

EDITORIAL

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The campaign between George Smathers and Claude Pepper, brings to light an unusual situation. Pepper finds his own echoes are ghosts risen to haunt him. The things he has said bound back upon him. The things he has done, rise to face him in the public places. The echoes are different from his present statements. They are strictly contradictory. The "promising politician" faces the return of his own chicks to roost.

As Pepper races madly over the State attacking other people, he finds himself deeper and deeper in swamps of his own manufacture. He calls Smathers a du Pont lawyer, yet he never makes satisfactory answer to his own representation of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, in its fight to capture our Florida East Coast line. In that case, Pepper fought the fight of a corporation worth nearly four hundred million dollars. The echoes of his efforts then, resound now in this campaign. There are other echoes.

His fantastic suggestion that we destroy our atomic bombs, along with the tools with which to make more, BEFORE we discuss atomic power with Russia, is an echo which drowns out all doubt of where he stood. His appearances with Paul Robeson, lover of Moscow and all it represents, is an echo which not even Claude can silence. Paul Robeson is an enemy of this country as vicious as any we know. He does not represent the thinking of the American Negro. Proof of that, is the statement of the great Negro baseball player, Jackie Robinson.

Pepper's speeches to nominate Henry Wallace over Harry Truman, are echoes which will never become still in the American ear. They never will be quiet in the American soul. Pepper's ridiculous attempt to grab the nomination for himself at Philadelphia, is an echo which even President Truman must continue to hear. Pepper has, for years, raced over this Free Land, shrieking for a turn to the Left. He has proclaimed Stalin one of the greatest men of history. He has shouted that he instinctively trusted Stalin. He has called Harry Truman a reactionary. He has recommended that the people elect Republicans, rather than "reactionary" Democrats.

These echoes prove him loyal only to Pepper, and the radical nonsense from the Russians.

Now, Pepper is called upon to answer these echoes. Does he speak? No. He merely talks. He criticizes those opposing his radical preachments. He calls them names. But he does not mention Robeson, Wallace, Marcantonio and Stalin. He does not explain his close association with these radicals. That is what the people want to hear.

The echoes which now strike back at Pepper, are what he said himself. Not what we say and do. What he said and did. None need believe anyone but Pepper himself to see that he is not steeped in traditional Americanism, but holds devotion to things which Americans cannot tolerate. He attempts, with one side of his mouth, to plead the cause of the little man, while, with the other side of his mouth, he is preaching doctrines which have always led to such dictatorships as Stalin runs. That ruins the little man first. Does the Russian peasant have as good a way of life as the poorest American? No. If he does, prove it. Every attempt to prove, leads only to the same propaganda, drenched with hope but drained of truth, which Pepper now uses as campaign material.

As for us, we will vote for George Smathers and the welfare of this Republic. We will have no truck with Robeson, Wallace, Stalin or Pepper. We want the world to know how we feel about this campaign. Above all, we want Moscow to know how Americans feel about it. In the Presence of the God to Whom this Republic was dedicated, in Whom its founding fathers vested their Faith, we declare the solemn conviction that the most important choice to be made by any people, anywhere, in our modern times, is the choice we of Florida will make between this man Pepper, and young, able, sincere George Smathers. That choice will make answer to the whole world, to that vital question, Is the spread of Communism progressing in the United States?

May God permit that the answer be No.

CHARLES FRANCIS COE
Chief Editor
The Perry Newspapers.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

By Russell Kay

Standing on the fringe of the crowd while Claude Pepper was making a speech in which he promised more money for the old folks, more pay for labor, more hospitals and free medical care for the sick, more schools, more roads, and unlimited prosperity, I overheard a farmer ask a friend where he was going to get the money.

"Why," his friend replied, "he's gonna get it from big business, from the wall street crowd and the bankers, the filthy rich."

"Oh," said the farmer, "that's all right. I was afraid he was gonna tax us for it."

This is a typical example of the thinking a lot of folks practice. They think of themselves as the "poor working man," the "little man" and assume that money for government comes from the so-called rich, the corporations, the banks and industry.

They do not realize that as citizens of the United States they are heavily in debt now and going deeper in debt every day. They do not realize that all of the money that is needed for government are costing them plenty.

If you walked up to that farmer who thought it was all right to tax big business for more money for government spenders and tried to show him that he is the poor sap who is going to pay for it, he would call you a liar.

Yet that poor dumb chuck, if he still has a dollar bill in his pocket, has a piece of paper that is only worth in actual buying power about 60 cents. If government expenditures continue at their present rate and Mr. Pepper brings all the blessings he so glibly talks about, that dollar will buy much less.

Everything that farmer buys is taxed. Business, big and little, passes the tax on to the consumer. It has to or it could not stay in business. His clothes, his food, everything he buys is taxed and taxed and taxed and as a consumer he pays the tax.

Congress, if it were to go stark staring mad, and it might, could pass a law giving the old folks \$500 a month, provide free medical care and hospitalization for everybody and raise wages to \$5 an hour for common labor. Fine you say. That would be wonderful.

