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## *Census Shows Automotive Trades Taking Big Part In Florida's Economic Life*

The motor vehicle is playing an important role in Florida's growing retail, wholesale and service trades, according to the latest U. S. Census of Business.

Preliminary results of the 1948 census show a great expansion of business activity for the state since 1939, both in dollar volume and employment. It also indicates that a large share of this increase in trade is traceable to the motor vehicle and its use.

More than 18 per cent of the state covered by the census were automotive. These firms accounted for 18.4 per cent of all 1948 sales and receipts. They provided 13.7 per cent of the total employment reported by Florida retail, wholesale and service businesses, the Bureau of the Census figures indicate.

Although partly a result of inflation, the increase in the state's total dollar volume of trade, since 1939 Census of Business, is impressive.

Preliminary reports reveal that retail sales in the state during 1948 aggregated $2,336,000,000—an increase of 280 per cent over 1939. Wholesale volume showed a 277 per cent rise for the same nine-year period. Service trades reported receipts totaling $152,200,000, compared with only $38,300,000 in 1939.

A big employment increase for Florida also was reported. Retail establishments employed 130,591 persons full or part time in 1948, compared with 77,312 in 1939. Wholesale businesses were credited with 49,320 employees by the new census, but only 37,227 in 1939. The 1948 figure for service trades were 27,814, an increase of over 12,000.

For the census year, the report lists 1,575 retail automotive establishments in Florida. This figure includes motor vehicle dealers and merchandisers of automotive parts and accessories.

These enterprises took in $376,125,000 during the year and employed about 12,973 Florida men and women.

A total of 3,938 gasoline service stations were counted, whose sales and receipts amounted to $133,676,000. Employees numbered 6,276.

Florida automotive wholesale establishments, numbering 239, employed 2,064 persons and sold more than $41 million worth of goods. There were 1,872 automotive repair and service shops, with total 1948 sales and receipts of $32,440,000 and 3,599 employees. Petroleum bulk plants and terminals numbered 539. The volume of their business reached $260,048,000 and they employed 2,679.

Employment figures above do not include thousands and is of persons of unincorporated businesses.

During the year, 1,597 tourist courts and camps throughout the state collected $12,222,000 in sales and receipts.

The census is the latest, most comprehensive count of retail, wholesale, and service businesses in Florida and the country as a whole. Yet, it tells but part of the story. The great industrial giants of manufacture and transport, for example, are not included.

To round out the economic picture, the Automobile Manufacturers Association has just released new statistics from its annual publication, "Automobile Facts & Figures", which show that:

Florida has 117,761 residents employed as truck drivers; 4,192 common carrier bus employees; and 6,225 persons employed on the highway system. Total automotive employment in the state, according to this source, is now about 161,162.

In the United States, automotive production and employment, and motor vehicle use are all now at new high levels. Car and truck registrations in 1949 were more than 44,461,000. The registration books of Florida alone carried 694,435 passenger cars and 168,935 trucks.

Total U. S. employment traceable to the motor vehicle and its use is estimated at more than nine million, or one out of every seven employed persons in the nation.

**Missing: 9,000 Tanks**

About 85,000 tanks were produced in this country during World War II. Army records at the end of the war indicated that 25,000 of them should be on hand. But the Army could account for only 16,000. The other 9,000 had disappeared — Hoover Commission Task Force Report.

The only bombs dropped on the American mainland during World War II were aimed at our forests.

## *Road Building To Proceed As Planned*

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$79,000,000 program for 1950 could not possibly have been executed.

The plaintiffs and Attorney General also contended that the State Road Department could not rent equipment, but must make outright purchases of equipment. If this contention had been sustained, it would have delayed vital road building work for many months. It also would have required expenditure of millions of dollars for equipment, dollars which are now being invested directly in road improvement.

As a result of Judge Taylor's decision, the only change in the Road Department's practice will concern the manner of fixing rates for equipment rental. Heretofore, the Department established, by experience and camparison with private rates, the rates which the Department considered fair. These were well under private rates. Now, where the estimated cost exceeds $1,000, the rates will be determined by competitive bidding.

**I want to assure the members of the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County, and through you assure the people of your county that we expect to proceed with our road building program according to schedule.**

**We appreciate very much the fine cooperation that has been given to this Department by your Board, and we look forward to the continued pleasant relationship.**

**With kind regards and best wishes,**

**Cordially,**
**Alfred A. McKethan**
**Chairman**

## *New Government Publication Is Best Seller*

The American people are principally interested in children, aviation, and gardening, as disclosed by sales figures of U. S. Government publications, but officials of the Government Printing Office today made ready to add a new best seller to its list as purchasers lined up at the Government Printing Office Book Store in Washington, and mail orders began arriving from all over the country for the new Atomic Energy Commission publication entitled "The Effects of Atomic Weapons."

This publication contains previously unpublished details on atomic explosions and is of primary interest to persons engaged in civilian defense, the building trades, and all others vitally interested in what happens when an atom bomb explodes.

The book, prepared by the Atomic Energy Commission from non-confidential, scientific, and technical information, presents the most informative and authoritative data that can be disclosed and is now for sale to the public by the Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, at $1.25 a copy.

"Reading opens the door to hours of amusement and entertainment."

# Feminine FLORIDA

DORIS DANIEL

One of the most interesting and notable things about Florida is that almost everything about living in our "Empire in the Sun" is different. Anyone who spends any time here, sooner or later, realizes that life in Florida is unique. There's something about this wonderful state of ours that brings about a feeling of happiness, serenity and peace. But this very same uniqueness brings about other changes in our lives. The climatic conditions create problems in housing conditions, clothing, care of the skin and hair, and any number of small household questions that arise. There are hundredes of foods native to Florida, yet the average newcomer to the Sunshine State overlooks many delicious treats simply because there are so few cookbooks that are devoted to the preparation of these foods. For a long time there has been a need for more emphasis on Florida living and how to get the most out of living here. That is the purpose of this column—to help YOU get more out of life in this wonderful Land of Flowers!

We hope that you will learn something new every week from Feminine Florida. You'll find that there is so much to learn about Florida; even native Floridans do not realize the romance and fascination of their home state. Although "Feminine Florida" is written expressly for the ladies, the man of the house will find much to interest him also. In the weeks to come we'll bring you helpful information about spots of interest to you and your family, throughout the state; the care and preparation of native Florida foods; many answers to household problems such as the control of insects and mildew—and we won't forget to keep up-to-date on Florida fashions and the trends in household furnishings.

Why not start a "Feminine Florida" scrapbook? You'll find that your scrapbook will be of great help in simplifying your "design for living" in Florida.

**ERVIN SAYS RED BAN ON STREETS, BUILDINGS LEGAL**

Attorney General Ervin told two Florida cities Monday they may prohibit use of their streets and public buildings by organizations that advocate overthrow of representative government by violence.

He gave his formal opinion to the city attorneys of Orlando and Lakeland. They are among several Florida cities which are considering or have adopted ordinances designed to outlaw the Communist Party.

The attorney general called attention to the 1941 state law outlawing "criminal Communism," "criminal Fascism" and "criminal anarchy" and said the state thereby had recognized the inherent dangers of such movements.

He quoted an Alabama Supreme Court decision which he said "clearly enunicates the principle that freedom of speech and press do not protect the attempt to subvert the government and this freedom does not deprive a state of the primary and essential right of self preservation."

**U. S. Book-of-the-Minute Club**

Some choice titles of Government bureau publications: "Recipes for Cooking Muskrat Meat"; "Interaction of Sex, Shape and Weight Genes in Watermelons"; "Planning the Bathroom"; "Eliminating Bats from Buildings"; "Habits, Food and Economic Status of the Band-Tailed Pigeon"; "The Sponge Industry in Turkey".


