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Just Lookin' 'Round

By Les Lloyd

F-mors—Rumors—and heresay—these things never did anyone any good. These citizens who are qualified for public office and your support and yet they are not willing to make their platform known to the general public. They qualify, pay the small fee and then go around and tell their friends to work for them and elect votes.

What do they stand for? Are they qualified to handle your money just because they can "qualify for office"? Do you know that the annual taxation of the city of Avon Park runs around \$75,000. Would you give these men that amount of money and let them decide how to spend it, without first knowing that they knew about the affairs of this city? This paper is not supporting any individual or group of individuals, but all it is suggesting is that you know who you vote for and that they are honest men capable to handle the affairs of this city to the best interests of all the taxpayers.

The city is in debt and if proper care is not exercised in the assessment collection, and disbursements of the money, there will not be much of a future for the city. Know for whom you vote, have him tell all the taxpayers on which platform he is running, know whether or not he has the business ability to run your affairs. Stopped one man who was running for one of the city offices and asked him why he was running for office. Without any hesitation he replied, "cause I don't have any better sense." Really, I asked. Why are you running, do you think you can handle the affairs of the city? He replied, "Don't know if I can, but he'll not have any better sense than I." "Do you think you will win?" I asked. "No, but I am running anyway." This is part of our nation. Would you vote for a man that thinks he is beaten before he starts? Seems to me that if one thinks he is beaten before he starts, well what kind of a city officer would men like this make? Could he handle your business affairs to suit you? Sit down and honestly ask yourself some of these questions and then give out your man and you will not only yourself but your city as well.

...about that time. School is about this next week. All you good boys and girls. The school patrols will again take over their work of trying to help with the big problem of safety in and around the school grounds. Last year they did it very good job, and it is hoped that this year they will expand their activities to even a greater extent.

Motorists too are warned to be careful of children. Even the best of drivers can make mistakes when they are not on their alert to be careful, and those of you who are not cautious and courteous are far more likely to cause an accident. Think of the other person, they do not know what you are going to do. Use the proper signals and above all be COURTEOUS. Don't be in a hurry to rush down the street for that Coke. Take your time. Enjoy life and you will find that you will live longer.

How is a little rule it pays to follow.

Consider carefully the rights of others.

Obey hand signals before stopping or turning.

Understand both local and state traffic laws.

Rely—not on HIS brakes but your own.

Take time to reach your destination safely.

Exercise reasonable care and common sense.

Stay within your own lane, except for passing.

Your courteous will reflect in the attitude of others.

Sebring Merchants Association Opposes Taxes

The board of Directors of the Sebring Merchants Association wrote a short note to Senator James W. Moore of Sebring stating that they wished it to go on record that their organization as being fully opposed to any sales tax program whether state or otherwise.

Should it be necessary to vote for the proposed legislation book hill, stated E. P. Bell, President of the group, this organization would favor your vote in that direction in preference to any such sales tax law.

This was signed by the President E. P. Bell, Vice President, Robert F. Mason, and four of the directors, C. Elton Weaver, J. P. Drane, C. V. Hudson and Z. M. Soren.

Junior Chamber Of Commerce Sponsor "Get Out And Vote"

At the regular meeting of the Junior Chamber of Commerce Tuesday night it was voted that they sponsor a "Get Out And Vote Campaign" for the coming city election on September 13th.

Roy Seims and Roger Sappington were appointed as chairmen of this committee which will begin activities immediately.

It is to be understood that the Avon Park Junior Chamber of Commerce are strictly impartial in this election, but they are sponsoring this campaign in order that there will be a better representative vote in the city election.

Permission has been granted to paint signs on the sidewalks and the familiar slogan you will see as soon as this committee begins activity. "Vote or Don't Grin."

To date this is all the information on the working of this committee we have on hand but whispers in the breeze are that they will be on their feet before the election to try and make the people vote continuous and "Get Out And Vote."

Fla. Gets National Championship Outboard Races

J. Paxton Hill, Director of the Florida Federation of Outboard Clubs, announced today that the National Championship Outboard Races would be held at Lake Alfred, Fla., from September 24th through the 28th. All classes of professional drivers will compete for the world's title during the first three days and the last two days will be taken over by the stock utility championship.

The Florida Federation of Outboard Clubs is sponsoring and sanctioning the meet which will be the biggest racing event ever held in Florida. It is being staged by the Florida Club of Lake Alfred on their own race course. The headquarters for all officials and drivers during the regatta will be the Hotel in Winter Haven.

750 drivers from all over the United States will defend their records and try to set new ones. This will insure the spectator that he will see the best and fastest drivers in the country in the most highly contested series of races that Florida has ever seen.