All right. When that happens the old folks \$300 per month wouldn't buy as much as \$50 buys today. The laborer's \$5 per hour wouldn't feed or clothe his

family half as well as a dollar an hour does today. We would all be far worse off, and with the nation bankrupt and the "working man" and the "little guy" would be the greatest sufferers. You have only to study your history to see what happened to other nations have. In England today goods and services cost so much that the "little guy" can't afford them. In the Russia that Claude loves so well the "little guy" is a slave of big government.

Under the "Fair Deal" plan and the FEPC the colored man thinks he would be better off. He glazes over pictures of "his Senator" with Paul Robeson and imagines that laws can give him "equality."

He has been told that under the FEPC no employer would refuse him employment because of his color or race. He does not stop to think that such a law must work both ways and by the same token no employer could refuse employment to a white man because he was white. The Negro, who do you think would get the job? Instead of protecting the Negro in hard times it would mean that thousands of Negroes would be replaced by the white men. Remember the law must work both ways.

Labor leaders, the big boys who collect dues and make assessments, are trying to tell the rank and file that their salvation lies in more money, less working hours, old age pensions, and they endorse Pepper as the man who can bring all this about.

Since the Senator delights in quoting the scriptures, it might be well to remind him that the Good Book says, "Man shall earn his bread by the sweat of his brow." Unless we produce, either as an individual or a nation we cannot survive. We can produce as free men or as slaves but brother we will produce and

don't ever forget that. America is at the cross-roads. We can keep our feet on the ground, reduce cost of government, stabilize our currency, increase our production and go forward or we can choose the "well-fare-state" with its false promises, its glamour and glitter and find out too late that we have sold our birthright for a mess of pottage.

It is the duty of every individual citizen to go to the polls on May 2 and cast his vote. But let it be a majority vote and let the people say which way they want to go in terms that leave no question of a doubt. The issues are clear and if you fail to express yourself you will have no right to complain over the result.

ANNOUNCEMENT

A Revival meeting is now in progress at the Church of God South, Verona Avenue, with the Rev. W. M. Rumber, of Tampa Fla. During the preaching, Rev. Rumber is a well known Minister, having served as State Overseer for the State of W. Va. for several years, and doing pastoral and evangelistic work. He has a real full Gospel message for the people. This Friday evening will be given to healing service, praying for the sick. The public is cordially invited to attend this Revival and share the great blessings of the Lord.

O. W. THOMAS, Pastor

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ISN'T IT TRUE - that things like Social Security, Minimum Wage, and Farm Support have increased everyone's income and security?

ISN'T IT TRUE - that most of these measures were created by real Democrats like Roosevelt and Pepper?

Before you vote ask yourself - How am I doing Today? Then vote to return to office a man who has done so much for the prosperity of all Americans - CLAUDE PEPPER.

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Dear Voters:

Two years ago, you elected me your Representative in the State Legislature. I appreciate the honor and have endeavored in every way possible to faithfully and honestly fulfill the duties of such office. I have been accused of making a few mistakes in some matters, but my intentions were at all times honest. I feel, if reelected, that I can make you a better representative, benefitting by my experience, as I now have a still wider knowledge and a much deeper appreciation of the interests and needs of Highlands County and the State as a whole.

Many imaginary issues have been injected into this campaign, but the one thing which I wish to stress to all voters is the fact that I will at all times exercise every honest effort for the betterment and upbuilding of Highlands County and the State of Florida.

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Chatter

Tis May Day Time again—the loveliest and fairest is chosen for the Queen of the May—for many years this custom has been observed, beautiful girls vie with colorful flowers to form an entrancing picture against the feathery green of the Jacaranda trees outlined by the blue sky with unerring good judgement the students of Avon Park High School have chosen their kings and queens. In 1936 lovely RUTH EDWARDS was crowned queen under the spreading oak in the Mall—the scene of the 1936 May Festival—her court was composed of MISS BESSIE GARRETT—MISS MARTHA MAE HARRIS—MISS VIRGINIA GOUGH—MISS BETTY BROOKS—MISS LAURETTA REID—MISS DOROTHY WEISHEYER—MISS ELIZABETH RAWLINGS—MISS NELL WILLIFORD—MISS HELEN TUTEN—MISS THELMA PERRY—In 1939 brunette ELIZABETH HETHERINGTON was chosen queen—and in her court were MISS NANCY BETTS, MISS JANE CLEMENTS, MISS BETTY SHERMAN and MISS GALE COEN—for 7 years the festival was discontinued due to the war and other reasons then—in 1946 another blonde, BARBARA LAWHON was chosen for the honor—and in succession Queen YVONNE HEAD—Queen GLORIA GABER—Queen JULIA NADER—Queen ELOISE SIMMS—ruled with dignity and charm—this year's queen will be attracted MARGARET LAWHON and her King will be JAMES DAVIS.

Much credit is due MARTELL ALLEN for the lovely dress the Home Economics Class modeled last Friday evening—MARTHA lovely in fuchsia chiffon with pink carnation corsage acted as announcer for the show. Little JAN SAYLOR was really a pretty baby when she sang and danced Friday night at the auditorium—dressed in black satin trimmed with green sequins with green plume in her hair—she captivated her audience with her song PRETTY BABY—and CAROLYN BOLT with her acrobatics drew OHs and Ahs and much APPLAUSE—Avon Park is no longer a small town—a report from a census taker gives us 7500 population. ED and FRIEDA WELCH are taking off Tuesday for a most scrumptious trip—a tour of TEXAS and CALIFORNIA—AND NEW FACES in town make us think that the summer might not be so dull after all.

