'Cracker Politics'

By Allen Morris

Newly elected members of Florida's next House of Representatives are standing sponsor for new rules of lawmaking written in simplified, textbook style.

They believe the proposed rules will put new members on equal footing with old in grasping how the legislative mill functions. (Of the 85 members of the 1949 House, 45 have no previous legislative experience—about the usual number.)

What is done to get issues judged by the House on their merits, rather than passed or defeated upon anyone's lack of knowledge of gabbling technicalities, helps all the people of this State and not the legislators alone.

That's why the rules of the House of Representatives are important to you.

Basically, Florida's legislative rules run back to the first meeting of the territorial assembly, a hundred and twenty five years ago. A few canny oldsters always have resisted change because of the unmerited advantage over confused new members.

"We learned the hard way—by having the veterans in our freshman years teach us through defeat of our bills," these oldsters logically would argue. Other multi-termers were apathetic.

Yet some of those who have come best to know the intricacies —the unwritten customs—of legislating, now have put their name to proposed rules to wipe out that advantage. Sponsoring the new rules are these members (alphabetically listed):

[illegible] Chairman of Tarpon Springs, Jerry Collins of [illegible], Thos. H. Dowda of [illegible], Sam Pogue of Pahokee, [illegible] Watson of Quincy, [illegible] Yonge of Pensacola, [illegible] Kennard of St. Augustine, [illegible] Simpson of Miami, Lodo W. Smith of [illegible].

[illegible] as co-chairman (for accounting of the committee's expenses, even for) travel-expenses of its meetings) appointed by direction of the 1947 Legislature [illegible] Chas. D. [illegible] of Bradenton, Chairman of the Committee on Rules, and Chas. Lawrence of Tallahassee.

[illegible] to submit the rules of the [illegible] but largely [illegible] a variety of [illegible] but chiefly that successful [illegible] does not qualify you as a lawmaker.

The lawmakers were well-[illegible] but many forgot to [illegible] their subject into understandable terms for the people [illegible] through the old rule [illegible] as simple a matter as [illegible] of a bill. On page [illegible] this instruction will be found: [illegible] — All bills, resolutions and memorials, when introduced, shall be typewritten or printed without interlineations, on not more than one sheet of paper, with suitable margins and spaces between the several sections."

After wrestling (as a freshman legislator, in your home city before the session) with that instruction "of not less than one sheet of paper" and attempting to define "suitable," you well may just dissolve the whole project for fear of being embarrassed by public rejection of a bill not properly prepared.

The proposed new rules give the exact page size, both in inches and by the common name of that size; the kind of paper, the number of required copies, and where the special jackets for binding may be obtained. Each detail may be found.

In other words, no member need go beyond the rule book to learn any of the mechanical steps of lawmaking or, in most instances, the reasons why these are necessary.

Spot alterations were engrafted through the years on the basic old rules—provision, for example, for use of voting machines instead of oral roll calls. Sentences were inserted here and there; often without regard for sequence.

A result of this confused wording has been that no one could say for sure just what any rule meant.

The rules proposed by the Clement committee preserve the spirit of the old, but attempt to put them in easily understandable language. The committee also went beyond basic procedure to attempt reforms—for example, the regulation of paid lobbyists by registration in the congressional manner. But essentially the committee's job has been to assure each member, old and new, a square deal in procedure.

SCHOOL BUDGET TOTALS $139,886 FOR HIGHLANDS

The Highlands County school budgets for 1948-49 approximates $127,886, of which nearly $350,000 will come from the state, County School Supt. Fred Wild said today.

The school board will meet soon to study the budget and later will hold a public hearing on it.

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First Monday, 10:30 A. M.
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First and Third Wednesdays
8:00 P. M., Legion Home

LEGION AUXILIARY
Second Monday, 8:00 P. M
Legion Home

BUSINESS & PROFESSIONAL WOMAN'S CLUB
Third Monday, Customers' Room
Florida Power Corporation

BOY SCOUTS
Each Monday, 7:30 P. M.
Youth Center

CITY COUNCIL
Second & Fourth Mondays
7:30, City Hall

CHAMBER of COMMERCE
Directors Meeting
Second & Fourth Thursdays
8:00 P. M. Chamber of Commerce

Eleanor Seaverns REBEKAH LODGE NO. 65
First & Third Mondays
Second Floor, City Hall

GARDEN CLUB
Second Thursday 3:00 P. M.
Homes of Members

ROYAL ARCH MASONS
Highlands Chapter No. 61
Second Tuesday, 8:00 P. M.
Masonic Temple

KNIGHT TEMPLARS
Highest Commandery, No. 17
Fourth Monday, 8:00 P. M.
Masonic Temple

GIRL SCOUTS
3:15 Friday P. M.
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Each Friday and Saturday
7:30 P. M. to 11:00 P. M.
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JUNIOR WOMAN'S CLUB
Fourth Tuesday, 8:00 P. M.
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8:00 P. M. Masonic Temple

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Fire Station

PARENT-TEACHERS ASSOC.
Third Thursday, 3:15 P. M.
High School Auditorium

WIMODAUSIS CLUB
1st and 3rd Fridays 2:30
Member's Home

POINCIANA LODGE, NO. 227
First & Third Mondays 8:00 P. M.
ROTARY CLUB
Each Wednesday, 12:15
Jacaranda Hotel

WOMAN'S CLUB
First Friday, 3:15 P. M.