Chairman of the Race Committee, Mr. Hill says that his committee will include some of the country's most outstanding personalities in the boat racing world and insure everyone that attends this outstanding event that they will see the world's best and fastest drivers perform as they never performed before right here in our beautiful state of sunshine and flowers.

The Lovelace Club, Avon Park, of which Mr. Hill is Commodore, is planning to have two out of its ready for competition in the stock utility national races. They will be represented by Bobbie Woodruff and Everett Givens.

Optometrist Office To Be Opened In Avon Park

Word from Dr. J. J. Cruikshank, now living in St. Petersburg, stated that he will open an office in Avon Park on Saturday, September 4th and office hours will be from 9 A. M. till 5 P. M. until November 5th, at such time the office will be open to the public every day during regular business hours.

Dr. Cruikshank was formerly associated with Dr. E. A. Koetting, one of the leading optometrists of St. Louis, Mo. He is a graduate of Southern College of Optometry of Memphis, Tenn., and a member of the American Optometrical Association.

He expects to open his office in the Barnett Bank building, but definite plans have not yet been arranged.

Dr. Cummins Preaching On Immortality

Rev. J. W. Cummins, D. D., who is filling the pulpit during August at the Congregational Church while the pastor is on his vacation, will end his ministry there next Sunday morning preaching on the subject of immortality. The service begins at eleven o'clock.

WANTED

Executive Secretary-Stenographer. Apply to Chamber of Commerce Friday afternoon, August 26, between the hours of three and four P. M., to be interviewed by Committee.

Women Of Moose To Apply For Charter

At a meeting held Friday evening, August 19, at the home of Mary Alice Elder, it was determined that there are now enough paid-up affiliated members to apply to Mooseheart for a Charter, thus making the Avon Park Chapter of the Women of the Moose a reality. Four new members from Frostwood, who joined Friday night, are Irene Manley, Leta Ekland, Violet Nixon and Elsie Mitchell. The other four members who joined at this meeting are Estelle McGinnis, Lola Smith, Mrs. Carl Cruise and Doris Owens, all of Avon Park.

Cold Cokes and hors d'oeuvres were served by Mrs. Elder while plans were discussed for closing the Charter as soon as it is obtained. On September 2 at 8:00 P. M. there will be a final membership meeting at the Moose Lodge on Lake Lotela, at which time Mrs. Lillian Grindler, State Membership Chairman from St. Petersburg will be present. Anyone desiring to be a Charter member by all means be present at this meeting, prepared to pay the initiation fee and at least the first quarter's dues, for which they will be the last chance to do so. After the Charter is closed new members will be admitted by election. Membership Committee will make a desperate effort to provide finances for the Charter program for the ensuing year. To date, 225 members have subscribed approximately \$4,000. The drive Monday will be the last concentrated effort to secure sufficient funds to meet with the 1949 budget as adopted. Anyone refusing to join will be asked by the Committee to state their reasons for their decision in the hope that information obtained in this manner can be used to strengthen the organization. Committee members will be prepared to answer all questions concerning the activities of the Chapter.

Avon Park Schools To Open On Monday, August 29, 1949

The Avon Park Public Schools are getting set to open for the full term Monday, August 29.

All faculty personnel are now on hand and are busy in their pre-school conferences getting everything in readiness for the opening bell at 8:30 A. M.

The day will begin with a brief assembly of all Junior and Senior High School Students in the auditorium. Announcements will be made concerning schedules and other items of the moment. After assembly all students and teachers will return to their respective classrooms and the regular daily schedule will begin.

Since pupils' individual schedules of classes have already been made, textbooks delivered to the respective classrooms, and conference taken care of in pre-school conference, no time will be lost in getting down to the regular day.

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NOTICE

According to Ordinance No. 218 the City Registration Books must close 10 full days prior to City Election.

Therefore, the Registration Books will close Friday, September 2nd.



This picture was taken before the Junior Chamber of Commerce took over the project of cleaning up the Bouganville Cemetery.

Chamber To Conduct New Drive Monday

The Chamber of Commerce will conduct another drive Monday, August 29, in their effort to reach their goal of \$5,000 as originally set at the beginning of the drive.

Armed with 150 more prospects, the Membership Committee will make a desperate effort to provide finances for the Chamber program for the ensuing year. To date, 225 members have subscribed approximately \$4,000. The drive Monday will be the last concentrated effort to secure sufficient funds to meet with the 1949 budget as adopted. Anyone refusing to join will be asked by the Committee to state their reasons for their decision in the hope that information obtained in this manner can be used to strengthen the organization. Committee members will be prepared to answer all questions concerning the activities of the Chapter.

