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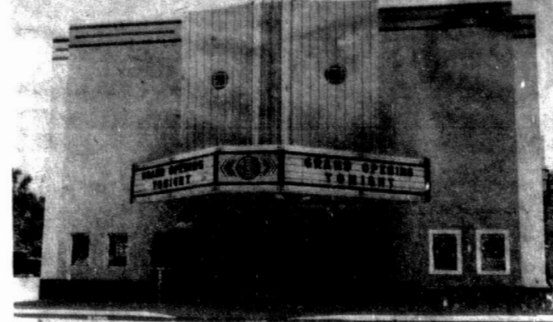
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YOUR NEWSPAPER
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The HILANS, Avon Park's fine new modern theatre, which was opened Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock with a large number of distinguished guests present. The theatre was filled to capacity and the citizens expressed themselves as well pleased with the lovely theatre.

Bisons Break Camp Thursday And Head North

The Buffalo Bisons wound up spring training in Avon Park Wednesday and left for home on the Silver Meteor Thursday noon. The International League team, last year's pennant winners, had a successful training season of nearly three weeks, and had the benefit of good competition in spring exhibition games. As is the case of pennant-winning teams, many of last year's regulars went up to the big leagues, and the Buffalo management is faced with rebuilding with new material. Meanwhile, the Bisons are being helped by the addition of several men from the Philadelphia Athletics, who joined the team here the past week.

Enroute home the Bisons will stop over at Charleston, S. C. for a three-game series with Toronto, after which they go on to Springfield, Mass., for the league opener, April 20.

The Bisons played their last home game here Tuesday, losing to Toledo 10 to 3, midst a barrage of home runs. The Mudhens slammed five circuit blows to one by the Bisons' Block, a two-run smack in the second.

Three of Toledo's home runs came in the sixth, when they had a six-run spurge with two away to overcome a 3-0 lead. Two were added in the seventh and one in the eighth.

Army Reservists Meet at Bartow April 17

Army Reservists of eight units of the Bartow military sub-district will meet for training sessions at sub-district headquarters, Camp Bryon, at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 17, it was announced today by Capt. V. M. Evans, officer in charge.

The units, whose members reside in Polk, Hardee, and Highlands counties, are: 360th Army Signal Detachment; 364th Signal Radar Maintenance Unit; 343rd Malaria Control Detachment; 31st Engineer Combat Battalion; Hq. & Hq. Det., 437th Medical Battalion; 302nd Medical Team; 983rd QM Dry Cleaning Detachment; and 3024th District Transportation Office.



Some lucky boy or girl will be selected as FIRE CHIEF and will ride on the Fire Truck in the PTA Circus Parade, April 22. The Parade will start at 2:00 P.M. at the Ford Garage and end at the High School Grounds where prizes will be given.

Local Banker Appointed on Citrus Committee

The appointment of Sam F. Longbottom, President of the Barnett Bank, Avon Park, as member of the Citrus Committee of the Florida Bankers Association was announced here today by J. C. Rogers, President of the Association. Mr. Rogers, recently the year beginning April 1, is Vice elected to head the state group for President and Director of the First National Bank, Leesburg.

The Citrus Committee is one of several outstanding Committees of the Florida Bankers Association through which the organization carries on its many activities on behalf of its member-banks.

Every bank in Florida is a member of the Florida Bankers Association.

Alton LaFlam Attends Wildlife Training School

Wildlife officer Alton LaFlam of Avon Park has just completed a 30-day course of instruction at the Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission's new Officer Training School at Williston.

The school, located at Camp Williston last year, was moved to Brandon and reopened March 1. LaFlam said it was scheduled to run until the opening of the hunting season.

Officers selected to attend the school are instructed in law enforcement, courtroom demeanor, public relations, and fish and game management.

Warden LaFlam was one of 20 novices graduates in his class.

Candidates For Legislature Tell Voters Platforms

Candidates for the Legislature spoke in Avon Park Saturday night, before a slim crowd which evidenced little interest in the proceedings. Lack of advance publicity resulted in a small crowd, and the public address system was so poor that few could hear.

Speakers were Miss Edna Pearce, incumbent, Mayor J. D. Mitchell of Sebring, and County Prosecuting Attorney Otis Whitehead.

Red Devils Play Bartow Here Tuesday

By Leslie LaFlam
The Bartow Yellow Jackets of the South Florida Conference will come to Avon Park next Tuesday night to play the Red Devils in a non-conference baseball game. The Jackets are under the mentorship of Joseph J. (Red) Stephens, former basketball coach in Avon Park. Coach Stephens coached the Red Devil basketball squad that won the Ridge conference crown from Frostproof in 1946. Avon Park will play the P. M. Meade Fighting Miners here Friday night, week from the date of the issue of this paper. The Miners are alleged to have a crack team. They have the same team from last year except for three fielders.

Gladiolus Growers To Convene In Bradenton, Apr. 28-29

The First Annual Convention of the Gladiolus Growers of Florida will be held in Bradenton at the Manatee River Hotel on April 28th and 29th. All growers interested in the production of gladiolus are urged to attend this meeting.

Doctors McClellan and Stuart of the Plant Industry Station at Beltsville, Maryland, will present papers during the growers Round Table that will be highly instructive to all those interested in the growing of gladiolus.

A tentative program and information on hotel rates are on file at the County Agent's office where they may be studied by anyone interested.

McMullen To Speak Here Friday at Noon

Chester B. McMullen, candidate for Congress, will speak to the people of Avon Park at the band stand at 12:30 p.m., Friday, April 14.

This will be Mr. McMullen's first appearance in Avon Park, and he invites all voters not to hear him.

Rex Reed Sees Flying Saucer On Fishing Trip

While fishing on Lake Arbuckle last Thursday, Rex Reed and Ernest Mezuma report they saw a "flying saucer" riding high in the sky. The glistering object, approximately 15,000 feet in the air, resembled the base of an upturned water tank. Mr. Reed said and was plainly visible.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pitts of Okechobee were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roscoe Bass. They were accompanied home by their son, Marshall, who spent several days last week here, the guest of his cousin, Tom Bass.

Weather Report

Following is a report of the weather for the week, as given by observer Bill Gilliam:

Month	High	Low
April 6	73	49
7	77	57
8	77	44
9	81	40
10	81	40
11	84	55
12	84	55

Devils Stretch Win Streak In Week's Play

The Avon Park Red Devils played their first game this year on foreign soil and won it by a wide margin. Last Tuesday night they went to Frostproof and swamped the Bullpups 11-5. Billy Morrell went the route and kept few Bullpup hits well scattered.

The Devils started scoring early. In the first frame Davis slammed out a grounder to the first-base shortstop and he bobbled it allowing Davis to reach first safely. Hill singled to center. The centerfielder let the ball roll between his legs and Davis was across the plate for the first run of the ball game. Kelly rolled a slow roller to the first baseman that was errored on and Hill came across the plate.