VETERANS FOREIGN WARS
First and Third Tuesdays
8:00 P. M. Fire Station

MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION
Last Tuesday in Month
2:30 P. M. Chamber of Commerce

Highlands County FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION
First Thursday, 7:30 P. M.
Club House, On Road 17 South

Avon Park Public Library
Library Hours
Monday & Friday—2:30-5:30 p m
Wednesday—9:45 a m-12:00 m
Saturday—6:30-8:30 p m

ROMANCE . . . University of California's star fullback Fatsis Jensen has announced he is "going steady" with Zoe Ann Olsen, Oakland's swimming and diving star. She won two A. A. U. diving titles in San Diego recently.

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Avon Park Churches

By Rev. W. J. Ashworth

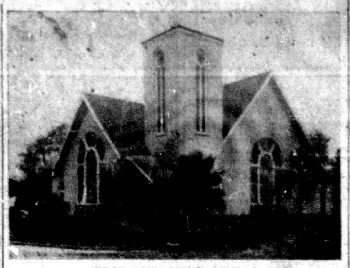
Avon Park, beautifully situated in the lower ridge area of Florida, is proud of its churches, which have proven to be an asset in the religious and moral life of the city. Ministers and congregations are cooperative with one another and a spirit of friendliness abounds in all the churches.

The Union Congregational Church has the distinction of being the oldest organized church in the city. This church stands in a spacious church yard on North Forest Avenue at Church Street. The plot was set aside by Oliver Crosby, the founder of the town. The church edifice was erected by settlers in 1892 as a place for community worship. This is the oldest church in the lower ridge of Florida. It had its beginning in love rather than doctrine, and has served through more than a half century as a bridge over the chasms that so often separate people. Rev. Herbert D. Graetz is now serving the church as its tenth pastor. Services of worship are held regularly on Sunday mornings at eleven o'clock.

The First Baptist Church, situated on the corner of North Lake Avenue and Church Street, just two blocks off the mall, has added much to the spiritual and social life of Avon Park. This church was organized in 1914, with 12 members, two of whom retain membership today. Senior Deacons W. O. Skipper and G. D. Godwin. The present building was erected in 1918 and under the projected building program will be replaced by a beautiful red brick structure at an estimated cost of $150,000.00. Under the leadership of its pastor, Rev. E. H. Puryear, a Virginian, a steady growth is being maintained and a cordial welcome is extended to all.

The Florida Avenue Baptist Church was organized March 29, 1929, with 13 members. Rev. J. H. McClellan as pastor. The church was then located on Fourth Street. The church moved to the present location on Florida Avenue, in 1946, and has a membership of 220 with a faculty of teachers and leaders in all departments of the church schools and societies. The church owns the Pastorium and sufficient property for many years of development. During the church's history, it has had seven pastors, who have been faithful. Rev. L. E. McRae, is the present pastor.

The First Methodist Church of Avon Park was organized as the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1914, in the old school building where the Church of Christ now stands. The present church building, of beautiful yellow brick, was erected in 1920, the congregation moving in for the first service the first Sunday, in May, 1921. The building was dedicated May 30, 1937. In 1939, this church, through the program of unification, became the Methodist Church. In September, 1947, the contract was awarded for the first of a three unit Educational plant. This first unit was opened Easter Sunday, 1948, and contains class rooms from the nursery through the Junior department. Plans for the near future expansion include a youth building with class rooms and a lovely chapel. This is a fast growing church in a fast-growing community. Rev. W. J. Ashworth is the present pastor.



FIRST METHODIST CHURCH

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer at the S. E. corner of Verona Ave. and Pleasant St. was founded in 1895 by a group of English people. It was the second Church built, the first being a Community Church. The Episcopal Mission of the Church of the Redeemer has grown to the status of a Parish in the Diocese of South Florida. Its members have been active and interested in all good works of the community, and loyally have carried on through good times and those not so prosperous always welcoming the visitors to our State, making friends for our section of Florida.

There is a total membership of 150 persons, 104 of whom are Communicants. The Little Church on the Corner is quaint, with its tower and bell, and two Crosses pointing the Way and Faith of those who have loved the spot, worked hard and passed on to their reward leaving others to take up the Cross.

The doors are always open for those who wish to pause for meditation and prayer. A comfortable rectory for the family of the resident Priest adjoins the Church lawn on Pleasant Street. On the Verona Ave. side of the Church property, a Parish House neat and in order is equipped for Sunday School work, Church and Auxiliary activities. The Church property is clear of debt and a new lot adjoining the present Church site has been acquired for further expansion of Sunday School and Young Peoples (work and recreation). The Rev. Father A. Bruce Lauenborg is the present Rector.

"Christian Science Services were started February 1923 by a member of The Mother Church in her home with one other Christian Science.

After several years with interest and attendance increasing it became necessary to secure larger quarters so services were held in the Masonic Temple and later in the Woman's Club Building.

In October 1939, the group organized as a Christian Science Society and purchased the property at East Pine Street and Fairfield Avenue, remodeled the building and held the first services there April 21, 1940.

Sunday, June 8th. 1941, dedicatory services were held. This event was cause of much gratitude to the local members as "no Christian Science Church can be dedicated until free of debt."

Sunday School for pupils up to the age of twenty years was also opened when the first services were held and has been taught continuously ever since.