Sachsenmaier Host To Bridge Club Thursday At Home

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sachsenmaier were hosts to members of their bridge club Thursday evening at their home on Lake Anoka.

Beautiful red roses were used profusely to decorate the rooms where guests played bridge. Tom Jones won the men's high score award for the bridge games and Mrs. Pink McDermott was high for ladies. After the games a delicious dessert course of apple pie a la mode was served to members present, who were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones, Mr. and Mrs. Miller Baker, Mr. and Mrs. George Pugh, Mr. and Mrs. Pink McDermott, Mr. and Mrs. Allen Eitz and Mr. and Mrs. Doe Weaver.

Lora Clements Class Meets At Home Of Mrs. Paul McFarland

The Lora Clements Class of the First Baptist Church held its monthly business meeting at the home of Mrs. P. A. McFarland Monday. The meeting was called to order by the president, Mrs. Ray Bachtel, Mrs. John Mathis

Mrs. Clifford Taylor Honored At Party Saturday Night

Mrs. A. C. Wester, Mrs. Mabel Slack and Mrs. Mabel Stagers were hostesses Saturday night at the home of the former on Winthrop Street at a party honoring Mrs. Clifford Taylor on her birthday anniversary.

Spring flowers were used to decorate the rooms where guests assembled. Arrangements of white phillox, white lilacs and purple petunias were used in the dining room and peach colored gladioli were arranged for the living room.

Guests arrived at 7 o'clock and were served a delicious desert course, later canasta was played. The honoree received a gift from the hostesses as a memento of this delightful evening and prizes were given for high, second and low in canasta.

Betts Home Scene Of Club Party Friday Night

Mrs. A. C. Wester, Jr., Mrs. Robert Willis, and Mrs. Frank Moore, left Monday for West Palm Beach where they will attend the Annual Duesman Convention of South Florida Episcopal Churches.

Mrs. Walter Mandis has returned from Tampa where she attended the annual State Convention of Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. Mrs. Mandis is president of the Junior Women's Club of Avon Park.

Garber's Entertain Church Choir At Buffet Supper

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Garber were charming hosts at their home on Lake Byrd, at a buffet supper last Wednesday evening, guests being members of the Congregational Church Choir of which Mrs. Garber is director.

The rooms of this lovely home were decorated with arrangements of beautiful spring flowers from the hostess garden.

Mrs. Jack Hutchinson Elected President Avon Park PTA

Mrs. Jack Hutchinson was elected president of the Avon Park PTA at the regular meeting Thursday afternoon at the school auditorium. Mrs. Robert R. King Jr. was elected vice president. Mrs. Clara McCleary corresponding secretary, Mrs. Ken Harris, recording secretary and Mrs. H. W. Coleman, treasurer. Mr. Winter gave an interesting talk on Highland Hammock state park.

Hilans Theatre LAST TIME TODAY

Edmond GLENN in "CHALLENGE TO LASSIE" plus Cartoon... Short

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Frances Dwight, famed Weekiwahee Springs Nermal, shown feeding fish in the fumes Underwater Theatre, will perform in specially constructed tanks at the Florida Watermelon Festival to be held at Leesburg May 17.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Hyers and their daughters Audrey and Susan of Enterprise, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McCabe and Miss Myra McCabe at their home on Lake Tullane.

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Mrs. Harold Warden and children, Rud and Elaine, Mrs. R. R. Brown and daughter Leah Jane spent the weekend in Daytona Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Warden will leave Sunday for Tampa where they will attend a meeting of district 244 of Rotary International which will convene April 30 thru May 2.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Welch are leaving Tuesday on an extended trip to Texas and California. They plan to be away six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred B. Wilson of Atlanta, Ga., were weekend guests of Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Wingfield.

Miss Ruth Wild List Wedding Plans For Saturday Night

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After the wedding the bride and groom will be at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Wild, 519 South Dixie Ave., Avon Park.

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Dorcas Welfare Society Of Walker Memorial Reports

Last Sunday, the Dorcas Welfare Society of the Walker Memorial, Avon Park, Wauchula, Ft. Meade, Arcadia, Ft. Myers, and Bartow. Seventh-day Adventist churches, met in Wauchula for their regular Federation meeting. Mrs. A. E. Mandy, in giving the report for the Avon Park society, stated that since the last meeting a few months ago, 123 articles of clothing had been given to needy people; 128 food baskets had been given away; 392 needy persons had been helped; and 35 first aid and home nursing treatments had been given.

After the various reports had been given, S. S. Wall of Orlando, guest speaker for the meeting, challenged everyone present to greater activity in behalf of needy humanity. "In order for the church to fulfill its mission in the world it must follow in the footsteps of the blessed Master who went about doing good," he declared. "The world today is crying out for a practical demonstration of the teachings of Christ," the speaker continued. Seventh-day Adventists have

been carrying forward welfare and Christian help work since the time of their organization. In each church there operates a welfare society, called the Dorcas Society. During the war, years of clothing and food were shipped overseas to alleviate suffering and hunger. Here are a few excerpts from letters received by grateful people from Greece:

"The package came through safely. We cannot express our gratitude in words. The shoes fit and everything is just right."