Avon Park added another run in the second frame. Cruise singled to center, went down on catcher Lee's knickerbocker and he bobbled it. Davis sent him home with a sharp single to center field.

Avon Park poked four tallies across the platter in the fourth frame. Clenny was struck by a pitched ball and took his base. Pitcher Morrell doubled to deep center. Cruise came through to his second safety of the night and Clenny was across the plate. Hill received a free pass, loading the bases. Morrell scored when Catcher Lee missed a high pitch. Jimmy Kelly slammed a sharp single out in left field, Cruise and Hill both tallying for the Devils.

Frostproof made their initial run in the fourth inning. Greenway was struck by a pitched ball took second and third on pass balls and came home when Lee tried to steal.

Albritton made Frostproof's second run in the fifth frame by walking, taking second on a pass ball and came home when Walden tied to left.

The Devils broke loose for runs in the sixth inning. Cruise, Davis and Hill were the receivers of a free pass. Kelly came through with his second hit of the night and Cruise and Davis were home. Hill came home on a ground out.

The Bullpups started a rally in the sixth inning that was good for three runs. Dubose, Barbaree and Wooten all received free bases. Albritton slapped a single to center, sending Dubose and Barbaree home. Wooten came home on an out.

The Devils made an insurance run in the seventh frame. Morrell walked, went down to second on a pass ball and came home when Davis grounded out.

Frostproof AB R H E
Albritton, as 3 1 2 0
Miller, lb 3 0 0 1
Jones, a, lf 4 0 0 1
Greenway, 2b 4 1 0 0
Walden, cf 4 0 1 3
Lee, c 4 0 1 0
Dubose, 3b 4 0 0 1
Moreland, rf 3 0 0 1

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300 Attend Hospital Benefit Barbecue at Mandis Ranch

Demos Mandis was host to the Polk County Volunte 40 and 8 at his ranch, Wednesday, when he served his annual barbecue to veterans and other guests.

The barbecue was a benefit for the Walker Memorial Hospital and attracted over 300 guests. The barbecue started at 2:00 o'clock and continued until all were served. Music was furnished by an orchestra for the evening.

J. Paul Garber, speaker for the evening, stressed the fact that the hospital is a great factor in the future growth of Avon Park. Its facilities equal to that of hospitals in the largest cities in the state and the citizens of Avon Park are fortunate in having this fine hospital at their own doorstep, as it were.

Lytle Smith, a member of the 40 and 8 from Haines City, ex-

pressed pleasure at being present and congratulated the group on the success of the barbecue. He complimented Mr. Mandis for his public spirited gesture in planning this evening of good food and fellowship in the interest of such a worthy cause.

In reply, Mr. Mandis expressed his satisfaction in having such a large attendance, and said that the barbecue would continue as an annual event. He thanked the Whoost Owl orchestra for donating their services for the evening.

The following men assisted in planning and preparing the barbecue: John Wright, Ed Welch, Will Bennett, R. R. Brown, Theo Dyal, Jim Anderson, Walter Mandis, Darrsh Martin, Lenny Rush, Bill Sapp, George Sloman, Amy Armstrong, Marion Nelson, Mc-

Donald and Pete Chonoma of Miami.

Second Shooting Affray In Quarters Tuesday Night

The second negro shooting affair in Avon Park in less than a week took place in the quarters Tuesday night. Sheriff Broward Coker reported that Jim Smith was under arrest for the attempted murder of Donald Suggs by shooting him in the shoulder with a shotgun.

Justice of the Peace Alton Elder today bound over to the circuit court on a first degree murder charge Alton Freeman, alleged slayer of Albert Jones, whom he shot through the heart with a .38 caliber revolver Sunday, allegedly by accident.

Bond of \$1000 was set by County Judge Livingston in the case of John Henry McCullough, who was arrested as an accessory. The negro is alleged to have hidden Freeman's gun after the shooting.

American Legion and Auxiliary Plan Installation

Members of the American Legion and American Legion Auxiliary are planning a joint installation of officers for Wednesday, April 19, at the Legion Home on Lake Lotela. A buffet supper will be served and all members are urged to be present.

Incoming officers for the Auxiliary are: President, Mrs. John Wright; First Vice President, Mrs. Marion Nelson; Second Vice President, Mrs. Al Fields; Secretary, Mrs. Philip Boardman; Treasurer, Mrs. Will Bennett; Chaplain, Mrs. William Hiem; Historian, Mrs. John Hicks; Sergeant at Arms, Mrs. Carrie Walters.

Incoming officers for the Legion are: Commander, Philip Boardman; First Vice President, Lenny Rush; Second Vice President, R. L. Plexer; Finance, C. L. Craft; Chaplain, Fred G. Grier; Historian, John Hicks; Sergeant at Arms, John Hicks; Service Officer, Devon Reddick and Adjutant, John Wright.

Devils Win Seventh Victory Wednesday

By Leslie LaFlam
Last Wednesday afternoon the Avon Park Red Devils traveled to Wausau and took a 11-9 non-conference baseball game from the Hardee County Wildcatters. Ralph Hill went all the way to gain his fifth win against no losses. The Devils' other hurler, Billy Murrell, won his second game Tuesday night in Frostproof amid a score of errors on the part of both teams.

The record of the Devils now reads seven winners and no losses to date.

The Devils hold wins of:

- 8 to 2 over Lake Placid
- 6 to 3 over Frostproof
- 8 to 4 over Sebring
- 2 to 1 over Lake Wales
- 11 to 5 over Frostproof
- 11 to 5 over Wausau

The game that Avon Park was to play with Kathleen April fourth was called because of wet grounds.

PTA Circus - Parade Plans Announced

PTA Circus Parade!!! Ford Garage, April 20th at 2:00 P.M. GET READY and BE THERE at 1:30. Four groups—six prizes in each group for PRETTIEST, for FUNNIEST, for MOST ORIGINAL. Favors for all. High School Band will furnish that high stepping music.

WHO WILL BE FIRE CHIEF for the day? The first five lucky names drawn from a box containing the stubs of tickets, will be the CHIEF for the day. They will be allowed to ride on our real Avon Park Fire Truck.

Get your TICKETS for the rides on a real Jeep—a real PONY, little cars, etc., as soon as possible—you may be the FIRE CHIEF.

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New Hilans Theatre Opens To Full House

The Hilans Theatre, owned and operated by Carl Floyd and L. A. Stein, was formally opened Tuesday evening with fitting ceremonies befitting this new and modern building. The feature presented was MGM Technicolor musical "Nancy Goes to Rio."

The people of Avon Park showed their appreciation by filling the house to capacity. The High School Band helped to make the occasion noteworthy by giving a concert before the show. Mr. Floyd showed his appreciation by making a handsome contribution to the band.

The beautiful lobby was filled with flowers sent by well wishing friends and business firms.

