brevities

G. E. Crawford was in Lakeland, Friday, on business.

Miss Nancy Pickens is in Key West visiting Miss Betty Canova and other friends there.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank England spent the week-end in Clearwater, visiting friends.

Mrs. C. H. Pardee and Mrs. Ben Stewart were on a business trip to Lakeland, Wednesday.

Miss Ovida Fields visited Elinor Chisholm in Atlanta, Georgia, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Adams had as their week-end guests, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Heath of Tampa.

Mrs. B. D. Locke and daughter Laura left Friday for several weeks visit in Forsyth, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy J. Bennett moved to Miami, Saturday. They will make Miami their home.

Miss Margaret Lloyd of Fort Myers is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Lloyd.

Mrs. Ned Hill and daughter, Jeannie are spending a few days in Miami with relatives.

Chief and Mrs. Jim Pate have returned after a two-week vacation in Columbus, Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Johnson spent last week in Bainbridge, Georgia, on vacation.

Mrs. Alexander Gilmore has returned from Sarasota where she was visiting the Andrew Pilcher family.

Mrs. H. E. Barker, Mrs. Erma Crosby, Miss Gloria Garber and Harold Barker were shopping in Tampa, Friday.

Sgt. and Mrs. J. O. Reynolds of Columbus, Ga., are visiting Mrs. Reynold's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Landis left Monday afternoon for Binghamton, New York, where they will spend the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Redding and family are spending their vacation at Kerr Lake, near Silver Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. Novell Barwick and children of Miami, spent their week vacation with Mrs. Barwick's mother, Mrs. J. A. Bost.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Finley of Rochester, New York, were visiting at the home of their daughter, Mrs. Thomas Meadows, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Norris and Patty Ann Bovard have returned from a months vacation in Pennsylvania, West Virginia, and Ohio.

Harold Worden, Jr., spent last week-end as the guest of Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Knowles in Leesburg.

Mrs. Ruby Bass spent the week-end as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Miller of Knoxville, Tenn., who are vacationing at Treasure Island, St. Petersburg.

Word has been received by the Sun that Mrs. Maude Tomlinson, who is a patient at St. Vincents Hospital in Jacksonville, Fla., is getting along nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Klueppelburg and Mary Wilson spent Sunday as the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Zorn at their lake cabin in Lake Placid.

Mrs. Amelia Dick, North Verona Avenue, returned to her home Thursday after vacationing the past three months in Wisconsin and Detroit, Mich.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton and Mr. and Mrs. I. H. Ford were on a sight-seeing trip to Tampa, Dade City and Tarpon Springs, Sunday.

Mrs. Will Ward and house-guests, Mrs. Bradford Knapp and Miss Elizabeth Hunter spent the week-end visiting friends in Brooksville.

Richard and Vivian Johns of Ft. Myers will return home this week-end after a months visit with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johns.

Mrs. Jack Foster and daughter Jane, of Gainesville, are spending a few days with Mrs. Foster's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Archer.

Mrs. Scott Landress and son, Dale, returned home this week after a visit in Tampa and Georgia.

D. J. Gore, of Raliegh, N. C., is visiting in Avon Park for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Slaughter left Monday to spend the summer months with their son in Wood River, Illinois.

Mrs. Blossom Morgan and children, Sandra and Diana are guests of Mrs. Morgan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Wells of Canfield St.

Mrs. Isabelle Boyette is the house-guest of her brother and sister-in-law Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Godwin on Bell Street.

Evan Creary of Stewart and Terry Lawless of Winter Haven were the guests of David Lanier, last week-end.

Mrs. D. J. Hart and children, Pamela and Jim, of Miami, are the guests of Mrs. Hart's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bennett.

Steve Hensler of Auburndale was in Avon Park, Thursday to visit Mrs. Frank Cason and her neice, Miss Rosemary Mena.

Mrs. James Williams and daughter, Jackie, of Miami, are visiting friends and relatives here for three weeks.

J. C. and Billy Walker and Fred Montsdeoca have been in Jacksonville playing baseball with the team from Williston.

Miss Winifred Demorest spent from Friday morning until Tuesday evening in Miami, visiting friends.

Mrs. Ruth Adkins, Mrs. Jessie McGuire of Dundee and Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Kelly were the guests of Mrs. Charles E. Smith, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Bost and daughter Frances, returned from Dallas, Texas, where they spent three weeks visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cameron had as their week-end guest, their daughter, Mrs. J. S. Bond of Lakeland.

Mrs. W. B. Archer has been in Tampa with her mother, Mrs. C. R. Etheridge, who has undergone an operation at St. Joseph Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johns and young daughter, Faye of Ft. Myers, are the guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johns and family, here.

Mr. and Mrs. Billy R. Greene and children, Judy and Bobby, of Lubbock, Texas, left for their home after a visit in Avon Park and Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Hood of Clewiston visited their daughter, Mrs. Chas. E. Smith and son Friday. They were accompanied home by Charles E. Jr., for a short visit.

Mrs. Nobia Locroix returned Sunday after an extended visit with her father, J. E. Davis, of Mobile, Ala. Her brother, Doyl Davis returned with her to make his home in Avon Park.

Mrs. Bradford Knapp of Miles City, Montana, will be the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Will Ward through August. Mrs. Ward will be remembered as the former Ethel Lord of Sebring.

Mrs. Mary Maker and daughter, Peggy of Bronxville, New York, are spending two weeks with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Roberts and also Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Price in Sebring.

Rev. and Mrs. James Meidema of Lake Worth were Tuesday guests of Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Locke. Rev. Meidema, a recent honor graduate of Stetson is pastor of Greenacres Baptist Church.

Ralph G. Herring left Sunday by plane for Havana, Cuba, on vacation. He left his plane in Key West and flew over by National Air Lines. He is expected to return this week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Worden and Harold, Jr., and Elaine left today for Coranada Beach, where they will spend a two-week vacation. Harold Jr. will leave from here to attend the Florida State Music Camp at Tallahassee for the remainder of the summer.

Corp. James E. Harnage, son of Mrs. Millie H. Harnage, recently extended his three year enlistment in the Army from three years to five years. He is assigned with the Keio School Command as a student payroll clerk, in Japan.

Mrs. R. M. Hahn and three children, Charlotte, Patti and Janet, left last week for a visit with Mrs. Hahn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Willoughby in Lueders, Texas, before moving to Chicago to make their home.

Rev. and Mrs. James E. Southerland and two children were Saturday guests of Rev. and Mrs. B. D. Locke. Rev. Southerland, a Stetson and Seminary classmate of Mr. Locke, is Registrar of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

Rev. W. J. Ashworth returned Saturday, from Columbia, South Carolina, where he attended the Southeastern Jurisdiction of the Methodist Church. He also spent some time at Camp Junalaska. Mrs. Ashworth remained there for a few weeks.

Mrs. Ben Stewart was in Sebring, Monday night, where she installed members of the American Legion Auxiliary. They had a covered dish supper at Mrs. R. W. Boyce's home and then a business meeting when the officers were installed.

Miss Mary G. Farmer and Gloria Sheffield are spending this week in Gulf Hammock with Mrs. Albert Foley and family. Mrs. J. B. Farmer and Patricia Sheffield who have been visiting relatives for the past three weeks in Florala and Opp, Ala., will return with them.