From Holland: "I received the package and I want to thank you for the nice coat—I was so glad to get it because my clothing consisted of just a few threadbare garments."

From Italy: "The packages from America are really 'manna' from heaven for us who have suffered so many privations during the past five years."

There are only a few of the received. There are many here in the homeland who need the help that consecrated Christians can give.

Miss Nell McClelland and her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth McClelland, left Tuesday for their home in Sullivan, Indiana, after a visit of several weeks in Avon Park.

Florida Farm Bureau Passes Resolution On Anderson Death

A resolution honoring the memory of C. Parke Anderson, was adopted by the Florida Farm Bureau's board of directors at their quarter-annual session in Lake City last week end.

Mr. Anderson, a member of the state-wide farm group's board of directors died in Atlanta, Georgia, while attending a convention of Southeastern Soil Conservationists, Feb. 27.

The resolution follows:

A RESOLUTION

WHEREAS: The Great Reaper has seen fit to call our fellow director and co-worker, C. Parke Anderson, from the field of world activities, and in the midst of an onrushing, ever-changing day, we the directors of the Florida Farm Bureau Federation do pause and pay tribute to the honor of a man who influenced and constructively added to everything he set his hand to do.

WE, the directors of the Florida Farm Bureau Federation deplore the loss to the agricultural organizations of not only Florida, but the Southeast and the whole Nation, of this able, ardent and tireless worker for a better farm life.

His touch gave life and spirit to the things he believed in. He consistently worked for the Christian ideals for better health facilities, for a broader education for the preservation of the soil and water for future generations.

for a greater public spirit among citizenry and for the betterment of his fellow men. He was a leader among men.

The memory of C. Parke Anderson will long be held in deep regard by those who knew him well. His life was such that his death will continue after him a fruitful vine growing by the well of waters. He passed with his boots on, literally gave his life that we might have a richer, more productive world.

Thus we do honor him and share with his family the grief and sorrow.

Wilbur C. King Urges Re-election For R. R. Commission

Wilbur C. King will head back to his home headquarters after making final speeches in the larger counties, in his campaign for re-election to the Florida Railroad and Public Utilities Commission.

Florida people seem to realize that our transportation and communication services have been growing steadily better in the last few years, said King, who is Chairman of the Commission.

"It has been my policy to aim toward the best utility system in the nation, to attract more tourists, to serve our people better and to bring in new industries."

As I go around the State I am confident that the people appreciate how this policy is working out and I believe I will be re-elected to office next Tuesday.

The people are awakened to the importance of this Commission, and the best evidence is the warm support I have received everywhere.

King is serving his first term on the Railroad Commission. He has been a merchant here for 30 years and at the same time engaged in the growing of citrus and vegetables and the raising of cattle. He was taken overman here for 20 years, was Hardee County Commissioner for 10 years and served nine terms in the State Senate before joining the Commission in 1947. He is Chairman of the Commission and sponsor of general reorganization begun three years ago which has brought in experts in every field of transportation and communication, the fields which the Railroad Commission regulates.

W. C. Thomas Buys Prize Bull

C. C. Skimpson, a Brown Swiss breeder of Avon Park, Fla., has recently sold the bull Donald D. of Arcadia 64605 to W. C. Thomas, Avon Park, Florida, according to a report from Fred S. Little, Secretary of the Brown Swiss Cattle Breeders' Association, Beloit, Wisconsin.

Accidents in Florida citrus grooving and packing activities totaled 1,545 during 1949 and cost \$273,629, according to the Florida Industrial Commission. Workmen's Compensation reports.

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FARM PARITY

BILL TO EXTEND 90% OF PARITY PAYMENTS TO 1951. See Page 10161, July 21, 1949.

SOCIAL SECURITY

A BILL TO EXPAND AND EXTEND SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS. See Page 14241, Oct. 5, 1949.

MINIMUM WAGE LAW

A BILL TO INCREASE THE MINIMUM WAGE FROM 40 TO 75 CENTS AN HOUR. See Page 11511, Aug. 10, 1949.

HEALTH IMPROVEMENT

INTRODUCED BILL TO AID DESERVING STUDENTS TO GET MEDICAL AND DENTAL EDUCATION. See Page 546, Jan. 24, 1949 SUPPORTED LEGISLATION TO ASSIST IN BETTERING THE HEALTH OF OUR NATION.

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For Florida... For America — SMATHERS ADVOCATES A CONSTRUCTIVE PROGRAM:

I want peace, and as an overseas veteran, familiar with the waste, tragedy and heartache of war, will work for a permanent peace.

I favor a strong foreign policy which will protect our country from the threat of Communism. I favor a strong national defense.

I am in favor of a farm program that will assist the small dirt farmer who is the backbone of our economy.

I have voted for and will continue to support soil conservation, reforestation, extension of rural electrification, modernization of farm houses, better farming opportunities and better credit facilities and rural telephone.

I favor simplification of the farmer's income tax return, as well as a simpler return for regular taxpayers.

I favor modification of present freight rate structure.