Orange Blossom Trail Ass'n. To Meet Here

The fall meeting of the Orange Blossom Trail Association, with which the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce is affiliated, will be held at the King's Jacaranda Hotel this year.

Date for this meeting has not yet been set, but it is agreed that when it does meet the meeting will be held on a Saturday afternoon. This will be sometime in the month of October. Their program for the ensuing year will be determined at this meeting.

Efforts To Curb Citrus Accidents

The Plymouth Rotary Club Association superintendents, foremen, and department heads have been participating in the 10-Hour Safety Course made available through the Safety Department of the Florida Industrial Commission beginning August 22 and extending through August 26.

Bruce Thomas, Commission Representative, taught the two hour sessions from 2 to 4 o'clock at the Plymouth plant each afternoon.

Pointing to the industrial accident rate in the state, Thomas said this group of citrus foremen that 116 workers lost their lives last year, 860 maimed for life, 17,000 seriously injured and 66,480 were hurt seriously enough to require medical attention.

Accidents in citrus canning and preserving made up a large percentage of the total last year. Thomas said, with cost for citrus amounting to \$174,024.84. Indirect cost of accidents through loss of time and intangible factors is estimated at four times the direct cost.

The source of accidents in the citrus industry and court were discussed with the class with suggestions for curbing various types of accidents.

During the entire course, Thomas has pointed to the responsibility of the foremen for safe conditions and safe acts of his men through proper attitude and knowledge.

Foremen were told not to be pessimistic as accidents are bound to happen where many people are employed despite near perfect conditions, but continuous training and the "unsafe act" on the part of his workmen can greatly reduce the present rate.

Signal Lights To Be Installed On Main Street

Now that the signal lights have been installed on State Road 17 and are in good working condition it has been announced by the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad that signal lights will be installed at the crossing on Main Street in downtown Avon Park within the year.

The Avon Park Chamber of Commerce have been working on this project for the past three years and at long last it appears their persistence is going to pay off. The old motto of "If at first you don't succeed, it is a good one to follow, if your patience holds out."

Rotary News Flashes

Mr. Sam Higginbottom, member of the Lake Wales Rotary Club gave an informational talk before the Avon Park Rotary Club on Wednesday, August 24th. Mr. Higginbottom, who was a missionary to India, with his wife for 41 years, spoke of the necessity in introducing to new missionaries who are planning to go to foreign countries, the things which they should acquaint themselves with. In India, for example, stated Mr. Higginbottom, sanitation is an essential factor if one wishes to live there. The natives have no conception of the word and make no effort to sterilize articles which they use.

In fact most of the homes have no furniture or doorway to keep out flies or mosquitoes. These conditions prevail in some of the other countries to which missionaries are sent.

The project Mr. Higginbottom has in mind is a Christian Service Training Center to be erected on the South side of Lake Ready in the Frostproof area. This plot of 850 acres has two buildings already erected, one a work house and the other a dwelling for the working foreman. This school, when completed, will receive and train students from all denominations in the arts of self preservation, as well as teaching them in the ability to teach natives this art.

Plans are being formulated to build a clinic in my native land, some of which are already here for experimentation. These plans are being carried out in pounds more births and within one year, although less than gain approximately 1-1/2% in weight than ordinary Florida cattle. This function of the Training Center will when put into operation save thousands of dollars in the Florida dairy and ranch business.

Many other functions of the center were explained which make it a very attractive addition to Florida.

Lee Collins, a visitor of the Avon Park Rotary Club stated that he thought his visits to the Frostproof area make up an important part of his school life, and he profited almost as much from these as he would from his schooling or college work.

Mr. Wilhite explained the reason for the school term beginning early this year and stated that Labor day would be a holiday, and would not interfere with any family planning a week-end holiday.

Ridge Area Development Association Meet

A general meeting of the Ridge Area Development Association has been called for Friday, 8:30 P. M., August 26th, at the New Orleans Hotel, Sebring. This association is composed of members of all towns and cities on the Florida Ridge with the purpose of acting collectively on matters that concern the whole area. The Sebring meeting Friday evening is to consider the proposed passenger service curtailment on the Haines City-Cleveson Branch of the C. L. & N. O. A large attendance of the interested public from Haines City to Moore Haven and Cleveson are expected.

SENATOR CLAUDE PEPPER OPPOSES CURTAILMENT

Secretary Of Chamber Resigns

H. E. Keller who has been serving as Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce for the past two years has tendered his resignation to the Board of Directors effective September 1.