*BERT TURNER'S*

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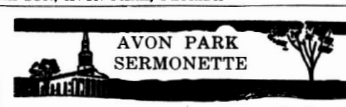
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**The Lost Ax-Head**
E. D. Fenton, Pastor
Assembly of God Church

"But as one was felling a beam, the axhead fell into the water. And he cried, Alas Master! for it was borrowed. And the man of God said, where fell it? and he showed him the place." Second Kings 6: 5-6

Among the many miracles performed by Elisha, the Prophet of God, the story of the lost ax-head is an interesting one. Here is a man among the Sons of the Prophets who joined himself to others of the same mind, and started out to build a house for the work of God. The other workers had the proper tools to work with, (axes to cut down trees) but he had no tools of his own, so he borrowed one.

I would like to compare this man to a church member of today. Most people join the church because they have found Christ as a personal saviour, and this is right. But, sad to say a few people get into the church and try to do business for God when they have not been born again; so, having no experience (tool) of their own, they try to get by on a borrowed one. This kind of church-worker will find that he cannot successfully win souls for God on a borrowed experience, so he finds himself in the same plight as the man who tries to cut down trees, but cannot keep his ax on the handle. Sooner or later the truth will come out and he finds himself swinging the handle without a ax. This will not work because it is the ax-head (Spirit of God) that gets results in the church, and not the handle (church-worker). But remember this also, that the ax-head is helpless to accomplish its purpose without the handle. God is depending on the Spirit-filled man to carry on His work in this present world.

This man was honest with himself, and cried out and said, "I have lost my ax-head", and even went far enought to point out the spot where he lost it; and not until he pointed to the place where the ax-head fell, was he able to regain it. Even so, with the careless church member. Let him first admit his condition before God, and seek Him for a Spirit-filled life, that he may be a blessing to others. It is hard for a Christian to point to his own failure, and admit that he is wrong, but if you have lost your sharp edge for God, come back to Him and confess your need, and He will be glad to restore you again to your former position with Himself.

In closing, let us consider one more fact. If we will keep the ax and handle in the barrel of consecration, and keep it soaked with prayer, the handle will never dry, and the ax-head will never fall off.

## *Rancher Hurt At Okeechobee*

R. E. Padgett, Sr., of Avon Park is recovering from injuries received last Wednesday, August 23, when he fell from his horse, according to a report from his family, and was expected to return home this week from Louisiana Raulerson hospital in Okeechobee. He still suffers considerable pain, however.

Mr. Padgett was gathering steers at his lakefront pasture on Road 78 near Okeechobee when he was injured. His horse became entangled in high switch grass and fell, unseating him, and it is believed that the horse rolled over him. X-rays taken at the hospital revealed that he had a broken collar bone and severe muscular injuries of the back and shoulder.

Mrs. Padgett was with her husband in Okeechobee until he was brought home.

"Reading maketh a full man."

**NEW SCHOOL AT FROSTPROOF**

Elementary pupils of the local school will begin the school year in a new modern building when school opens today.

The building is constructed on the new separate unit plan and consists of four units. The first unit contains the auditorium, with stage, lunchroom, kitchen, library and one class room. Connected to this unit is the principal's office, first aid room, nurse's office, text book, janitor and supply rooms.

The other three units are devoted to classrooms for grades one through five. All units have full length porches and are connected by a covered open on one side corridors.

The building was constructed at a cost of approximately $200,000.

**CITY OF FROSTPROOF SUED FOR $50,000**

Verlon B. Funderburk of Frostproof, father of 12-year-old Charlene Jeanette Funderburk, who was drowned at the City Bathing Beach on Clinch Lake on July 28th, has entered a $50,000 suit against the city.

Funderburk, through his attorney, Grady Burton, charges in his suit that his daughter was drowned when she stepped into a deep "unmarked and unguarded" hole within a bathing area marked by ropes as being safe for use by the public.

The summons was served on Mayor Maxey Pond. Attorney P. E. Murray, city attorney, will have 20 days from time suit was entered, to answer the complaint.
—Highland News

**CLERMONT JAYCEES LABOR DAY PROGRAM**

Clermont, Sept.—(FNS) A total of 75 speed boats from Florida, Georgia and North Carolina are scheduled to compete for prizes Labor Day in an all-day celebration sponsored by the Clermont JayCees. The races start at one o'clock and will continue through the afternoon.

Brailey Odham, state JayCee president, will dedicate Clermont's new 1,000 foot beach at ceremonies at 3:30. All Clermont civic organizations will have booths at the event.


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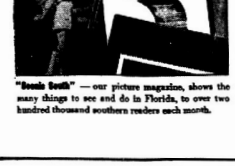
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# Clubs - - Social Activities - - Personal Items

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## S. F. Longbottoms Hold Open House

An opportunity to meet the charming bride of one of our well-known young men was provided last Thursday evening, August 24, when Mr. and Mrs. Sam F. Longbottom, Sr., held open house from 8 to 10 in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Sam F. Longbottom, Jr. Mr. and Mrs. Marrero Cross of Waco, Texas, parents of young Mrs. Longbotom, were also introduced that evening.

A large number of friends attended to greet the visitors from Waco and to enjoy an interval of pleasant conversation.

Those in the reception line were Mrs. Sam F. Longbottom, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Sam F. Longbottom, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Marrero Cross. Mr. Longbottom, Sr., circulated among the guests and greeted them as they arrived.

Mixed roses decorated the living room. Yellow flowers were used in the refreshment room. The lace-covered table, with a punch bowl on each end, was centered by an arrangement of yellow pom-poms and fern. A fan-shaped arrangement of tall yellow gladioli against one wall also decorated the room.

Refreshments of lime freeze, decorated party cakes, mints and nuts were served.

Assisting with the serving were Mrs. Charles Longbottom, Sr., of Sebring, Miss Lynn Longbotom, Mrs. Raleigh Lawhon, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., and Mrs. S. J. Pendleton.

## Honored Traveller Is Avon Park Guest

Mrs. Eleanor Farrar of Alhambra, California, is visiting Mrs. Max Walden of West Bell St. for an indefinite stay.

Mrs. Farrar has recently returned from a trip to the South Seas, leaving by boat from Van Couver December, 1949, stopping at the Fiji Islands and Aukland and arriving at Sydney, Australia in January. She toured New South Wales, Victoria and Tasmania. On her return trip she flew to Honolulu, to San Francisco, Boston, New York and Jacksonville, Fla.

For three years Mrs. Farrar was Volunteer Service Chairman in the Red Cross Chapter of Alhambra, then Personal Officer for Civilian Defense and for five years, Veteran's Counselor for the Service Center in Alhambra. She resigned to make a trip to Australia to see the places and meet the people her son, Major Willard Farrar, knew during his service in Australia. Major Farrar built the camps where our first American soldiers were received on arrival in Australia.

Mrs. Farrar was the guest of the Administrator of New Guinea at Port Moresby, where her son was killed. She was honored by a parade of the Papuan Constabulary headed by their well-known band, and on July 4th, with the Premier of Queensland, was in the official party for the American Service Men's Ball in Brisbane.

## Baptist Class Has Regular Meeting

The Lora Clements Class of the First Baptist Chiurch held its regular monthly meeting last Monday night at the home of Mrs. L. B. Rush. The opening prayer was given by Mrs. F. A. McFarland, devotional by Mrs. Marion Mathis.

After the business meeting, there was a social period, during which games were played. Mrs. Rush seived apple pie and coffee.

Those attending were: Mesdames Frank Waddell, Mildred Strenth, Marion Mathis, John Mathis, Evelyn Landress, Glenn Leverette, Clyde Crews, Ray Bachtell, Paul McFarland, Gladys Rush.

## Visitor Is Given Birthday Party

Mrs. J. W. White of Mt. Carmel, Ill., who has been visiting in Avon Park, was entertained at a birthday party in the home of Mrs. H. L. Willeford, on Tuesday evening, August 24, where she met old friends and had a social evening.

Miss Mae Frances Welch assisted Mrs. White in opening her gifts, which were presented by the following: Mrs.Gertrude Connell, Mrs. J. M. Gore, Pearl Gore, Mrs. Elizabeth Jordon, Mrs. F. S. Jordon, Mrs. Lillian Thompson, Mrs. W. C. Thomas, Mrs. Oscar Wolf, Mrs. Frank Welch, Mrs. Ed Welch, Mae Francis Welch, Mrs. R. M. Kelsey, Mrs. Allie Cain, Mrs. H. L. Willeford, Mrs. Pauline Jordon.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served.