I co-sponsored Flood control legislation and will continue vigorous support of completing 238 billion dollar Flood Control Program for Florida.

I favor a sound budget and fiscal policy on part of the Federal Government so as to eliminate present inflationary policy of deficit spending.

I believe in labor unions and collective bargaining, and a high minimum wage which provides purchasing power.

I am opposed to monopoly of any kind, of capital government or labor and will oppose any attempt to establish monopoly. I voted for the Taft-Hartley Law and favor the retention of the basic principles of that law.

I favor the American Legion and the V. F. W. recommendation on the efficient operation of Veterans' Hospitals.

I am in favor of better homes, enlarged schools and improved health facilities.

I am in favor of extending the Social Security program so as to provide the highest possible security to our Senior citizens.

I am for a more widespread health-improvement program and have strongly supported legislation to assist in bettering the health of our nation.

GEORGE SMATHERS

YOUR UNITED STATES SENATOR

HIGH SCHOOL POW-WOW

By Pat Lagoni

This week is proving to be one of the busiest of the year, as signs of the completion of another term are seen.

Report cards, the last before final reports were issued on Wednesday, the 26th. As usual, some students were pleased with their grades while others were disappointed with theirs, but all are planning to work hard for improvements this next six weeks.

The Red Devils of Fort Meade on Thursday, April 26, by a score of 4 to 1. Morrell was Avon Park's pitcher and gave up only one hit. Slay was the losing pitcher. Kelley chalked up two more hits and now leads the Avon Park batters with a .458 average. Mor-

rell and Hill have proved that the old saying, "Pitchers can't hit," isn't true because they have averages of .286 and .280, respectively to take second and third places for APHS at the end of the ninth game.

The Devils' game against Sebring, which was scheduled for Tuesday, the 26th, was cancelled because of wet grounds. The "SUN" goes to press the day after tomorrow. The squad won a game over Lake Placid by a 14 to 6 score, lost two to Sebring by scores of 16 to 3 and 16 to 8, and lost one to Frostproof by a 6 to 2 margin. Their leading hitter is Wingard, an outfielder, who has an .800 average. A few more games are scheduled, among which is a contest with the substitutes of Coach Carter's "A" squad.

Mrs. Wilhite, school secretary.

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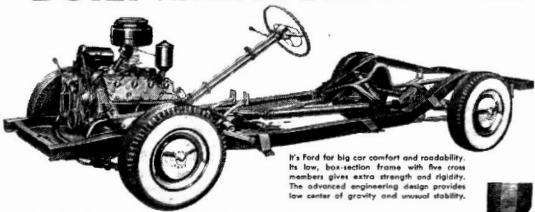
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is among the victims of the mumps. Students and teachers miss Mrs. Wilhite and hope she'll be back soon.

"Bill's Night Out," the senior class play, will be staged this Friday night, April 28. You can't afford to miss this domestic farce which stars Richard Landress as Bill. It is a story of a typical American boy, his family, his girl, and his problems. The curtain goes up at 8:00 P. M. so don't fail to be there.

Saturday morning, April 29, a group of Avon Park commercial students will represent the school at a District commercial contest in Wauchula. Contests will be held in Bookkeeping, Shorthand and Typing.

APHS juniors and seniors and their dates are quite enthusiastic about the Junior-Senior banquet to be presented by the junior class of '50, this coming Saturday, the 29th. The banquet is to be held at Lake Hyrd lodge and is sure to be a happy event.

Triple Link Club Has Meeting At Rebekah Hall

The Triple Link Club met Tuesday at the Rebekah Hall. Plans were made for a covered dish supper, Monday, May 1, at 6 P. M. at the Lodge Hall, preceding the regular meeting.

Mrs. Virginia Cargnola, Mrs. Belle Martin and Mrs. Helen Mann, having business, this month were hostesses. After the business meeting, refreshments were served and a social hour was enjoyed.

Those present were Mrs. Helen Harris, Mrs. Pearl Spunk, Mrs. Corinne Barnes, Mrs. Hedwig Roberts, Mrs. Bella Rosenberg, Mrs. Bertha Barker, Mrs. Mildred Murphy, Mrs. Lillian Bridges, Mrs. Martha Richmond, Mrs. Stella Sonnman, Mrs. Tillie Yuster, Mrs. Lola Crawford, Mrs. Gladys Hagen, Mrs. Bertha Kelley, Miss Margaretha Vogt, Mrs. Russell Mizelle, Mrs. Agnes Cox, Mrs. Lena Keen, Mrs. Cora Wray and Mrs. Mary Reed.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Worden spent Wednesday in Tampa.

Devils Win From Ft. Meade For Eighth Win

By LESLIE A. LAFIAM

The Avon Park "Red Devils" scored their sixth Ridge Conference victory, last Thursday night at Head Field here by beating the Ft. Meade Miners 4-1, behind the excellent pitching of Bill Morrell.

Morrell got shaky several times, but held on for his third win against no losses. This was the eighth victory this year for the Devils and it was the first game played this year with Ft. Meade. Oliver Slay, Miner hurler gave up but three hits, one being a towering triple by Kelly.

