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To Have, To Hold, And To Conserve

By Oliver S. Polston

Many a person holds a great sentiment in their heart for the old home place as well as the new home places, and to everyone there is "No place like home". But one never stops to realize that the land from which comes our food, clothing, and shelter is being robbed of its food, clothing, and shelter and many of these treasures never returned. Just imagine yourself being on a beach day after day, unprotected from the rays of the sun, or in cold North Korea unprotected from the bitter cold. We would not feel so energetic about doing things. that is the way our land feels when we rob it of its native cover and leave it to bake in the sun. The soil population of bacteria cannot say, "These sun rays are killing me, or that it is burning up my food, or taking my drinking water and to please protect me with cover," but you can feel sure if the soil population, which is as great in number in one cubic inch of soil as the human population of the world, could talk, it would say, "please protect me with cover so we can survive to carry on our work and make our land healthy and wealthy."

Now imagine our food supply being cut by rationing, and all the time the supply diminishing to a smaller allowance. That is what we are doing to our soil each time we harvest a crop. We are diminishing the food supply and the only way we can keep taking is to return something for what we take and practice proper land use. In the early history of our country our forefathers could clear the land, take what it had and move on, but that is not the case now with our ever increasing poulation. We have to take what we have and use it conservatively and return as much as we take out, conserving our soil and water, because there is no place to move on to. We have reached the stage where we have to practice soil and water conservation to protect ourselves as well as our offspring, from starvation and aggressors. The idea of conserving soil and water is not a new one to all the world. The people in China and Japan have been practicing it for many hundreds of years. They clear up the mountain side and ledge terrace it to hold the water that falls on the area and build retaining walls around every field to conserve the soil and water. These people had to do this because the population outgrew the fertile valleys. We are now reaching the stage these countries were in hundreds of years ago. Our population is outgrowing our fertile valleys so we have to use what was once considered waste land. So to keep it productive we have to practice soil and water conservation, whether we think of it in those terms or not. Everything we use comes from the land and its supply is limited, so we will have to conserve to survive. In order to help us conserve the natural resources of our land, the U.S. Government established the Soil Conservation Service, a branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, in 1936. Soil Conservation is a long range plan of proper land use according to its capabilities and proper distribution of water not drainage.

The need for soil and water conservation in Highlands County was seen several years ago by many local residents and among them were the late H. O. Sebring, who, along with L. H. Alsmeyer and several others promoted, and was successful in getting a Soil Conservation District voted into Highlands County. One of the first conservation problems of the district was solving the problem of water control around Lake Istokpoga which has been successful. The district furnished technical assistance and the Istokpoga Flood Control District installed canals, dykes, and a control structure to regulate the water level of the lake. Proper water control has made it possible for many farmers and ranchers around Lake Istokpoga to realize high returns from their land, which had been impossible in prior years due to flooded conditions in the rainy season and droughty conditions in dry weather. The installation of the control structure in Istokpoga Canal has helped to conserve the water in Lake Istokpoga and make it available to the crops and pasture when they are in desperate need of water. These people are now realizing the benefit from the work which they put forth in the form of net income.

AVON PARK SERMONETTE

By the Rev. Frank M. Butler
Church of the Redeemer

"The night is far spent, the day it as hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light." Romans xiii. 12.

As Christians everywhere look forward to the coming of the Christmas season and the re-enactment of the first coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, it is well to remember that an important article of our faith is, "And He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end. (The Creed of Nicaea)

The Apostle Paul, writing in the 13th chapter of the Epistle to the Romans reminds us that the day of Christ's appearing was at hand when we first heard the Gospel, for part of that Gospel was "The day of the Lord cometh as a thief in the night." "Take ye heed, watch and pray, for ye know not when the time cometh." "The night is far spent, the day is at hand."

The present time is called the night, and the coming of the Lord the day. Now this time, even if it is called night, is still a day of grace. It is a time of acceptance and salvation. Dark though the night may be, we still have the light of the truth of God, of the Scriptures, of the Church and of the Holy Ghost. Just light enough to do our work, "for the night cometh in which no work can be done". (St. John ix. 4).

"The day is at hand." St. Chrysostom wrote: "The birds twittering under the roof, or such other tokens that the night is on the wane, and men awaking each other, and saying, 'It is now time to arise, it is time to put on our armour for the day.'"

"Let us therefore cast off the works of darkness." By repentance, by confession, by faith, by constant watchfulness and prayer, by self-denial, by using every means of grace, "that in the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty to judge both the quick and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal."

Is It A Thrush Or A Thrasher?

By The Bird Woman

We hope all our readers have read the story of the brown thrasher in the November "Reader's Digest."

We wonder how many of us know the difference between a thrasher and a thrush, or if they are the same bird called by different names. Some will be surprised to learn that they even belong to different families entirely.

Let's discuss the thrasher first. It belongs to the Mimidae family; to this family also belong the eastern mocking bird and the familiar cat bird. It shows its kinship to the mocker by its shape, habits, and also its song. The thrasher has a long slim body and tail like the mocker. It is larger than the robin, being from 10 inches to 11½ inches in length. Although not as efficient in the art of mimicry as the mocker, yet it has many of the soft melodious tones that the mocker possesses; but being more shy than the mocker, it often fails to get the credit due it as a songster. Its color is russet with heavy dark streaks on its light breast and a touch of white along the edges of the wings. Its eyes are yellow.

Describing the thrasher brings to our mind one of the distinctive contrasts in the marking of the thrasher and the thrush; there are many varieties of thrush, but those that have markings on the breast have distinct dots instead of streaks, as the thrasher has on its light breast.

Owing to the retiring habits of the thrasher, it is not usually supposed to be a permanent resident. But it is one of our year-round birds. It remains in north and central Florida most of the year, but in winter it visits south Florida.

It enjoys thickets and swamps, and builds a cup-like nest in thickets or vines and utilizes coarse twigs for its nest, but as most birds, it lines its nest with soft rootlets and grasses.

The male is very alert during the nesting season and will not hesitate to attack cats, snakes, or other enemies.

The thrasher scratches in dry leaves and leaf mould, similar to barnyard poultry. It eats wild berries and sseds of native shrubs, the pokeberry being its favorite. Its animal diet consists of beetles, weevels, caterpillars, grasshoppers, crickets, etc. So you see, we have a wonderful helper in this bird. It is on the honor roll of the U. S. Agriculture Dept. and is protected by federal law.