David Lanier, Howard Todd and Leon Delaney returned home last Saturday after a interesting two-weeks vacation spent touring the Southwest. They visited New Orleans, Houston and McAllen in Texas, Biloxi, Miss., and then drove down to Mexico City.

## Women of the Moose Hold Meeting

Avon Park Chapter No. 1137, Women of the Moose, held its regular Chapter Night program, August 22, 8:00 P. M. in its chapter room located No. 102 S. Forest Avenue.

Minutes of the previous meetings were read and approved.

It was suggested by Senior Regent Smith that the Chapter start a circulating library for the benefit of club members, by each member bringing into the club room any books or magazines that they no longer desired and leave them there to be read by members who had not had previous access to them.

After all business of the chapter had been completed, Candidate Gladys Harvell was balloted upon and ballot having been favorable the candidate was initiated into our Chapter.

After the initiation, chapter was closed in regular form and delicious refreshments were served to those present.

The next meeting night will be September 12, at 8:00 P. M. and all members are urged to attend as the chapter will discuss a change of meeting night.

## Barbara Marshall's Birthday Party

Barbara Marshall had a movie party on her seventh birthday last Thursday afternoon, August 24. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert D. Marshall, East Canfield St.

Barbara's guests came to her home at 2:30 in the afternoon, for the traditional birthday cake and ice cream. The party table was colorful, with its yellow cloth and matching napkins, the cake was decorated with green and yellow, and the ice cream was pink.

After refreshments were thoroughly enjoyed, the party went to the movies.

Children invited to the party were Dona Sue Pounds, Tura Ann Delaney, Nancy and Clytee Coleman, Mary King, Carolyn Biggs, Ed Touchton, Michael Giddens, David Collyer, and Bert, Howard and David Marshall.

## Interesting Trip For A. P. Resident

Mrs. Cora Wray and daughter, Mrs. Mildred Waddell from Tampa, arrived home last Saturday night after a three-weeks visit in New York State, Mrs. Wray's old home. They visited Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tallmen in Silver Springs and his twin sister, Mrs. Clara Caton in Niagara Falls, both of whom have spent several winters here and wish to be remembered to Avon Park friends. Reunions were in order everywhere.

They motored up with Mrs. Florence Demorest from the Baptist Children's Home in Lakeland, and her daughter, Winifred, from the Baptist Church in Winter Haven.

They were joined in Niagara Falls by Tad Whitehurst, who is at the Moody Bible Institute in Chicago, Ill.

On their way home they took the Turnpike Road, through the Shenandoah Valley, visited the caverns and natural bridge in Virginia, then took the Skyline Drive from Roanoke, Va., to Asheville, N. C.

Mrs. Waddell will stay in Avon Park with her mother while her husband, Sgt Frank Waddell, is in active service abroad. According to letters she has received from him, his is now located in Okinawa.

## E. G. Todds Hosts To Bridge Club

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd were hosts to their evening bridge club last Saturday night, August 26. After play, refreshments of ice cream and cake were served. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dorminey, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hartt, Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Betts, Mrs. C. Park Anderson, Mrs. Charles O. Locke, II, and Mr. C. E. Lanier.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry won high score; Mrs. Anderson second high.

## Family Dinner For Mrs. H. Dilley

Mrs. Harry Dilley was honored on her 78th birthday at a family dinner given by her daughter, Mrs. John H. Hood, on Wednesday evening, August 30. The traditional birthday cake accompanied the dessert course.

Those attending the dinner were Mrs. Harry Dilley, Mrs. John H. Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Dilley, Mrs. C. A. Clark, Mr. and Mrs. Milford Dilley and Roland, Miss Joan Brown of Sebring, Mr. and Mrs. William Hood and infant son, Denny, Mrs. Ceil Skipper, and Harry Hood.

**Book donations are welcomed by our town library.**

## Book Gifts Needed By Public Library

If you purchase recent books, read them, and don't care to keep them in your bookcase, why not share them with the rest of the town?

The Public Library is in need of more books for its shelves, and has issued an urgent appeal for book donations. Book-of-the-Month Club selections would be especially appreciated, according to Miss Avis Slaughter, librarian. Of course, any good books will be appreciated, whether fiction, non-fiction, juvenile or adult—but not those quaint "lavender and old lace" novels Aunt Mehitable left behind her.

The adult department has had no new books added to it for some time. This is because the book-buying fund, never too large, shrank to nothing months ago.

Books to be given to the library can be left at the library building at any time. If the library is closed, place the books on the table on the front porch. And please put a slip of paper with your name on it inside the book, so that you may be thanked.

Subscribers to the library are reminded that dues should be paid, in most instances, this month. Subscription dues are $1.00 a year. Children, including high school students, pay no charge for library privileges.

More interesting books on our library shelves will attract new subscribers, and enough new subscriptions will, in turn, purchase more books.

## Studio of Dancing Reopens Sept. 11

England's Professional Studio of Dancing will reopen Monday afternoon, Sept. 11, at the Episcopal Parish House. The Studio, operated by Fred and Madelyn England, offers classes in tap, ballet, and acrobatics for children from pre-school age and up.

The Englands, formerly of the theatre, are holding classes for the fourth season in Avon Park. They also conduct classes in Lake Wales, Sebring, Wauchula, and Bartow. In towns where there is sufficient demand, they also offer instruction in ballroom dancing, dramatic and radio techniques. The elaborate and beautiful revues staged by them and their pupils are entertainment events of the spring season in the Ridge section.

## Births

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth R. Hansen of Clewiston, announce the arrival of a baby boy, weighing 7 pounds, on August 21, at the Belle Glade Memorial Hospital, and named Michael Keith. Mrs. Hansen is the former Miss Bettie O'Hern.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Walter William Sherertz, Avon Park, a son, born August 25, at Walker Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 7 pounds 13 ounces.

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To Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Irvin Tyner, Avon Park, a daughter, Renee Louella, born August 28 at Walker Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 8 pounds 7 ounces.

**BERT TURNER OPENS FIX-IT SHOP**

Bert Turner wishes to announce to his many friends, that he has recovered from a long and painful illness, and that he is opening a Fix-It shop by his home on Butler avenue (just behind the Table Supply Store). He will specialize on watch and clock repairs, but says he is equipped to handle many other types of repair. Your attention is called to his ad on another page of this issue of the Sun.

**EPISCOPAL SERVICES**

The Church of the Redeemer returns to its regular schedule of services Sunday with the Holy Eucharist at 7:30 A. M., church school and family service at 9:15, and Holy Eucharist and sermon at 11:00 A. M.

**FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN ORLANDO**

Mrs. Fred Patterson of Winter Haven died Saturday afternoon, August 26, in an Orlando hospital. Mrs. Patterson and her husband were residents of Avon Park for several years during the 1930's, and were well known here after they had moved away.

Among the survivors is a daughter, Mrs. Stuart Thayer of Orlando, also well-known former resident of Avon Park.

Services for Mrs. Patterson were held in St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Winter Haven, on Wednesday afternoon at 2:30.

**Join the first team — U. S. Marines.**

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**Every good book given to our library is a brick in the house of knowledge.**

**NOTICE**

**Photographs for publication in this paper should be in the office before 5:00 P. M. on Monday of the week in which they are to appear. We cannot print pictures on short notice because the plates from which they are printed must be made out-of-town.**

Mrs. R. E. Padgett visited her sister, Mrs. W. L. Lee, in Okeechobee last week.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gribble returned Saturday from spending ten days in For Lauderdale.

Mrs. J. C. Johnson and son, Wilton, visited friends in New Smyrna over the weekend.

Fresh doughnuts daily 40c a dozen. Williamson's Bake Shop. adv.

Rev. and Mrs. Herbert D. Graetz and two children, Carol and Marilyn, have returned from a vacation spent at Melbourne beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy A. Felknor and children, Thomas, Dennis, and Alice, visited Mrs. J. A. Caldwell in Lake Wales last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Buttram of Fort Lauderdale visited Mrs. Buttram's parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Gribble, here last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stewart and children, Patsy and Oran, of Jacksonville will spend Labor Day weekend with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stewart.