Failure of the Chamber to raise sufficient money to meet the proposed budget has necessitated curtailment of expenses, consequently Mr. Keller has resigned in order that the Chamber might be able to obtain the services of a Secretary within the salary limits necessitated by a drastically reduced budget. Mr. Keller wishes to express his appreciation to the Board of Directors for its splendid cooperation and to the people of Avon Park whose friendly help has made it a pleasure to serve the community for the past two years. He also expressed the hope that the people of Avon Park would unite behind the Chamber and make it a more effective instrument for the public good.

Miss Helen Welch, former stenographer for the Chamber of Commerce, has accepted a position with the Western Auto Supply Store.

Florida Has Suffered Less Than Other States

The Secretary of Defense announced an overall cut of 130,000 civilian employees in the Army, Navy and Air Forces of the country.

Florida has suffered less than other states similarly situated and we are pleased at that yet the reduction in the number of the Air Force in Florida affected by this order, the reduction in force will be gradual between now and December first. The employees to be curtailed will be: 16 at Avon Park; 37 at Miami International Airport; 684 at the Orlando Air Base. The Naval reductions to be made in Florida are: 150 at the Naval Air Station, Jacksonville; 6 in the office of Assistant Industrial Manager, Jacksonville Naval Station; 34 out of the Naval Air Station at Green Cove Springs; 283 at the Naval Air Station, Pensacola; 34 out of the Naval Air Station at Pensacola; and 288 at Key West.

We vigorously protested this reduction in the number of our naval and air stations in Florida to the Secretary of Defense last week. We pointed out that Congress had not authorized such cuts in the appropriations Congress has made for the armed services of the country.

We emphasized that when unemployment was rising in the country it was no time for the government to lay off its employees and add them to the number of national unemployment.

We asserted that this was no time to cut the national defense forces just when a stronger policy of preparation on our part was making the prospect of peace and eventually universal reduction in armaments brighter and more alluring.

I cannot too strongly emphasize this in my opinion, as it is a mistake in policy injurious to the national defense as well as contrary to national prosperity and well-being.

Following the conference with Secretary of Defense we will have a conference with Secretary of Air Force, Honorable Stuart Symington. (Continued on Page Four)

Prepare Your Children For School

A physical checkup should be a "must" when preparing children for the coming school year, the State Board of Health says today.

Now is the time for children to make a trip to their physicians and dentists so that any trouble with eyes, ears, nose, throat, teeth, etc., can be corrected before school opens.

It is particularly important for children entering school for the first time to have their immunizations against smallpox, diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough. Postponement of a trip to the doctor or dentist may result in pain and discomfort for the child in addition to loss of time from school. Parents should remember that a healthy child makes a better student.

Birth records should be secured from the State Board of Health for children who will enter school for the first time this year, as many schools require them.

WEATHER REPORT

Following is the weather report beginning August 26, inclusive, as reported by Wilbur Giddens, local observer.

	H	L	R
Aug. 19	81	74	0
Aug. 20	89	73	0
Aug. 21	88	72	0
Aug. 22	92	71	0
Aug. 23	94	71	0
Aug. 24	92	71	0

Left-Scene Shows more of the grounds after it was cleaned off. Top right—Shows two of the trucks furnished by Leon Campbell being loaded with some of the debris on the Cemetery grounds. Bottom left—Howard Maddox cutting through some of the weeds that had grown up along one of the roads through the cemetery. Center—Part of the grounds after the clean-up. Bottom right—Billy MacS Jordan, president of the Cemetery Association working side by side loading the truck furnished by Sappington's Hardware. Many other of the local business houses furnished men and equipment but it was not possible to have all the pictures taken at one time.



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HURRICANE DAMAGE TO RIDGE AREA ESTIMATED IN MILLIONS

Musical Aptitude Test To Be Held Sept. 6th Thru 9th.

Avon Park Boy On U.S.S. Valley Forge

Buford R. Thomas, fireman apprentice, USN, of Avon Park, Fla., is attached to the aircraft carrier USS Valley Forge which has just been awarded the Battle Efficiency Pennant and "E" for her general excellence throughout the fiscal year, July 1, 1948 to July 30, 1949.

The award is a competitive one based on overall battle efficiency. Each department of the ship is graded to determine the vessel's final mark in the competition.

The command is a red ship with a black circle in the center and is therefore termed a "meatball". In addition to the "meatball" each enlisted man having served on board the Valley Forge for at least six months of the previous year is entitled to wear an "E" on the sleeve of his uniform and receive a cash award as well. This is an old practice in the Navy revived two years ago to incorporate into training the lessons learned by war and the "meatball" has once again become a coveted Navy trophy.