In January, 1946, a Reading Room was opened in the Church building, where all authorized Christian Science literature may be read, borrowed, or purchased every afternoon in the week from 2:00 to 5:00 o'clock except Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays.

Other Churches, the Church of the Nazarene, The Church of God, The Assembly of God, the Church of Christ and the Seventh Day Adventist, are all making worth while contributions to the religious and moral life of this beautiful city.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

CHURCHES OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

"TRUTH" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, throughout the world on Sunday, July 25.

The Golden Text is: "Ascribe ye greatness unto our God. He is the Rock, his work is perfect: for all his ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is he" (Deuteronomy 32:3, 4).

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" (Hebrews 4:12).

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Preaching 11:00 A. M. & 7:30
Wednesday Bible Study 7:30
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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.
Tuesday Prayer Service 7:00 P. M.

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UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
Church St. & N. Forest Ave.
Rev. Herbert Graetz, Pastor
Mrs. J. Fred Parker, Church Organist
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Rev. John R. Fleming, Superintendent
Sunday School 9:30 A. M.
Morning Worship 11:00 A. M.
Nursery for small Children During Morning Worship Service.

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FLORIDA AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. L. B. Mellen, 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 NAZARENE
(Holiness)
Rev. A. Bruce Lauenborg
Sunday, 7:30 A. M.
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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 babes 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. Hall
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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J. R. Young, Pastor
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LOCAL BREVITIES

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd DuBose spent last week-end in Sarasota.

Janet Sauls spent the week-end with Pat Barr in Tampa.

Mrs. Lester Veasey is recovering nicely after a recent illness.

Miss Gladys Pate is on vacation in Columbus, Ga., this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Still are visiting relatives in Bonifay, Fla.

Joan Eve of St. Petersburg is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Leon Campbell.

Milton Braxton was in Miami, attending a school for butchers this week.

Marcellus Chambers of Lakeland was the week-end guest of Dale Jordan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Senkorick and children have gone for a two week vacation tour of Florida.

Mrs. Arlin King left Saturday to visit her mother, Mrs. J. S. Goodbread, in Oakland Park.

Mrs. Lyndall Dyal and daughter, Betty are spending this week [illegible]

Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Morgan and daughter, Evelyn Johns visited in [illegible] Sunday.

[illegible] W. J. Hand left for Orlando today to spend a few days [illegible] of Mrs. S. S. Thayer.

[illegible] Boyd Hayes has been [illegible] relatives in Lake Butler [illegible] for the last week.

[illegible] Hayes started to [illegible] at Jones Business [illegible]

[illegible] Johns and children [illegible] Sunday after a [illegible] Mrs. [illegible]

[illegible] Leighton was in [illegible] on a shopping trip, Tues-

[illegible] Hand and Albert Wes- [illegible] in Wauchula, [illegible]

[illegible] Hand and son, Wil- [illegible] of Lake Wales visited Mr. [illegible] Hand Wife, Sunday.

[illegible] of Orlando, was a [illegible] of Mr. Robinson for a [illegible] days leave, both of them [illegible] to Camp Wheeler for the [illegible] Russell is also at [illegible] this week.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Morgan of Miami, formerly of Avon Park announce the arrival of twin boys, July 18. Mother and boys are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Johns of Jacksonville, formerly of Avon Park, announce the arrival of a six and one-half pound boy at St. Vincent's Hospital. He has been named Dennis Larey. Both mother and son are doing nicely.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Selph are the proud parents of a son, born July 15, at Ruth Miller Clinic. He has been named Anthony Donnell. His weight is nine pounds and six ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Wilson announce the arrival of a seven pound, fourteen ounce son, July 16, at Walker Memorial Hospital.

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ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Mrs. J. E. Ripley, the attractive young visitor, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keller, will leave this weekend for Jacksonville, to join her husband, a Chief Petty Officer of the United States Navy. Mrs. Ripley, who has lived in Key West for the past two years, is returning to Wheeling, W. Va., where she and her husband will make their home. Mr. Ripley is receiving his discharge after having served with the Navy for the past eight years.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Ayer and daughter, Clara, of Stockton, California, are visiting Mr. Ayer's sister, Mrs. A. G. Hansen and Mr. Hansen. They spent the week-end in Ft. Myers, Ft. Myers Beach and LaBelle, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. B. J. Thigpen and David have returned from a delightful trip to Blowing Rock N. C. While up there they visited relatives in Greensboro, Faleigh, and Rocky Mount. Mrs. Ula Johnson of Rocky Mount, accompanied the Thigpens home.

Mrs. G. A. T. Washburn, who had the misfortune to fall at her home on Lake Lotela, on July 5th, sustaining a broken leg, has returned from the Walker Memorial Sanitarium, and Hospital. It was necessary in setting the break to perform an operation to place a silver plate and a pin in the break. This is Mrs. Washburn's second trip to the hospital in recent months, and she is high in her praise of the service that the hospital has been able to render. She also spoke highly of the Stephenson Ambulance Service.

Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Walker had as their weekend guests, Mr. Walker's niece and her husband and son, Mr. and Mrs C. A. Crews and son Tommy, of Lakeland and his nephew, Louis Walker of Kansas City.