We cannot give a great deal of detail on the thrush, for there are so many varieties living in far-separated areas. But we will name a few of them with which you are no doubt familiar.

The thrush belongs to the Turdidae family. To this family also belong the eastern robin, southern robin, eastern hermit thrush, olive-backed thrush, grey-cheeked thrush, veery (Wilson's thrush), eastern bluebird, and Florida bluebird.

One outstanding feature of the thrush is its large eyes. These enable it to see in the shady haunts which some love to frequent, while others frequent the high dry pineylands, where they too find abundant insects in the grasses and leaves. Some species prefer the islands, and at stated seasons, they migrate through Florida to and from the Keys or Tortugas.

The thrush has a moderately slender bill for hunting among the leaves, and has extra long legs for a singer. These legs are also an asset in feeding among the leaves.

While we recognize the thrush as a migratory bird in Florida, yet the wood thrush comes close to being a native bird. It frequently nests in western Florida, but as many other birds, vacations in northern states.

Its body is about the size of the brown thrasher, and it is also a wonderful helper in eradicating insects.

'TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY"

By Russell Kay

Big Jim Farley, one time party boss, speaking at the annual dinner of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce in Tampa, thrilled all real true Democrats with his clear cut defense of Democratic principles and his denunciation of the Socialistic Fair Deal with its labor tie-up that has brought discredit on all true Democrats and resulted in substantial Republican gains in the recent election.

Jim Farley is a real Democrat, a true Democrat, and he has no sympathy for the so-called liberals who have all but wrecked the party with their attempts to regiment the country, centralize all power in Washington, and bring to America the same type of Socialistic government that has wrecked England and brought disaster wherever it has been applied.

He pointed out that the attempts of Union bosses to control national politics and defeat any candidate who dared defy its edicts was soundly defeated because the American people would not permit any selfish group to take over the government, and he complimented Florida on its wisdom and good judgment in leading the nation in kicking the "Fair Deal" squarely in the pants last May.

Labor, he pointed out, put everything it had into the effort to elect its favorites and to defeat those it considered its enemies, but the labor bosses were not able to control the intelligent membership of labor unions, either the CIO or the AFL, and working men as good sound, intelligent American citizens marched to the polls and cast their own independent ballots for the men of their choice in defiance of their boss whip-crackers.

This, it said, showed clearly that this country does not want a "Labor Party" and was content to go on with the two party system that has made this the greatest nation on earth. He expressed personal gratitude over the defeat of Representative Vito Marcantonio of New York supported by the Communists and the abortive Labor Party of leftists. He said the outlook was very dark for a third or fourth party in this country.

Cracking down on the administration's so-called "Fair Deal" program, he said the recent elections, both North and South, showed clearly that the people want no part of this Socialistic effort. He denounced the Brannan Farm Plan and pointed out that both the Farm Bureau Federation and the American Farm Bureau opposed it, and he was equally opposed to the attempt being made to force Socialized Medicine on this country. He said the people would not approve such issues and warned that the administration better pull in its horns and take a new tack as indicated by the public expression at the polls on November 7.

While he did not mention Senator Claude Pepper by name, he made it clear that the Senator had certainly guessed wrong and allied himself with groups and policies that were obnoxious to true Democrats and Americans which brought about his downfall.

A keen and experienced political analyst, Farley pulled no punches and his talk thrilled every loyal Democrat, for he was speaking from the heart with the best interests of the party and its future in mind.

Farley, who has spent 28 years in public office, interpreted the recent elections as an "order from the voters to go slow with any further experiments in domestic affairs, at least for the duration."

Former Governor Doyle Carlton of Tampa was selected as president to succeed Walter Hays, during the closing hours of the meeting, and the state can look for continued progress and development of the Chamber under his sound and able leadership.

$8,165,000 Increase In Auto Tax

— Special state taxes collected each year from Florida motorists will jump by at least $8,165,000 because of the 1950 increase in motor vehicle ownership, Glen P. Woodard, Executive Secretary of the Florida Petroleum Industries Committee said today.

His computation is based on preliminary estimates of 1950 car, bus and truck registrations recently released by the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads.

The Bureau of Public Roads estimated that Florida will have 952,000 registered motor vehicles at the beginning of 1951, compared with 855,504 at the start of 1950.

Cold Snap Does Only Minor Damage

Although low temperature records were smashed throughout the South and Florida got her share of icy breezes, her billion dollar fruit and vegetable crop came through with only minor damage thanks to winds that prevented the cold from settling.

Warned of disasterous low temperatures for the entire state, citrus and vegetable growers expected the worst but a kind Providence ruled otherwise and while some tender vegetables were lost in the heavy producing centers, the damage generally was slight.

With the sugar cane harvest just starting in Clewiston, the United States Sugar Corporation kept its fingers crossed as thermometer reading steadily went down but the bulk of their bumper crop came through unharmed, and General Manager Vaughn stated that indications still point to a record-breaking grind this season if the crop continues to escape cold damage.

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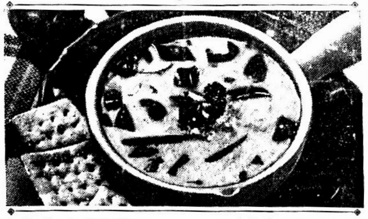

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Pioneer Family Holds Reunion

Seven branches of the Tomlinson family, pioneer family of South Florida, gathered on the banks of the Istokpoga canal, at Sol McClelland's Fish Camp, for a family reunion on Thanksgiving Day. They numbered 134 persons, including a few family friends.

Of the original family (there were eleven brothers and sisters), Mrs. Mattie Thomas and her sister, Mrs. Dacie Prescott, are the only ones living; and every member of their immediate families were present.

Mr. George Boney, Sr., had the largest family group present.

Of the oldest children descending from the original family, Sol McClelland and his sisters and brothers formed the largest family group present at this outstanding reunion.

Other family groups were those of Mr. Jimmie Tomlinson, Sr., of Avon Park, Mrs. Eddie Bass, and Mrs. Frank Thomas of Okeechobee.

A grand dinner of barbecued beef and pork, with all the trimmings was served to the party by Cliff Thomas and Sol McClelland.

Rev. Pletcher of Lorida gave the devotional, and Rev. Horace Hill returned thanks.

During the afternoon, pictures of the different family groups were taken, and other entertainments were enjoyed.

The family hopes to make this reunion an annual affair.