Mr. A. W. Overstreet of Adele, Ga., spent four days last week in Avon Park, visiting his daughters, Mrs. Harold F. Guerndt, Mrs. Edna Shaw, Mrs. C. A. Stimson, and Mrs. Webb Hazen.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold F. Guerndt, Freddie and Charles, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Ray Wells and Lawlor, Kenny, and Stan, returned Friday from spending a week at the Well's camp on Rainbow River.

Cullen Fischer of Tifton, Ga., third-year student at Georgia Tech., is visiting his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Cantrell, and Mrs. Susie Smith, for two weeks before returning to college.

Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Frizzell visited their son and daughter-in-law, Sgt. and Mrs. B. A. Frizzell, stationed at MacDill Field, and other relatives in Tampa recently. Tampa is Mr. Frizzell's old home town.

B. J. Thigpen is in Orlando, where he is employed by his son-in-law, B. L. Heath, masonry contractor. Mrs. Thigpen plans to move to Orlando as soon as she can settle her business affairs here.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Walker are returning to Avon Park the latter part of this week. They write they have had a "delightful visit" in Plain City, Ohio, although it was cool the greater part of the summer.

James Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Marshall Davis, returned Monday from King's Inn, Highlands, N. C., to spend a few days at home before leaving for Erskine College, in Due West, S. C., where he will be a student.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Perdew of Tampa, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Thompson and two children, Roy and Helen, of Cumberland, Md., were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Williamson last weekend. Mrs. Thompson is Mrs. Williamson's aunt.

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The friends of Mrs. Maggie Drawdy are pleased to know she is able to be up and around again after her long illness.

E. C. Wever, Jr., will return to Erskine College in Due West, S. C., around the 6th or 7th of September.

Mrs. Thelma McAdams and son Linsey, and Mr. Charles Linsey, of Clearwater, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred England last Thursday and Friday.

The many friends of Mr. D. A. Brodie are glad to see him up and about again after his recent illness, which necessitated a stay in Dr. Weem's Hospital, Sebring.

Miss Betty Ann Anderson of Lake Wales, formerly of Avon Park, who has been visiting Miss Arden Anderson, returned home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Kelley have returned after a pleasant summer spent chiefly in Toledo, Ohio, with visits to Pennsylvania, Michigan and Indiana.

Mr. Jess L. Gilliland, Jr., of Nashville, Tenn., visited Mr. and Mrs George Sloman here on Tuesday of last week. Mrs. Sloman is his greataunt.

Mrs. Wendell Hicks and children, Marie and Laverne, visited Mrs. Hicks' parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Frizzell Friday and Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Fields, Sr., Ouda and Douglas Fields, returned home last Thursday from spending a week's vacation visiting relatives in Alabama.

Mrs. W. W. Cornell of Orlando, and three children, Leighton, Nova Jane and Warren, spent this week with Mrs. Cornell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Stewart.

Burton K. Phillippe, fireman, USN, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Phillippe, 801 Woodruff Heights, is a crew member of the radar picket destroyer USS Vesole now participating in exercises being held by the U. S. and British Mediterranean Fleets.

Mr. and Mrs. George Patterson are moving to Fort Meyers, where he has accepted a position as golf pro with the country club there. Mr. Patterson was golf pro at Pinecrest this summer and helped create considerable interest in the game among the residents of Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smith and children, Lindy and Cindy Kay of Haines City visited the G. L. Harrisons Sunday. Mrs. Smith is Mrs. Harrison's sister. Mrs. Araminta Reynolds, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. G. L. Harrison, and family for the past several weeks, returned home with the Smiths.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Scarborough, from Zolfo Springs, have purchased the house owned by O. K. McClure, situated just inside the western city limits. They got in touch with him through his ad appearing the house in the classified columns of the Sun. Mr. Scarborough is employed by Ross Cox Skipper, Inc.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Elder have returned home from a two-weeks vacation spent in Atlanta and Blakely, Ga. While there, they attended the baseball games between the Crackers and the Birmingham team.


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## Legal Notices

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY.
IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF HELEN I. MANN, TO BECOME A STORE DEALER
**To All Whom It May Concern**
This is to certify that I shall apply to the Judge of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, on the 19th day of September, 1950, for a license to manage, take charge of and to control my property and to become a free dealer in every respect.
This 12th day of August, 1950.
HELEN I. MANN
15-4tc

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
**House Bill No. 1667**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that T. V. Conway the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number and years of issuance, the description of the property, and the names in which it was assessed are as follows:
Certificate No. 479
Year of Issuance 1940
Description of Property, Fac. SW¼ of NE¼ of Section 28, Township 37 South, Range 29 East. Name in which assessed Unknown.
All of said property being in the County of Highlands, State of Florida.
Unless such certificate or certificates shall be redeemed according to law the property described in such certificate or certificates will be sold to the highest bidder at the Court House door on the first Monday in the month of October, 1950, which is the 2nd day of October 1950.
Dated this 12th day of August, 1950.
(SEAL)
H. F. Doty
Clerk of Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida.
By: H. M. Callahan, D. C.
15-4tc

LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE UNDER FICTITIOUS NAME LAW
NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned intend to register with the Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, Florida, the fictitious name of TERRACE MOTEL, under which name the undersigned will do business in Highland Lakes, Florida. The only persons interested in said business are the undersigned.
J. BEAN
No. 42 4t

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF FLORIDA TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
BASIL J. NEWBOLD, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROSE VIRGINIA NEWBOLD, Defendant.
**Notice To Appear**
To: Rose Virginia Newbold
R. F. D. No. 1
Acme, Pennsylvania
You are hereby notified that a suit in chancery for divorce has been instituted against you in the above styled Court, and you are required to file your appearance and answer in this cause on the 3rd day of October, 1950. In default of which a decree pro confesso will be entered against you.
WITNESS my hand and seal at Sebring, Florida, this 30th day of August A. D. 1950.
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Guy A. Whitson
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## *Social Security Benefits For This Area Up $62,154.51*

(continued from page 1)
workers to become insured for survivors benefits in as little as a year and a half under another provision of the law.

The new definition of "employee" in the amended law accounts for an additional 350,000 to be covered by social security. This new definition extends Federal insurance to full-time life insurance salesmen, agent-drivers or commission drivers engaged in distributing meat or bakery products, vegetables or fruit products, beverages (other than milk), or laundry or dry cleaning services. Full-time traveling or city salesman (other than house-to-house salesmen) are included.

Still excepted from social security coverage are farm operators and members of religious orders, and certain self-employed professional people.

A new type of payment is mothers' insurance benefits. These are monthly payments to a mother who has in her care a child entitled to monthly insurance benefits. Separation or divorce from the wage earner does not prevent the mother's receipt of monthly benefits, provided the wage earner was furnishing the greater part of her support. This determination is the former law which does not permit payment to wives who were divorced, and did not permit payment to the wife of a retired wage earner until she reached age 65. If she has children under 18, she may now receive benefits when her husband retires, even if she is under 65.

The amount of the benefit paid to dependent parents (in cases where the parent was dependent on a deceased worker and where no widow or child can be entitled to benefits) was raised from half the worker's benefit to three-fourths. The monthly benefit for the first child, in the case of a deceased wage earner, was also raised from half to three-fourths of the worker's benefits.

The benefits will continue to be paid for in the same way—by payroll taxes on the workers and employers involved — but since self-employed as well as employed persons are now covered, a new way of collecting part of the taxes was called for. Self-employed persons will report their annual earnings and pay their special social security tax (2¼% to start with) when they make their income tax returns at the end of each year.

Present tax rates will more than pay for the increased benefits at first, but higher contributions will be necessary as more people retire, or die. The law provides that employee and employer will pay 1½% of pay rolls through 1953, 2% until the end of 1959, 2½% until the end of 1964, 3% until the end of 1969, and 3¼% thereafter. Only the first $3,600 of wages in a year will be taxed. This represents an increase from the $3,000 wage base which has been in effect since 1937.