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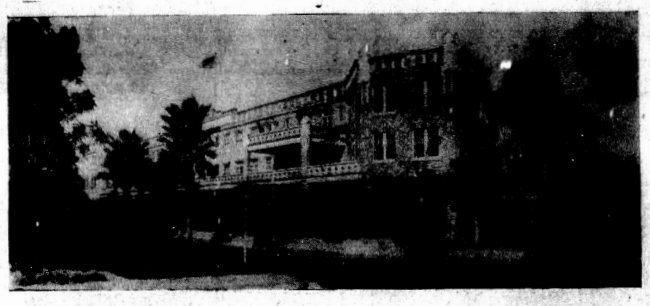

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City Wide Youth Revival

New developments have arisen in planning the Avon Park Youth Revival which demand that every interested young person attend the planning meeting, Thursday, July 22 at 7:30 in the Assembly of God Church on South Central Avenue.

At this meeting the dates and meeting-place will be decided. Tentative plans have been made but they are subject to change. Speakers will also be discussed. Sam Longbottom, chairman, reports that he is awaiting answers from about four sources as to the availability of speakers.

Last week at the meeting in the Congregational Church several changes were made in committees. Glenn Whitcomb was appointed chairman of the spiritual preparation committee. Gerald Wicker replaces Horace McRae, who has joined the Army, as chairman of arrangements.

A hospitality committee was set up with Nettie Lee and Catherine Howell as co-chairmen. Anyone wishing to entertain speakers for a meal during the week should contact either hostess.

Clytee Coleman Has Party

Clytee (Junie) Coleman celebrated her sixth birthday with a party given by her mother, Monday afternoon.

The children played games and prizes were awarded to the winners in some of the contests.

Tables were decorated in pink and green. The cake was white with pink and green decorations and pink candles.

Cake and ice cream, candy and nuts were served to the following: Dickie Carter, Betty K. Wycoff, Mary King, Jackie Holt, Nancy Coleman Chandler Carter, Ed Touchton, Hunter McEaddy, Clippy Klueppelberg, Bill McCreary, Wallace Kirkland, Steve Smith, and Paul McFarland.

Mrs. Edwin Carter served as cohostess.

Congregational Church Choir Entertained

Mrs. John Hood and Mrs. Raymond Dilley entertained members of the Congregational Church Choir and their families at a buffet supper, Friday evening, honoring Mr. and Mrs. John P. Garber, Jr., who were married recently.

A pressure cooker was given the honor guests by members of the choir.

Those enjoying this occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. John P. Garber, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Garber, and Gloria, Arthur Gregor, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry, Mrs. Floyd Johnson, Mrs. Floyd Wells, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Anderson and Arden, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Mr. and Mrs. John Pickens, Nancy and Helen, Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Whitcomb and Glen, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley and Mr. and Mrs. John Hood.

Legion Auxiliary Will Have Bake Sale

The American Legion Auxiliary will have a bake sale, Saturday, July 24, starting at 9 A. M. It will be held in front of Touchton Drug Store.

Mrs. Warren Kenneth Fields

Demeree—Fields

The home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Demeree on South Central Ave., was the scene of a lovely wedding Wednesday evening, July 14, when their daughter, Helen La Verne, became the bride of Warren Kenneth Fields, son of Mrs. Mary N. Fields.

The ceremony was performed by the Rev. E. H. Puryear, in the presence of the immediate families and a few friends. The vows were spoken before an improvised alter of ferns and summer flowers, lighted by white tapers. A reception for the guests followed the ceremony.

The bride wore a simple dress of white eyelet batiste with a fitted bodice and full gathered skirt. Her flowers were a corsage of pink and white carnations. She was attended by Mrs. Wm. A. Grainger, sister of the groom, who wore a pastel flowered dress with a corsage of yellow rose buds.

The groom's attendant was his brother-in-law, Wm. A. Grainger of Wauchula.

The bride attended the Avon Park High School and for the past year has been living in Louisville, Ky., where she was employed by the Bell Telephone Company.

The groom is a graduate of the Avon Park High School, and for the past three years has been stationed in Germany. He is home on a 30-day furlough and will report to Ft. Houston, Tex., August 1, for future assignment.

Virginia Spencer Has Shower

Miss Virginia Spencer, popular young bride-elect, whose engagement to Floyd Quinton Freer, has been announced, was honored at a miscellaneous shower, Monday evening, at the reception room of the Jacaranda Hotel.

Hostess were Mrs. H. A. Turney, Mrs. Erma Crosby and Miss Mary Bush.

The party rooms were beautifully decorated with garden flowers. Pink, white and green was used for the color scheme. A lovely pink and white basket was arranged to hold the gifts.

Games were enjoyed and prizes awarded Mrs. E. H. Puryear, Mrs. Albert Demorest, and Mrs. Wilton Stringer.

Mints, ice cream and cake was served to a hundred and seven guests.

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J-O-Y Sunday School Has Meeting

The J-O-Y Sunday School class of the Methodist Church held the first Bible Study Meeting at the Hut, Thursday. The evening was a combination business and social ice cream party.

Rev. M. L. H. McMullen, study was on the Gospel Mathew.

Those attending were Rev. W. J. Ashworth, Mrs. I. H. Ford, Miss Mae Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nute, Dale and Sally, Mr. Bob Cleveland, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cleveland, Laura Jane and Karen, Mrs. Frank L. Cason, and Carol Lynn, Mr. and Mrs. G. L. Harrison, Mike and Sarah Leslie, Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Tondee, Buddy and Pat, Mr. and Mrs. Dolph Grisham, Mrs. J. K. Smith, Miss Betha Boney, Patricia Mayo, and Mrs. Ben Stewart.