Holiday Gathering At Driggers Home

A group of friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mr. adn Mrs. V. W. Driggers, 304 Fairfield Avenue, to share Thanksgiving dinner, covered dish style. The bounteous turkey dinner and an afternoon of fellowship was enjoyed by the following: Mr. and Mrs. C. J. King of Eustis, Florida; Mrs. Laudy Driggers, Mrs. Roger Schneck and daughter Linda Dianne, of Bowling Green, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. David Birrell and daughters Mary Grace and Linda Ruth, Miss Leola Driggers, of Wauchula, Florida; Mr. and Mrs. Joe Franza and Georgeanne; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Mathews, Johnny and Grace; Miss Millie Pearson; Mr. and Mrs. I. G. Rowe; Mr. and Mrs. Earl Varnes; Miss Mildred Myers; Mrs. Mary C. Shearer; Mr. and Mrs. J. Paxton Hill and Paxton, Jr.; Mrs. Alice Sherman, Mrs. Mary Oliver; Mr. and Mrs. George Harrison, Sara Leslie, Judy and Mike; Mrs. Addie Lee Best and Charles; Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Wilhite and Jim; Mrs. Bertha Wilson; Mr. and Mrs. William Monroe and Jewel; Mr. and Mrs. Vaughan Driggers.

Excellent Show Between Halves

Those who attended the Avon Park - Sebring football game here Wednesday night, November 22, also enjoyed an entertaining between-halves show performed by the high school bands and majorettes of the two communities, under the able direction of Paul Gustat, Jr., Sebring, and Gene Gorman, Avon Park. Avon Park presented a finished exhibition of the "Good-night, Irene" routine; while Sebring held a musical "battle", with different instruments playing different tunes, in such a manner that harmony nevertheless resulted. The band students and majorettes of both towns are to be commended for their skill, and the hours of practice responsible for it.

Sponsors for the game, and their escorts, were introduced between the halves. They were: for Avon Park, Lynn Longbottom, Patricia Smith, Gene Cruse, and Edgar Pabor; for Sebring, Sandra Weaver, Carol Ann Collins, John Edward Carson, and Gene Cason.

P.T.A. County Council Meets

The recently-organized County Council of the Parent-Teachers Association held its first regular meeting Monday, November 27, at Lake Placid. John H. G. Hutchinson, president, presided at the meeting. Mrs. L. M. Lagoni was delegate from Avon Park.

F. M. Wild, Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the principals of the various schools in the county attended.

The County Council serves as a coordinating body for the local P.T.A. groups in Highlands County.

The Lake Placid P.T.A. members were hosts to the meeting, and served refreshments.

Help Avon Park High School Band get new uniforms by attending the Amateur Show at the High School Auditorium, Thursday night, December 7th, at 8 o'clock.

Supper Meeting For Baptist Men

The Brotherhood group of the First Baptist Church met Monday, November 20, with 36 men present. Rev. Tate, pastor of New Hope Church, Hardee County, was the speaker.

A "Man and Boy Movement" was inaugurated at the meeting. Each man will bring to Sunday school and church at least one boy for four consecutive Sundays, which will entitle him to bring the boy as his guest to a Brotherhood banquet on December 18. The Brotherhood also agreed to support the Baptist Evangelistic Crusade and sponsor prayer services for it next spring.

The president, Marshall Davis, assisted by several women of the church, prepared the excellent chicken supper.

Officers for this year are: president, Marshall Davis, vice president in charge of membership, Joe Sparks, vice president in charge of activities, J. G. Harrell, vice president in charge of program, Daniel Bennett, secretary and treasurer, Luke Moseley.

Women of the Moose Regular Meeting

Chapter 1137 of Avon Park, Women of the Moose, held its regular meeting Monday night, November 27, at 8:00.

Mrs. Mary M. King was presented by Mrs. Bernice Mintz, pro tem for Guide Ruth Hines, and carried through the impressive work of the order.

A very interesting book review was given by Mrs. Ruth Stoddard, visitor from Binghamton, N. Y., on Helen McInnes' story, "Rest and Be Thankful."

The Chapter voted to donate to the Mooseheart Library for National Book Week, Lindman's book on "The Life of Jesus."

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, December 11, at 8:00 P. M. at Moose Lodge.

Evelyn Pate To Be Married

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Pate have announced the engagement of their daughter, Miss Evelyn Euylene Pate, to Darwin Palmer Stoll, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Stoll of Avon Park and 3411 Corona Ave., Tampa.

Miss Pate is a graduate of Avon Park High School and is a member of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. She is presently employed by the Inter-County Telephone and Telegraph Company in Avon Park.

Mr. Stoll also attended schools in Avon Park and served two years in the Marines. He is now employed with the Brinson Construction Company of Tampa but plans to enter Florida Southern College at Lakeland in the near future.

Wedding plans will be announced later.

Jackson Circle Regular Meeting

On Tuesday, November 21, the Jackson Circle of W.S.C.S., First Methodist Church, held its monthly meeting at the home of Mrs. Charles Harris. Mrs. Mary Gresham was co-hostess.

Mrs. Ethel Ames led the devotional. Results of the bazaar were then discussed. Plans were made for the December meeting. A good financial report was made by the treasurer.

The hostesses served delicious pumpkin pie, coffee, salted nuts and mints.

Twenty-two were present at the meeting, including five guests.

P.T.A. LIBRARY

The following helpful and informative books have been purchased by the P.T.A., and may be borrowed by parents. Mrs. Claire Rowe is in charge of this nucleus of a P.T.A. library.

Babe in a House, by Mollie Stevens Smart.

Neighbors in Action, by Rachel Davis DuBois.

Love is Not Enough: The Treatment of Emotionally Disturbed Children, by Bruno Bettelheim.

Informal Adult Education: A Guide to Administrators, Leaders, and Teachers, by Malcolm S. Knowles.

Let's Live at Home: A Practical Guide to Family Living, by Irvine H. Millgate.

Blondes Prefer Gentlemen, by Sheila John Daly.

The last book was written by a girl in her late 'teens, and is reported to be very amusing.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Frizzell had as their guests for Thanksgiving dinner Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hicks and children of Arcadia, Sgt. B. A. Frizzell, Jr., and family, of MacDill Field, Tampa, and Mr. Frizzell, Sr's mother and brother, Mrs. Maggie Drawdy and Curtis Drawdy of Avon Park.

When you do your Christmas shopping, why not include a book for our library?