Self-employed people, who are in effect both employee and employer, will pay 2¼% through 1953, 3% until the end of 1959, 3¾% until the end of 1964, 4½% until the end of 1969, and 4¾% thereafter, on the first $3,600 of net self-employment income per year.

The new law gives wage credits of $160 per month toward old-age and survivors benefits for military service in World War II. These wages are to be used in computing all monthly benefits payable on the basis of veterans' wage records after 1949, whether the veteran died in service or after discharge, and regardless of whether pension or compensation is paid by the Veterans Administration.

Included in the social security program for the first time, and under special conditions, are household workers regularly employed in private homes. Household workers, including maids, cooks, laundresses, practical nurses, gardeners, chauffeurs, etc., will receive credit only for their cash wages, and will not be covered by the law at all unless they are employed 24 days or more and their cash wages are over $50 in a calendar quarter.

Regular farm workers including household workers in farm homes, will be covered by social security beginning in January. To be affected, the worker must be employed by one farm operator for a period of not less than five months and those months must fall within two calendar quarters. After full three months employment in the first quarter, the employee must work for the same employer in the second quarter not less than 60 days with cash wages of at least $50 for work in that quarter.

## *Cowboy of the Week*



Randolph Scott

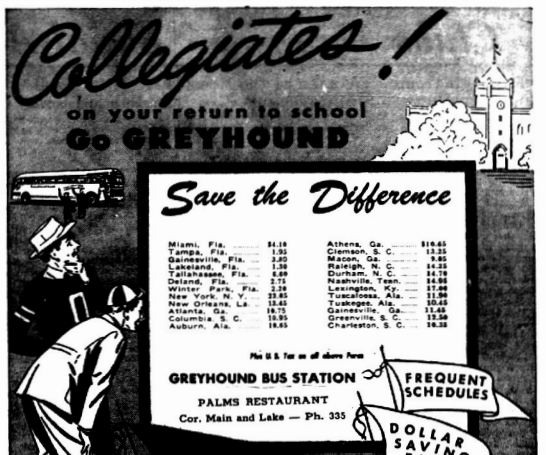
For the boys and girls who like the Cowboy Heroes the Sun will run a picture each week they may save. The first 25 children who save a set of 12 different pictures will receive a pass to the Hilans.

**ALTERNATE HUNTING DAYS?**

During a recent meeting, members of the State Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission agreed to study the Gulf Hammock Project, Dixie and Levy Counties, and the Ocala National Forest to determine if alternate hunting days are necessary. If so, a special meeting will be called and emergency measures taken to put these projects and counties on an alternate-day hunting season, according to Coleman Newman, director.

Newman also stated that because he has received numerous requests to close certain areas in various parts of the state, the Commission will be called to meet again prior to opening of the hunting season on November 25. No date has yet been set for the meeting.

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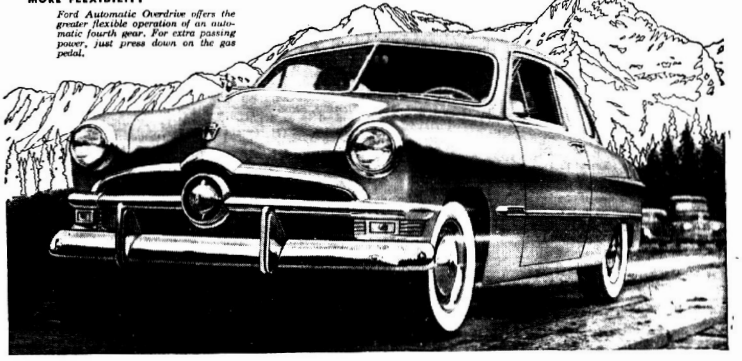
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## Florida's Tricky Hurricane Missed The Ridge District

The peevish "baby" hurricane that grew up overnight into a furious and capricious monster, refusing to follow the course predicted for it, kept the staff of this newspaper in a state of nervous indecision all day Wednesday, the deadline day for most news. The ring-around-the-rosy game it played with the Ridge Section kept us wondering whether we should save most of the front page for a local storm story. In the morning, we even wondered if we might not have to cut and run for home, or risk being marooned in a dank building, with the power cut off and no nourishment at hand except a few Cokes in the water cooler.

However, the storm was not the "ill wind that brings nobody any good", for its rain was of great benefit to the citrus crop. But we can't smugly congratulate ourselves on our good fortune when we think of the damage done on the Gulf coast, with three lives lost, the Island town of Cedar Key smashed, substantial homes near the shore so undermined that their owners can't live in them, and beaches permanently eroded. There would probably have been numerous casualties if the authorities and Red Cross in sections like Indian Rock had not been altered and had not evacuated persons living in danger zones. The awesome power of wind and water on the rampage has reminded us that even "baby" hurricanes are not laughing matters. And having "disturbed areas" watched by weather experts certainly pays off.



JAMES CULPEPPER

**James Culpepper was accepted by the U. S. Air Force on August 28, according to word received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Culpepper, 902 West Pleasant St. He will receive pilot-training. He is now receiving his basic Army training at San Antonio, Tex.**

### *Board Move Made To Strangle Free Press In County*

"McKETHAN ADMINISTERS SOUND SPANKING TO OUR HIGHLANDS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS", That, Ladies and Gentlemen of Highlands County, was the headline that appeared in the Avon Park Sun issue of August 25, and gave Commissioner Marion Grice the bright (?) idea that the majority bloc of the County Board could strangle the free press of the County. We hasten to assure Grice and his cohorts that "it can't be did."

At the Tuesday meeting of the County Board, Grice put through a motion to deny printing jobs to the Avon Park Sun and the Highland County News, for the simple reason that we failed to write favorable publicity for the majority bloc of the Board. Our offense, was publishing a letter to the Board from State Highway Commissioner McKethan, taking the Board to task for their delaying methods for work to be done on Highway 64 and 66.

Grice's attempt to build an "Iron Curtain" around the doings of the Board, is just one of the many mistaken moves he has made since becoming a member of this Board, and gives further proof to the tax payers that he is unfit to hold this responsible position that the voters of his district elected him to.

The actions of the majority bloc of the board have been the cause of considerable unfavorable publicity for Highlands County, but this latest attempt to strangle the free press of the county tops them all.

The Editor of the Sun has no desire to enter a cat and dog fight in petty politics, but we want to assure our readers that we will not be intimidated nor can we be bought by promises of reward in the form of job printing.

### *Weather Report*

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

| Month | H | L | R |
|---|---|---|---|
| August 31 | 89 | 73 | .29 |
| Sept. 1 | 91 | 65 | .02 |
| Sept. 2 | 90 | 74 | .06 |
| Sept. 3 | 84 | 63 | .62 |
| Sept. 4 | 84 | 73 | .78 |
| Sept. 5 | 83 | 66 | .91 |
| Sept. 6 | 81 | 74 | .62 |

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### *C of C Requests Survey of Avon Park Air Base*

The Chamber of Commerce today requested the survey of the Avon Park Air Base as a possible site for an $11,000,000 Quartermaster Corps Research Laboratory.

The request was forwarded by letter to Blake R. Van Leer, president of the Georgia School of Technology and member of the Site Selection Board. The Site Selection Board will meet on September 15th to consider the proposals.

The Chamber of Commerce stands ready to assist the Site Board in securing information for completing a report for consideration by the Board.

### National Safety Council To Present Plaque To City

September 2, 1950

Honorable Wiley Sauls, Jr., Mayor
City of Avon Park
Avon Park, Florida

Dear Mayor Sauls:

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you and the citizens of Avon Park for being one of the few cities in Florida having no traffic deaths during the year 1949.

In recognition of this outstanding achievement, the National Safety Council has sent us a very nice plaque to be presented to you.

We have arranged for Colonel H. N. Kirkman, Director, Department of Public Safety, to present this award to you at the Governor's Highway Safety Conference luncheon to be held in the Palm Room of the Tampa Terrace Hotel on Thursday, Sept. 28, at twelve o'clock noon.