The class presented Mr. and Mrs. Grisham a lovely table cover and napkins in appreciation of their fine service to the class, and their cooperation at all times.

It is with deep regret that the class must see them go, but the opportunity is a big one for Mr. Grisham who will enter into partnership with his brother in a gas company.

Home made ice cream and cake was served in generous portions to all.

Reception For Garbers

The home of J. Paul Garber was the scene of a beautiful reception, Thursday evening, when they honored their son and his bride, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Garber.

The many lovely wedding gifts were displayed at this time.

Refreshments were served to 175 guests.

Mr. and Mrs. John Johnson of Thomasville, Ga., were the weekend guests of Mrs. Cleve O'Hern and Mrs. W. B. Dollar. Mrs. Johnson is Mrs. Dollar's sister-in-law. While they were here they enjoyed a swim at the beach with Mrs. Dollar. Mrs. Kenneth Hansen and Bobbie O'Hern.

It Pays to Read The Classifieds.

Miss Mary Althea Pickens

Pickens—Fowler

Mary Althea Pickens, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John E. Pickens, will be married in an informal service at Lake Byrd Lodge, Friday evening July 30th, at 7 o'clock. The groom will be William E. Fowler, native of Memphis, Tenn., and Principal of Harris Elementary School, Key West. Rev. John E. Pickens, father of the bride, will officiate.

In the bridal party will be three sisters of the bride, Helen and Nancy of Avon Park, Mrs. John R. Moore, Chicago, and a sister-in-law, Mrs. John E. Pickens, Jr., of Bangor, Maine. The bride's brother, John E. Pickens, Jr., will act as best man, and male attendants will include a brother-in-law, John R. Moore, ETM 1-c, U. S. N.

Mrs. Paul Garber will play the wedding march and accompany the soloist, Mrs. Floyd Wells. A reception will be held at the lodge following the ceremony, and all friends of the family are invited to attend both ceremony and reception.

Miss Pickens is a graduate of Angola High School, New York state, and of the Sherwood Music School, Chicago, and has been acting as organist of the Union Congregational Church for the past few months.

Local Brevities

Mrs. Bernie Johnson and Mrs. J. R. Wells were in Lakeland, Monday, on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. B. Leon Campbell spent last week-end in Clearwater and St. Petersburg, visiting friends.

Little Dona Hutchinson came back Monday from Miami, where she had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. Allen Cowart.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Rodgers and son, John, visited Mr. Roger's mother in Sylva, North Carolina last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis P. Wright and family have moved to Avon Park, to make their home. They are formerly of Kirksville, Mo.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Dorminey and Mickey of Fitzgerald, Ga., were the guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dorminey, for a week.

Adam McGuinness, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Tomlinson left Thursday of last week for Miami to enlist in the Army Air Force.

Miss Joyce Grice left Thursday for Miami, where she will spend Thursday, Friday and Saturday on a shopping tour.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Johnson and children, Joe and Cherel, spent Sunday in Clewiston and Ft. Denand.

Mrs. Helen Walker and daughter, Judy Ann are visiting her brother, Sgt. and Mrs. J. O. Reynolds at Ft. Benning, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Collyer, David and Danny and Mrs. D. T. Munro spent the past week visiting St. Petersburg, Arcadia, Orlando and St. Cloud.

Employees of Ware Furniture Company attended a showing of the new Philco radios and enjoyed a trap shoot and swimming party Wednesday afternoon.

Mrs. R. L. Avery and her three children of Lake City, Fla., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs H. M. Farless of 1206 Woodruff Heights.

Miss Betty Ann Anderson, Glen Reeder and Eldred Bass were in Lakeland, Friday to visit Mr. G. H. Reeder, who is in the hospital, there.

Miss Winifred Demorest left Saturday for Hendersonville, N. C., where she will visit for two weeks with Vanita Baldwin, who was her roommate at Stetson.

Sgt. and Mrs. R. W. Collier and son arrived Wednesday morning from San Antonio, Texas, for a visit with Mr. Collier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Collyer, 1108 Woodruff Heights.

Mrs. Isaac Mood and daughter Anna of Collingswood, N. J., arrived Monday for a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Pardee, and Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stewart.

Mrs. Amelia Dick spent Saturday and Sunday in Tampa visiting Mrs. Saint Germain. Mrs. Dick and Mrs. Germain, who are very good friends, hadn't seen each other for forty years, before this meeting.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Todd and Norman Todd have gone to Florence, Alabama. They will remain there until after the wedding of their son, Donald and Miss Louise Barnett.

Mrs. W. M. Dollar of Miami, Fla., who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Cleve O'Hern for the past month, left for Cairo, Ga., Saturday afternoon. Her husband will join her there on his return from a flight to Australia. Mrs. Dollar was accompanied by her mother and little brother, Bobbie White in Georgia. Mrs. O'Hern will visit her brother, Mr. Alex Carnes of Thomasville, Ga.