Mr. and Mrs. Loy H. Brodie, Miss Ann Brodie, Bill Brodie and Miss Yvonne Head left the past week for Washington, D. C., where the Brodie family will spend the rest of the summer. Miss Yvonne Head will spend two weeks at the Brodie's cottage at Colonial Beach and visit her cousin Miss Patty Head in Falls Church Va. before returning.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ward have been spending sometime at their summer home on Anna Maria Key. They have had as their guest, for ten days of tarpon fishing, Mr. and Mrs. Murray Stinson and son, Murray, Jr., of Tuscaloosa, Ala., Mrs. Bradford Knapp of Miles City, Montana, Miss Elizabeth Hunter of Bradenton, Florida, and Lt. Woodrow Wolverton of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Sellars and sons of Fulton, Ky., spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Sellars and Neal Sellars and family of Avon Park. During their visit they attended a family reunion at the home of Fletcher Sellars in Lakeland. Other members of the family attending were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sellars, Mrs. Edward Sellars of Zepherhills, Fla., Mr. and Mrs. Neal Sellars and family, Mr. and Mrs. James R. Sellars and sons Edward and Jimmie, Jr., of Avon Park and Mr. Cook of Fulton, Kentucky.

PROBATION OFFICERS REAPPOINTED

Governor Caldwell reappointed Mrs. Sarah Dimberline, of Sebring, to a four-year term as Highlands County probation officer.

Reappointment of Mrs. Dimberline was recommended by the Highlands County Commission last May, but the governor did not act until July 9. There were reports he had delayed action at the request of one or more of the Highlands commissioners.

Mrs. Dimberline has been probation officer for the past three years. She was appointed to succeed her husband, Sam Dimberline, who had served as probation officer for 25 years until his death.

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LEE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
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State No. [illegible]

REPORT OF CONDITION OF

"The Barnett Bank of Avon Park"

OF AVON PARK IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS ON JUNE 30, 1948.

ASSETS

1.	Cash, balances with other banks, including reserve balances, and cash items in process of collection	$ [illegible]
2.	United States Government obligations, direct and guaranteed	1,409,649.52
3.	Obligations of States and political subdivisions	37,610.00
4.	Other bonds, notes, and debentures	19,912.50
6.	Loans and discounts (including $51.06 overdrafts)	[illegible]
7.	Bank premises owned ? None, furniture and fixtures $8,228.06	8,228.06
11.	Other assets	7,535.65
12.	TOTAL ASSETS	$2,177,359.78

LIABILITIES

13.	Demand deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		1,218,913.70
14.	Time deposits of individuals, partnerships, and corporations		478,911.29
15.	Deposits of United States Government (including postal savings)		10,007.76
16.	Deposits of States and political subdivisions		294,710.51
18.	Other deposits (certified and officers' checks, etc.)		4,017.96
19.	TOTAL DEPOSITS	$2,002,229.12	
23.	Other liabilities		8,338.32
24.	TOTAL LIABILITIES (not including subordinated obligations shown below)		$2,010,567.44

CAPITAL ACCOUNTS

25.	Capital*	50,000.00
26.	Surplus	50,000.00
27.	Undivided profits	61,792.29
28.	Reserves (and retirement account for preferred capital)	5,000.00
29.	TOTAL CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	166,792.29
30.	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL ACCOUNTS	$2,177,359.78

*This bank's capital consists of:
Common stock with total par value of $50,000.00

MEMORANDA

31.	Assets pledged or assigned to secure liabilities and for other purposes	471,290.00

I, S. F. Longbottom, President, of the above-named bank, do solemnly (Swear, Affirm) that the above statement is true, and that it fully and correctly represents the true state of the several matters herein contained and set forth, to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Correct-Attest: S. F. LONGBOTTOM

J. H. Hood
W. F. Ward } Directors
W. R. Barnett

State of Florida, County of Highlands, ss:

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8th day of July, 1948, and I hereby certify that I am not an officer or director of this bank.

(SEAL) My commission expires February 10, 1951.

Mary G. Farmer, Notary Public.

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Clubs - - Social Activities - - Personal Items

Society Editor
PHONE 34

Legion Auxiliary To Entertain State President

The July meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary was held at the Legion Home on Monday night, with a good attendance of members present. Mrs. Keith Collyer, president of the organization, presided.

A variety of matters of auxiliary interest were discussed, including committee reports, and tentative plans for coming events. It was announced that Mrs. Archie McDonald of St. Petersburg, department president, would make her official visit to Avon Park, on Monday evening, Aug. 9, which comes on the regular monthly meeting date. The president appointed committees to make arrangements for the coming event, and announced that the membership would be notified by card of plans when they were developed. Mrs. B. T. Stewart, president of eighth district, and a member and former president of the Avon Park unit, will share the courtesies extended Mrs. McDonald on the occasion of her visit here.

Members present voted to hold a food sale down town on Saturday, July 24. Mrs. Marion Nelson, finance chairman, will be in charge of arrangements, and will select her committee.

Mrs. W. H. McCarthy, in charge of planned hospital work for this unit, read a communication from the veterans' hospitals, telling the need of pillows and various smaller articles in the hospitals. Pillows, it appeared, were the most needed articles, and items such as tooth paste, Kleenix, soap, and shaving cream were most acceptable. Mrs. McCarthy had on display two types of bedside kits used by the veterans, which were sent to be used as patterns for those wishing to sew for the hospitals. It was decided that the auxiliary assemble a box of these various articles and bring these small gifts to the July dinner meeting, after which they will be packed and shipped to the hospitals. Members not present can contact Mrs. McCarthy for further details.

Unit handbooks and pins were given out to those who had previously ordered them. The president announced that anyone else desiring the auxiliary pins, should contact Mrs. J. C. Wright.

During the social hour following the meeting, Mrs. H. Biggs and Mrs. W. M. Hetherington, hostesses for the evening, served refreshments of open face sandwiches, homemade cookies and iced Coca-Colas. Mrs. Demos Mandis was the recipient of the door prize, which was a set of lace paper dollies.

Mrs. Mandis and Mrs. J. Paxton Hill will be hostesses at the September meeting, it was announced.

Hettie H. Hetherington,
Publicity Chairman.

Sara Leslie Harrison Honored

Miss Sara Leslie Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Harrison, 212 S. Lake Ave., was entertained at her home, Friday afternoon, July 9, in honor of her seventh birthday.

Guests invited to share the occasion with Sarah Leslie were the Misses: Jan Saylor, Judy England, Judy Farmer, and Sammie Wright; and the Masters: Tom Farmer, and Mike Lee Harrison, younger brother of the honoree.

After games the guests were invited into the dining room. The dining table was laid with a "Happy Birthday" cloth of pink and blue and flowers. The cake was decorated in pink and blue with seven pink candles. Strawberry ice cream was served with the cake.

James And Carolyn Strenth Have Party

Mrs. W. M. Strenth entertained for her two children, James and Carolyn, on their birthday, Saturday afternoon, with a party.

It was James' sixth birthday and Carolyn's fourth.

The one cake was decorated for them both, having six candles on top for James and four on the bottom for Carolyn. It was pink and blue with green candles. Other decorations in the party rooms were cut flowers and fern.

Each received a favor and then refreshments were served to fifteen guests.

Dr. Ruth Miller Honored

On July 12 a surprise birthday party and dinner was given by Miss Toni Gardner for Dr Ruth Miller at their home on Pleasant Street.

Guests invited to share this occasion with Dr. Miller were: Mr. and Mrs. Roy Seims, who were former class mates of Dr. Miller, at the University of Wisconsin.

The lovely dinner party was enjoyed by all.

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Miss Virginia Spencer

Spencer—Freer

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Spencer announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Virginia Alice to Floyd Quinton Freer, of Avon Park.

Miss Spencer is a graduate of Avon Park High School and for the past year has been employed by Mr. D. J. Best in connection with the Florida Greyhound Bus Line.

Mr. Freer, a graduate of Ocala High School, spent two years with the U. S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre. For the past two years Mr. Freer has been employed with the Western Union Telegraph Company.

The wedding will take place Friday, July 23 at 8 P. M. at the First Baptist Church. Rev. E. H. Puryear officiating. Everyone is cordially invited.