The Valley Forge is presently operating out of San Diego, Calif.

Tampan Drowns Near Wauchula

John J. Luke, 52, of 204 East St. Tampa, an engineer on the Safford Produce Co. was drowned late Saturday while trying to cross a stream which had been swollen by high hurricane waters about 12 miles southeast of Wauchula.

Because of lack of communications and damage caused by the hurricane, Luke's body was not found until about 8:30 o'clock Sunday morning when searchers discovered it hanging onto a tree limb about 20 feet downstream from where he slipped off the bridge into the swift current.

Luke was said to have been en route to his father-in-law's home about 12 miles southeast of Wauchula. He attempted to cross the swollen stream in his car, but it drowned out in the high water over the road. Luke then decided to attempt to cross it on foot, expecting the water to be about knee deep. He put on hip-boots and started across.

However, the water was deeper than he thought and he slipped from the roadway into the stream which was approximately 12 feet deep.

In addition to his wife, Mrs. Rena L. Smith Luke, he is survived by a daughter, Mrs. P. E. Davis, of Miami, and a stepdaughter, Miss Odell Phelps of Sebring. His mother, Mrs. Mamie Luke, Tampa; four brothers, Robert C. and Olin Luke, Tampa; Glen Luke, of Detroit; and Gertie Luke, of Avon Park; two sisters, Mrs. Faye Ashworth, Tampa, and Mrs. Minnie Gaylord, Miami.

With The Eighth Army In Kobe, Japan

Pvt. Bobby H. Hufstetter, husband of Mrs. Ann Hufstetter, Box 621 Avon Park, Florida, is now on duty with the Occupation Forces in Kobe, Japan.

He is serving as a crane operator with the 37th Harbor Craft Detachment at Kobe Base. This unit has the responsibility of operating patrol and guard craft in Kobe Harbor.

In his present assignment Pvt. Hufstetter is helping to accomplish the mission of Kobe Base, which is to provide supplies for our forces in southern Japan. Kobe City, the location of Kobe Base, is Japan's largest seaport and the center of her import-export trade before the war.

Pvt. Hufstetter entered the Army in August, 1946 at MacDill Field, Florida, and came to Japan in May, 1947. While in civilian life he attended Avon Park High School. He is the holder of the Japanese Occupation Ribbon.

NOTICE

There has been a group of Alcoholics Anonymous formed in Avon Park. Anyone desiring information please address Box 28, City. All inquiries will be held in complete confidence.

See A Good Movie at the PARK THEATRE

Walter Wolfolk Guest Speaker At Rotary

Walter Wolfolk, District Attorney, was the guest speaker at the Rotary International on Wednesday, August 31. He explained that his thought of the Rotary was one of the great interest because most of the members of this organization were representatives of the local business in their towns. Through a scholarship given by the Rotary, in the days when he was a young boy, he was able to further his education, and he has never failed to have a feeling of gratitude toward these wonderful organizations.

His talk then went on to a subject, although many of us have heard a great deal about too few of us know the ins and outs of it. Taxation, a word that though we seldom look at in all angles we seldom do. To most of us it means paying out of money. Walter explained that gambling, that is the legalized kind, whiskey tax, gasoline tax, cigarette tax and license tax on vehicles provide approximately 85% of the revenue from taxation in Florida. The other 15% comes from miscellaneous sources. Out of this money 96% is spent on educational costs, \$60,000, or approximately 19% on State Welfare, 9% or more for health and 6% for custodial institutions. The rest is divided into the costs of governmental expenditures.

The appropriations to date are approximately \$5 billions in deficit. There are only two things to do. Cut down on one of the above figures or increase the tax. (Continued on Page Two)

Parents will also be invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 6th, to be held in the Band Room at the High School Auditorium in order to discuss a Rental Plan to be offered by the music company conducting the test. This rental plan enables the parent to provide any instrument to a student on a trial basis at a very small cost and makes it possible for the band master to determine thoroughly whether the student will be successful as a musician before any purchase.

All students participating in this test will be started off on (Continued on Page 2)

England's Professional Studio of Dancing. Phone 238-W.

Schools Open With Record Enrollment

The Avon Park Public Schools opened with a record breaking day enrollment of 829 pupils on Monday of this week. On Wednesday this enrollment had increased to 843, which compares with the peak enrollment of the war years, at about the fourth month, which is generally the highest month of the year.

It is anticipated that with the coming of the tourist children later this semester that all records for enrollment will be broken.

The elementary school shows an enrollment of 510 and the high school 338.

All faculty personnel were on hand for the opening bell and a full schedule of work has been in effect this week.