The Miners drew first blood in the top of the second frame by slipping a tally across the plate. Walker, Miner left fielder, drove a walk. Took the second bag on Morrell's wild pitch. Moody singled to left field and Walker walked home for the first run of the ball game.

Avon Park got in the thick of the situation in the bottom of the third inning and made two runs go ahead. Close wanted out a fourth pitch and walked. He went down in a pass ball, took third when Miner caught Slattery's throw. Second, Davis sacrificed him over the plate. Hill took a walk. Kelly lifted his triple to keep right field and Hill was home to put Avon Park on top by two.

The Devils added two more runs in the sixth frame. Hill opened the Devils' half of the inning by hitting a walk. Kelly drilled a single to left and that put runners on first and third, with no one out. Fields singled off the shortstop's glove to drive Hill home. Fields made the Devils fourth and final run by crossing the plate when the Miner catcher missed Morrell's third strike.

Avon Park	AB	R	H	E
Cruise, If	3	1	0	0
Davis, 2b	3	0	0	0
Hill, c	1	2	0	0
Kelly, rf	3	0	2	0
Fields, ss	3	1	1	0
Morrell, p	2	0	0	1
Camara, cf	3	0	0	0
Jenkins, 2b	2	0	0	0
Cleary, 1b	2	0	0	0
TOTALS	22	4	3	1

Ft. Meade
McPherson, 2b 3 0 0 0
Maly, ss 3 0 0 0
Slay, p 3 0 0 0
Storey, c 3 0 0 1
Walker, lf 1 0 0 0
Lunsford, cf 2 0 0 0
Moody, rf 2 0 1 0
Cannon, 3b 3 0 0 2
Lamb, 1b 3 0 0 0
TOTALS 23 1 1 3

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ANNOUNCEMENT

A fund is being started to help Mrs. Lena Stansbury, whose house burned to the ground, two weeks ago, rebuild on the site of the burned house, which she owns. Any one who desires to

help, please contact Mrs. Abbe Vanderford.
Miss Edna Pearce Highlands County Representative attended the funeral of Representative Charles Schuch in St. Petersburg Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lagoni and family spent the weekend in Tampa where Mr. Lagoni served as best man at the wedding of Miss Betty Ginnard and William H. Hill of Atlanta, which took place at a capital mass at the Sacred Heart church Sunday morning.

What The Chairman of The State Livestock And Sanitary Board Says About Claude Pepper:

Bradley Junction,
April 24, 1950

Dear Claude:

I will be with you at each place you speak in Polk and Highlands County to-day. You can use any of the following if you desire.

1. Several years ago a Federal Quarantine was slapped on Florida because of the Fever Tick. It was so tight that Ringling Brothers Circus could not move its animals out of Florida. I went to Washington and saw You and You had it lifted.

2. Again I went to Washington when the bars were about to be let down on Argentine Beef at the time of the dread foot and mouth disease was raging in Argentina. It was largely through your efforts that this was prevented. I think that the fight you waged to lift the blockade and keep out foreign beef saved our cattle industry. These are just two of the many things you have done to help our cattle industry.

3. Polk is the largest cow county in the state. In other words has more cows.

4. I am now serving as Chairman of the State Livestock and Sanitary Board. I was first appointed by Gov. Holland and reappointed by Gov. Caldwell. Now serving under Gov. Warren.

5. I am Past President of the Polk County Cattlemen's Association, and the Florida State Cattlemen's Association.

I took up at least a month of your time in Washington while I was President of the State Association. I am not the type to forget one who has done so much for so many PEOPLE.

I have been working for you long before your opponent announced and I have not seen my cows for the past week and won't see them until after May 2nd.

Best of luck and best wishes to you

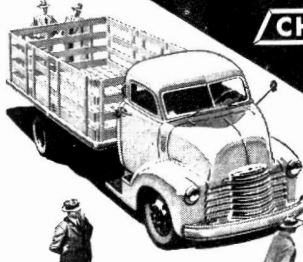
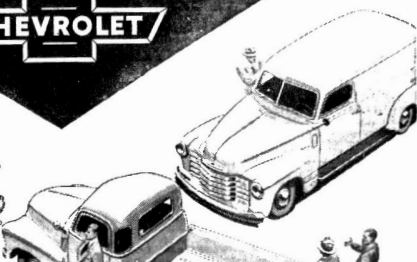
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Queen Margaret Lawton and King James Davis, rulers over the May Day Festival, Monday in the Mall.

Boy Scout Fund Drive Over the Top

The annual Avon Park Boy Scout Fund Drive netted \$84.50 against a quota of \$500.00. The additional \$136 will be applied against a \$250 deficit from the previous year. The drive was carried on in cooperation with similar drives in the cities of Sebring, Lake Placid, De Soto City, and Frostproof, which together with Avon Park, comprise the Highlands District of the Gulf Ridge Council.

Highlands District, of which the Reverend O. K. Cull of Sebring is finance chairman, was the first district in the Gulf Ridge Council to attain its quota.

Boy Seime, chairman of the Avon Park Boy Scout Fund Drive wishes to express his appreciation to the many contributors, and to the solicitors for their fine work.

The Avon Park solicitors were Vaughn Driggers, E. G. Todd, Joe Hevlin, M. G. Whitcomb, L. C. Hooper, Malcolm Crews and Carl Cruise.