Local Rebekah's Meet With Lakeland Lodge

The Elinor Severns Lodge, No. 65, met with the Lakeland Lodge No. 4, in Lakeland, Monday evening.

Three candidates were carried from Avon Park to be initiated into the order. These candidates were: Mrs. G. Hagen, Mrs. B. Martin and Miss M. Vogt. They were initiated by the Lakeland Lodge, as they had as their distinguished guest, Mrs. Fannie Spinks, State President of the Rebekah Assembly of Florida.

Those attending the meeting were: Mary Reed, State Chaplin, Lillian Bridge, N. G.; Estell Jones, V. G.; Agnes Cox, P. D. D. P.; Mildred Waddell, P. D. D. P.; Cora Wray, Virginia Corneglia, and Amelia Dick.

Eve Campbell Has Party

Little Miss Eve Campbell was entertained Friday at a luncheon given by her mother, Mrs. R. Leon Campbell, celebrating her seventh birthday.

Lunch was served on the porch and the guests enjoyed games throughout the celebration. Favors were presented to all present.

Those invited to share this celebration with Eve were: Julie Bess Critchfield, Sammie Wright, Jan Saylor, Linda Rogers, Linda Sapp, Margy Ann Reynolds, Betty Clair Foster, Sylvia Foster, Shirley Mosely, Mrs. Dinnison, Mrs. E. Spencer and Mrs. David Stucky.

Peggy Martin and Judy Campbell helped to entertain.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School started July 12 at the Assembly of God Church on South Central Avenue. It will continue through July 23. A commencement program will be given by the pupils at the close of the school.

Children of 4 to 15 years of age are invited to attend this school. Classes are from 9 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.

Bar-B-Que To Be Held Sunday

A bar-b-que will be held Sunday, July 18, at the Sebring Livestock Market at Hendricks Field, by the local cowboys. All those interested in organizing a riding club in Highlands County are invited to attend.

The riding club would be for horse lovers and those interested in working with horses.

Mrs. H. J. Hahn Entertains For Her Grand Daughter

Little Charlotte Hahn left last week with her mother, Mrs. R. M. Hahn and two younger sisters, Patti and Janet for a visit to Texas before moving to Chicago to make her home.

Before leaving, Charlotte's Sunday School class of the Congregational Church, which is taught by Mrs. Edwin Carter, was entertained by Mrs. H. J. Hahn at her home on Lake Lotela.

Upon arrival the children were served with fruit punch on the lake front lawn. After a refreshing swim, entertaining games were played under the direction of Mrs. C. H. Shepherd. Later in the afternoon ice cream and cookies were enjoyed.

Those invited to say goodbye to Charlotte were: Valorie Lyle, Carol Graetz, Marilyn Graetz, Michael Wells, Betsy Ginn, Stevie Smith, Vicki Carter, Sissie Leighton, Mrs. Edwin Carter, Mrs. C. H. Shepherd, also Georgiann Godwin, Thurston Martin and Mrs. G. D. Godwin.

Andersons Entertain Bridge Club

Mr. and Mrs. C. Parke Anderson entertained the Tuesday Night Bridge Club, Tuesday evening at their home.

A covered dish supper was served and then the club enjoyed playing bridge. Paul Garber won the prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Anderson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Paul Garber, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keller, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Worden, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Betts, and Mrs. Jack Ripley, of Key West, who is visiting the Kellers.

Maxine Gilliard Has Party

Miss Maxine Gilliard celebrated her fourteenth birthday with a party on the lighted lawn of her home.

The birthday cake was decorated in pastel pink and green with pink candle holders, and green candles.

Refreshments of cake and ice cream were served to the following: Juanita Morrell, Martha Jo Little, Mary Ann Pollard, Opal Rimes, Betty Foley, Betty Joyce Henderson, Avis McConnell, Buddy Morrell, Billy Murphy, H. J. Murphy, Jimmy Kelley, Jimmy Andrews, Donald King, Jimmy Gaton, Jerry Childress, and Kelly Green, and the honoree, Miss Maxine Gilliard.

Methodist Youths Host At Party

The Methodist Youth Fellowship of the First Methodist Church of Avon Park will be host to the subdistrict at a measuring party, Tuesday, July 20. The party will be held at the "Hut" and will begin promptly at 7:45. All young people of our town are cordially invited to attend.

Those towns comprising the subdistrict and that will be represented at the party include Sebring, Frostproof, Lake Placid, Bowling Green, Arcadia, Wauchula, Zolfo Springs, and Avon Park.

A very interesting program has been planned and all who attend will be assured an evening of fun and merrymaking.

It pays to read the Ads.

Shower Honors Dorothy Miller Hicks

Mrs. Dorothy Williams was hostess at a miscellaneous shower, Monday evening, honoring Mrs. Dorothy Miller Hicks, popular young bride.

The room was beautifully decorated with summer flowers. The color scheme was white and blue.

Guests enjoyed games and those winning prizes were: first prize, Mrs. H. L. McCully, second prize Mrs. Dorothy Miller Hicks, third prize, Mrs. Grace Blanford. Then the many lovely gifts were opened and admired by all.

Refreshments of home made ice cream and cake were served to the following: Mrs. B. A. Frezzell, mother of the honoree, Mrs. Lewis Maddox, Mrs. Daniel Bennett, Mrs. Grace Blanford, Mrs. W. B. Mott, Mrs. M. J. Delaney, Miss Ruth Elder, Mrs. J. W. Pate, Martha Mott, Tiny Mott, Fredonia Mott, Mrs. Dorothy Williams, Mrs. Marie Elder, Miss Katherine Mostris, Mrs. Thelma Waldron, Mrs. Dertman, Mrs. Wilbur Giddens, Mrs. J. H. McClelland, Mrs. Eva Moore, Mrs. Obera Elder, Mrs. Grace Pickett, Mrs. Raymond Williams, Jackie William, Mrs. Viola O'Hern, Mrs. C. G. Drawdy, Mrs. N. S. Varnes, Mrs. Clint Rutledge, Mrs. Z. D. Smith, Mrs. Tressie Albritton, Mrs. Dollie Skipper, Mrs. P. T. Carlisle, Mrs. Mary N. Fields, Mrs. M. A. Landress, Mrs. George Lewis, Mrs. J. M. Young, Mrs. V. C. Bass, Mrs. C. H. Ellis, Mrs. H. S. McCully, Mrs. Mary Bryant, Miss Hazel Mott, Miss Juanita Mott, Mrs. Earl Bryan, Miss Winifrey Carlisle, Mrs. Estelle Reynolds, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. R. L. Shanks, Mrs. J. C. Johnson, Mrs. Maggie Drawdy and the honoree, Mrs. Dorothy Miller Hicks.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. William Bennett proudly announce the arrival of twins, a boy and a girl, Friday, July 9, at Coleman's office. The boy weighed four pounds and has been named Gary Ellis and the girl weighed four pounds and four ounces and has been named Gail Susan.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy James Boyd are the proud parents of a son, Lonnie, who was born Saturday, July 10, and weighed eight pounds and five ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Tuten, Jr., announce the birth of a son, Terrill Jessie at Coleman's office, Tuesday, July 13. He weighs six pounds, twelve ounces.

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Garratt-Samergedes

Miss Mary Carratt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gus Carratt of Miami and Steve Samergedes, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Panteli, of Canton, Ohio, were married Friday, June 27, at Saint Sofia Greek Orthodox Church in Miami, with Rev. Demosthenes Meltras, officiating at the double ring ceremony.

The church was beautifully decorated with greenery and candelabrum, and baskets of brides roses and Easter lilies combined with greenery. Miss Frieda Spillis presented nupital music.

