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C. H. Bolton, Pastor
First Baptist Church
"UNAFRAID IN THE DARK"

Psalm 23:4

"Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff, they comfort me."

There is doubtless nothing else in the existence of man that we fear quite as much as we do death. We fight against it all we can. Had we the power we would destroy it. And yet, it would be terrible if nobody could die. Soon every home would be a hospital and everyone who is able would be required to wait on those too ill to care for themselves.

One could easily get the impression from the attitude of most people towards death that they consider it the destroyer of all that is good and the conveyor of all that is bad. On the other hand we Christians say that we believe the promises about Heaven and all the joys that await God's children after death. I am afraid most of us make a very poor showing to the non-Christian who attempts to reconcile our fear of death with our claim of Heaven after death.

Not many of us face death valley with the hope and expectation Paul had when he said, "For I am in a strait between two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better." Or even David, who said, "Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil." Yet we recognize that such faith is more in keeping with our Christian claims than is our common attitude.

The Path Through Death Valley
David approached this subject realizing that his path, like that of every other man, leads into death valley. But he knew that he is not going to be afraid. David hints here at that which is more clearly taught in the New Testament, namely, consciousness of the soul after unconsciousness lays hold on the body. "I will fear no evil." If he were to be unconscious in soul as well as body he would be incapable of experiencing the emotions of

fear. For the trusting soul it is the physical that suffers and fears and not the soul.

Then David speaks of death valley not as something into which he is to enter and remain but as something which he "walks through". On the day He was crucified Christ entered death valley. Sunday morning following He came out of it, having "walked through" it.

The Light In The Valley
David speaks of the "shadow of death". We must have some light in order to have shadows. He calls it "the shadow of death" and not death itself. Only the lost man shall know the utter darkness of death. That man away from God has no light, neither does he have any shadow, but utter darkness.

The Basis for David's Calmness
David names three things as a reason for his calmness. First, was the presence of his Lord. "Thou art with me." That also explains the "light" in the valley, for God is light. It would also remove all fear. Since David wrote this Psalm the Lord Himself has passed through death valley, therefore, He says to us, "I've been through it and I will be with you, so don't be afraid."

The second thing was "Thy rod". This was a cudgel for warding off enemies. To David it meant that death itself was to be held at bay; it could come only so far and no farther. The third thing was "Thy staff". This was to hold back from danger, to rescue, to deliver the sheep. Even in death valley the Lord would hold His own close to Him.

Like that of David, our paths will one day lead into death valley, but we ought not to be afraid. And between now and the time we enter it we should be busy telling men and women about our "Good Shepherd".

Social Security Information

Does your employer have your correct social security number? William E. Arnold, manager of the Lakeland social security office said this question is particularly timely now since employers will be filing their social security tax returns for the first quarter of 1953 this month.

Social security benefits, he explains, are based on the amount of earnings credited to your account. Since your social security number is the key to your account, credit for earnings may be

lost if your number is reported incorrectly.

Anyone may get a record of his social security account once a year. A special postcard for this purpose is available at the local social security office. Arnold pointed out.

Correct numbers and current reporting help to insure payment of correct amount of benefits in the event of death or retirement after age 65 of any person insured under social security.

Mr. Arnold said his office at 807 Broderick Building in Lakeland will be glad to furnish detailed information.

Save Money - Read The Ads

\$11,500 FOR CANCER RESEARCH



A grant in the amount of \$11,500 for cancer research at the University of Florida was made by the American Cancer Society. At a recent ACS meeting in London, Dr. E. A. Roush, president of the American Cancer Society, is reading the certificate to Dr. Francis C. Kay, chairman of the research at the University, who is accepting the grant on behalf of the University. Nathan R. Graham, 1953 Cancer Council Chairman for Hillsborough County and Dr. James L. Brown, president of the county's cancer society, are also present. (Left to right) Jola in making the presentation to Dr. Kay.

Births

(The following births occurred at Walker Memorial Hospital.)

To Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Allen Warren Jr., of Sebring, a son, Edgar Allen Warren III, born April 15. Birth weight was 6 pounds 7 ounces.

To Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Sidney Asher, a son, Arthur Sidney Asher Jr., born April 15. Birth weight was 6 pounds 12 ounces.

To Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brand of Sebring, a son, Timothy Dean, born April 15. Birth weight was 5 pounds 6 ounces.

To Capt. and Mrs. Weyman Sinclair Carver, daughter, Kathryn Blanche, born April 16. Birth weight was 7 pounds 13 ounces. The Carver now in Korea and is not expected home until next January. Mrs. Carver is the former Miss Marguerite Nelson of Bushnell, and was once a teacher in the Avon Park Public Schools. Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Carver are the baby's grandparents.

To Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Wesley Womble of Lake Placid, a son, Gary Leon, born April 17. Birth weight was 7 pounds 14 ounces.

To Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Leapheart of Sebring, a daughter, Tricia Eileen, born April 18. Birth weight was 7 pounds 10 ounces.

To Mr. and Mrs. John William Childers, a daughter, Connie Ann, born April 21. Birth weight was 6 pounds 3 ounces.

To Mr. and Mrs. Willard Johnson, a daughter, born April 22. Birth weight was 9 pounds 6 ounces.

SCOTT JOHNSON BELL
Scott Johnson Bell, 83, died Sunday, April 19, at his Dixie Park residence. He had lived in Avon Park for 25 years. A retired railroad employee, he had been associated with the Atlantic Coast Line for 21 years.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Martha Bell, and a daughter, Mrs. J. N. Royal, both of Lakeland. Funeral services were held Monday afternoon, at 3:30, in the Stephenson Funeral Home chapel, with Elder R. T. Popper of Bowling Green and the Rev. O. H. Fitzgerald of Avon Park officiating. Burial was in Bougainvillea Cemetery.

Pallbearers were Dalton Williams, Lee Weeks, Bill Johns, Lee Gargantuan, H. N. Fowler, and Mr. Rouse.

CECIL WEBB SUPPLIES EISENHOWER WITH GRITS

In 1944 when Eisenhower was commander in Europe, Bing Crosby asked him what he wanted for Christmas.

"Grits," the General replied. When Cecil Webb of the Dixie Lily Milling Company heard about it he sent a supply of grits to the general with his compliments.

During his campaign for president when Eisenhower visited Tampa he was again presented with a five-pound package of Florida grits.

When the General became President and moved to 1600 Pennsylvania Ave., Webb shipped him another package of grits and advised him that a package would arrive each week.

Senators Holland and Smathers asked the President if his favorite breakfast food was arriving regularly.

The President grinned and said that it was and that he was thoroughly enjoying it.

Gov. Dan McCarthy has designated the week of May 4-10 as All-Florida Folk Festival Week in recognition of the All-Florida Folk Festival which will be presented May 4-10 on the Stephen Foster Memorial grounds at White Springs.

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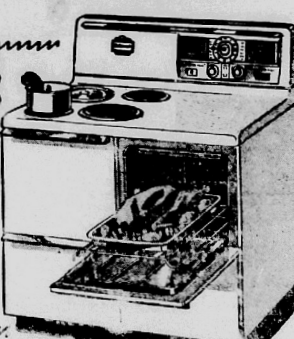
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Miss Mildred nounced the nter, Miss Barth ter of Mr. and of Bartow, to of Mr. and M of Avon Park, performed by the pageantage. On April 15, at 7 a nce of ment families.

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Florida, W.M.U.

The Women of the Florid Church met a day night for ing, with 19 visitors prese ed by Mrs. Ed Margie McCu.

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Closing pra Theda Tucker Refreshment the following Mrs. Marg Evie Farmer, Mrs. C. W. Howard, Mrs Mrs. Thelma Rodgers, Mr Mrs. W. D. Knowles, Mr Viola O'Hern Mrs. Rose G Tucker, Mrs. Emma Porter

TRIPLE
The Triple group of the meet Tuesda at 5:00 p.m.

Don't miss bait casting on Wednesday, 25th on Lake

Clubs

Social Activities

Personal Items

Young Fashion Plate



Photo by Helen Portrait Studio
Miss Cheryl Guerdni shows us what the well-dressed young miss wears to Sunday school and church these spring mornings. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Guerdni and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Guerdni.