The name, Hilans, was chosen, keeping in mind the custom of Floyd Theatres, in naming their theatres after the county in which they are located. Hilans is derived from the word, Highlands.

The program was very simple in keeping with Mr. Floyd's desire. At his request, the Chamber of Commerce was given charge of the introduction of guests. E. H. Jordan, first vice president of the Chamber of Commerce was chosen for this pleasant duty.

Dr. Jordan presented the following group who had journeyed to Avon Park to do honor to Avon Park and their colleague, Carl Floyd.

He mentioned that this is the combination, both of a dream of Carl Floyd and of a definite promise made to the chamber of commerce that when the time was ripe he would give the town a theatre of which it could be proud.

Mr. Floyd has more than made his promise good.

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Fred Howard, President of the Chamber of Commerce of Tarpun Springs, Mr. and Mrs. John Cunningham, President of Lucas Jennings Theatre, Savannah, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Durneyer and daughter, Pat, president of ABC Candy Co., Atlanta, Ga.; Sam Wilson of Tampa, Fla., partner of Mr. Floyd in several theatres; Walter Lloyd, general manager of Florida State Theatre, Tampa; Fred Hull, manager of MGM Picture Corp.; Fred Mathis, paramount picture representative, Orlando, Fla.; Bill Holliday, manager of Paramount Pictures Corp.; Dan Townsend, Haines City; Mr. Beasno, Bill Glade; Mr. E. H. Resler, Auburndale; Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Richelson, the RCA king and queen, Tarpun Springs and St. Petersburg; Turpin Gerard, Haines City; Howard Pennington, Haines City; Paul Harrison of RKO Pictures, who came here only due to command performance.

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The scene above shows a part of the large crowd of children, who attended the Loyal Order of the Moose's Easter Egg Hunt, in Donaldson Park, Easter Sunday. The crowd was estimated at well over 500 children and grown ups. E. W. Carpenter, chairman for the hunt said that 1500 eggs were hidden. Live bunnies were given away as prizes in addition to 150 Easter Baskets.

Mayor Wiley Sauls, Jr., welcomed the crowd. Rev. Robert T. Limer spoke on "What Easter Means" and the Avon Park High School Band played during the afternoon.

The day was perfect and the Easter Egg Hunt was acclaimed a huge success by the children and grown ups alike.

DOUBLE-TALK Doesn't Pay Doctor Bills!

Claude Pepper's opponents have been doing a lot of sounding off about what they call "socialized medicine" in this campaign.

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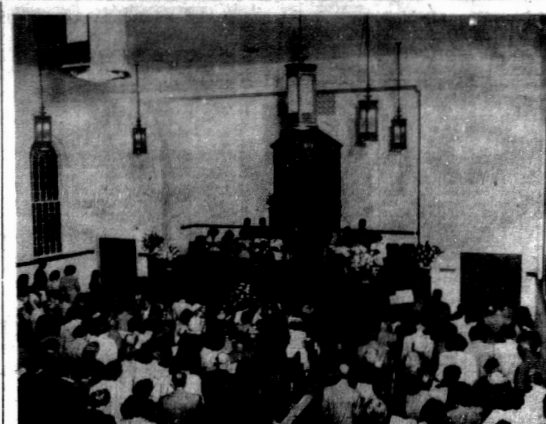
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Scene in the New First Baptist Church, showing the large crowd that attended the Easter Sunday Services. The choir is composed of the young people who attend the Baptist Church.

EXCHANGE CLUB NEWS

The Exchange Club held its regular meeting Thursday, April 6, 12:15 P.M. at the Jacaranda Hotel. Prof. Gene Gorman, Director of Avon Park High School Band was guest speaker. His subject was "The Fundamentals of Training a Student to Play in a School Band." The three first and most important fundamentals, to the surprise of the club, were how to sit, stand and march.

Prof. Gorman stressed that a student must have a sincere desire to become a good musician before he or she may successfully play an instrument. Also of the utmost importance is a first class instrument. He stated that it cost the parents of a band student (not entering the band about \$300.00 or \$400.00 to cover cost of instrument, purchase of band uniform and upkeep of the uniform.

Prof. Gorman particularly stressed the advantages of being a very talented musician, which it seems that the Avon Park Band has had more than it's share; quite a few in particular and several, the best in the Southern Division of school bands. He told the Club that at this time Avon Park School has a student entered in a National Contest, the award being a World Tour and up to present time has won every contest necessary towards that goal.

The Club also gained some insight into the past experiences of Prof. Gorman, who has made no less than seven world tours, some of these being with the most renowned bands of this country, including Sousa's. He also has a vast theatrical experience, having played in symphony orchestras in the larger theatres in our country. This experience alone gives our Avon Park students an advantage over most public school or college bands in the States of today. To the surprise of the Club, Prof. Gorman stated that the highest paid musician in Sousa's band was the bass drummer, his salary exceeding that of Clark, the well known trumpet player in his band.

The Exchange Club feels that the Avon Park School is most fortunate in having Prof. Gorman as director of its band, since it has been through his diligent and untiring patience, along with his many achievements that our band has made much progress and we feel that a band such as ours is one of the greatest assets and advertisements that a town of our size can possess, therefore, we sincerely feel that each and every citizen should give it their full support.

Mr. and Mrs. Scott Landress entertained at a family dinner Easter Sunday at their home in Avon Park.

Guests were Mr. and Mrs. Furman Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robinson and family, Mr. and Mrs. Theron Godwin and family, Mr. and Mrs. Garner Wingate and family, all of Lake Wales; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Bryant and family and Arnold Godwin of Cleveland, Tenn.

AVON PARK TO BE FEATURED
The City of Avon Park will be featured in the May issue of "Florida's Foremost National monthly magazine." This magazine has a circulation of 5000 and is sold on news stands throughout the nation.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Strum of New York City are guests of Mrs. Strum's sister, Mrs. Pauline Anderson, at her home on Canfield Street.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Wiggins and children, Sandy and Patty, of Plantation Homes, Ft. Lauderdale, were recent guests of Mrs. Wiggins' parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dorniney and her sister, Miss Sujette Dorniney.

Marjorie Sittig Concert Violinist Pleases Large Crowd

By E. A. Houck
Margaret Sittig, well known concert violinist, accompanied at the piano by her equally talented father, Frederick V. Sittig, delightfully entertained on Monday evening at the Walker Memorial Hospital.

Her audience of several hundred included patients, personnel of the hospital and invited music lovers.

The program was made possible through the generosity of Mr. Henry Rohde of Sebring. Miss Sittig presented an informal recital eliminating the usual concertos and sonatas which prove the technical skill and adroit bowing and fingering of the performer of these long and difficult compositions of the concert stage.

She played on request number, a Bach composition without the accompaniment as no music was available for the pianist. She chose to play the more familiar of the classics which included a Brahms' group, The Waltz, "Lullaby and Hungarian Dance; Schubert's Ave Maria, played with unusual beautiful feeling unsurpassed by any of the violinists I've heard. Also included were several Kreisler compositions and waltzes of Richard Strauss. On the whole her performance was distinctive, notable for its emotional appeal and artistry of expression and was warmly received.