The bride's gown was of candlelight satin. It had a sheer yoke with wide chantilly lace giving an off shoulder effect. The skirt had a peplum trimmed in chantilly lace, beginning at the waist, gradually deepening into a long full train and the skirt extending into a sweeping train with the lace forming a V in the back. She wore a veil of Belguin imported lace that lay softly about her face. The crown was of breaded pearls. Her bouquet was of white roses and lilies of the valley.

The maid of honor, Europe Panteli, sister of the groom, wore a lovely nile green marquisette dress with off the shoulder lines. The skirt fell into ruffles beginning at the waist line and fell into soft folds with a very full skirt. She carried rose carnations in a colonial bouquet with a matching crown of flowers trimmed with tulle.

The bride's maids, Miss Cleo Carratt, Charlottesville, Va., Katherine Mostris, of Avon Park, Miss Elaine Blane, of Thomasville, Ga., and Miss Aspasia Stonaris of Tampa, were dressed in yellow marquisette gowns made on the same lines as the Maid of Honor gown.

The flower girl, Angeline Bukis of Miami wore a dress of nile green, of the same style.

The ring bearer was Gregory Panagiotou of Miami and the Crown bearer, Costas Panagiotou of Miami carried the crowns that united the couple in the Greek ceremony.

The best man was Sam Statos of Monticello, Fla., and the groom men were Christ Carratt, Deland, Fla.; Arthur Carratt, Miami, Sam Samergedes Canton, Ohio, and Ted Kalenterides, Canton, Ohio.

The bride's mother, Mrs. Gus Carratt wore a lovely dinner gown of grey crepe with lace trim and an orchid corsage.

The groom's mother, Mrs. George Panteli wore a lovely grey crepe gown with an orchid corsage.

A reception was held at the Police Benevolent Park. The bridal table was decorated in white flowers and greenery. The bridal cake formed the centerpiece for the table. Each guest received favors of candy. Mrs. Ernest Childers, of Avon Park, presided over the Bride's Book. Dining and dancing were enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Samergedes chose for her going-away outfit a blue gaberdine suit with white accessories and a corsage of white orchid. The couple will spend their honeymoon in Florida before going North.

Out of town guests included: Mrs. George Panteli of Canton, Ohio; Mrs. Pete Kotsnides and daughter, Sofia, of Canton, Ohio; Mrs. George Peters and daughter, Donna of Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. Alki Toguis, of North Gros-Dale, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Carratt of Starke, Fla.; Mrs. Chris Blane of Thomasville, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. George Stonaris of Tampa, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Mathew Matheson and family of Tampa, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Ramos and family of Jacksonville, Fla.; Mr. Frank Anagnos of Orlando, Fla.; Mr. Jimmy Pappas of Orlando, Fla.; Miss Angeline Pappas of Clarksburg, W. Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Helen Baidas of Deland, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. George Condon of Deland, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. George Carras of Winter Haven, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carras of Lake Wales, Fla.; Mrs. Costas Harris of Charlotte, N. C.; Mr. and Mrs. Nick Garden and family of Portsmouth, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. Sam Stratos of Monticello, Fla.; Mrs. Ernest Childers of Avon Park, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Demos Mandis, of Avon Park, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Louis Carneglia of Avon Park, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mandis of Avon Park, Fla.; Mr. and Mrs. John Caraberis of Glens Falls, N. Y.; Mrs. Jim Carratt and daughters of Charleston, S. C.

RED CROSS EYES SEBRING STORM REFUGEE CENTER

State and regional officials of the American Red Cross will meet at Sebring July 21 to make plans for the establishment of a permanent refugee evacuation center in Sebring.

The officials will meet with the Highlands County Disaster Preparedness and Relief Committee of the Red Cross, which is headed by the Rev. O. K. Cull, Mrs. Lois M. Stevenson, executive secretary of the county chapter said.

Among those who will attend the meeting are George Costello, of Winter Haven, field director of the Red Cross, a representative from the regional office, and Melvin Livingood, W. E. Maxwell and Ralph Blank, of West Palm Beach.

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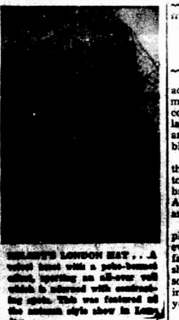
UMW UPHELD . . . Counsel for the United Mine Workers shake hands on John L. Lewis' victory in the mine pension fund dispute which has threatened a summer strike of 400,000 soft coal miners. Judge T. Alan Goldsborough upheld the $100-a-month pension plan for the miners. Shown here are Attorneys Harrison Combs, A. K. Shipe, Welly K. Hopkins, Walter M. Bastian, and Earl E. Houck.



[illegible] LONDON HAT . . . A velvet beret with a poke-bonnet effect, sporting an all-over veil which is adorned with contrasting spots. This was featured at the autumn style show in London.

Legal Notices

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In Re: Estate of
MARY A. FITCH,
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 Mary A. Fitch, 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 July 9, 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.

RICHARD W. GALIHER,
Executor.
JUDSON & WILLSON,
Attorneys, Bartow, Florida.
July 9-16-23-30

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, Florida, will receive the 1948 Tax Roll from the Tax Assessor on Tuesday, July 20, 1948, and on that date will set as an Equalization Board, to review, perfect or equalize said roll and to hear complaints as to value of property, real or personal as fixed by the County Tax Assessor.

Dated this the 30th day of June, 1948.

H. T. PIETY,
as Clerk to Board of County Commissioners.
July 2-9-16

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA.
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF VIRGINIA GODWIN, DECEASED.
NOTICE OF FILING PETITION FOR FINAL DISCHARGE OF ADMINISTRATOR.
TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that I have filed my final returns as administrator of the estate of Virginia Godwin, deceased; that I have filed my petition for final discharge and that I shall apply to the Hon. Howard G. Livingston, County Judge of Highlands County, Florida on August 9, 1948, for approval of the same and for final discharge as administrator of the estate of Virginia Godwin, deceased.

July 9, 1948.
H. E. GODWIN,
Administrator of the Estate of Virginia Godwin, deceased.
Mattie W. Tompkins,
Attorney for Estate.
July 9-16-23-30.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
LEAVY CLARK,
Plaintiff,
vs.
ISA ALYNE CLARK,
Defendant.
NOTICE TO APPEAR

You, ISA ALYNE CLARK, are hereby notified that you are required to appear on the 9th day of August, 1948, before the above entitled court, to the bill of complaint filed against you in the above entitled cause, the purpose of which is to procure a divorce from you.

WITNESS my hand and the the seal of this Court this 3rd day of July, 1948.

H. T. PIETY,
Clerk of said Court.
By: H. M. Collobon, Deputy Clerk.
Keith E. Collyer
Attorney for Plaintiff
Avon Park, Florida.
July 9-16-23-30.

NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, pursuant to the "Fictitious Name Statute," House Bill No. 1775, Chapter No. 20953, Laws of Florida, 1941, will register with the Clerk of the Circuit Court, in and for Highlands County, Florida, upon receipt of proof of the publication of this notice, the fictitious name, to-wit: Arner's Palm Gardens, under which I am engaged in business.

That the parties interested in said business enterprise are as follows: Austin Arner, Sole Owner.

Dated July 6, 1948.
July 9-16-23-30—P.

"TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY"

By Russell Kay

A few weeks ago I took a trip across the state driving through mile after mile of beautiful grove country where trees were still laden with oranges and grapefruit and the ground under them was blanketed with drops.

At Fort Pierce, in the heart of the Indian River country, I tried to buy a half a grapefruit for breakfast. They didn't have any. All I could get was canned juice and a poor quality at that.

I asked the manager of the place "how come" I couldn't buy even a half a grapefruit for breakfast. He shrugged his shapely shoulders and didn't look half as sorry as he said he was, explaining that the fruit at this time of year wasn't any good.