Please let us know if you will be present to accept this award or who will represent you if impossible for you to attend. Also please let us know, if possible, how many years you have gone without a traffic death.

Appreciating your cooperation in this matter, and again congratulating you for an outstanding record in the field of Traffic Safety, I am

Sincerely
Nat H. Rambo
Executive Secretary
Governor's Highway
Safety Council

Mrs. Christine Lowe spent Labor Day weekend in Tampa.

### *Winners of the City Softball League*



Photo by Lanny Rush Studio

**Reading left to right back row: Spike Rhyner, Walter Mandis, Bim Elder, "Pig" Elder, John Ziegler, Moe Walker, Harry Simmons, Claude Williams, bat boy. Front row: Durrah Martin, manager, Joe Eads, "Cocky" Pate, Kenny Elders, Hildred Rutledge and Demos Mandis, sponsor. Marvin Green, another player, was absent when the picture was taken.**

Mandis Dairy, the winning team of the City Softball League, was entertained Wednesday evening, August 30th at a barbecue at the Mandis Ranch. J. T. Williford presented the trophy on behalf of the League.

The winners won ten of the eleven games played. The Stimson Gulf team tied in the second half of the series with the Mandis team and one game was played to decide the championship. Manager Martin states that a Winter League has been organized and the first game of the season will be played tonight, Friday.

The schedule for the first half is as follows:

Sept. 8
Boy Scouts vs Mandis Dairy
Stimson's Gulf vs Exchange Club
Sept 9
Firemen vs Roscoe Skipper
Stimson's Gulf vs Mandis Dairy
Sept. 12
Exchange Club vs Roscoe Skipper
Boy Scouts vs Firemen
Sept. 16
Stimson's Gulf vs Roscoe Skipper
Mandis Dairy vs Firemen
Sept. 19
Boy Scouts vs Exchange Club
Stimson's Gulf vs Firemen
Sept. 23
Roscoe Skipper vs Boy Scouts
Mandis Dairy vs Exchange Club
Sept. 26
Stimson's Gulf vs Boy Scouts
Firemen vs Exchange Club
Sept. 30
Roscoe Skipper vs Mandis Dairy
Second half begins with second game Sept. 30.

### FPC Employees Granted Pay Raise

Florida Power Corporation and six local unions of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers (AFL) have completed negotiations for a new working agreement covering 727 of the utility's employees, G. P. Woodham FPC manager here, has announced.

Main features of the one-year agreement was a 6 and two thirds percent increase in wages to be paid union men beginning September 26. This agreement, plus pay increases granted other employees, means a payroll increase of $355,000 annually for the 1,450 employees of the company, union and non-union.

J. Shirley Gracy, vice president in charge of personnel, who signed the agreement for the company, pointed out, "During the more than 14 years the IBW has represented employees of our company, our relationship with the union members has been largely one of harmony and friendly cooperation. There has been no strike or threat of strike during that time. We are happy that the negotiations this year have been concluded in a satisfactory manner to both the employees and the company."

R. R. Kyle, FPC employee and business manager for the unions, said that union members were "highly pleased that another contract has been completed under the usual friendly atmosphere that has always prevailed between employee and employer."

### *Rotary Meeting*

Member and guests at Wednesday luncheon were given an agreeable surprise when Gene Rayborn, Area Supervisor State Department of Education was "sung in" as an emergency speaker. Mr. Rayborn was there as a guest of A. B. Wilhite and in the absence of a scheduled speaker, he graciously agreed to speak for a few minutes. Mr. Rayborn in his work has been flying all over the U. S. visiting schools and over Europe. In his travels he has talked to the President of the United States and Kings, premiers and big wigs in Europe, as well as the working people in Germany and other countries.

We would like to be able to give his interesting talk as he delivered it, but most of it was off the record and not a prepared speech. However he held his audience spell bound, and most of them would have been glad to listen to him for hours.

Guests and members were: E. F. Armstrong, Julian Markham, Art Kinney, Avon Park; Elgin Bayless, Dave Spearing, V. T. Oxer, Allen Intz and Bill Dutton, Sebring.

### *Many States Covered On Three-Week Tour*

Mr. and Mrs. Willis G. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Johnson recently returned from a three-weeks tour which took them through 15 states, and included visits to the Smoky Mountains, Chicago, and the beautiful capitol building in Lincoln, Nebraska. A highlight of the trip was an excursion to Hannibal, Mo., boyhood home of Mark Twain, where they saw the famous cave in which Twain was once lost, an experience he fictionized in "Tom Sawyer."

The party spent about 8 days in the Robinson's old home town, Stanton, Nebraska. While there, they visited Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Forbes, Mrs. Robinsons's grandparents, and winter residents of Avon Park. They also visited relatives of the Johnsons' in Georgia.

In Highlands, N. C., they called upon Mr. and Mrs. Robert R. King, Sr., shortly before Mr. King's last illness.

The travellers also saw others well known in Avon Park, among them Mrs. Raymond Shilling in Milledgeville, Ill., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collins of this city; Mrs. Stanley Benson in Wheaton, Ill., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr.; Tad Whitehurst in Chicago; and James Davis and Daisy Mann in Highlands, N. C.

### *Two Teachers Added To County Schools*

Frank E. Menendez of West Tampa has been appointed to fill the sixth grade vacancy in the Avon Park elementary school. He is a graduate of Florida Southern College, where he was a faculty member last term.

It was also announced by Supt. Fred Wild that Mrs. Deborah Skipper of Lake Placid has been appointed to the remedial reading teacher position at Sebring. Mrs. Skipper taught previously in Manatee County.

#### AN ERROR MADE

In a story last week in regards to the highway safety signs, we stated that the signs had been purchased by the School Board. That statement was in error, as the signs were purchased by the City of Avon Park.

#### NEW MINISTER

Beginning next Sunday, Rev. Roy Miller, recently of Live Oak, will be the pastor of the Church of God. Rev. Miller's family consists of a wife and one child. He replaces Rev. O. W. Thomas, who has gone to Alabama.

Mrs. Shirley Thompson of Winter Haven returned home Sunday after spending a month with her sister, Mrs. W. T. Connell.

### Red Devils Open With Mulberry

By LESLIE LAFLAM

The Avon Park Red Devils will pull the lid off the 1950 football season the 29th of September when they journey to Mulberry to engage Coach Arnold Holmes's Mulberry Panthers in a Ridge Conference grid game. The Devils under the direction of Athletic Director Edwin R. Carter and assistant coach, Joe Franza have been holding daily practice at Head Field, when the weather permits. Coach Carter stated that the A squad had 26 members. The B squad has 29 aspirants.

Coach Carter has five returning lettermen from last year to build his regular eleven around. They are Gene "Bobo" Cruse, Douglas "Red" Fields, James Hiers, H. L. Hufstatler and Jimmy "Romeo" Kelly.

The Avon Park Red Devil followers will have the opportunity of seeing the locals in action at Head Field here only three times this year. The big game of the season, as far as Avon Park is concerned will be at home here with Sebring's Blue Streaks. This game is regarded as a must win for Avon Park.

The Devils first home game will be with the Haines City Hornets at Memorial Field the 13th of October. This is a Ridge Conference game. The 1950 schedule shows that the Avonites will meet 7 Ridge Conference foes and Wauchula and Arcadia of the South Florida Conference.

The 1950 schedule follows:
Sept. 29, Mulberry - there
Oct. 6, Kathleen - In Lakeland
Oct 13, Haines City - home
Oct. 20, Lake Wales - there
Oct. 27, Arcadia - there
Nov. 3, Wauchula - there
Nov. 10, Frostproof - there
Nov. 17, Open
Nov. 22, Sebring - home
Dec. 1, Ft. Meade - home

#### H. H. SHEPHERD'S BROTHER DIES

Friends of Homer H. Shepherd were sorry to learn that his brother, Fred W. Shepherd, 44, of Winter Garden, died at his home last Thursday night, August 31. The funeral was held last Monday in Winter Garden.

Mr. Fred W. Shepherd is survived by his widow, Mrs. Imadell Shepherd; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Shepherd; two sons, Fred, Jr., and Donald; and by nine brothers and sisters.