The Sittigs have wintered for many seasons at Palm Beach where they always present several concerts and have appeared in Sebring on numerous occasions. My wife and I have heard them play a dozen times but we never miss an opportunity to once more enjoy the artistry of their music.

This was their first appearance in Avon Park but I understand arrangements are being formulated for a re-engagement next season.

Mrs. Louise Tomlinson, Mrs. David Stuckey, Mrs. Neva Atherton and Mrs. Esther Jones left Tuesday for Orlando, where they will attend the Grand Chapter of the OES.

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Miss Ruth Elizabeth Wild

Miss Ruth Elizabeth Wild and Sergeant Lige Tackett, Jr., Engagement Announced

Mr. and Mrs. Max Wild of 519 S. Verona Ave., announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, to Sergeant Lige Tackett, Jr., son of Mrs. Hattie Tackett and the late Mr. Tackett of Harlan, Kentucky.

The bride-elect is a graduate of Avon Park High School and attended Florida State University, and is a graduate of the Wesley Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, Chicago, Ill. She is a member of the Gamma Delta Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi society. At present she is employed as a nurse at the Tampa Municipal Hospital.

Sgt. Tackett attended school in Harlan, Kentucky. He served two years with the navy and is now stationed at McDill Air Force Base, Tampa, Florida. Wedding plans will be announced later.

Bertha Smith Circle Met Monday with Mrs. Leverette

Bertha Smith Circle met with Mrs. Irene Leverette, Monday night, with Mrs. Garland Kelly, co-hostess.

Mrs. Willis Robinson opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Kelly McClure conducted the lesson study on Stewardship.

Refreshments of cookies, mints and punch were served.

Those present were Miss Beulah Ames, Mrs. Madge Johnson, Mrs. Evelyn Landress, Mrs. Jewel McClure, Mrs. Wilma Smith, Mrs. Betty Stinson, Mrs. Ophelia Rhiner, Mrs. Velma Johnson, Mrs. L. W. Wicker, Mrs. Betty Yeomans and Mrs. Ann Toole.

Fashion Show Friday April 21 at High School Auditorium

Presented by the Home Economics Department of the Avon Park High School under the direction of Mrs. Martha Allen. The main purpose of this fashion show is to give the girls of the department an opportunity to model and display the garments they have made this year. Over one hundred garments will be modeled. They consist of: play-time clothes, sport clothes, afternoon clothes and formal. For the first time in six years the girls are in competition. The reason for this is six prizes, which will be awarded to the person whose garment best suits the qualifications of the scoring sheet. These prizes will be awarded by B. M. Davis and Mrs. T. J. Ward.

The theme of the Home Economics Department this year has been: "Clothes to suit the individual and the occasion." Mrs. Allen says: Each girl's work is commendable and they are very proud to display their handiwork.

The high school orchestra, under the direction of Gene Gorman, and the high school glee club, directed by Elbert Chapin, will also participate in the show.

A variety program will be presented in singing and dancing. The England School of Dance will present four specialty numbers.

One of the main attractions will be a chorus, composed of thirteen attractive high school girls, led by Lynn Longbottom. The girls in the chorus are: Marjorie Hetherington, Pat Smith, Helen Knowles, Joyce Basmore, Virginia Norris, Anna Vilkkila, Margaret Lawhorn, Margaret Lloyd, Anne Palmer, Nettie Lee, Hortense Weed, Mary Jo Hill, and Lynn Longbottom.

The girls will be dressed in beautiful pastel colored costumes. The highlight of this lovely chorus will be a number done in Chinese with Mandarin costumes. The number will be Chinese.

A special number, Smoke Gets In Your Eyes, will be given by the girls. Arrangements of the quartet, Gene Cruise, bass; John Clements, baritone; Richard Landress, tenor and Joseph Camara, tenor.

A very clever musical skit with also a serious angle will be presented. Mr. Plushbottom's Secretary, Norman Todd portrays the part of Mr. Plushbottom, Thelma Giddens plays Florine, and Margaret Lloyd plays Mary True.

These two girls are being interviewed by Mr. Plushbottom for the position of secretary in his office.

The ushers for the show are: Geraldine Elder, Pat Bovard, Helen Wilson, Norma Jean Thompson, Douglas Fields, Robert Palmer, Jimmy Kelley, Richard Landress and James Davis.

Be on hand, Friday, April 21, 1950, at 8:00 o'clock at the High School Auditorium for the arrival of Show Boat! This boat will bring you an evening of entertainment planned just for your enjoyment.

Mr. and Mrs. Erle Pabor and little daughter, Dottie Ann, of Jacksonville and Mrs. Anne Pabor, who is attending Florida State University at Tallahassee, were weekend guests at the home of their mother, Mrs. Bertha Pabor on Lake Isis.

Mrs. Gene Clark of Waco, Texas, arrived last week to be with her mother, Mrs. Rawleigh Lawhorn, who has been quite ill in the Walker Memorial Hospital.

The many friends of Mrs. Lawhorn will be pleased to hear that she is much improved at this writing.



Mr. and Mrs. James H. Buttram, Jr.

Miss Evelyn Gribble and James Buttram, Jr., Married at Lovely Easter Day Ceremony

A wedding of much interest to her many Avon Park friends was the marriage Sunday morning at 9 o'clock April 9, of Miss Evelyn Gribble, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marcus Houston Gribble, to James H. Buttram, Jr., of Ft. Lauderdale, which took place at her home, 927 W. Main Street, with the Rev. L. S. Huff, of the Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

The ceremony took place before an altar banked with palms and white gladioli. Arrangements of the room where guests assembled, prior to the ceremony a program of nuptial music was given by Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., and Mrs. Madeline Price, a college chum of the bride, of Hutchinson, Kansas.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and had Miss Ouida Fields as her maid of honor. Norman Readett of Gainesville served as best man for the groom.

The bride chose a lovely gown of white marquisette for her wedding. The gown was fashioned with a deep square yoke, outlined with Chantilly lace. The skirt which fell from a fitted bodice, featured two deep ruffles of Chantilly lace, which extended around the skirt and outlined the full court train. Her fingertip veil of sheerest bridal illusion fell softly from a hair comb of illusion, caught with clusters of orange blossoms. She carried a white Bible, topped with white iris and showered with orange blossoms.

The maid of honor wore a gown of lavender broderie with matching over lavender taffeta with matching hat and carried a bouquet of yellow carnations. Mrs. Gribble wore a gown of white crepe, with a corsage of yellow carnations. Mrs. Buttram, mother of the groom, chose pale pink crepe, with corsage of gardenias.

Following the ceremony a wedding breakfast was held at the Jacaranda Hotel for out of town guests, members of the families and intimate friends.