Just out of curosity I stopped in at a number of other eating places to see if any of them had fresh citrus fruit. None had. Some said it was too much trouble to fix, others verified the statement made by the first chap—the fruit was no good.

Driving along the highway I stopped at a fruit stand offering both oranges and grapefruit by the bag. I bought a bag of each and cut and sampled the fruit. It was delicious.

Since then I have stopped at restaurants in a number of towns, all in the citrus belt and on only two occasions was I able to find anything but canned juice. In one instance the waitress recommended tomato juice when I said I'd rather have fresh citrus than canned.

And growers all over the state are holding meetings to try and see what can be done about the citrus industry. We are in the midst of organizing a Florida Citrus Mutual which it is hoped will solve our problems and maybe it will, but if you ask me we need to do a helluva big sales job right here at home.

When Floridians operating eating establishments tell a customer who asks for fresh citrus fruit that it's "no good" or "too much trouble to fix" and suggests tomato juice instead, it sounds powerfully silly to a guy who has been driving through grove country all day and has seen tons of fruit on the trees and on the ground or has followed truckload after truckload of citrus fruit on the way to some packinghouse.

I realize that in some areas that have suffered for lack of rain a considerable quantity of fruit is poor grade, that some has sprouted and some is dry, but in spite of that there are millions of boxes of fine edible fruit available in the state and it is a pity that folks who want it and are willing to pay for it can't get it at a cafe or restaurant.

Another complaint while I'm at it, is that even in the height of the season many of our eating places insists on serving culls and fruit of poorest quality and want 15c to 25c a half for it while the poor grower is begging somebody to take quality fruit off the tree at 15c a field crate. It just don't make sense.

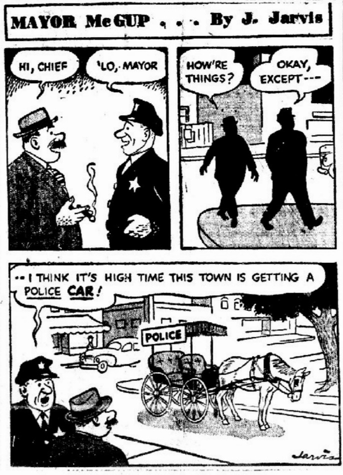
Millions of folks throughout these United States would be eating Florida oranges and grapefruit for breakfast if they could get them, and they want them and have the money to pay for them but, unfortunately, we have never been able to figure out an intelligent system of distribution that would keep fruit on the market and in the cafes and restaurant of the country available for folks who want it.

We can stop at any hot dog stand or wayside joint in any state in the Union, scream "Coca-Cola" and the man will come a-runnin'. But just walk into the average establishment and ask for a glass of fresh orange or grapefruit juice and they look at you like you were as nutty as a fruit cake.

A guy might expect to find fruit hard to get at some point far distant from the area in which it is grown, but it certainly ought to be available everywhere here in Florida.

We have canteloupes from the Carolinas, watermelons from Georgia, apples from Virginia, Honey-dews from California, but have to quarrel with the waitress and risk being thrown out of the joint when we ask for a half a grapefruit in Florida. And then we pick up a paper and read about the terrible plight of the poor citrus grower and how in the world is he going to find a market for his fruit. It makes a guy want to page Mortimer Snerd and offer him the job of Citrus Czar or something.

As I see it, all the organizing, meeting, conferring and arguing in the world isn't going to help the situation. Nor will all the advertising do any good until somebody gets busy and does an intelligent job of distributing and merchandizing.


MAYOR McGUP . . . By J. Jarvis
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--I THINK IT'S HIGH TIME THIS TOWN IS GETTING A POLICE CAR!
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THE OLD SLUGGER SMILES . . . Babe Ruth accepts from Joe DiMaggio of the New York Yankees a trophy awarded by the Sporting News, national baseball weekly, as a tribute to what Ruth has done for baseball. The Yanks then slugged out a 10-5 triumph over the St. Louis Browns.

LOOKING AHEAD
by Louis Wolfe
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LADIES! PERFUMED HOSIERY, ATTRACTIVE TO NOSES AS WELL AS EYES, MAY SOON BE ON THE MARKET.

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"AIR POCKETS" do not exist!

The "bumps" that airplane passengers feel are caused by upward or downward currents of air. Air rising from a paved road, plowed field, meadow, and many other different surfaces will cause "bumps" which are often mis-called air pockets.

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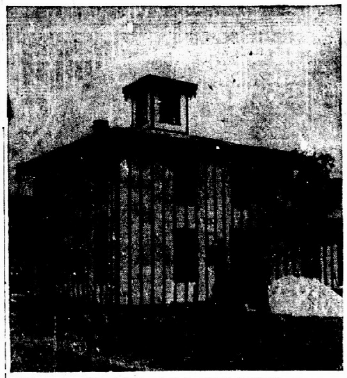

This exact replica of Chicago's first railroad depot will serve as a symbol of the Chicago Railroad Fair this summer, just as the model of old Ft. Dearborn symbolized the 1933 Century of Progress exposition. The old depot will house a theatre to be known as the "400" Playhouse, where movies, shows, and variety acts will be staged for visitors.

A graphic exposition of the nation's railroad might and the changes that a century has wrought in the industry is expected to attract an estimated 2,000,000 visitors to Chicago's lake front this summer.

Incorporated as the Chicago Railroad Fair, the exposition will occupy approximately the same space as the 1933 Century of Progress and is headed by Major Lenox R. Lohr who directed the Chicago World's Fair. This big show is slated to cost over seven million dollars.

The Fair will be divided into two categories—exhibits and displays by the participating railroads and firms, and a pageant depicting the 100-year history of railroading from the days of the Golden Spike to the modern world of Diesel power. More than 200 costumed actors will take part in the pageant and actual locomotives, including the famed "Pioneer" which pulled the first train out of Chicago 100 years ago.

Virtually all the exhibits prepared by the railroads will display the characteristics of the territories they serve. The Santa Fe has built an Indian village, and members of six tribes in Santa Fe territory will actually live in the tepees, hogans, and huts on the Fair grounds.

The Burlington, Great Northern and Northern Pacific have arranged a display reproducing the atmosphere of the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Coast vacation lands. The Union Pacific has planned a detailed display of the agricultural and industrial resources of the 11 states which it serves. The Rock Island will serve luncheon and dinner each day in one or more of its new Fiesta diner and lounge cars. The Milwaukee Road also will display the latest in its fleet of streamlined Hiawathas.

Other attractions include a functioning replica of Yellowstone's Old Faithful geyser; a miniature reproduction of the New Orleans French Quarter, a chalet housing dioramas of scenic spots in the Rockies, the national parks and Alaska, and a refreshment and entertainment booth in the center of the Fair grounds.

A quaint, narrow-gauge railroad will carry passengers from one end of the 10-block-long Fair grounds to the other. The line, typical of those operating in the Rocky Mountains 75 years ago, will be furnished by the Burlington railroad. Equipment for the line includes "No. 9," a famous narrow-gauge locomotive; three open-top observation cars; a combination baggage car and railroad post-office; a coach with red plush upholstery and a special private car for distinguished visitors.

The two stations on this unique line will be named after two historic cities—Deadwood, S. D., and Central City, Colo., now a ghost town.

Chicago, and the railroads, are all set for the nation's first, big post-war fair. If it's a success, its certain that other cities will soon be planning similar events to attract the nation's attention.

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AS WE SEE IT

By Art Kinney

The city council is still in there slugging . . . they will either get the city out of debt, or break the tax-payer trying . . . we hope it will be the former. Ordinance Number 294 placing a tax on utilities was passed at the meeting Monday night, after the third reading, and is being published in this week's issue of the Sun, and will then become law . . . we urge you to read it, and if you cannot meet the tax any other way, we suggest a meatless day each week to take up the slack, and it might help bring the price of meat down . . . several towns in Florida have had an utility tax in force for several years, and we honestly believe that the City administration is concientiously doing their best to meet its obligations and get the city on a sound financial basis, but it is sure tough on the tax payers to have to pay for an earlier generation sins in borrowing . . . but that's life in this good old U. S. A.