#### EPISCOPAL AUXILIARY

St. Margaret's Auxiliary of the Church of the Redeemer will meet at the Parish House next Wednesday afternoon, September 13, at 3:00.

## Highlands Board Won't Give Print Jobs To Critical Press

### *American Legion Elects New Officer*

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Comrade Floyd Freer was elected finance officer to fill the office vacated by Dick Langford. An auditing committee composed of W. T. Connell and Marion Nelson was appointed. Johnny Wright was appointed to represent the Legion at the Chamber of Commerce meeting which will be held to discuss the Winter Guest Cottage building project. Comrades L. B. Hush, Marion Nelson, Ed Wilcox, Demos Mandis were appointed members of a committee to investigate the possibility of selling the present Legion Home and building a modern home nearer the business district of the town.

### Highlands County Has Two Holiday Highway Accidents

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The first accident occurred last Friday, about 7 P. M., on State Road 25, south of Lake Placid, when Bradford H. Prudence of Miami, who was headed north, attempted to pass the car ahead of him. He was at the time in a non-passing zone. He struck a car coming from the opposite direction, driven by Mrs. Mary S. Owens of Miami. Mrs. Owens was taken to Walker Memorial Hospital, where she remained until the next day. Her husband and son, passengers in the car, were examined at the hospital, but did not require hospital care. Prudence was charged with improper passing and driving without a license. After posting bond, he was allowed to go on his way. Both cars were badly damaged.

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### *Exchange Club News*

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#### DOZIER M. BRYAN

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Besides his widow, Mrs. Lula L. Bryan, he is survived by four sons, Carl Bryan, of Linden, Kyle Bryan, of Cocoa, Earl Bryan, of Bowling Green, and Riley Bryan, of Dallas, Texas; three daughters, Mrs. Annie Mae Walker, of Bowling Green, Mrs. Zelma Dixon and Mrs. Catherine Funkhouser, of Avon Park; three brothers, Chester Bryan of Zolfo Springs, Tom Bryan, of Wauchula, and Claude Bryan of Bowling Green; and two sisters, Mrs. Pauline Carlton, of Zolfo Springs, and Mrs. Flora Lanier, of LaBelle.

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The following story of the doings of the Highlands County Commissioners at their regular meeting held Tuesday of this week was written by Hayden Williams, staff writer for the Tampa Tribune and appeared in the Wednesday issue of that paper. We are publishing it verbatim as we want the reader to have an unbiased view of the doings of the Highlands County Commissioners. You will find editorial comment in another column of this paper in regard to action taken by Board. Editor

SEBRING, Sept. 5 — Highlands County papers not loudly fawned out with county officers as editors whose stories about the board of commissioners and their doings have not been favorable in the opinion of one of the commissioners, lost out today when the presiding person of a meeting presided if general election ballots was discarded.

When the awarding of the ballot job came up for discussion, Commissioner M. H. Grice announced that recent writeups of the board's doings were "pretty unfavorable. And when they kick you around they don't make you feel so good."

Grice didn't allege that the stories were inaccurate.

Grice then moved that one of Sebring's two weeklies be given the job, explaining that his choice was owned by "local folks who have to make a living."

**On Record to Rotate**

When Circuit Court Clerk H. T. Piety, ex-officio clerk of the board, commented that the board was on record to rotate the county's business among the three established weeklies. Grice said: "This board is operating from day to day and has a right to change its mind."

Commissioner A. J. Tubbs added that he was in favor of dividing the business among the three papers.

Commissioner A. C. McAulay, key man on the board, seconded Grice's motion, which carried by a voice vote. Commissioner R. L. Stokes didn't vote.

Later, Grice told the Tribune that he was irked by a headline recently in an Avon Park paper, a member of the John H. Perry newspaper chain. The headline announced that the board had been "spanked" by the State Road Department for delays encountered on matters pertaining to Roads 64 and 66.

**Sebring Paper, Too**

The Perry chain also owns a Sebring paper, which in its last issue published a letter from State Road Department Chairman Alfred McKethan, in which he thanked the board for its cooperation.

That letter was in contrast to a previous letter in which McKethan urged the board to cooperate with the State Road Department.

The editor of the Sebring paper explained in his story that the "thank you for the cooperation" letter was a form letter that was sent to all county boards in the state.

The commission today also ordered letters sent to all constables notifying them that the fine and forfeiture fund for the fiscal year was practically depleted. The board didn't state what they expected or didn't expect the peace officers to do.

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#### 'RIGHT' PAPER GETS HIGHLANDS BALLOT PRINT JOB ANYWAY

A check of the records showed Wednesday that under the rotation-of-business policy of the Highlands County Commission, discarded yesterday, the Sebring weekly that received the ballot-printing job was entitled to it anyway.

The board in session here Tuesday, voted to award the November general election ballot printing job to a Sebring weekly newspaper, despite the fact that it was under the impression that it was the Avon Park paper's turn to receive the work.

**Had the record been checked Tuesday, as Board Clerk H. T. Piety had suggested, it probably would have kept off the record of the meeting Commissioner M. H. Grice's blast against an Avon Park and another Sebring paper for alleged "pretty unfavorable" stories about the commission.**

**As the result of the stories, the two "offending" papers were not considered when the printing job was awarded.**

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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the Florida State Chamber of Commerce and officials of the State have presented statistics to show that one-third (⅓) of the total income of the State is derived from visitors to the State, and

**WHEREAS**, every inquiry among the business men of Avon Park indicates that the visitors to this City bring a very considerable portion of the cash income to the citizens of the City, and

**WHEREAS**, it is most desirable to bring to the City a greater number of desirable visitors and appeal to those seeking retirement homes, and

**WHEREAS**, it is the opinion of this organization that suitable and adequate recreational facilities for our visitors and for those who have retired and are seeking homes, is most necessary, and

**WHEREAS**, the Winter Guest Club as a body and many of its individual members have complained of the present unsightly, inadequate and unsuitable condition of the present Winter Guest Club, and

**WHEREAS**, this organization is aware of statements made by several winter visitors to the effect that they were determined to go to other cities offering more suitable recreational facilities, and

WHEREAS, there can be no doubt in the mind of any responsible individual that Avon Park is in direct competition with other nearby cities for a fair share of the very substantial income to be derived from winter visitors and from those establishing their retirement homes in the State.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Chamber of Commerce support every activity designed to promote and improve the welfare and entertainment of winter visitors;

That this organization commend the Mayor and City Council for its past efforts and evident desire to improve facilities for use of winter visitors, further;

That the Chamber of Commerce initiate action in an endeavor to enlist the active support of all civic and fraternal organizations of the City with the purpose of offering to the officials of the City the full support of such organizations in financing an adequate and suitable Winter Guest Club with necessary recreational facilities;

That a copy of this resolution be forwarded by letter to the chief official of each civic and fraternal organization of the city with specific request that each such organization appoint representatives to attend a meeting of such organizations at the Jacaranda Hotel building at 7:30 P. M. September 8th for the purpose of effecting an organization of all civic and fraternal bodies to offer to and give the Mayor and City Council all possible support to effect the objective as set forth in this resolution.

H. R. Todd,
President

Attested this 26th day of August 1950,
Clayton Fields, Jr.
Executive Secretary.

## "Devil's Gabble"

By Doug Fields

Attention Mothers:

Where has your little boy or little girl been going every morning? Has he left the house around 8 o'clock feeling glum? That's to be expected. The lad or lass is undoubtedly enrolled in the Educational Facilities Building of Avon Park, Florida . . . (Commonly called the Devil's Roost or Hades). Now if your son or daughter is enrolled in A.P.H.S. he or she will very likely be needing money for pencils, pens, paper, notebooks, workbooks, etc. And believe me he'll take advantage of that "Etc."

When your son says, "Mother I've got to have five dollars for workbooks and such," give it to him, its a good investment! That is, however, if he has bothered you all summer. Cause now he is going to be busy for quite a while.

Seriously, school is here and I think a good majority of the students have lived through the first hectic week and have settled down to enjoy the privileges of a good education.