Following the breakfast the couple left for a honeymoon at Chabot Suzanne. The bride wore a jacket dress of bluish pink butch-er linen, with flared peplum and gored skirt. With it she wore a bluish pink hat with matching roses and white accessories.

Out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Buttram of Ft. Lauderdale, parents of the groom; Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Gribble, Lakeland, brother and sister-in-law of the bride; Mr. and Mrs. George Gribble, Gainesville, brother and sister-in-law of the bride; Miss Jennie Gribble; Mr. and Mrs. William P. Ridgeway, Gainesville; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brinkman of Lake Wales, sisters of the groom; Lloyd Morgan, Sebring; Mrs. Shirley De Vane, Sebring; Mrs. Donna McClallan and Norman Readett of Gainesville.

Mr. Charles F. Kenney has returned to her home on Lake Letta after a stay of several weeks with relatives in Cleveland, Ohio, and Nashville, Tenn.

Mrs. Mabel Buckelew is leaving Monday for a visit with friends in Memphis, Tenn., enroute to her home in Trenton, N. J., where she will spend several months before going to her summer cottage at Seaside Park, N. J.

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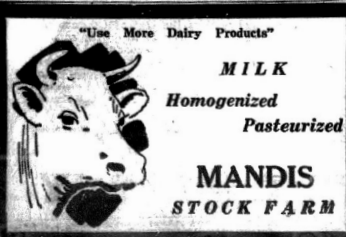
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HIGH SCHOOL POW-WOW

By Pat Lagoni

Guess what! The Red Devils have added two more victories to their list for this year's baseball season. The Avon Park boys beat the Weechula nine on Thursday, the 6th, by a score of 3 to 1. The batteries for Avon Park were none other than that winning combination of Ralph Hill on the mound and Bruce Spencer behind the plate.

On the 11th, the Red and White team traveled to Frostproof for the first out-of-town game of the season. Billy Morrell, pitcher, and Ralph Hill, catcher, led the Devils to an 11 to 5 win over the Bulls.

The boys have been sporting some new uniforms for the last few games. The Devil's Club recently donated \$100.00 to the team to be used for these uniforms.

The Buffalo Bisons again honored the high school band by giving the profits of their game against Toledo to the band. This is certainly appreciated by those in the band as it will greatly aid them in going to the state contest in May.

The school weeks are being cut

short lately. Last Friday being Good Friday, there was no school and since this Friday is the day set aside for the F.E.A. convention, the doors will again be closed and books set aside for a longer weekend.

Another issue of the Devil's Chatter came out Wednesday of this week. The "Chatter" staff is sending in copies of the paper to the Florida State University, where the School of Journalism will conduct a critical survey of the paper.

Among the news from the University of Florida is a report that four former A. P. H. S. students have recently been placed on the Dean's list. To receive this honor, one must have at least 14 hours with A's and B's. Half of the grades must be A's.

The boys who won this honor are: Bill Brodie, John Roberts, Garth Spencer and Thomas Thompson. Congratulations, boys!

Mrs. Ruby Bass, Aubrey Martin and DeWitt Storey attended a State General Electric meeting in Jacksonville, Monday. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. J. Head who was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Head, Jr., and little daughter Terry at their home on Jacksonville Beach.



Doberman Pinscher Puppies, owned by J. P. Garber, can be seen at his home on Lake Byrd. These puppies are full blooded Doberman Pinschers and are for sale.

Mrs. E. G. Todd New President Of St. Margaret's Guild

St. Margaret's Guild of the Church of the Redeemer held its annual installation of officers Wednesday, April 12.

Corporate Communion and installation of officers took place in the church followed by business meeting and luncheon in the Parish House.

Mrs. E. G. Todd was installed as president; Mrs. Franklin Ward, vice president; and Mrs. Nels Klumb, secretary.

A delicious luncheon was enjoyed by the members, at tables beautifully decorated with magnolia blossoms.

Mrs. A. C. Webster, Mrs. Demos Mandis, Mrs. Walter Mandis and Mrs. J. A. Johnson were hostesses for the day.

Rev. and Mrs. Garrett To Be Honored at Reception Tuesday

All the ministers in Avon Park and their wives will be special guests and all members and friends of the First Methodist Church are urged to be present.

The Women's Society of Christian Service will be in charge of arrangements.

Police Chief Has Party On Birthday Anniversary

Chief of Police Ernest Johns was honored at a family dinner at his home Easter Sunday in celebration of his birthday anniversary.

The beautiful cake holding fifty candles was shared by his wife, Mrs. Ernest Johns and members of his family, who are: Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Johns and children, Richard, Vivian and Faye of Ft. Myers; Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Johns and daughter, Brenda; Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Johns, Jr., and son, Fred; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Thompson and daughters, Bettie Lou and Deborah Sue of Lakeland and Donald Johns.

Dessert Bridge at Jacaranda Tuesday

Mrs. Clara Lawrence and Mrs. Mabel Bucklow, charming winter guests, who are leaving Monday for their summer homes, delightfully entertained a number of their friends at a dessert bridge, Tuesday, at the Jacaranda Hotel. Guests were seated in the dining room for the dessert course. Covers were laid for twelve at a table decorated with yellow snapdragons.

Later, bridge was played in the Palm room, high score prize for each table, was won by Mrs. Mabel Staggers, Mrs. Frank Beckwith and Mrs. J. W. Zimmerman. Mrs. Georgia Voorhees won the consolation prize.

Those enjoying this pleasant afternoon with the hostesses were: Mrs. Minnie Slack, Mrs. Mabel Staggers, Mrs. Frank Truman, Mrs. Georgia Voorhees, Mrs. Clifford Taylor, Mrs. Ernest Armstrong, Mrs. Frank Beckwith, Mrs. Marjorie Church, Mrs. J. B. Dickmann and Mrs. J. W. Zimmerman.

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

IN RE: ESTATE OF MARY A. THOMASON, DECEASED.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS: You are hereby notified that an order of Administration has been entered by the County Judge of Highlands County, Florida, dated the 11th day of March, 1950, wherein the total cash value of said estate is found to be Four Thousand Six Hundred Sixty and 50/100 Dollars (\$4,666.50), and the names and addresses of those said estate has been assigned by such order to the undersigned, who are: MRS. MABEL STAGGERS, of 215 West Michigan; and VIRGIL R. THOMASON, of 215 West Michigan, who are hereby required to file such claim or demand against the estate of the decedent, as you may have, within a period of eight (8) months from the first publication of this notice, the date of the decedent shall be forever barred. Signed: MABEL STAGGERS, VIRGIL R. THOMASON. At the sole heirs at law of Mary A. Thomason.

June Maxwell Wins Spelling Bee Honors

Gloria Kelley, Sebring, won the 10th annual spelling bee for Highlands County school children Monday night when Jane Maxwell mis-spelled the word, Christian. Gloria won the \$10.00 prize and gave her school the trophy for the third time. Jane received \$5.00 and a trip to Miami next month, where she will enter the district finale along with Gloria, the county champion.