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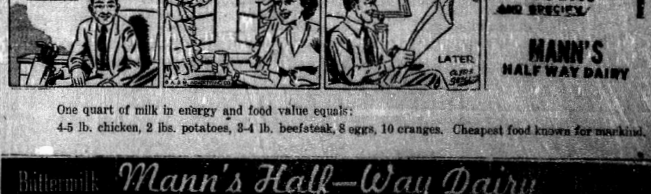

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By Russell Kay

...one advantage of being a newspaper man, you're always ...ted to parties. Of course ...e most of these "more or less formally invited" affairs are run-of-the-mill like cornerstone layings, beauty contests (and we'd like you to be one of the judges if you don't mind), receptions and the like, but once in a while you receive one that's the real McCoy.

That's what happened to me last week when my friend Roger Wolfe, public relations director of Pan American World Airways, called me on the phone and asked me if I'd like to fly to Jamaica.

He explained that PAA had just taken delivery of the first of a fleet of new type Clippers, the Convair-240 which was to be placed in service on the Jamaica run and would be christened the Clipper Jamaica upon its arrival at Kingston, Wednesday morning, July 14. On the initial flight out of Miami a group of Florida newspapermen and their wives would make the flight as guests of Wilbur L. Morrison, vice-president of PAA in charge of its Latin-American Division.

I've ridden some pretty swanky airplanes in my time and last spring was the guest of Eddie Rickenbacher on his inaugural Constellation flight from Detroit to Miami, but brother, let me tell you, this new type Pan American World Airways Convair-240 is a dreamboat to write home about.

It is revolutionary in both design and performance and is the first commercial type ship to utilize jet exhaust propulsion and is also the first twin-engine job with pressurized cabin for high altitude operation. It's the new type ... a cruising speed of 300 miles per hour with a top ... 340 miles per hour at ... Pratt and Whitney ... the new type ... a ceiling of 30,000 feet ... It is roomy a payload of ... pounds for a range of more ... miles.

... In the early morning ... the smooth Caribbean ... the main objective ... over which pass ... by of Cuba ... that gave an impressive ... what Christopher ... Columbus was at his ... the shores of the ... Island we were ... ing, but I doubt if ... have been more impressed ... time I was as our Clipper descended through a cloud bank to ... us our first panoramic view ... the quaint and charming city of ... capital of the British ...

... on an expansive water ... shimmering in the ... sun, the city reposes ... lazily, set off by cool green ... forming lofty mountains. ... christening ceremony, held ... Kingston's Palisadoes Field, ... an impressive affair. As we ... parked we were greeted by ... delegation of prominent local ... headed by H. R. E. ... Colonial Secretary of Jamaica, and a rousing concert by ... Jamaican Military Band.

Pouring over the plane water collected from picturesque rivers that make their way from the mountains to the sea in the 14 parishes of Jamaica, Mrs. H. R. E. Browne, wife of the Colonial Secretary, formally christened it the Jamaica Clipper.

I thought I knew all about Southern hospitality, but after visiting Jamaica I can tell you that the further South you go the warmer it gets, (the hospitality, I mean). From the standpoint of climate, I found little difference between Jamaica and Florida, although they tell me that in the mountains it is much cooler. During our entire stay we enjoyed brisk breezes from the blue Caribbean that made it quite comfortable even in midday.

Following a sightseeing trip around Kingston, we flew across ... island to the principal beach ... Montego Bay, one of the most beautiful spots I've ever visited. We were treated royally as guests of the two leading tourist hotels, the Chatham and the Coral Cliff Villas, where you have to fight to get a decent orange or grapefruit in most hotels and restaurants, these Jamaican hotels present you with baskets of a variety of native fruits prepared and ready to eat—mangoes, breadfruit, pineapple, oranges, grapefruit, bananas, papaya—all of it choice and delicious.

If you are seeking a delightful vacation spot, summer or winter, I can highly recommend Jamaica, and the flight from Miami to Kingston is one you'll never forget. There is much more to be told about our trip but I'll have to reserve it for a later column.

SOVIET PRESIDENT VOTES ... President John Paasikivi, of Finland, (above) casts his ballot in the recent Finnish elections. Results of the election were a distinct setback for the communists.

DOG CATCHER IN DOGHOUSE . . . Archibald MacDonald, city dog catcher of Boston, found himself in the dog house when he was unable to locate his own dog, Scottie. After spending a week in a Boston pound the dog was found in Miami, Florida where MacDonald finally identified Scottie's collar.

YOUTHFUL PREACHER IN TROUBLE . . . "Little David" Walker, the main figure in a custody case in Indianapolis, has given testimony accusing his father of forcing him to preach day after day by locking him. Shown here left to right are "Little David," Rev. Raymond Hackett, evangelistic tour manager, and Louis Rassenberg, a lawyer.

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BIG MOMENT . . . The charming wife and daughters of California Governor Earl Warren looked proud as they heard Warren named by convention as the Republican party's choice for the vice presidential spot in the November elections. Mrs. Warren is shown with her daughters (left to right) Dorothy, Nina and Virginia.

Avon Park Citrus . . .

Located in Avon Park on the Ridge Section of Florida is one of the largest citrus grove owners and grove operators in the State, the Avon Florida Citrus Corporation, with over 2,600 acres, producing over 600,000 boxes of oranges, grapefruit and tangerines this season.

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Its growers produce approximately a half-million boxes of citrus fruits annually. Sale of fresh fruit is handled by the Florida Citrus Exchange. The association is also affiliated with the Florida Citrus Canners Cooperative.

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TO STUDY FLORIDA ADOPTION LAWS

A broad study of Florida adoption laws and practices is going to be undertaken by the State Children's Commission as an outgrowth of a West Palm Beach couple's recent newspaper hunt for foster homes for seven children.