Homework is being assigned, Class elections are being held, and the Student Council, the governing body of the school which is composed entirely of students is swinging into action. With Gene Cruse as the Student Body Prexy this year it is expected to be a fine and prosperous school term. I think Gene has started a Crusade for a much needed "Student Handbook". This is to be a guide for the students as well as enjoyable reading material.

The APHS Band, which is considered by the students to be the best high school band in the state, has been rehearsing regularly and has already given the students some enjoyable entertainment during the chapel period. The Athletic Dept of Avon High has also started its work in the form of football. This team looks forward to a successful season and hopes to give the fans their money's worth in good hard football!

Will everything work out? Will Johnny make the football team? Will Mary be a cheerleader? Who will be President of such and such a class?

Be sure to read "Devil's Gabble" in the next issue of the Avon Park Sun and find out for yourself.

"Reading opens the door to hours of amusement and entertainment."

## Give The Teachers A 50-50 Break

Public school teachers are back on the job after two months of studying, traveling and resting . . .

A school teacher's son having married a school teacher's daughter, we have a pretty good idea of teachers' personal and public problems.

The public—mamas and papas in particular—expect these instructors of their children to be almost perfect human beings.

Among other things, the public expects them to be:

1. Errorless in behavior and character.

2. Educated so well they know something about every phase of American life.

3. Specially equipped to perform miracles with children when parents can't even get them to wash the dishes or study their lessons.

4. Shining examples of patience and endurance.

Check-turners when verbal blows are poured upon them by parents when all doesn't go well with their children.

There are a few school teachers who may be able to live up to such expectations but they're hard to find. The reason for the scarcity of such perfect instructors is the simple fact that school teachers are human beings.

They have the same faults, the same dispositions, the same desires for normal living that other mamas and papas—most of our teachers are mamas and papas—have in their daily living.

They get vexed, surely—just as anyone else in American life does—when they can't get raises to make family ends meet and to afford their children what they think they ought to have.

But as a whole, they are the most patient group in America. As the new school year begins for them, we'd like to pass along one suggestion to mamas and papas who expect teachers to make over their children:

Meet your children's teachers, judge them as human beings rather than perfectionists, and do your part in helping to mould the geniuses you send to the classrooms.—Ed. Ray in Sentinel-Star, Orlando.

There were 88,595 industrial accidents in Florida last year, according to the Florida Industrial Commission, which were settled at a cost of over $5 million.

## Feminine Florida

DORIS DANIEL

With the thermometer constantly reminding us of summer, it's pretty hard to believe that school days are here again. Even so, haven't you noticed that our velvety tropical evenings have a slight promise of autumn. Yes, impatient and quarrelsome September is here—Florida at her moodiest: first threatening and menacing us with her angry storms; then petulant and serene —her crown of fleecy clouds an ever changing panorama of beauty. And now the school bell sounds and the children eagerly return to school. A few are reluctant, it's true, but most mothers find that by September the youngsters are eager to return. The summers are long here in Florida and school days hold prospects of things new and exciting.

If your child is spending his first year in a Florida school you should be pleased to know that you are entering him into a system of education classified throughout the nation as outstanding. Most of this achievement is due to the Citizen's Committee on Education, which was organized in 1945. This committee is composed of citizens, educators and legislators. The committee's first task was a thorough survey of Florida's school whereupon the group presented a plan of improvement to the legislature. This outline is known as the Minimum Foundation Program. The cornerstone of this plan clearly states the purpose and paramount principle of our Florida schools:

"That every child in every family in every part of the state—from the barefoot boy at the crossroads to the well-dressed lad in the city apartment—should have equal opportunities for a good education."

Since this program has been instigated the status of Florida's schools has risen steadily until the Florida school system is an example used throughout the nation as a pattern for outstanding achievement in education. What has this program achieved in relation to your family and your life? Well, let's take a look at a few statistics. During the first year of the new program Florida spent an average of $165.50 per pupil for schools. Only 28 states spent more. Each year 2.9 per cent of the income of the state is spent educating our children; there are only 5 other states in the country that make a greater effort on behalf of their schools. In order to carry through this plan of education the finest teachers available are selected. Florida is among the leaders in selecting highly qualified teachers; 73.4 per cent are college graduates. Only seven other states have a greater percentage. These highly qualified staffs are made possible by the fair salary schedule which have been set up: a liberal retirement system; a progressive school system and the added lure of ideal working and climatic conditions.

Aside from being progressive and advanced our Florida schools are among the most attractive to be found. Classrooms and playgrounds are designed to take full advantage of Sol's most benevolent rays. Our system of education is built around the "Sunshine School"—teaching our children to get the fullest benefit from our natural resources. The health, serenity and happiness of each child is part of this "sunshine" program.

Florida is constantly striving for greater achievements in every phase of living, but her leaders have shown foresight in setting up a fine school system.

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## AVON PARK SERMONETTE

### The Face At The Window

By Rev. Herbert D. Graetz
Union Congregational Church

A mother sits at the window through the long hours of the evening waiting and watching for her son. A smile comes to her face, when a familiar step and a cheery whistle announce his coming. If you ask her why she sat at the window, she would say that peaceful rest would not come until her son was safely under the paternal roof. Foolish? Well, all of us are just a little foolish about those we love.

There are those who sit and wait but nothing comes to cause the heart to leap. Often they sit in darkness. And, because there is a void in their lives, they simply wait. Waiting and longing for something to turn up. This waiting and longing is real. Frank T. Bullen writes with poignancy of such an experience which he had aboard ship in Australian waters: "Often," he says, "I would stand on deck, when anchored in Sidney Harbour on Sunday morning, and listen to the church bells playing 'Sicilian Mariners' with a dull ache at my heart, a deep longing for something, I knew not what."

One can almost see faces at windows, faces looking out with expectancy as they wait for the coming of that which can bring peace, which can fill an empty life and deliver it from the ambush of pain or peril.

Is your face at the window? Do you seem to be hemmed in and hedged about? Do you seem to sit in darkness as you wait the coming of some new dawn that will bring the light?

Paul and Silas sat imprisoned at Philippi. In the darkness they prayed and sang praises unto God. It is written that "the foundations of the prison were shaken; and, immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's bands were loosed." In this instance we have an example of what may happen, when a perplexed soul turns to God in prayer, one comes who breaks the bands asunder and sets the captive free.

O weary soul, there cometh through the night
The Christ who bares you gifts of rest and light;
I hear His tread, the shadows flee away
And lo! my deepest night is turned to day.

If in the moment of your devotion, there comes the gentle knocking like the throbbing of the dawn, quickly leave your window. God's Son is there. He who brings peace to troubled hearts, who is the answer to the soul's deepest yearning, awaits entrance. Let Him in.

"Behold, I stand at the door and knock: If any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me." Rev. 3:20

## BIRTHS

To Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Mitchell a daughter, Nancy Sue, born Aug. 5, at Orange Memorial Hospital in Orlando. Birth weight was about 5 pounds.

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To Mr. and Mrs. O. T. Derkman a daughter, Sherrill Elaine, born Sept. 5 at Drs. Coleman and Northup's Clinic. Birth weight was 7 pounds 15 ounces.

To Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Smith, Lake View Drive, Sebring, a daughter, born on Sept. 5 at Walker Memorial Hospital. Birth weight was 8 pounds.

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To Mr. and Mrs. John W. Johnson, a daughter, born at 4:10 P. M., Sept. 6 at Walker Memorial Hospital. Dr. H. W. Coleman, attending physician.

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## Fall Injures Mrs. Josephine Goff

Mrs. Josephine Goff, 76, fractured her ankle last Sunday afternoon when she fell on the porch of her West Walnut Street home. A board in the flooring, apparently attacked by unseen rot, suddenly gave way under her, throwing her body free of the porch, while her leg was caught in the jagged hole. She was knocked unconscious by the fall. X-rays taken at Walker Memorial Hospital revealed broken bones. Her ankle was placed in a cast, which she will have to wear for about two months. At last report, she was at home and resting fairly comfortably.

Mrs. Goff lives with her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert P. Albritton.

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