Births

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Hiller announce the birth of a son at 1 A. M., Wednesday, November 29, at University Hospital, Columbus, Ohio. Birth weight was 6 pounds ¾ ounces. Mrs. Hiller is the former Doris Reddick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Reddick.

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To Mr. and Mrs. William Bert Finney of Wauchula, a son, William Bert Finney II, born November 21 at Walker Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 9 pounds 2 ounces.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Elgar Cobb, a daughter, Linda Gail, born November 22, at Walker Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 7 pounds 6 ounces.

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To Mr. and Mrs. John George Caraberis of Bridgeport, Conn., a son, John George Caraberis, Jr., born November 24 at Walker Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 8 pounds 9 ounces.

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To Mr. and Mrs. John Ray Clark of Ft. Ogden, Fla., a son, Douglas Edward, born November 24 at Walker Memorial Hospital. Birthweight was 6 pounds 8 ounces.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin Barber of Sebring, a son, James Earl, born November 24 at Walker Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 6 pounds 4 ounces.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. Ned Cox of Frostproof announce the birth of a son, Michael Ned, born November 27, at Drs. Coleman and Northup's Clinic. Birth weight was 7 pounds 6 ounces. Mrs. Cox is the former Miss Marie Basemore of Avon Park. Little Michael Ned is the great-grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Still.

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To Mr. and Mrs. George Franklin Ward, a daughter, Marcia Leigh, born November 28 at Walker Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 6 pounds 8 ounces.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Albert Griffith of Iceland, temporarily in Wauchula, a son, born November 29 at Walker Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 7 pounds 12 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Beasely and son, Jimmy, of Lake Wales, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collins and Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pendleton on Thanksgiving Day.

Dr. and Mrs. Stuart J. Ward attended the convention of the Florida Dental Association in Hollywood ,Fla., last week from Sunday to Wednesday.

House guests of Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Barben over the Thanksgiving holiday were Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Corbin and their son, Jeff, from Red Hook, N.Y., Rev. and Mrs. Harry Geissinger and children, Lynn and Rick, of Lebanon, Pa.; Mr. and Mrs. William Bonsell and children, Susan and Bill, of Harrisburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Babcock, new residents, are welcomed. They arrived this week from Melbourne. Mr. Babcock, an electrician, has been employed by Paul Crichfield. Mrs. Babcock, a registered nurse, is employed at Drs. Coleman and Northup's Clinic. She is the former Eileen Young of Sebring.

Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Riggins of West Canfield St. had as their Thanksgiving guests their son-in-law and daughter, Pat and Estelle Morgan and son; their daughter, Mary Gray; their son and daughter-in-law, Al and Ann Riggins; all of Miami; and Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan, of Birmingham, Ala., who are spending the winter in Miami with their son, Pat Morgan, and his family.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Watson of Pittsburgh and Hadley, Pa., who came to Avon Park recently, have purchased the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Donaldson on Lake Isis for their winter home. Mr. Watson, who was formerly instructor in the Pittsburgh schools, retired after 40 years service on October 1, 1950. However, Mrs. Watson is well-known here, as she has spent the past three seasons in Avon Park. We welcome them to this community.

Rev. and Mrs. A. J. Sunderland, Mrs. Arshur Boulton, Rev. Frank Wolf, Rev. and Mrs. E. E. Shiltz and son, Jerome, motored to Sebring for Thanksgiving dinner, after which they visited the Brighton Indian reservation, going to the reservation headquarters, where they saw Prof. W. D. Boehner, the head of the school. They also visited an Indian village. They met a retired Baptist Indian preacher; also a young man studying for the ministry at the Baptist Institute in Lakeland, The Rev. William Osceola, a descendant of the noted Seminole chief, Osceola. The group then visited Lake Okeechobee before returning to their homes.

Anne Pabor spent the Thanksgiving holiday at home.

Mrs. Bertha Pabor made a business trip to Tampa Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Dick have returned from West Lake, Ohio, to spend the winter here.

Mrs. DeRheta Saylor and daughter Jan spent the week-end in Miami, visiting relatives.

Mrs. Louis Moeckel has returned to Avon Park from New York City.

George Childress was home from Gainesville for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred England spent Thanksgiving with F. A. England, Sr., at Indian Rocks Beach.

Mrs. Bill Carter and two sons from Mulberry spent the Thanksgiving holiday with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. S. Beall of Canton, Ohio, returned last week to spend the winter at their home on West Pleasant St.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Swartz have returned from Harrisburg, Pa., to their home on North Highlands for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Pfenning of Green Bay, Wisc., have returned to their Avon Park residence.

J. F. Walden of Metamora, Ill., [illegible] Wednesday to spend the winter with his sister, Mrs. [illegible] Walden.

W. F. Fowler, mathematics teacher at Green Cove Springs high school, spent the Thanksgiving holiday at Lake Byrd Lodge with Mrs. Fowler and their son.

Miss Helen Pickens returned home from Eglin Air Field for Thanksgiving weekend. She is the daughter of Rev. and Mrs. John E. Pickens.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Knowles of Miami Springs, and Mrs. W. L. Skipper and baby of St. Augustine, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bennett Saturday.

Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Stevenson and family spent last weekend at the Tuttle home on Lake Byrd. Mr. Stevenson is pastor of the First Congregational Church in Jacksonville.

Remember the Moose Amateur Show at the High School Auditorium, Thursday, December 7th. All proceeds are to be used to buy new uniforms for our School Band.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Collins of Dotham, Alabama, visited his brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collins last week. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pendleton.

Billy Miller returned to Massey College, Jacksonville, Sunday night, to resume his studies, after spending the Thanksgiving holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Frizzell.

Miss Marjorie Hetherington spent Thanksgiving Day at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hetherington. She had as her guest Jim Beardsley of Spring Lake, Michigan, a fellow student at Southern College.

Guests of H. I. Smith and Miss Daisy Smith, North Highlands Ave., are their niece and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Tower, of Milwaukee, Wisc. The Towers came for Thanksgiving, and will stay two weeks.

Charles Parker Kempton of Brentsville, Va., arrived Tuesday morning to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Kempton. The elder Mr. Kempton is still seriously ill in Walker Memorial Hospital.

Ann Brodie, student at the University of Florida, spent the Thanksgiving holiday at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Brodie. Bill Brodie, also of the University of Florida, spent Thanksgiving with his grandparents in Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ginn and Nancy and Betsey spent the weekend of Nov. 18-19 in St. Petersburg, visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Sr., his sister, Mrs. Carl Sexton, and family, and his brother, Hartwell Ginn, and family.