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Paging Luther Burbank! He might have the answer to the one about the baby ear of corn that asked: "How did I get here, mother?" The mother ear of corn replied, "The stalk brought you, dear."

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The research and industrial division of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce reports that retail sales in Highlands county in 1947 reached the astonishing figure of $8,789,000 . . . our neighboring county of Hardee figures were $5,779,000 . . . now we are curious to know just how much left the county to out side towns and mail order houses.

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Who hasn't heard about the Scotchman who was nearly pummeled to death because he thought the signs on the door said "Laddies!"

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Do not cash checks for strangers! County Judge Howard Livingston called to inform us that several bad checks have appeared in Sebring lately, and that they have been unable to apprehend the crook, and warns all business places to be on the safe side by not cashing checks for strangers . . . better to lose a sale than to lose the merchandise and a sum of money besides.

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The tragedy of the flea is that he knows for certain that all of his children will go to the dogs.

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The best news in the papers this week is that Uncle Samuel is finally cracking down on the Communist . . . twelve of the leading party members have been indicted and several of them arrested by the F. B. I., among them William Z. Foster who should have been run out of the country years ago . . . the government should run all Communist party members out of the U. S. A., as they will only be missed by Henry Wallace.

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We call your attention to the new fishing license that states on the back that Lake Jackson is closed to motor boats from October 15th to March 15th. . . . this does not apply to our Lake Jackson here in Highlands county, but to Lake Jackson in Leon county.

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Question: What is it that is priceless to the one who receives it and to the one who gives it—and yet cost nothing? . . . Answer: Courtesy.

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Read the story of Avon Park on the first page of our second section, and then mail it to one of your friends who may be interested in settling in a good little city . . . in fact you should mail them the entire edition so they may see from the ads that we have a good number of progressive business places here that are ready to serve them.

BUILDING FALLS ON CAR

'Tis an ill wind that blows no one any good.' On Wednesday, July 21, the old Clainman building which is being torn down by the Browning Furniture Co., of Florenceville, with the help of a slight breeze rocked crazily and then toppled down on the front of a 1939 Chevrolet belonging to Grady Pate. Red Murphy was right to the rescue with his wrecker and lifted the corner of the building so that the car could be eased from under the rafters.

The damage was estimated at around $$110.00 to the car, and it was agreed that the furniture company would pay the damages.

A colored man working on the roof jumped to the ground and was taken to the doctor with an injured ankle.

Court Refuses To Halt Wet-Dry Vote

Circuit Judge Don Register, after an all-day hearing, refused late Wednesday to halt the Aug. 13 Highlands County wet-dry election.

The election had been called by the county commission after a check of petitions asking such an election. The commission rejected a request by dry forces that some signers of the petitions be allowed to withdraw their names.

The drys asked Judge Register to halt the election because of the commission's refusal to allow withdrawals. They contended some persons had signed the petitions under a misapprehension.

The Judge, in refusing to call off the election, held that the county commission acted legally in approving the petitions. In effect, he ruled that signers of petitions cannot withdraw names once the petitions have been presented to the county commission.

State Attorney General Watson previously had taken the same position in a ruling requested by the commission. After receiving Watson's ruling, the commission voted to call the election.

A spokesman for dry forces said today's ruling probably will be appealed to the Florida Supreme Court, which is now in Summer recess. He said the drys plan to ask one of the justices for a constitutional writ which, if granted, would delay the election until the justices return from vacations and can act on the appeal.

"The calling of the election is not a decision upon the main question before the people. The main question is determined in an election in which every qualified elector is entitled to vote—which is the democratic way."

Gasoline Taxes $170 Lifetime Of Tire

During the lifetime of an automobile tire, the Florida car-owner pays $170 in State and Federal gasoline taxes, according to George A. Kimball, Division Manager, North Florida Club, American Automobile Association of Jacksonville.

His figures were based on the estimate that the average automobile tire travels about 30,000 miles before it is replaced. At an average of 15 miles to the gallon of gasoline, this would mean a consumption of about 2,000 gallons during the lifetime of the tire.

The State tax of 7 cents and the Federal tax of 1½ cents add up to a total of 8½ cents on each gallon of gasoline, or $170 on 2,000 gallons. Thus, he said, the gasoline taxes rolled up by an average-cost, average wearing tire in its useful life would be enough to pay for it about 11 times over.

"This gives an idea of the tremendous amount of gasoline tax revenue contributed by the individual Florida motorist in the ordinary use of his car," Mr. Kimball said. "In addition to these substantial gasoline tax payments, the car-owners of Florida pay other taxes on their motor vehicles. It is easy to see how the motorist has gained the reputation of being one of the most heavily taxed of all citizens."

He concluded: "The motorist feels keenly the pinch of these taxes. His only consolation is that the stiff gasoline and license taxes he pays to the State are building up record-breaking funds. These ample funds will provide a magnificent road system, incomparably better than any we have known in the past."

BOYS CATCH BASS

While fishing one day last week in Lake Lotela, Tommy Childs, 7, Robert Leighton, 7, and Junior Wightman, of Sebring, caught a five pound bass.

The boys were casting from the shore near the city beach, when Junior got a bite. He was unable to land the fish until his companions gave him a helping hand. When the three began working together, the fish had to give up.

Sgt. Alfred Edward Edge and T-5 Lawerence Hagan arrived home Saturday morning. They were discharged July 8 at Stoneman, Calif., after serving 16 months with the Sixth Division in Korea. They were together most of the time they were in Korea.

Miss Ouida Thompson, who is a junior at John B. Stetson University, was among those on the Honor Roll for the spring quarter, according to a release from the registrar's office. This is in recognition of consistently high scholarship.

It pays to read the Ads.

Swimming Awards To 4-H Club Girls

Twenty-seven tired, but happy girls returned Saturday from a week spent in the 4-H camp in the Ocala National Forest.

One of the highlights of the trip, was the ride on the glass bottom boats at Silver Springs.

There were special classes in Personal Improvement, Handicraft, Swimming and Recreation.

A special feature was the Red Cross Swimming Course in Life Saving.

Six girls, Mary and Margaret Conway, Kathleen Crutchfield, Shirley Harris, and Gail Payne of Sebring, and Martha Jo Little of Avon Park, passed the Junior Life Saving Course, and are now the proud wearers of the Red Cross Junior Life Saving Emblem.

Two girls, Charlene Delegal and Edith Hagan of Avon Park were given intermediate swimmer certificates. Nine girls, Betty Childers, Jane Maxwell, Alyne Reed, Betty Scott, Avon Park; Faye Hargrove, Elinor Oxer, Venus; Ruth Still, Sebring; Patsy Robbins, and Joyce McClelland, Lorida, received Red Cross swimmers certificates, Class C, which entitles them to try out for the Life Saving Course.

Ten girls, Patty McClelland, Lorida; Ruth Wilson, Lorelle Waldron, Frances Burrus, DeSoto City; Rachel Smith, Anna Jean Elliott, Avon Park; Shirley Waters, Janie Bell McKenzie, Sebring; Dorothy Crews, Mary Sue Wilson, Lake Placid received beginners certificates, Class B.

The training and principles with which 4-H work endows boys and girls contribute notably to their own statures as individuals and to the domestic welfare of the nation.

The girls were accompanied by Miss Catherine Brabson, Home Demonstration Agent and Mrs. A. B. Wilhite of Avon Park.