Dry and sandy areas are best for growing pine trees.

Avon Park Pioneer Dies At Her Home Here Sunday

Funeral services for Mary Steele Swearingen, widow of the late Robert W. Swearingen, former mayor and former president and director of the First National Bank of Avon Park, were held Wednesday morning at the Church of the Redeemer, Episcopal at 11 A. M., the Rev. Frank Butler officiated.

Mrs. Swearingen passed away Sunday, April 30, at her home, after a long illness. She is survived by one sister, Miss Elizabeth Ewing.

Mr. and Mrs. Swearingen were among the early settlers of Avon Park and were prominent in the early activities of the town. The beautiful home on Lake Tulane was the scene of many social gatherings. Mrs. Swearingen was active in the work of the Episcopal church and took a great deal of interest in the civic work of the town.

After Mr. Swearingen's death in 1923, Mrs. Swearingen conducted an insurance agency at her home.

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Tubbs And McAulay Win Re-election To County Commission

A. J. Tubbs of Sebring was re-elected county commissioner from district two, and A. C. McAulay of Lake Placid, won out in district four. Both beat two opponents in the first primary.

Tubbs received a majority of 46 votes over H. L. Butler and Spencer Jones. The vote was Tubbs 550, Butler 223, Jones 282.

McAulay, running for re-election won by a majority of 58 votes over his two opponents. The vote was McAulay 415, Hal 228, Henderson 129.

Highlands Congressional Vote By Precincts

Precinct	Collins	McDonald	McMullen	Watson	Wells
1-Avon Park	157	64	76	226	38
2	113	85	96	181	27
3	34	15	10	51	10
4	23	14	13	22	61
5	63	20	43	71	5
5-C	36	23	22	66	16
6	4	4	3	8	14
7	14	27	25	103	18
8-Lakemont	7	5	5	16	3
9-Sebring	13	7	6	18	7
10	95	67	64	215	52
11	57	67	239	239	61
12	49	37	42	93	17
13-C	52	22	11	17	3
14	7	9	1	16	8
14-C	6	3	1	1	0
15	56	27	25	103	18
16	18	10	10	83	6
17-C	24	10	15	7	1
18-DeSoto City	20	22	11	85	17
19-Lorida	10	3	6	34	2
20-Cornwall	2	3	0	10	5
21-Brighton	0	2	3	9	0
22-L. Placid	71	64	59	212	22
22-C	13	12	2	4	0
23-Hicoria	9	1	13	6	0
24-Venus	21	6	7	36	4
	1015	616	653	2827	350

Rep. Pearce And Whitehurst Are In Runoff

Representative Edna Pearce led her two male opponents by a wide margin in the Representative race, and will run it off in the May 23 primary with Prosecuting Attorney Otis Whitehurst.

Miss Pearce received 2325 votes, Whitehurst 1446, and Pearce 1446.

Analysis of the vote shows that Miss Pearce beat both of her opponents in Sebring, receiving 1146 to 1012 for the combined vote of Whitehurst and Mitchell. Whitehurst received 331, Mitchell 681.

Whitehurst ran strong in Avon Park, where he was high man with 804. Mitchell ran second with 413, and Pearce received 387.

Outside of Avon Park and Sebring, Miss Pearce carried the balance of the county against the combined vote of her opponents. Counting Lakemont, and from DeSoto City south, Miss Pearce received 592 votes, as against 507 for the combined opposition. Her only weak spot was Avon Park.

There again the negro vote had its telling effect. Miss Pearce received only 16 votes in precinct 12-C in Avon Park, as against a combined vote of 390 for the opposition. This was 127 for Mitchell and 163 for Whitehurst.

VOTE BY PRECINCTS

Precinct	Pearce	Whitehurst	Mitchell
Avon Park-1	153	126	872
2	23	48	64
3	22	30	37
4	22	30	37
5	62	28	97
5-C	27	16	163
6	9	9	9
7	14	14	14
8	9	9	9
Lakemont-8	7	24	5
Sebring-8	6	44	5
9	150	79	11
11	113	945	67
12	75	126	54
12-C	16	146	58
13	12	10	10
14	2	10	10
14-C	9	4	1
15	59	121	70
16	6	26	10
17-C	93	47	17
DeSoto City-18	21	116	27
Lorida-19	5	70	11
20	0	20	20
Cornwall-20	0	16	16
Brighton-21	0	16	16
L. Placid-22	0	27	204
22-C	11	55	61
Hicoria-23	4	22	11
Venus-24	1446	3325	1590

Jane Suggs Recognized As Outstanding Flutist

Miss Jane Suggs, nationally recognized as an outstanding flutist, has been selected as an alternate member of the Canadian-American Schoolgirls Band, which will make a tour of Canada, the Mid-West and California this summer.

Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Suggs, W. Connell Street, is a member of the Avon Park High School Band and was selected on a competitive basis made on musicianship, love of good music, sterling qualities of character and personality.

The band is composed of 75 members, 50 American and 25 Canadian girls and was organized to promote friendly relations between Canada and the United States. It is an international organization and is strictly non-commercial in every way.