Little Kenneth Carter, five and a half years old, of Mulberry, is convalescing at the home of his grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. I. W. Chandler, after undergoing a hernia operation at Weems Hospital, Sebring, on November 16. He is practically well now.

Rev. and Mrs. Ernest Glen Wood and Miss Alice Haines of DeLand, Miss Marie Skinner of Winter Park, Miss Anna Haines and Miss Anna Belle Clair of Lockport, N. Y., and Miss Caroline Gates of Buffalo, N. Y., were Thanksgiving guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Maysack.

One of those things happened again last week. A whole line was dropped from an item, which should have read: Mr. and Mrs. Walton Touchton, Jr., and daughters, Belinda and Jacquelyn of Daytona Beach, were the Thanksgiving guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Touchton.

EDITOR'S MAIL BAG

Jacksonville, Fla.
November 28, 1950

Dear Mr. Kinney:

A genuine word of real appreciation for publishing a Thanksgiving appeal for funds and foodstuffs for our Society in your issue of November 10. We have had a very favorable response and want you to know that your helpful cooperation has meant a very great deal to us.

Very sincerely yours,
Marcus C. Fagg,
State Superintendent
Children's Home Society
of Florida

"The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can't be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it." —Anon

Read all the ads as you will find them very interesting.

UNEMPLOYMENT IN HIGHLANDS IS LOW

Tallahassee, Nov. 28 — Statewide unemployment insurance payments for the week ending November 24 amounted to $69,504 a substantial decrease from the week ending November 17 when payments amounted to $96,656. Counties showing the largest declines were Dade, Duval, Orange and Hillsborough.

These figures are released weekly by the Florida Industrial Commission.

Broken down by counties it was revealed that in Highlands County there was paid $537.00 to 45 unemployed workers. Unemployment in this County is a marked low reflecting the usual seasonal trend.

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5 rm. House, 154 young trees $7875
6 rm. House, 5 acres Citrus - $7000
5 rm. House, Lakefront — $8000
3 B. rm. House, garage — $8500
4 rm. House, 5 A. citrus — $8000
5 rm. House, Garage Apt., both furnished — $9500
2 Apt. House, close in — $9500
2 Apt. House, fruit — $10,000
4 B. rm. House, fruit — $13,500
2 Apt. House Lakefront—$13,650
6 rm. House, Garage Apt. Lakefront — $18,500
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NOTICE TO IOOF MEMBERS and former members. You are asked to contact the signer of this notice if you are interested in the reactivation of the Avon Park Odd Fellow Lodge. Signed: Ozro Barnett, Dist. Deputy Grand Master, District 16. Address Route One, Box 52, Bartow, Florida. 4tp 52

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA
Bill For Divorce
WARREN BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, Plaintiff,
vs
TULVERA HASTINGS FRANKLIN, Defendant

NOTICE TO APPEAR

TO THE DEFENDANT, TULVERA HASTINGS FRANKLIN: You are hereby notified that a Bill [illegible] has been filed against you in the above styled Court, the purpose of which is to procure a [illegible] by the plaintiff, Warren Benjamin Franklin. You are hereby [illegible] to appear to the said [illegible] on or before the [illegible] day of January, [illegible] in default [illegible]

[illegible] Highlands [illegible]

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Court of the County Judge, Highlands County, Florida. In Probate.
In re Estate of [illegible]

To All Creditors and Persons Having Claims or Demands Against Said Estate:

[illegible] County Judge of Highlands County [illegible] this notice. Each claim or demand shall be in writing and shall state the place of residence and post office address of the claimant and shall be sworn to by the claimant, agent, or attorney [illegible]

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FOR SALE — Lester 6 foot Grand Piano and King Flute. Both in good condition. Mrs. T. J. Ward, Phone 17[illegible] No. 3 2[illegible]

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FOR SALE — Upright piano, good condition, $75.00. Slightly used Electrolux cleaner complete with attachments, $65.00. New "Stella" guitar complete with music stand and book, $14.00. See these at 129 W. Bell St. If interested, write W. D. Fletcher, Sarasota, Fla. No. 3 2tc

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ORDINANCE NO. 333

An ordinance adopting the National Electric Code and providing for examination of applicants for licenses as electricians and for a Board of Examiners and an Electrical Inspector, and detailing the method for selection of said Board of Examiners and Electrical Inspector and defining their duties, regulating the supply of electric current to new installations, and providing for revocation of licenses [illegible] requiring electrical work [illegible]

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF AVON PARK, a municipal corporation of Highlands County, Florida, as follows:

1. The National Electric Code is hereby adopted and approved and made a part of this ordinance and shall be [illegible] the minimum standard [illegible] Avon Park, Florida, and [illegible]

2. [illegible]

[illegible] electrician may, for that cause, be revoked in the manner set forth in this ordinance.

[illegible]

[illegible] If the licensee does not demand a hearing after receiving the written statement of cause for revocation, as herein provided, the license shall be revoked.

9. Prior to entering upon any new electrical work of the type or types contemplated by the National Electrical Code, each licensed electrician in the City of Avon Park [illegible] shall [illegible] permit [illegible] disapproval of the work by the Electrical Inspector.

10. All ordinances in conflict herewith [illegible] are hereby repealed [illegible]

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of November, 1950 [illegible] Regular Session at Avon Park, Florida.
[illegible]
President, City Council, City of Avon Park, Florida
Attest: [illegible], City Clerk
[illegible] 1950.
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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA, Petitioner
vs
THE STATE OF FLORIDA, et al., Respondents

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

TO THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND THE SEVERAL PROPERTY OWNERS, TAXPAYERS, CITIZENS AND OTHERS HAVING OR CLAIMING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY TO BE AFFECTED BY THE ISSUANCE BY THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA, OF WATER REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 1950, HEREIN AFTER MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED, OR TO BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY THEREBY:

The State of Florida, through the State Attorney [illegible] Circuit of said State, and the several property [illegible] City of Avon Park, Florida, of Water Revenue Bonds, Series 1950 [illegible]

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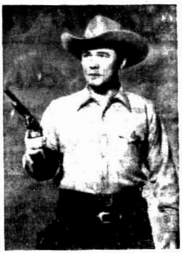
Cowboy of the Week



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Anon

CHRISTMAS SEAL BOOKMARKS

Readers who borrow from Avon Park Library between November 20 and Christmas will find a bright colored, "seasonal" book mark [illegible] according to an announcement today by Mrs. W. J. Head, county Seal Sale chairman and Miss Avis Slaughter, librarian at the Avon Park Library.