A LETTER TO THE MAYOR

July 21, 1948

Hon. O. C. [illegible], Mayor;
The Avon Park City Council;
Gentlemen:

The Garden Club of Avon Park wishes to commend the City Administration for the excellent way in which it is maintaining the City Parks particularly the Mall. The latter is one of the most valuable assets the City has and it is gratifying to see that it is being kept so as to show to the best advantage.

Yours very truly,
Jane P. Betts
Chairman of the Park Committee.

J. C. Walker Signs With Montreal Club

J. C. Walker, 19-year-old Avon Park High School graduate and star pitcher and all-round baseball player on Monday of this week signed a contract with the Brooklyn Dodgers and left for Montreal to join the Pony League on option.

J. C. was considered one of the outstanding prep school pitching prospects in the state.

A month ago he pitched his team, the Avon Park Red Devils, to the state high school championship and helped them fight their way to the finals of the state meet the two previous years.

A versatile player, Walker played in the outfield and often swapped positions with his batterymate brother, Billy, working behind the plate while Billy took the mound.

Walker was the top hitter on his team and among the leading hitters in the Ridge High School Conference. He also played an important part on the Avon Park Orange Belt League team, pitching and playing first base.

Walker left here last Thursday on his way to New York with Frank Ricked, brother of the Dodger president.

The Avon Park boy was a star in both football and basketball until his last year in high school. He gave up the other two sports and concentrated on baseball to prevent the development of a leg injury.

While playing with the Orange Belt team he led the league in batting in 1946 and 1947.

Two years ago he played with the Junior League team of Avon Park and helped them with the state championship.

SCHOOL TO GET HEATING PLANT AT AVON PARK

The [illegible] Coal Co. will install a central heating plant in the Avon Park [illegible] School. [illegible] bid of $[illegible] [illegible] mitted [illegible] School [illegible] the [illegible].

B. Arnold, of Fort Pierce, distributor for Thomas Co. school bus bodies, was given the contract to furnish two 48-passenger bodies and one 60-passenger body. The latter will cost $1,870 and the two smaller ones $1,672 each.

The chassis for the larger bus will be furnished by the South Florida Motor Co. [illegible] 20, of Sebring, for $[illegible]. At a price of $1,[illegible] each, the Sebring Ford Co. will furnish the chassis for the smaller buses.

Valuations Reach All-Time High

Despite a $300,000 to $400,000 decrease in citrus acreage valuations, Highlands County's 1948 tax assessments have hit a record high of $16,099,542, an increase of $132,944 over last year.

The assessment roll was presented by Tax Assessor P. G. Gearing to the county commissioners, who approved it as a board of equalization. No protests were filed against the assessments.

The increase in the assessments, Gearing said, was due to new construction over the county.

The value of homestead exempt property jumped $319,290, and personal property assessments were up $12,000. Railroad and telegraph assessments were reduced $3,496 by order of the state.

Of the total roll of nearly $16,100,000, the county owns only $380 in non-exempt certificated lands. The breakdown in the assessments:

Non-exempt certificated lands, $380; non-exempt lands, $8,346,670; homestead-exempt lands, $3,749,010; personal property, $2,210,,500; railroad and telegraph, $1,792,982.

After approving the tax roll, the commissioners adopted a tentative budget calling for expenditures of $304,880, an increase of $7,500 over the previous year. Final action will be taken later.

High School Library Open

Quite a few readers are taking advantage of summer reading for recreation. There are only three more weeks for reading, as the library must close on Friday, August 13. The Highlands County Workshop for teachers begins August 16 and continues through September 3.

All who wish to get books should do so before the closing date, August 13. The hours open are from 2-4 each afternoon, except Saturdays and Sundays.

[illegible] be completed by the last of July. Books ordered June 1 are in transit and should arrive any day now. Some books will be ready for circulation when school opens. Each book requires almost an hour of work in order to prepare it properly for circulation. Around 300 new books have been ordered for the high school library. All of these books should be ready for circulation by Christmas time.

The library is for service. Please use it.

Anne Felton, Librarian.

Highlands County Dairy Has Laboratory

Technicians Walter Mandis and Clifford Craft analyse milk samples.

Demos Mandis is the only independent milk producer in Florida with a laboratory for testing milk samples.

Owner and operator of the Mandis Dairy, situated near Avon Park, Mandis installed his laboratory 10 months ago under the supervision of Daniel L. Smith, Highlands County sanitarian.

The Florida State Board of Health said the laboratory contains the most modern equipment and is the only one operated by an independent producer.

Technicians Walter Mandis and Clifford Craft daily analyze milk samples from the Mandis herd and herds of other producers.

To insure consumers the best grade of milk, through laboratory control, the milk is subjected to bacteria, butter fats, acidity and sediment tests.

Tests Described

To determine the bacterial count, the milk samples are first diluted with sterile water and then placed on agar plates, which are put in incubators for 48 hours.

Agar is a specially prepared seaweed used in the growing of bacteria culture. It is sterilized in an autoclave (similar to a pressure cooker) before being placed in the plates with the milk dilutions.

Under state regulations, the maximum bacterial count allowed is 30,000.

To determine the butter fat content, sulphuric acid is added to the milk. The Babcock test tubes containing the dilutions are then placed in a centrifuge machine and whirled for five minutes. Sterile water is then added to float the butter fat for a reading. The state-required minimum is 3.25 per cent, but Mandis has always put out 4 per cent or better.

The acidity test that follows determines the percentage of lastic acid in the milk. That test also reveals the age of the milk and whether the conditions under which the cows were milked were good or bad. Those conditions are further determined by the sediment test. Filters placed in a plunger reveal the presence of dirt in the milk.

Started With One Cow

Demos Mandis, owner of the dairy, started in the business 27 years ago with one cow. Today, he has over 250, 50 per cent of the herd being Holsteins and the balance Jersey and Guernsey.

With its battery of pasteurizers and homogenizers, the Mandis concern is equipped to process about 5,000 gallons of milk daily. Cold storage facilities on the 1,000-acre tract can take care of about four carloads of milk.

In addition, Mandis has a slaughter house that has facilities for processing 75 head per day. Last year, he slaughtered about 250,000 pounds of beef.

About 600 of the 1,000 acres are involved in a pasture improvement program, in which the Florida Agriculture Experiment Station's suggestions are being followed.

Chamber To Hold Membership Dinner

The Avon Park Chamber of Commerce will hold its annual Membership Dinner at the Winter Guest Club, Thursday, July 29. Dinner will be served promptly at 7:30 P. M. and a good meal has been promised by the committee in charge. Approximately 200 invitations have been sent out to members of the organization. Admission will be by ticket only, and members are urged to return the postcard indicating whether or not they shall be able to attend, in order that the committee might know for how many to prepare. Tickets will be mailed out promptly upon receipt of the card.

Dr. Jordan, President of the Chamber, will make a report to the members on the accomplishments and services rendered during the past twelve months. The Chamber has been very active and this report should prove of interest to the many members who have not followed the activities of the Chamber.

The highlight of the program will be the talk to be given by Mr. Harold Colee, Executive Vice President and Manager of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce. All members are urged to come out and hear Mr. Colee and to send in their reservation cards now.

Moving Pictures To Be Shown At Church School

Avon Park children who attended the Vacation Church School beginning Monday morning at 8:30 o'clock at the First Methodist Church, will be intrigued with the daily showing of moving pictures, which is included in the well rounded program arranged for this annual event. Mrs. Emma Bussard is director of the School, and will be ably assisted by a group of well trained personnel.

The daily program will begin each morning with Assembly from 8:30—9:00, the next hour being devoted to a class period. A short 15 minute recess at this time will be followed by recreation and moving pictures until 10:45, with the beginners and primary departments being dismissed at 11:00 o'clock. From 10:45 until their dismissal at 11:30, the intermediate will devote their time with handicrafts.