PURDUE HONOR STUDENT

James D. Purdue, a graduate of Avon Park High School, is a member of the senior class of Stetson University and will graduate in June. Purdue is majoring in music and has recently completed his internship in the High School at Sanford.

He is a charter member of the Central Florida Symphony Orchestra of Orlando, and is on the Dean's list and Honor Roll at Stetson. He plans to locate somewhere in central Florida after graduation.

Soil Conservation

By HIRAM L. SWAIN

Mr. Howard Bisland, Biologist for Florida with the Soil Conservation Service, spent last Friday afternoon with the Work Unit Conservationist planning Cooperator R. J. Hargrove ranch on Fish Lake, Sebring.

Mr. Bisland gave some important information to Mr. Hargrove about fish pond management for the pond Mr. Hargrove is planning to start this week. Cooperator Hargrove thought he would obtain his stocking material by getting all kinds of fish from some branch and putting them in his pond. In our conversation with Mr. Hargrove, it was pointed out that the only satisfactory combination of stocking ponds of a small size was with the right amount of Blue Gill Bream and Black Bass, which we figured in this case to be a thousand blue gill and 100 black bass fry and fingerling. In case any other Cooperator is desiring to stock some small pond we will be glad to furnish them the above information and also get the fish for the pond.

Mr. Bisland believes that he is likely to have a decreased population of quail on his ranches if he continues to clear land for improved pasture. Mr. Bisland agreed with Mr. Hargrove that it was possible to have cattle and at the same time have a good quail population. Mr. Bisland stated that quail must have two things: food and cover. By destroying all natural cover the quail are robbed of their survival protection. According to Mr. Bisland, by leaving an area of an eighth of an acre per 40 acres and by planting a strip of food such as the partridge pea you can provide escape cover and food for a covey of quail.

In over 24 years of business experience, Jack Stephenson has never denied any family financial circumstances. Adv. 11

Births

Avon Park's First Easter Baby

Little Delores Ann arrived with the Easter Sunrise Services on Monday morning to greet her happy parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Reynolds, Jr.

Little Delores arrived at the Ruth Miller Clinic weighing 6 lbs., 5 oz.

Sgt. and Mrs. B. A. Fritzell of

Denver, Colorado, announce the birth of a son, April 10th. Both mother and baby are doing fine. Sgt. Fritzell is the son of Mr. Fritzell of Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porterfield returned to their home on Lake Letola the past week, after 2 months visit in Highland Park, Ill. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Porterfield's sister, Mrs. Cyrus E. Holland and her young daughter, Nancy, who will spend some time at the Porterfield home on Lake Letola.

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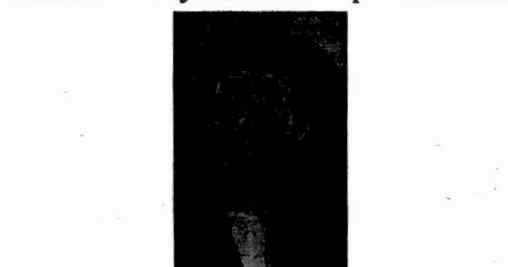
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THE BIBLE SPEAKS

By Dr. Kenneth L. Foreman

DEVOTIONAL READINGS: Psalm 134

Rugged Prophet

Lesson for April 14, 1950

Don't Make the mistake of thinking that the "minor" prophets of the Old Testament were less important than the "major" prophets.

The 12 men whose writings end our Old Testament are in no way less important than Isaiah, Jeremiah or Ezekiel. They are called "minor" only because their writings cover fewer pages. First in point of time came Amos.

Ranch-Hand Preacher

AMOS WAS NO city preacher. In fact not a preacher at all. He would not even call himself a prophet. He was a ranch hand from the back country, more like what we would call a hired hand than a farmer on his own.

He had no social or official position, no money, no high education, no national reputation, in fact none of the things that make us "take notice" of a strange speaker. Dr. Foreman

He had no lecture bureau, he had no church-club, he could not even hire a hall.

But the Lord had spoken to him and he knew it. He was determined that the wealthy people who crowded the temple piazas in Bethel should hear him. No doubt the mere sight of the man would attract attention. In his rough, workman clothes he would look as out-of-place in that well-polished sanctuary as a huckster in a

pan of milk.

As his voice, trained in the wide open spaces, rang over the crowd, a few people may have laughed at first. But a circle of respectful silence would grow around him. Indeed they liked what he said, at first.

Rel-Call of Doomsday

"Damasus, yes for four . . . I will not turn away the punishment thereof," he began. Damasus was capital of Syria, for generations their country's bitter and all too successful enemy. So when Amos predicted a crash for Syria, you may imagine the apoplexy would be loud.

Then, one after another, as Amos points his finger east, north, south, the lightning of God's curse is called down on enemy after enemy of the nation of Israel. Fire, hurricane, defeat and disaster are foretold for every one.

Too Close Home

EVERYTHING Amos had said was true, and came true; every nation whose downfall he predicted collapsed just as he said it would. But that was not the main reason he had tramped all the way to Bethel. He had some things to say to the very people before him about something about themselves and their own country. So when he had his audience in the palm of his hand, just as they were gazing over the terrible fate of the nations they hated, Amos dropped his bomb on their complacent heads.

"Thus saith the Lord: For three transgressions of Israel, I will not turn away the punishment thereof." The roll-call of doomsday includes every sinful nation. God has no pets, he plays no favorites. His laws are the same for all men. Naturally, Israelites could well believe that God hated the sins of their enemies. But their own? That was a different story.

Amos plumed from being the most popular sidewalk preacher of his day to being the best-hated man in Israel. In fact, because he dared to name the king as sinner number one, he was accused of treason, a capital crime in any country.

"One Man With God Is a Majority"

AMOS WROTE OUT his proph- etic messages at some late time and they have been handed down to us, with all their fire and force, in the book that bears his name. We shall not let later generations some of his great messages. What stands out here is this: Truth is sometimes unpopular, sometimes not, but the living power of truth has nothing to do with the number of people who believe it, or whether it is pleasant, or with the prestige of the man who preaches it.

If it is God's truth, it will live even if the only man who believes it is as despised as Amos, yes, to the silent wilderness.

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"My scalp and hair are in better condition at the present time than has been the case at any time since my early youth. The gray hairs on my temples and around the bald spot were restored to their natural color after about five weeks' use of your product."

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3. Add marshmallows (about 2 1/2 cups) . . . 4. When creamy, add and beat in . . .

5. Spoon into 12 x 12 inch pan. Press down with back of spoon.

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Ballet Dancers from The England School of Dancing will appear in specialty numbers in "THE FASHION SHOW BOAT" at the High School Auditorium, April 21, at 8 o'clock.