Pre-school planning and conferences enabled the program to get under way without a hindrance, and the entire program is about ten days ahead of the old time program followed before the '49 Legislature made possible the accelerated program of today.

Many noticeable improvements have been noted around the school plant. A new bus has replaced the old one and now a safer transportation schedule can be followed.

The community can look forward to probably the best school year in Avon Park history.

Teacher's Reception

The P. T. A. will sponsor a reception for the teachers of the Avon Park School, Thursday evening, September 8th, at 8:00 o'clock at the High School Auditorium.

All parents and friends of the school are invited.

Join Your Chamber of Commerce.

CITY NEWS ITEMS

Mayor Wilkes and Mr. Podgett, President of the City Council have stated that, after a survey of the City, the estimate damage to City property by the hurricane, including cleaning of streets and removal of debris, will amount to approximately \$20,000. Damage included loss of roofing and windows at the Field House, Ball Park, loss of roofing at Winter Guest Club; loss of some roofing on hangar at the Airport; windows and doors damaged at fire station and other relatively minor items.

It appears that the most expensive item will be removal of fallen trees and other debris. The City is grateful to Skipper Packing Company and Lake Byrd Packing Company who have each loaned the City one truck without cost except for pay of drivers and supply of necessary gasoline and oil.

The co-operation of these two companies will save the City a material sum and speed up the work of restoring the City to its usual neat appearance.

The City Council at its last meeting took official note of the splendid work done by the Junior Chamber of Commerce in cleaning up Bogusville Cemetery.

The City as a whole is to be congratulated for the work done by the Junior Chamber and the Council, and to be publicly expressed its appreciation to the members and others who accomplished such a worthwhile project so well.

NOTICE TO SUBSCRIBERS

We expect to run eight pages every week from this issue forward unless some unforeseen difficulty arises. This will make a more interesting paper, and we would appreciate your cooperation in calling 54 anytime you should have news you would like to have published.

Signed Ed.

Avon Park Has False Alarm On Russell

On an erroneous report that the accused torture-slaver, John Calvin Russell was seen in this area, an all night search took place Monday night through grove and swamp. Sheriff Broward Coker and his deputies, Avon Park Chief of Police, Jim Tate and Bob Massey, along with Coker's dog Joe, led a merry chase. They were accompanied by the constable from Lakeland and his dog, and two officers from Pinellas County.

The search started about 11 P. M. and lasted all night through groves and swamp over most of the Avon Park Bombing Range. About 8 A. M. two boys were picked up and it was not until then that the officers did not know for sure that Russell was not around. The two boys, Charles Bryant, 16 years old and W. D. Adridge, 19, of Sylvan, Ga., said they heard the officers and seen the car lights but were afraid of stopping for fear of being taken to jail.

After questioning the two boys were turned over to the sheriff's office to be held on an open charge pending investigation of their story. The boys said they had worked with the Land Company of Lake Placid last year and had returned in the hope of again obtaining employment.

NOTICE

Rev. Herbert D. Graetz has returned from vacation and will preach Sunday at the Union Congregational Church. Taking as his subject at the 11 o'clock service, "Does God Send Hurricanes?"

Patience Sun-Advertiser

Highlands County Citrus Hard Hit

Miss Pabor Awarded Training Scholarship

Miss Bertha Anne Pabor, Avon Park, has been awarded a \$200 House of Representatives teacher training scholarship by the State Board of Education.

Miss Pabor is among eight Floridians receiving scholarships awarded at the State Cabinet meeting today.

Others getting the House scholarships were: Marion Carl Young, Moore Haven, Miss. Theresa Ann Porter, Jacksonville, Miss. Lillian E. Froebel, Greenville, La. Lorne Burton Welch, Jr., Madison, Miss. Ruth Mary Fowler, West Palm Beach.

Receiving \$400 Amos Lewis awards were: Miss Jewell Isabelle Albritton, Wausau, Wis. and Miss Marianne Browning, Madison.

Winners of the \$200 House of Representatives scholarships must attend any accredited college or university in the state. Holders of the \$400 Amos Lewis awards must spend one of the three state-supported institutions. All the scholarships are loans, but each holder will have a year's loan cancelled for every year she teaches after graduation.

Miss Pabor is leaving Sept. 21st to attend the Florida Teachers College in Tallahassee. She had made plans to attend this week by the first of the week. Damage to England Brothers mill is quite extensive, although no estimate has been received on this basis.

Approximately 1500 phones in Avon Park were ordered immediately after the storm but are being repaired at the rate of 10 or more per day and it is expected that without any further accident or unforeseen trouble they will again be in working order by the first of the week. Damage to England Brothers mill is quite extensive, although no estimate has been received on this basis.