On the first day of July, the band will assemble for training at the permanent headquarters in the host city, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada. During the month of August a transcontinental concert tour will be made.

Highlands is the only county in the state represented in the band. Miss Ramona Stauffer, oboe, of Sebring was selected as a member of the band and will make the tour. Miss Margie Almyer of Sebring and Jane were chosen as alternates.

A good portion of the South's recently built industries is based on "pine tree prosperity".

Highlands Joins In Election Of Smathers Over Pepper

McMullen High For Congress; Watson Appears In Runoff

J. Tum Watson, of Tampa, former attorney general, was moved up to the runoff position today, according to semi-official figures over the district.

While the contest is close between Watson and Jerry Collins of Sarasota, Watson headquarters in Tampa claimed today that Watson would definitely be in the runoff. Some of the returns are from the official canvass.

Chester B. McMullen of Clearwater was way out in front with 47,241 at last reports. Watson has 28,161 and Collins 28,082.

Watson headquarters told this newspaper today that a check of Polk county figures show that Watson has picked up enough votes to assure him second position in the runoff.

McDonald ran third with 25,405 and Hortense K. Wells received 6214 votes.

Highlands county went for Watson by a wide margin. His vote in the county was 1827. Collins received 1013, McDonald 416, S-C in Avon Park, as against a combined vote of 390 for the opposition. This was 127 for Mitchell and 163 for Whitehurst.

Watson carried Avon Park and Sebring. His vote in Avon Park was 643 as against 388 for McDonald and 163 for Whitehurst. The vote in Sebring was Watson 753, McMullen 237.



GEORGE SMATHERS

Smathers—Pepper Vote In Highlands

VOTE BY PRECINCTS

Precinct	Pepper	Smathers
Avon Park-1	234	389
2	227	319
3	40	26
4	40	26
5	40	26
5-C	40	26
6	40	26
7	40	26
8	40	26
Lakemont-8	40	26
Sebring-8	40	26
9	134	369
10	134	369
11	134	369
12	91	183
13-C	218	10
14	19	24
14-C	13	0
15	76	175
16	18	86
17-C	148	5
DeSoto City-18	70	100
Lorida-19	15	10
Cornwall-20	14	13
Brighton-21	13	13
L. Placid-22	185	316
22-C	125	4
Hicoria-23	16	21
Venus-24	250	232

Wins Nomination By 64,000 In Biggest Political Upset

As has been so aptly stated, Florida voters Tuesday decided to "let George do it."

Rep. George Smathers, 36 year old former Marine, now in his second term in the House, defeated Claude Pepper, Florida New Deal Senator by some 64,000 votes in a rough and tumble campaign in which both sides threw everything, including the proverbial kitchen sink.

The Associated Press tabulation today gives Smathers 382,326, Pepper 318,515, in the largest vote ever cast in a Florida Primary.

Highlands county joined in the greatest upset in Florida's political history by giving Smathers a lead of 418 in Tuesday's voting. Highlands county vote was: Pepper 2504, Smathers 2922.

Sebring went for Smathers by 442 votes. Total Sebring vote was: Pepper 804, Smathers 1306. Pepper carried Avon Park by 111 votes, the total for the seven precincts being: Pepper 1130, Smathers 1019.

The negro vote was responsible for Pepper's lead in Avon Park. The only all-negro precinct went 428 to 1 for Pepper, in the greatest exhibition of controlled voting ever to take place in the county. All white precincts in Avon Park went for Smathers, but the almost solid vote in the quarters threw Avon Park into the Pepper column.

Smathers carried every white precinct in the county, with the exception of Cornwall, which went 14 for Pepper and 13 for Smathers.

The negro vote was practically solid in all their precincts. In Sebring the negroes voted for Pepper 375 to 15. Sebring's 14-C went for Pepper 13-0. Lake Placid's negro precinct gave Pepper 123, Smathers 4. Lake Placid's white precinct voted 318 for Smathers and 195 for Pepper.

George Pattison Golf Pro At Pine Crest Lakes Club

George "Pat" Pattison, former golf pro of the Palatka Golf and Country Club, has been named golf pro of the newly organized Pine Crest Lakes Golf Club. Pat arrived Tuesday and has set up a schedule for the summer. The Golf Shop, completely equipped, will be open from 8 A. M. till dark. Nine holes of the course will be open this summer and fall. Eighteen holes will be opened after the first of the year.

Tournaments will be scheduled for every week-end and much interest is being shown by the local players.

Mrs. Pattison will join her husband June 1 and they will make their home at Pine Crest.

Mrs. Charles Broadway of Coral Gables will arrive Saturday for a week's visit with Mrs. Louis Moeckel at the Lakeview Apartments.

Have You Answered Your PTA Questionnaire

A questionnaire is being sent this week to parents in order that every assistance be given officers of the Parent-Teacher Association to make the coming year the best in the existence of the Avon Park PTA.

Criticism and suggestions are encouraged from any interested source. Friends who may not receive the questionnaire are urged to address remarks to Mrs. Claire Rowe at the elementary school. They will be turned over to Mrs. Jack Hutchinson when she is installed as president on May 18.

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Students, seniors, members of the faculty and special guests enjoy the annual Junior-Senior Banquet Saturday Night at Lake Byrd Lodge.