The moving pictures are a tie-in with the program of visual education, and while each child will, no doubt, enjoy this part of the day's events particularly, it is assumed that the splendid lesson and thought amplified in each picture, will serve to stress the Bibical character study that will be most impressive. Special pictures have been procured for the school, many of them being outstanding features.

All children in Avon Park, of all denominations, beginners through intermediates, are cordially invited to attend the School beginning Monday and continuing through Friday, August 6. The closing program will be held on Friday, August 6. The closing program will be held on Friday evening, which the parents will be invited to share with the children.

C OF C OFFICIALS ATTEND NATIONAL AFFAIRS MEETING IN LAKELAND

A regional meeting sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce for discussion of national affairs was held in Lakeland Monday night.

Dinner was served at 7 o'clock at The Cadet, which was followed by addresses by Mr. L. P. Dickey, Manager of the Southern Division of the United States Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Paul Conant, National Affairs Advisor, Mr. Lawrence Lee, President of the Peninsular Life Insurance Company, Senator Spessard Holland, and Congressman J. Hardin Peterson. At the conclusion of the speeches, a round table discussion on current and pending legislation was held.

Those attending the conference from the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce were Dr. R. H. Jordan, President; Dr. S. J. Ward, Secretary; H. E. Keller, Acting Executive Secretary, and J. Paul Garber, President of the Avon Florida Citrus Corporation.

COUNTY JUDGES ELECT OFFICERS

County Judge James C. Gwynn of Leon (Tallahassee) was elected president of the County Judges' Association at Kew West, July 17 and three hours later was installed along with other officers at historic Moro Castle in Havana, Cuba.

Howard Livingstno, Sebring, elected secretary.

City Council Pass Ordinance Placing Tax On Utilities

The City Council at its meeting of July 12th, 1948, received and opened tenders for the sale of Refunding Bonds to the City for cancellation and retirement. At a recess meeting of July 19th, the Council accepted tenders for bonds to a face value of $63,125, at a cost of $54,517.31 or an average of $863.64 for each $1,000.00 bond purchased. This purchase will utilize all surplus funds in the Sinking Fund, leaving only sufficient money in that fund to provide for payment of interest due on October 1st., 1948.

The action of the City Council serves to reduce the bonded debt of the City by the face value of the bonds purchased, $63,125 and will result in an annual savings of $1,893.75 in interest.

Ordinance No. 294, which imposes a utility tax upon electricity, metered or bottled gas, telephone service and water service within the corporate limits of Avon Park was given its third and final reading at the meeting of July 19th, 1948 and upon publication in the Avon Park Sun will become a law. The ordinance establishes the tax at 10% for the first $50.00 of each monthly purchase of the above listed utilities and 2½ percent for monthly bills in excess of $50.00. The ordinance will become effective on September 1st, 1948.

The Mayor and Mr. [illegible] President of the Council, [illegible] that this ordinance was [illegible] only after long study [illegible] eration of the needs [illegible] and only after it was [illegible] adequate revenue [illegible] able from other sources. [illegible] source of [illegible] able to the city [illegible] cident with the [illegible] next fiscal year.

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The City officials are [illegible] that detailed [illegible] ed in the preparation of the budget will be completed in the near future so that it may be [illegible] ed for the information of the community.

Harold Colee To Be Guest Speaker At Chamber Dinner

The Chamber of Commerce is very fortunate in having been able to secure Mr. Harold Colee as the guest speaker at its annual Membership Dinner. Mr. Colee, who is Executive Vice President of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, is regarded as being one of the state's outstanding speakers as well as one of the best informed in Florida. Mr. Colee has not stated the subject he will discuss in his talk to the members, but all may be sure that his talk will be both timely and interesting. Those who have heard Mr. Colee will not miss the opportunity of hearing him again, while those who have not had the privilege, have a treat awaiting them.

Sectional Polio Preparedness Meeting

Chapter Service and Chapter Preparedness for Emergencies comprised the theme of the Sectional Preparedness Meeting held in Tampa on Tuesday, when representatives from county chapters of The National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis met at the Tampa Terrace hotel. Marian T. Jefries of Orlando, state representative, conducted the meeting.

Following the noon luncheon, the group met for discussion and further instructions on services rendered by the chapters in assisting families with polio patients. A moving picture, in Daily Battle, was shown and depicted the battle with the dread disease of polio from the time it is contracted on through the various stages of treatment and care of the [illegible]. The picture stressed the point which was brought out in detail in the meeting, that the county chapter is always ready and willing to stand all or part of the expenses incurred in the treatment and very important after care of the polio patient. Details of the expense of hospitalization, nurses, and convalescent care must be worked out between a chapter representative and the family, and it was stressed that no family should materially alter its standard of living by shouldering the burden of the expenses usually incurred in polio cases. Some families, it was explained, are able and desire to bear part of the expense, otherwise the chapter assumed the financial responsibility.

Miss Stella Lackey, consultant for the study of Child Health Services, spoke briefly, telling of the valuable data that has been gathered in connection with a survey of states on this important subject. She said she was particularly impressed with the organization of county polio chapters in Florida.

Mr. Jeffries read and stressed the most important features of a brief which has been forwarded to all county chapters, as related to Chapter Policy on Hospital Care Committee of The National Foundation For Infantile Paralysis. An informal open forum brought out many points for discussion as to procedure of the county chapters in assisting families who have a polio case, or at the time of emergency during an epidemic.

Highlands county was represented at the meeting by Mrs. Walter S. Betts, Avon Park, chairman; Mrs. Tom Mitchell, Sebring, vice chairman, and Mrs. W. M. Hetherington, secretary.

T. J. WARD & FAMILY RETURNS FROM VACATION

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Ward and Jack returned last week after completing a 4,000 mile trip to Sioux Ste. Marie, Canada. Going, they went through the Great Smoky National Park and the Blue Grass Region of Kentucky to the northern part of Michigan. Interlocken, Michigan was the principal destination as they took young Ted and Wendell Driggers to the National Music Camp there. They all enjoyed the sight of the Locks at Sault Ste. Marie. Sightseeing on the return trip included "My Old Kentucky Home," Lincoln's Birthplace and the great Fontana Dam section of North Carolina. They also visited their parents and other relatives in Illinois and Indiana. At Fontana Village, they visited with Rev. Wade C. Smith, formerly of Avon Park. He and Jack got in a day of fishing.

No Civilian Jobs At Bombing Range

Headquarters at the Air [illegible] Base at Avon Park has been swamped in the last few weeks with applications for civilian employment, Lt. Col. Harvey [illegible] base commander said today.

The applications, he said, resulted from a recent Air [illegible] announcement that was construed by many to mean that the base would be returned to full active status as in war time. "The announcement," he stated, "said only that the base would be used as a gunnery and bombing range. In actual fact, the base has been just that for some time now and no change is contemplated."

"To date," Colonel Hagan pointed out, "we have received almost 300 applications for jobs that do not exist. There is no indication that the small detachment here will be expanded."

HIGHLANDS TAX LEVY WILL BE CUT 1½ MILLS

Although the tentative budget is $7,500 higher than last year, the Highlands County Commissioners are planning to reduce the general county tax levy, exclusive of the school millage, 1½ mills under the 1947 tax rate.

County Clerk H. T. Piety said today the tentative millage is 12.625 against 14.125 last year.

The county's tax valuation in the new assessment roll is up about $132,000 over last year, and this will help commissioners to reduce the millage.

WEATHER REPORT

Following is the weather report for the beginning of July 15 and ending July 21, inclusive, as reported by Wilbur [illegible], observer.

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July 15	93	72
July 16	90	74
July 17	91	[illegible]
July 18	94	[illegible]
July 19	[illegible]	[illegible]
July 20	[illegible]	73
July 21	93	72

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