Damage to individual homes cannot be accurately estimated for several days. These losses vary from a few dollars here and there to thousands.

E. Brown, At the Florida Power Company states that if anyone is yet without power it is because they are in working order by the first of the week. Damage to England Brothers mill is quite extensive, although no estimate has been received on this basis.

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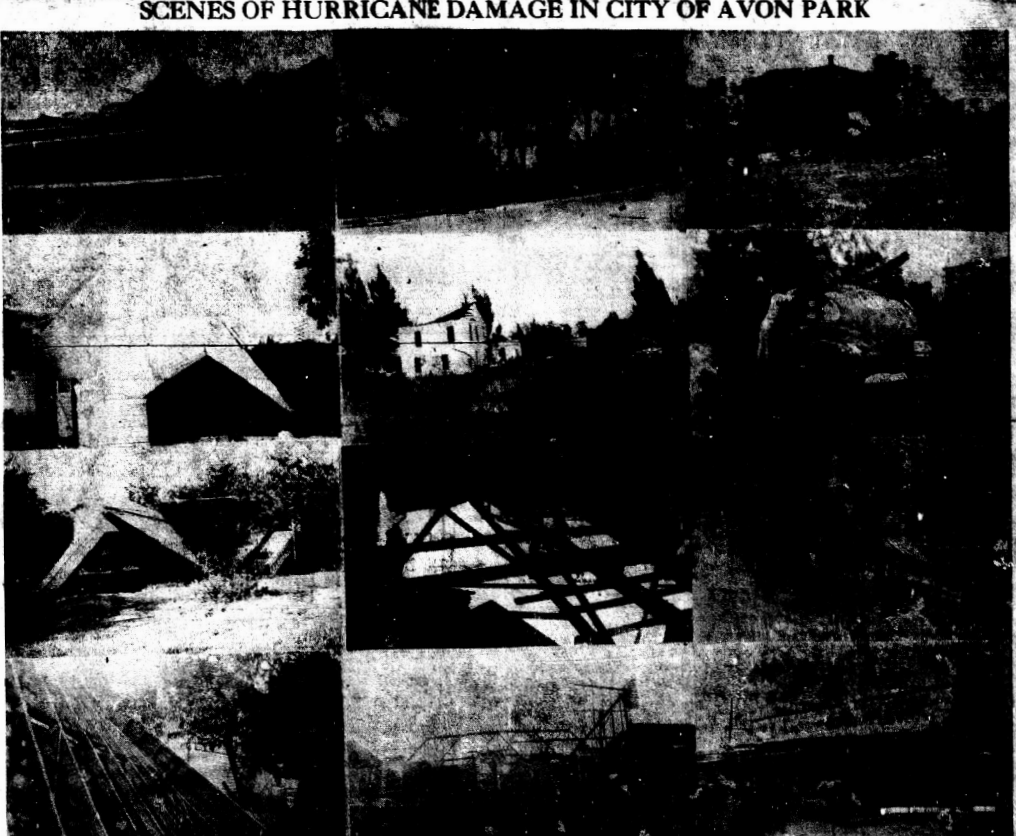
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Citrus received the most damage in the Ridge Area when the tropical hurricane swept over this section on Friday night. Grove owners estimating their losses vary little according to the location of their groves and whether or not they were grapefruit, oranges or Pears.

At the Exchange Packing House damage to the building alone is estimated between \$15,000.00 and \$17,000.00 not counting the fruit damage to their crops.

The whole roof and upper section of the packing house was blown away. Charles Metcalfe said although the roof was off of most of its packinghouse, the orange crates stored in the building were not damaged too much and it is hoped that most of them will be salvageable.

Dr. Touchton estimated his loss on oranges at about 85% and his loss on grapefruit crop was damaged to 80% on grapefruit and on orange groves 85%, but the late orange crop estimated at only a 10% loss.

Many of the houses in this area were damaged to various extents depending on the amount of winds the stronger gusts hit. The Chamber of Commerce has estimated at \$100,000 in damage to homes and businesses.

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JENNY and BENNY



BOBBY SOX



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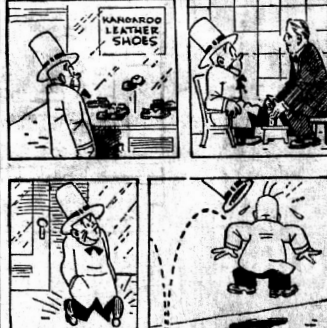
BACK HOME AGAIN

By Ed Dodd



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By Jeff Hayes



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Sgt. Hood Riles Held

The body of Staff Sgt. Oliver B. Hood, 24, of Apopka, who was killed in action in France, March 10, 1945, arrived last week for burial services.