PTA To Stage Circus On School Grounds Saturday

Long awaited by local circus enthusiasts, PTA's First Annual Circus will get off to a grand start with a big parade beginning promptly at 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon. Parade features will include real circus music by the Avon Park School Band, "Hermes of the day" riding on the city fire truck, Mildred Murphy riding Red Fox, her famous trained horse, Lorida's Saddle Club of twenty members, well known as riding specialists, and scores of school children costumed in circus splendor.

From the starting point, in front of the Avon Park Motor Co., the parade will circle the business district and march directly to the school grounds where music, sale events and good clean fun are in store for everyone.

Circus performance will begin promptly at 3:30 o'clock in the sawdust filled ring with Professor Vaughan Driggers as ring master. Admission will be free and 25 cents. Highlights of the show will be Mildred Murphy and her trained horse Red Fox who are known all over Florida. Circus goes will be amazed and delighted with "Hercules" and his strong man act. Cunning midgets will astound and amaze everyone with a specialty act. The "Human Car," a side-splitting funny stunt is also in store. The Grand Finale will feature a Wild West show staged by the cowboys and cowgirls of Lorida.

After the circus performance there will be for your entertainment, lots of side shows, movies, real live ponies, zebras, and tiny cars for the smaller tots to ride. The old lunch room on the school grounds will be transformed into an "Old Fashioned Country Store" filled with many interesting articles for you to buy such as: live poultry, eggs, home made foods, sausage counter, white elephant

table hand made items and many other articles. There will be plenty of peanuts, pop corn and cold drinks served throughout the entire program.

At 6:30 there will be a repeat performance by Mildred Murphy and Red Fox. Beginning at 7 o'clock, the much heralded basketball game between the Fathers and Teachers is scheduled in the new gym. There is no admission charge for the game but there will be a free will offering.

All proceeds will go to the Avon Park PTA Welfare and School Improvement Fund.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson is general chairman assisted by Mrs. W. H. Warren and Mrs. Jack Hutchinson. The following chairmen have been appointed: Parade, Miss Alma Harrell; Mrs. E. A. Martin; Food Booth, Mrs. H. W. Coleman; Drink Concession, Mrs. Ray Wells and Mrs. H. J. Shepherd; Country Store, Mrs. Jack Delaney; Poney and other rides, Mrs. Cliff Thomas and Mrs. J. H. Williams; Movies, Mrs. John Wright; Side Shows, Mrs. Roscoe Bass; Fish Pond, Mrs. L. M. Mosely; Jeep Rides, Mrs. I. W. McIntosh; Pop Corn and Candy Apples, Mrs. R. D. Marshall and Basketball, Mrs. Ed Touchton.

Fashion Show Friday Night At School Auditorium

Avon Park Students of the home economics department will model 100 garments made this year under the direction of Mrs. Martha Allen. The theme, Fashion Show Boat, will be presented at the High School Auditorium, Friday night, April 21, at 8 o'clock.

The high school orchestra, under the direction of George Gorman and the Glee Club, directed by Elbert Charpie will participate in the show. The England School of Dancing will give specialty numbers and a group of 13 high school girls will be presented in a chorus.

Jack Stephenson Exchange Club Guest Speaker

The Exchange Club held its regular meeting, Thursday, April 13, 12:15 P. M. at the Jacaranda Hotel.

Mr. Jack Stephenson, funeral director of Sebring, was the guest speaker at this meeting. His address being on "The High Cost of Dying."

Mr. Maurice Paige, Wauchusa, Florida, who is Field Scout Executive was a guest at the meeting.

The High Cost Of Dying

All misunderstandings between individuals, between the public and an industry, and even between nations, can almost always be attributed to a lack of factual knowledge regarding the other fellow's problems.

Quite contrary to the public's conception, due principally to fallacious publicity, THE AMERICAN FUNERAL IS A TINY ONE, compared to all other industries with which the public deals frequently.

Even though the 25,000 funeral directors of the United States have a capital investment in their businesses of \$1,000,000,000 in order to satisfy the public and the health authorities in the burial of 1,200,000 dead people annually, even though the funeral profession deals with one of the three most important events in a human life, which are birth, marriage and death; still the American public spends as much money every year for cosmetics such as powder, rouge, lipstick, perfume, beauty parlor services, and the like, as they do for the burial of their dead.

The American consuming public spends almost four times as much annually for greeting cards for Christmas, Time, Easter, birthdays, weddings, etc., as they do for the burial of their dead. The American public spends five times as much annually for tobacco as they do for the burial of their dead.

And finally, believe it or not, because it is one for Ripley's column, the American consuming public spends over one half as much money at wholesale value for canned dog food, as they do for all the merchandise used in the burial of their dead.

Please do not interpret those comparative figures as a complaint from either me or any other one of the 25,000 funeral directors in the United States. These facts are offered not as a complaint but only to refute some of the fallacious impressions and publicity based on the so-called "High Cost of Dying." The authors of the articles labeled "The High Cost of Dying" and all relative articles might have produced much greater publicity

7080 Voters Are Registered In Highlands

Highlands county has this morning stored voters ready to take part in the coming May 2 Primary. According to a check of books at Supervisor Richard X. Dwyer's office, the new permanent voter list for 1950 shows 7,080 voters in the county.

Of the total 5,600 on which the 1950 list is based, 17 percent are Negroes. Figure shows 6875 Democrats, 190 Republicans, five Independents and 10 Independent registered. Largest precinct is No. 3 in Avon Park with 803 voters, of which are 600 whites and 106 whites. Other large precincts are No. 21, Sebring with 265 No. 17, Sebring with 244, No. 22, Lake Placid with 244, No. 23, Lake Placid with 244.

Totals by precincts are:
Avon Park No. 1, 740 No. 2, 704 No. 3, 803 No. 4, 120 No. 5, 704 No. 6, 34 No. 7, 82
Lakemont No. 8, 47
Sebring No. 9, 53 No. 10, 668 No. 11, 810 No. 12, 361 No. 13, 292 No. 14, 66 No. 15, 312 No. 16, 126 No. 17, 193
DeSoto City No. 18, 216
Lorida No. 19, 80
Cornwell No. 20, 36
Brighton No. 21, 21
Lake Placid No. 22, 244
Hicoria No. 23, 244
Venus No. 24, 114

Registration by county commissioners districts shows: No. 1, Avon Park, 1003; No. 3, Avon Park, Lakemont and Sebring, 171; No. 2, Sebring, 1539; No. 3, Sebring, DeSoto City, Lorida, Cornwell and Brighton, 1001; No. 4, Lake Placid, Hicoria and Venus, 966.

Truck Jumps 20- Foot Abutment: Driver Walks Away

Billy Ward, Avon Park truck driver, miraculously escaped death Wednesday morning when the Ford truck he was driving ran off the highway near Lakemont and jumped a 20 foot ditch, landing on the other side, right side up.