The bookmarks will be supplied by the Highlands County Tuberculosis Association and will serve as reminders of the 1950 Christmas Seal Sale, which will be conducted by the association from Nov. 21 to December 25 to raise funds to support its 1951 health program.

Inside the folded bookmark is a brief quiz that will help the [illegible] determine whether he is doing all he should to keep a check on the health of his lungs [illegible]

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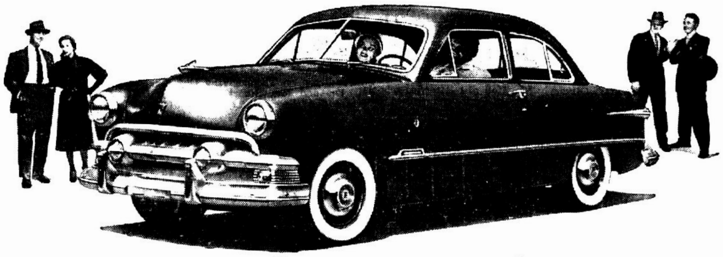

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ECONOMY BINDERY
FORT MEADE FLA

New '51 Chevrolet On Display At I. H. Ford Motor Company

Added safety, greater driving ease and fresh re-styling highlight the 1951 Chevrolet which goes on display at the I. H. Ford Motor Company tomorrow (Saturday, December 9).

Important improvements and changes are featured in both chassis and body. These changes range from the biggest brakes in the low price field to extensive design innovations that make the car appear much longer and lower than any previous model.

The Powerglide automatic transmission, Chevrolet's sensational driving advance, has been refined for the lastest models, although remaining fundamentally the same flexible driving control that has already enrolled a quarter of a million satisfied owners. It will again be optional on DeLuxe models only.

Fourteen passenger body types are included in the 1951 line. Two and four-door sedans will be available in Styleine and Fleetline series. All sedans and the sport coupe will come in DeLuxe or Special trim. A convertible coupe, all-steel station wagon and the Chevrolet Bel Air, which has scored so sensationally in popularity, are exclusively in the De Luxe series. The business coupe will be available only as a model in the Special series.

For the Chevrolet retail organization the presentation of the 1951 series will come as a climax to its greatest year. Sales during 1950 will establish a new record and once again will top all competition by a substantial margin.

Greater Response Asked For Providing Christmas Baskets

The Christmas Committee of the Avon Park Childrens Committee held a meeting on Tuesday evening at 7:30 at the Methodist Church.

The meeting was called by W. T. Connell, chairman, relative to the providing of Christmas baskets and other materials for needy families this Christmas.

Those present were: W. T. Connell, S. F. Longbottom, A. B. Wilhite, Mrs. Charles Shepherd, Mrs. Helen Harris, Mrs. B. J. Thigpen, and Mrs. Amelia Dick. A much greater response than was evidenced at this meeting is needed if the plan and program is to be successful. Time is growing short.

Another meeting has been called for Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Methodist Church.

All interested organizations are asked to send representatives to this meeting with information as to what the particular groups will be able to do toward making the program a success. In order to secure uniformity of the baskets cash donations will be necessary. It will be very helpful if the representatives can bring the organization's check along with them to the meeting.

RELIGIOUS FILM AT CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

SECOND CHANCE, something new and different in a church film, will be shown at the 7:30 o'clock service at the Union Congregational Church this Sunday night. SECOND CHANCE is a feature-length picture in sound and has been acclaimed as the finest religious film ever filmed. This picture was made in Hollywood at the Nasseur Studios. It is based on a story by Faith Baldwin which appeared in Woman's Day and was adapted for the screen by Robert Presnell, Sr. Ruth Warrick, John Hubbard and Hugh Beaumont are starred in the leading rales. All three are required to age thirty years in the picture. For Miss Warrick this involved thirty-one wardrobe changes. Her portrayal of Emily Dean is outstanding. She regards it as the best performance of her stage and screen career. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Is This You?

You were seen late Tuesday afternoon on Main Street, leaning against the front of a parked car. You are about 5 feet 11, have dark hear, wear glasses. You wore a red, yellow and brown plaid shirt, blue trousers, and had a white apron twisted around your waist. If this is you, call at Hilans box-office or the Sun, and receive two passes to see "A Life of Her Own," with Lana Turner and Ray Milland next Thursday and Friday, December 14 and 15.

Last week's "Is This You?" was Mrs. C. O. Bryant.

D. G. Perry Talks To Rotarians

Postmaster D. G. Perry held the limelight at the Wednesday luncheon meeting in a very interesting talk on the business of running the local postoffice. Mr. Perry covered the subject from selling post cards, stamps, money and postal orders and Postal Savings Accounts to the one-a-day delivery, and a reminder to wrap your Christmas paskages and mail early.

Walter Betts, program chairman injected considerable humor in his introduction of the speaker, and when he announced who the speaker was for the day, the Club rose as a body and started for the exits. "Doug" being a good Rotarian took the kidding in his usual good natured way, and proceeded to give a very interesting talk on the operation of the local office.

Three 11-year old prospective Boy Scouts were guests of the Club and were presented certificates by the Club president that entitles them to a handbook on Scouting when they become Scouts. The boys were Edwin Robert Carter, Wayne Knowles and Vance Charles Snodgrass.

Guests and visiting Rotarians were: R. L. Maxson, E. F. Armstrong, Rev. Bob Liner, Ben Hill Griffin all of Avon Park; J. G. Maxcy, L. Alsmeyer, Dr. Bunch, A. Intz, Sebring.

Special Union Service For Peace

The people of Avon Park are called together to pray for peace and God's guidance at a special union service to be held at the First Baptist Church at 12:30 noon Friday, December 8. This service has been planned by the Avon Park Ministers' Association. The Reverend Robert T. Liner, Pastor of the Church in which the services will be held, will be in charge.

The clergy of Avon Park feel that the people of this community ought to be much in prayer during this critical period in international affairs, remembering in particular the President of the United States and the leaders of freedom-loving countries within the United Nations.

Services of prayer are also being planned in the individual churches of the community. These services will be held at 12:30 noon on Tuesdays each week beginning December 12, until further notice. The pastors of these churches are urging their people to attend these services and to support the Wednesday prayer services in their respective churches.