Mrs. Sylvia Caruthers, Children's Commission director, said the agency's executive board has agreed to put a statewide committee to work on a study of "problems which arise when it becomes necessary to find homes for children."

She said the study was requested by the State Welfare Board which now supervises adoption in Florida, and various other social agencies.

Mrs. Caruthers also announced that the Children's Commission would also start a detailed survey of juvenile court practices and jurisdictions in various parts of the state.

The Florida State Employment Service had on file at the end of June 50,532 active job openings. Unfilled openings at the same period amounted to 8,810.

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To All Creditors and Persons Having Claims or Demands Against the Above Estate:
You, and each of you, are hereby notified to file all claims and demands against the estate of Mary A. Fitch, deceased, in the office of the County Judge in the Court House at Sebring, Florida, within eight calendar months from the date of the first publication of this notice. Each claim or demand must be in writing, must state the place of residence and post office address of the claimant, must be sworn to and must be filed in duplicate, or else same will become void.
RICHARD W. GALLIHER,
Executor.
JUDSON & WILLSON,
Attorneys, Bartow, Florida.
July 9-16-23-30

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, on Friday, August 6, 1948, for approval of the same and for final discharge as administrator of the estate of Virginia Godwin, deceased.
July 9, 1948.
R. 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 ALINE 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 seal of this Court, this 3rd day of July, 1948.
H. T. PIETY,
Clerk of said Court.
By: H. M. Collabon, Deputy Clerk.
Keith E. Colver,
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, Section 865.09, Florida Statutes 1941, 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 Avon Garage, under which I am now engaged in business.
That the parties interested in said business enterprise are as follows:
Lewis Arnold, Sole Owner.
Dated July 6, 1948.
July 9-16-23-30 c.