Ward, hauling for J. M. Whitaker, Sebring contractor, had a load of clay abutment, and said something went wrong with his steering gear and pulled him off the road. H. L. Crawford, drag-line operator, working on the Boussey property, saw the freakish accident and said the truck jumped the ditch from one side to the other, and landed on the other. Landing on the opposite side, the front wheels were sheered off against the concrete wall and dropped into the ditch below, but the truck made it across and rolled over and up on its side, knocking down a telephone pole. Ward crawled out of the cab, unhurt, except for a bump on his head, and was back to work today.

Jaycees Start Drive For New Members Thursday Night

The Avon Park Junior Chamber of Commerce has started a drive for new members, plans for which were announced at the meeting Thursday night at the Customer's room of the Florida Power Corporation.

This year the Jaycees will have a new type of membership drive, each member after paying his own dues, will be eligible for a grand prize, a suit of clothes, if he signs up five additional members. The winner will be decided by drawing from the names of those securing five members.

Charles Locke, Bob King, Ed Touchton and Walter Maddala are members of the convention committee. Members are urged to see them and make arrangements to attend the State Jaycee Convention in Jacksonville, May 2nd & 3rd.

Weather Report

Following is a report of the weather for the week, as given by observer Bill Gilliland.

Month	H	L
April 13	86	51
April 14	80	54
April 15	71	43
April 16	73	47
April 17	80	51
April 18	83	54
April 19	87	62

Firemen Install Officers And Report On Activities

Pepper To Speak Here Monday In Final Appearance

Senator Claude Pepper will speak to Avon Park Monday afternoon at two o'clock in his first public appearance in the Mall, during the press campaign. Pepper spoke in Sebring three weeks ago, but was unable to include Avon Park in his speaking tour at that time.

He will make up for lost time, however, with a special date and Pepper campaign supporters invite all residents of the county to take this opportunity to hear him in his final appeal prior to election, May 2.

His Monday speaking dates include: Abundant, Haines City, Lake Wales, Frostproof, Fort Meade and Winter Haven, in addition to his talk here.

Commission Rejects Bids On Jail Annex

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Rotary Club News

The Rotary Club met Wednesday night at the Masonic Temple on Main Street for their weekly meeting.

A. B. Whitte, program chairman for the day, presented George Gorman and his soloists Jack Ward, Bobby Whitcomb, Jane Suggs, Virginia Landress, Beth Suggs and Lynn Longbottom in a musical program.

Last week's speaker at Rotary, Mr. Winters, gave a descriptive oral diagram of Highlands Hammock and other state parks.

Rotarians attention was called to an article in May Rotarian of influence. The Holy City, long a battle ground of warring nations, once more enjoys a watchful, fraternal era of peace. If the word peace is an appropriate term to use now a city of 100,000 souls.

It was founded some 2500 years before Christ and named Urusolim—"City of Peace." No logical reason for its location, yet history records the linking of the desert East with the Maritime West. This club meets in the new part of Jerusalem, in the towering colonades of the Y.M.C.A. Building, representing the modern architecture, symbols of Western influence. For 20 hectic, turbulent years these Men of Rotary have spanned the valley of different opinions to meet on a common level, namely the level of "Service Above Self." Sometimes they have dodged war's gunfire enroute to their club on Wednesday at 12:15 o'clock.

Leon Roth, Professor of Philosophy at Hebrew University, who presided at the club this year, declared: "They always missed my members!" This city rightly called by Jews, Moslems, Christians, Copas, Jacobites, and others, "The City of Peace," "The Holy City," "The Bride of Kings," and "Mother of Prophets." CLC 33069 stands as a challenge to all men of all time as a citadel of human understanding in a world of chaos, hate, war, famine, and heartaches. When we become disenchanted with America in her hour of greatness, we readily see the vast storehouse of tender emotions in all people when striving toward a fixed goal of World betterment. The projects of this group of fellows is a challenge to our complacency in America in her hour of greatness.

Guests at Wednesday's luncheon were: David Witmer, Mont Joy, Va.; L. T. Carter, Wood River, Ill.; E. J. Armstrong, Avon Park and Hicksville, Ohio; R. L. Maxon, Urbana, Ill.; O. C. H. Tinsley, Lakeland; E. O. Jones, Jacksonville, Fla.; Jerry Kitchen, Sebring, Fla.

Two Avon Boys On Southern College Baseball Team

The Florida Southern College baseball squad faces two games away and one at home this week after a four game, all-Dixie Conference journey into Mississippi last week that ended three victories and one defeat to their conference standings.

The Moccasins, defending their 1949 Dixie Conference title, split a double bill with Florida State University by scores of 4-2 and 6-10 on April 7 and 8. Millsaps was set down 9-1 on the 10th at Jackson, Miss., and Mississippi College tumbled the following day by a score of 4-0.

The trip gives Coach Vince Granelli's diamond squad a season record of five wins and five losses as they enter the bottom half of their 21 game schedule.

Tuesday the Moccasins travel to Gainesville to meet the University of Florida. The third of four scheduled tilt with the University of Tampa will be held at Lakeland on Wednesday and on Saturday the squad travels to Miami for a double header with the University of Miami. The eight games remaining on the 1950 slate at the conclusion of the week's activities will be played in Lakeland.

Two Avon Park boys, E. C. Wever and Lawrence (Sonny) Hagen are members of the Florida Southern College baseball squad.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Powellson, Pittsburgh, Pa., were recent guests of Dr. and Mrs. George Scott McKnight at their home on Pleasant Street. Mr. Powellson is a retired architectural engineer and is a large property owner in Avon Park.

Joe Ware, David Witmer, Mont Joy, Va.; L. T. Carter, Wood River, Ill.; E. J. Armstrong, Avon Park and Hicksville, Ohio; R. L. Maxon, Urbana, Ill.; O. C. H. Tinsley, Lakeland; E. O. Jones, Jacksonville, Fla.; Jerry Kitchen, Sebring, Fla.

Dr. Coleman Will Go To Florida Medical Meet In Hollywood

Dr. Hubert W. Coleman, Avon Park, will represent the DeSoto-Highlands-Charlotte-Gadsden County Medical Society at the Florida Medical Association's convention in Hollywood.

Doctors from 36 Florida county medical societies will meet in the House of Delegates of the Florida Medical Association's 76th annual convention to be held in the Hollywood Beach Hotel, Hollywood Florida, April 24, 25 and 26, it was announced today by Dr. Robert B. McIver, Jacksonville, secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. A. A. Alexander and son Jason spent the weekend in the muklakee with Deputy Sheriff A. A. Alexander.



Mildred Murphy and her horse, Red Fox, are widely known to rodeo fans throughout the country. Red Fox is a product of the Florida range, having been raised on the Murphy ranch near Lorida, Florida.



The picture above shows the large crowd which attended the barbecue at the Mandia ranch last Wednesday night. The barbecue was a benefit for the Walker Memorial Hospital, an annual event.