County Board Met Tuesday

Tuesday was the deadline for the Highlands County commissioners to award contracts for construction and equipping of a proposed jail annex.

The bids were opened last month and the apparent low bidders had agreed to keep their prices in effect until today, in order to give the board time to arrange for financing the project. But no contracts were awarded.

County Attorney Keith Collyer advised the members that he had made many contacts but could interest no one in taking the proposed certificates of payment by which the money for the annex was to be raised.

The estimated cost, including financing expense, is around the $100,000 mark.

The commission is stymied because the state wants an addition to relieve overcrowding in the present jail, but no funds are in sight, and, to add to their troubles, many taxpayers have protested the spending of a huge sum in these times. Further, the board doubts that the freeholders would approve a bond issue for the annex.

Rev. H. Edward Garrett assisted the district superintendent of the Sarasota District of the Methodist chiurch in holding sub-district evangelistic rallies at Fort Myers, Bradenton, and Wauchula on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday of this week. Mr. Garrett is secretary of evangelism in the Sarasoto District.

A View of Speakers' Table and Others at the Annual Dinner of Chamber of Commerce, Nov. 30th

Photo by Lenny Rush Studio

John "Tex" Coleman Killed In Crash

Residents of Avon Park were shocked Tuesday morning by the news that John W. (Tex) Coleman had been killed in an automobile crash Monday night on U.S. Highway 19, about 16 miles north of Cross City.

Russell Mizelle left here shortly after the accident and returned with the body Tuesday.

"Tex" as he was known to all his friends here in Avon Park left here about 4:30 o'clock Monday afternoon for Atlanta, Ga. where he had an appointment at 8 o'clock the next morning. He had been serving on the local police force for the past several months and was well and favorably known here, and was a friend of all the children of this city as was demonstrated by the number that viewed his body at the Mizelle Funeral home Wednesday morning.

According to Florida Highway Patrolman C. Musgrove, of Cross City, who investigated the accident, Coleman was traveling at a high rate of speed when he attempted to pass a truck and swerved into its rear in an effort to avoid a head-on collision with a southbound auto that blocked his passing attempt.

Musgrove said the accident occurred on the straightest stretch of highway in Dixie County, near Forsyth's Tourist Court. The truck, operated by Roy L. Gaddis, of Hub, Miss., was loaded with tractors.

Mr. Coleman was a World War II veteran and came to Avon Park from Seymour, Texas, eight years ago. He was stationed here during the war.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Walta Lee Coleman, and a stepson, Mickey, this city; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Coleman, Seymour, Tex.; three sisters, Mrs. Stella Wood, Seymour; Mrs. Roy Thomas, Haskel, Tex.; and Mrs. Byrd, Paris, Tex., and five brothers, Lt. Jim Coleman, in Korea; Clarence and Rufus Coleman, Jr., Paris; Glen Coleman, Haskel, and Paul Coleman, Oregon.

A short prayer service for John Willis Coleman, age 33, was held at 11:00 o'clock Wednesday morning, December 6, at the Mizelle Funeral Home Chapel, with Rev. Robert T. Liner officiating, after which the remains were forwarded to Seymour, Tex., for services and interment there.

HELPFUL BULLETINS AT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The Chamber of Com. has in its office a supply of new bulletins issued by the State Department of Agriculture, which may be had for the asking by residents and visitors. You can find in these bulletins information about Florida's history, how to raise bees, or how to raise fruits, vegetables and flowers here. Here is a partial list of pamphlets:

Mangoes in Florida

Florida Fruits and Vegetables in the Family Menu

Landscape Plants for Florida Homes

Florida Seafood Cookery

State Audit Raps Bidless Buying By County Board

A state audit of business of the Highlands County commission received Friday, Dec. 1st, accused the board of purchasing bridge materials without bids, two of its members of nepotism, and questioned its handling of automotive, gas and oil, and right-of-way purchases.

The report, made by Assistant State Auditor Robert S. Austin for the fiscal year ending in Sept., also said the commission overpaid County Presecutor Otis Whitehurst.

The report of the audit was received from the state comptroller by Circuit Court Clerk H. T. Piety, clerk to the commission.

Austin listed three vouchers in the amounts of $732, $321 and $1302 for lumber in support of his contention that the law requiring advertising for bids on purchases of more than $300 was violated.

The auditor also questioned the board's procedure in the purchase of automotive equipment, and the manner of advertising for bids on the equipment.

He also commented that gas and oil was purchased at full retail price, whereas considerable saving could have been effected by purchase on an annual contract basis. Gas and oil purchases during the audit period totaled $12,724.

Further, Austin cited the board's procedure in acquiring right-of-way for State Road 64, which caused a squabble between the commission and the state highway department.

The report stated that there was some evidence, "not conclusive," that Commissioner M. H. Grice was interested in an Avon Park garage at which purchases amounting to $1112 were made.

According to the audit, two commissioners, Grice and A. C.

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Light Your Lawn For Christmas

It is a pleasant modern custom to make one's town a picture of holiday rejoicing by extending cur bright decorations from the inside of the home to the outside. To promote this custom, the Garden Club of Avon Park is again sponsoring outdoor lighting and decoration, and will award prizes for the most attractive.

If you are planning outdoor decoration, and would like it entered in the contest, please register your name and address at the Chamber of Commerce. Saturday, December 23, is the deadline.

Three classifications will be judged: 1, decorated doorways; 2, decorated windows; and 3, outside decorations, which are to be a Christmas tree or Christmas scene. Prizes are: first, blue ribbons, 2nd, red ribbons; 3rd, white ribbons. The judges will be competent persons from out-of-town.

Don't forget to register so that the judges will have your name and be able to call at your home.

Avon Park Band Ass'n. Met Monday

The Avon Park Band Association met Monday night at the High School and in the absence of the president, vice-president Mrs. Ken Harris presided until the election of the new officers for the school year 1950-1951.

The following were the officers elected for the year:

President, Alton Elder; Vice President, Mrs. Ken Harris; Treasurer, A. B. Wilhite; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Ted Ward; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Paxton Hill.

In accepting the presidency, Mr. Elder told of his plans and ambitions for the future of the band.

An invitation to the A.P.H.S. Band to participate in the Gasparilla Parade was read.

The business which had accumulated since the last meeting was brought to the attention of the Association and accomplished as presented.