Staff Sgt. Hood, a native of Orange County, was residing in Avon Park at the time of his enlistment. He was a member of the Second Battalion, 137th Infantry, 35th Division which participated in the French and Italian campaigns. The Battalion received a Presidential Citation for its heroic stand on Aisne beachhead.

Staff Sgt. Hood was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds previously received in action in Germany.

Services were conducted by the American Legion Post of Apopka at the graveside in Greenwood Cemetery, Apopka, at 4 p. m. Thursday with Carey Hand Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lorenz Bellling Hood, and two children, Jackie and Robert. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Albert C. Hood, Apopka, one sister, Mrs. Percy Jones of Apopka and two brothers, S. D. Hood of Houston, Texas, and James J. Hood of Camp Chaffey, Ark.

Errors Made in Insurance Applications

Many errors in filling out insurance forms for the \$25,000 National Service Life Insurance Company were reported by the company's representative, Mr. J. P. Dickson, regional office manager, at a meeting held at the Avon Park Sun office last night. The meeting was held for the purpose of explaining to the public the various types of insurance available and the importance of filling out applications correctly. Mr. Dickson pointed out that many errors were made in the filling out of applications, particularly in the section dealing with the insured's occupation and habits. He stressed the importance of being truthful in the application, as any misstatement could result in the policy being voided.

AVON PARK SERMONETTE

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Bob Linn, Pastor

THERE IS NO DIFFERENCE

Between 123 and 124. Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe that there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.

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Let us seriously consider this text and its meaning.

NO DIFFERENCE — ALL ARE SINNERS. Most people are unaware of this Bible statement. Why? Because they do not look upon sin as God does. If, when we say all men are sinners, we would look upon them as we would a leper or one with cancer, we would want no contact with sin. As it is, we have a confident contact with sin and because we are by nature sinners we do not have the hatred for it. We should look upon sin and hate it as we would a rattlesnake.

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NOTICE TO HOLDERS OF BALL PARK REVENUE BONDS, CITY OF AVON PARK

Interest due to include September 1st, 1949, on Ball Park Revenue Bonds, City of Avon Park, will be paid at the City Hall on and after September 1st, 1949.

R. L. PADGETT, President, City Council.

Attest:
A. M. OWENS, City Clerk.

Safety Contest Sponsored By Avon Park Motor Co.

Mr. C. E. Lanier, president of the Avon Park Motor Co., Ford dealer at Avon Park, has entered his dealership in a \$100,000 car safety contest sponsored by the Ford Foundation, Ford Motor Company.

Mr. Lanier is one of 6,400 Ford dealers throughout the nation who have entered his dealership in the contest during September and October.

Seven hundred prizes totaling \$100,000 will be awarded winners of the safety contest. The prizes are 25 new Fords including five Ford trucks; 25 \$1,000 U. S. Savings Bonds; 100 \$100 Bonds; 200 \$50 Bonds and 250 \$25 Bonds.

The contest has the support of the National Safety Council, the American Highway Safety Council and other safety organizations.

Neel H. Dearborn, president of the National Safety Council, in a letter to L. D. Cruik, Vice-President and General Manager of the Ford Foundation, said:

"Certainly every motorist should check and double check the mechanical condition of his car for safety's sake, and you at Ford are making such a check easily available for all drivers throughout the country."

"And I am sure that this free check-up and safety contest, with its attractive prizes, will make Americans more safety conscious—it will save lives."

In order to participate in the

contest, Mr. Lanier pointed out, motorists must bring their car or truck of any make to the dealership for a safety check at absolutely no cost or obligation to the motorist.

Free checks will be made on the brakes, steering, headlights, rear and stop lights, tires, windshields, wipers, muffler, glass, horn and rear view mirror.

The Avon Park Motor Co. will place an attractive safety driver reflector insignia on the car or truck inspected and motorists will be given an entry blank to participate in the contest.

The motorist must then complete in no more than 30 additional words the following statement: "All cars and trucks should be safety-checked periodically because..."

A jury of prominent persons in national safety circles will judge the winners. Only one entry per car or truck may be entered.

Other details of the contest are available at the Avon Park Motor Company.

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Interest due to include September 1st, 1949, on Ball Park Revenue Bonds, City of Avon Park, will be paid at the City Hall on and after September 1st, 1949.

R. L. PADGETT, President, City Council.

Attest:
A. M. OWENS, City Clerk.