ORDINANCE NO. 298
An Ordinance, imposing and levying a tax by the City of Avon Park on each and every purchase of electricity, metered or bottled gas (natural, liquified petroleum gas or manufactured), water service and local telephone service, within the corporate limits of the City of Avon Park, at the rate of ten (10) ten per centum of the first $50.00 of the payments received by the seller of each such utility service from the purchaser of such utility service for the use of the City of Avon Park, and at the rate of fifteen (15) two and one half per centum of the payments received by the seller of each such utility service from the purchaser of such utility service for the use of the City of Avon Park, in excess of $50.00; providing that in every case the tax shall be collected from the purchaser and paid by the purchaser for the use of the City of Avon Park to the seller of such utility service at the time of paying the charge therefor to the seller, but not less often than monthly; providing for the collection of such tax by the seller of such utility service and declaring it unlawful for any seller of such utility service to collect from the purchaser thereof without at the same time collecting the tax hereby imposed and levied in respect of such purchase, unless such seller shall elect to assume and pay such tax without collecting the same from the purchaser; providing for the keeping of records, the making of reports and the payment over by the seller of such utility services of taxes collected by them from the purchasers of such utility services; providing for the enforcement of the provisions hereof; providing that the tax imposed and levied on purchases of water service shall apply to purchases of water service from the water department of the City of Avon Park; providing for certain exemptions from the payment of the tax imposed and levied hereunder; providing for the deposit of revenues received from the taxes imposed and levied hereunder in the general fund of the City of Avon Park for general operating expenses of said city; providing penalties for the violation of the provisions hereof; providing that the tax imposed and levied hereunder shall be applicable to purchases of utility services made on and after September 1st, 1948 and repealing all ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith.
Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Avon Park, Florida:
SECTION 1. That there is hereby imposed and levied by the City of Avon Park on each and every purchase of electricity, metered or bottled gas (natural, liquified petroleum gas or manufactured), water service and local telephone service in the corporate limits of the City of Avon Park a tax in the amount of ten (10¢) per centum of the first $50.00 of the payments received by the seller of each such utility service from the purchaser of such utility service, and of two and one-half (2½¢) per centum of the payments received by the seller of each such utility service from the purchaser of such utility service in excess of $50.00, which tax in every case shall be collected from the purchaser of such utility service and paid by such purchaser for the use of the City of Avon Park to the seller of such electricity, metered or bottled gas (natural, liquified petroleum gas and manufactured), water service and local telephone service, at the time of the purchaser paying the charge therefor to the seller, but not less often than monthly.
SECTION 2. That it shall be the duty of every seller of electricity, metered or bottled gas (natural, liquified petroleum gas or manufactured), water service and local telephone service, in acting as the tax collecting medium or agency for the City of Avon Park, to collect from the purchaser for the use of the City of Avon Park the tax imposed and levied by this Ordinance at the time of collecting the purchase price charged for such utility service and to report and pay over, on or before the 15th day of each calendar month unto the treasurer of the City of Avon Park all such taxes imposed and levied and collected during the preceding calendar month. It shall be unlawful for any seller of such utility service to collect the price of any sale of electricity, metered or bottled gas (natural, liquified petroleum gas or manufactured), water service or local telephone service, without at the same time collecting the tax hereby imposed and levied in respect of each purchase thereof, unless such seller shall elect to assume and pay such tax without collecting the same from the purchaser. Any seller of such utility service failing to collect such tax at the time of collecting the price of such utility service, where the seller has not elected to assume and pay such tax, shall be liable to the City of Avon Park for the amount of such tax in like manner as if the same had been collected, and the Mayor of the City of Avon Park shall cause suit to be instituted in the name of the City of Avon Park in any court of competent jurisdiction for the collection of such tax. Provided, however, that the seller of such utility service shall have the right, upon the delinquency of such tax upon uncollected accounts, to refuse to pay to the seller of such purchased service the tax, interest or penalty for such delinquent accounts, and the tax hereby imposed shall be payable only to the extent of payment of the purchase for which such charge is made, and the seller of such service shall have and is hereby vested with the right, power and authority to institute, conduct and maintain suit to collect such delinquent accounts and the seller's bill shall have been paid in full.
SECTION 3. Each and every seller of electricity, metered or bottled gas (natural, liquified petroleum gas or manufactured), water service and local telephone service shall keep complete records showing all purchases within the corporate limits of the City of Avon Park or such utility services, which record shall show the price charged upon each purchase, the period of time covered thereby, the amount of tax levied and imposed hereunder, and the date of payment thereof, and said records shall be kept open for inspection by the duly authorized officers or agents of said City during business hours on all business days. The duly authorized officers or agents of said City shall have the right, power and authority to make such transcripts therefrom during such times as they may desire.
SECTION 4. That the tax hereby imposed and levied on purchases of water service shall apply to water service furnished by the Water Department of the City of Avon Park, a municipal corporation, as well as to water service furnished by private individuals, firms or corporations furnishing water service within the corporate limits of the City of Avon Park.
SECTION 5. That the United States of America, the State of Florida, the County of Highlands and their commissions and agencies and other tax supported bodies, authorities, boards, and commissions, shall be and they are hereby exempted from the payment of the taxes imposed and levied under this ordinance.
SECTION 6. That the tax hereby imposed and levied upon purchases of telephone service shall apply to all charges made for local telephone service, except local messages which are paid for by inserting coins in coin-operated telephones, the total amount of the guaranteed charge on each toll rendered for semi-public coin box telephone service shall be subject to such tax.
SECTION 7. That sales of bottled water shall not be deemed a utility service within the intent and meaning of this Ordinance and the tax imposed and levied hereunder shall not apply to purchases of bottled water.
SECTION 8. That in all cases where the seller of electricity, metered or bottled gas (natural, liquified petroleum gas or manufactured), water service and local telephone service collects the price thereof at monthly periods the tax hereby imposed and levied may be computed on the aggregate amount of purchases during such monthly period, provided that the amount of the tax to be collected shall be the nearest whole cent to the amount computed.
SECTION 9. That all revenues received, collected and derived from the taxes hereby imposed by this Ordinance shall be deposited by the Treasurer of the City of Avon Park in the general fund account of the City and be appropriated and used for the general operating expenses of the City of Avon Park, and the revenues derived from the tax hereby levied shall be estimated and used for the purpose of from year to year, be included in the annual budget as anticipated revenue for the general operating expenses of the City of Avon Park for the ensuing fiscal year.
SECTION 10. Any purchaser willfully failing or refusing to pay the tax herein imposed and levied, where the seller has not elected to assume and pay such tax, and any seller of any utility service willfully violating the provisions hereof, or any officer, agent or employee of any such seller willfully violating the provisions hereof, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall upon conviction be fined not more than $100.00, or imprisoned in the City Jail for not more than sixty days, for each and every violation.
SECTION 11. In the event any section, paragraph, sentence, clause or portion of this Ordinance shall for any reason be held unconstitutional, invalid or ineffective, the same shall not repeal, nullify or in any wise affect any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or portion of this Ordinance. The City Council of said City hereby declares that it would have enacted each separate section, paragraph, sentence, clause or portion of this Ordinance, irrespective of any other section, paragraph, sentence, clause or portion thereof.
SECTION 12. The tax hereby imposed and levied shall be applicable to each and every purchase of electricity, metered or bottled gas (natural, liquified petroleum gas or manufactured), water service and local telephone service, within the corporate limits of the City of Avon Park, made on or after September 1st, 1948.
SECTION 13. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are, to the extent of such conflict, hereby repealed.
SECTION 14. This Ordinance shall be published in a newspaper published in the City of Avon Park one time before it becomes a law. It takes effect
Introduced, passed and adopted at regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Avon Park, Florida, this 19th day of July, 1948.
President of City Council.
E. D. TOUCHTON.
Attest:
A. M. Owens,
City Clerk.
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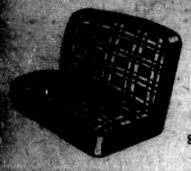
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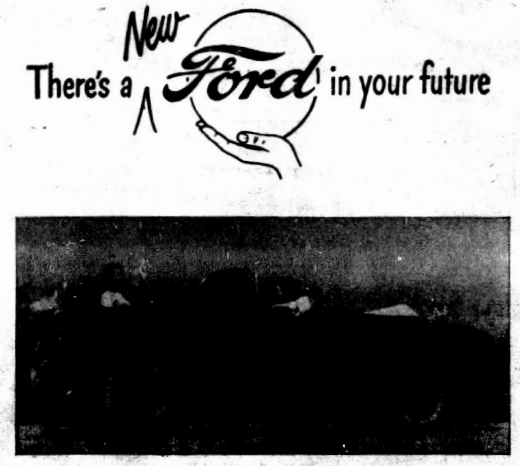

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