The important factor to be decided in this meeting was the stand to be made regarding the merger of all school activities in with the Florida High School Athletic Association and forming a Florida High School Activities Association.

The Avon Park High School Band Association went on record, without a dissenting vote, as being opposed to the merger and recommendations will be sent to the interested parties regarding this decision.

1st Basketball Game Of The Season

The Frostproof boys and girls teams will open the basketball season here tonight (Friday) at 7:30 when they meet the Avon Park teams at the High School gymnasium. Coach Carter promises some fast action on the part of the local teams, and it is hoped that a good crowd will turn out to help boost the local players to a first win.

Possible starting line-up for boys is: Jim Kelly, center; Doug Fields, forward; Jerril Clenney, forward; Gene Cruse, guard; Bruce Spencer, guard. Substitutes: Jack Ward, guard; Bobby Whitcomb, forward; Clifton Clark, forward; Fred Meeks, guard; Frank Thornton, guard. Other boys out for the A squad are: Billy Murphy, Virgil Hall, Gene Reynolds, and Rene Davis.

Possible line-up for girls: Pat Bovard, forward; Catherine Fletcher, forward; Peggy Martin, forward; Pat Smith, center; Maxine Gilliard, guard; Janet Quintier, guard.

Substitutes: Jane Suggs, forward; Hermanie Meyer, forward; Billydene Tyus, forward; Beth Suggs, guard; Barbara Moseley, guard; Bonnie Hettel, center.

March of Dimes money, administered by 2,822 National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis chapters, paid bills for patient care totalling $47,000,000 during the last two years.

"Reading fashions character."

F P C Expansion Will Bring Big Payroll To Avon Park

J. SHIRLEY GRACY
Vice President FPC

150 Attend Chamber Of Commerce Dinner

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Gracy was introduced by Elementary School Principal Vaughn Driggers, his classmate at the University of Florida in 1925. Herbert Todd, chamber president, gave the welcome address and introduced Driggers as toastmaster.

Other FPC officials at the speaker's table were R. N. Robertson of the advertising department; District Manager George Woodham and Ray Rutherford, plant production superintendent here; also there were Carl Praether, president of the Fort Pierce Chamber of Commerce; Edna Pearce, Highlands County member of State Legislature; Mayor Wiley Sauls, Jr., and members of the Avon Park council; Carl Floyd, president of Floyd Theatres, and C. E. Lanier, ex-chamber president and chairman of the membership campaign.

Music was furnished by the Avon Park High School orchestra, under Director Gene Gorman.

Mr. Gracy's speech is well worth reading and is as follows:

As an officer of our Company I bring you greetings from the executive family of the Florida Power Company. Mr. Gilman, our President, has requested that I express his deep regret in not being able to attend your meeting here tonight, due to a previous engagement which has called him out of the state. I am sure that many of you will remember Mr. W. W. Wolff who was manager of our Company here in Avon Park about 25 years ago. Mr. Wolff is now Vice President

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H. T. Piety Files Answer To Suit

Through his attorney, F. T. Haskins, Clerk of the Court H. T. Piety filed his answer last week to a suit brought by the Board of County Commissioners, seeking to determine who has the authority to employ office help in the office of Clerk to the Board, which position he also occupies.

In his answer, Piety denies he is ex-officio clerk of the board, but under Sec. 15, Article 5 of the Constitution he, as Clerk of the Circuit Court, is also clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, and is required to perform the duties of the office, or employ sufficient help to have the necessary work done, and that the Board is required by law to fix his compensation under a basic proportionate to the compensation allowed by law for other services.

Piety denies the Board had authority to employ Mrs. Vera Bowers to perform clerical and secretarial work in the office maintained by the Board, and denies Mrs. Bowers performs any duties as accountant for the Board; does not keep the minutes and accounts of the Board and does not perform any of the duties of auditor for the Board. He also denies that the services rendered are necessary and required to enable the Board to properly perform the duties and exercise the powers conferred upon and vested in the Board under the law.

He also denies there is a large amount of clerical work required to be done by this office, which is not delegated by law to the clerk. Fiety contends he is required by law to furnish all necessary and proper clerical help and that the Board is required to pay same.

The defendant admits the question to be determined is the right of the plaintiffs to employ Mrs. Bowers or any other individual or individuals to render clerical and secretarial services as may be required by the Board and to fix her or their pay, or whether such help can be provided only through the clerk.

Piety contends the employment is a "useless duplication of services and unnecessary expense," and that permitting the Board to employ additional help would permit the Board to arbitrarily determine and fix the nature of services, and would in effect eliminate the defendant as statutory clerk, other than keeping minutes and accounts of the Board, regardless of the mandatory provisions of the law that defendant shall perform such other duties as their clerk as the Board may direct.

Piety also asked the court to fix attorney fees, made necessary by his defense of the suit, and direct the county commissioners to pay same. — Highlands County News.

LADIES AID XMAS PARTY

The Ladies Aid of the Union Congregational Church will have a Christmas party and covered dish luncheon at the church house, Wednesday, December 13, at 11:00 A.M. All women of the church are invited.

There will be an exchange of gifts, each to cost no more than 50c. Each one attending is also asked to bring a covered dish, sandwich, and her own table service.

The U. S. Marines want volunteers—Join today.

Ginn Is Named School Trustee

C. R. Ginn Tuesday was appointed to the board of school trustees of Highlands County by the school board. He replaces E. Ray Wells, who becomes a school board member next month, succeeding J. Paul Garber, who did not seek re-election.

Governor Warren will be asked to name a successor to C. Elton Weaver of Sebring, school board member whose term ends this year. Weaver was reported as saying that he would not seek another term.

Not until Secretary Gray recently requested information about the third board member elected last month did it become known that Weaver had been previously named to a two-year, not four-year term.

Wells, and Henry Webster, of Sebring, who succeeds Ted Cason of Sebring, will take office in January. Cason was not a candidate for another term.

The request of Mrs. Lillie B. Shackelford, Lorida, principal-teacher, for a leave of absence, effective February 5, was granted, provided a substitute can be obtained. Mildred Thomas was named a teacher at the Avon Park Negro school in place of Freddie Mae Peterson, who is ill.

March of Dimes money works three ways to combat infantile paralysis — through research, through aid to individual victims, and through education.

Weather Report

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

Month	H	L	R
December 1	75	45	
December 2	78	52	
December 3	78	60	
December 4	71	55	.85
December 5	75	42	
December 6	81	55	