MRS. BRADY HOPSON
Miss Grace Married To Brady Hopson

Miss Mildred Grace has announced the marriage of her sister, Miss Barbara Grace, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Grace of Bartow, to Brady Hopson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Preston Hopson of Avon Park. The ceremony was performed by Dr. C. H. Bolton at the parsonage of the First Baptist Church on Wednesday evening, April 15, at 7 o'clock, in the presence of members of the couple's families.

The bride wore a white suit with navy blue accessories and an orchid corsage.

Mr. and Mrs. Hopson are both graduates of Avon Park High School, class of 1952. Mrs. Hopson is employed at Walker Memorial Sanitarium and Hospital; Mr. Hopson at Touchant Ranch.

An interesting Bible study on the beginning of Christ's ministry was taught by Mrs. W. D. Fletcher from Matthew 4:1-11.

Closing prayer was by Mrs. Theda Tucker.

Refreshments were served to the following:
Mrs. Margie McCulley, Mrs. Evie Farmer, Mrs. J. G. Harrell, Mrs. C. W. Hall, Mrs. Bessie Howard, Mrs. Rubie Marshall, Mrs. Thelma Bass, Mrs. Ruth Rodgers, Mrs. Vivian Murray, Mrs. W. D. McInnis, Mrs. Leno Knowles, Mrs. Ruth Casey, Mrs. Viola O'Hern, Mrs. Wavy Frizzell, Mrs. Rose Cherry, Mrs. Theda Tucker, Mrs. Ernie Lewis, Mrs. Emma Porter, Mrs. Emma Young.

TRIPLE LINK CLUB
The Triple Link Club, social group of the Rebekah Lodge, will meet Tuesday evening, April 26, at 8:00, in the Rebekah Hall.

Don't miss the demonstration on belt casting given by an expert on Wednesday afternoon, April 28th on Lake Verona.

Welch - Albright Wedding Held In Gainesville

Miss Helen Welch, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Welch of East Circle Street, was married to Wayne W. Albright, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Albright of West Hill Street, in Gainesville, on March 30, at 7:00 p.m. The wedding ceremony was conducted by the Rev. C. L. Overturf of the Church of Christ.

Miss Welch is a graduate of Avon Park High School and of Freed-Hardman College in Henderson, Tenn. She was formerly employed at the Barnett Bank.

Mr. Albright is a graduate of Martins Ferry, Ohio, High School, and attended Florida Southern College and Southern Technical College at Chamblee, Georgia.

The couple was attended by the bride's brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Childers of Gainesville, Fla.

After a month's honeymoon on the Gulf beaches, they will make their home in St. Petersburg.

Business Women's Club April Meeting

Claire Higgins, Patti Hill, Ann Whitte, and Joyce Clark were hostesses at the regular meeting of the Business Women's Club, held in the customer's room of the Florida Power Corp., Monday night at 8 o'clock.

The president, Sarah Sellers, presided over the business session, during which Mrs. Whitte gave a brief report on the club's 1953 project—medical aid to a high school student, Mattie Tompkins reported on proposed changes to the club's by-laws. The social committee was instructed to set the date and make plans for the annual picnic in May.

After the hostesses had served refreshments, the members played bridge and canasta.

Present: Neva Altherton, Clara Bigbie, Allie Cain, Edna Mae Cox, Tommie Hall, Chloe Lookhoff, Claire Higgins, Estelle McGinnis, Millie Pearson, Ethel Redd, Sarah Sellers, Vera Sellers, Mattie Tompkins, Ann Whitte, Ethel Williamson, Exia Caffee, Annette Myers, Phoebe Faulkner, Anita Renfro, Mary Pollock, Patti Hill, Yula Fisher, Joyce Clark.

Waterhouse - Lewis
Mrs. Bernice Emma Waterhouse of White Plains, N.Y., and Kenneth B. Lewis of Lake Byrd, Avon Park, were married Monday afternoon, April 20, at the Union Congregational Church with the Rev. H. D. Graetz officiating.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis left on a ship's trip to Miami and Key West. They will make their home at Lake Byrd.

An open house will be held in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis by his sister, Mrs. C. H. Shepherd, at her Lake Byrd home Sunday afternoon, April 26, from 3:00 to 5:00. No invitations are being issued, but the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are invited to attend.

Mrs. Otto Skipper Circle Hostess

Mrs. Otto Skipper was hostess to the Alice Moore Circle of the First Baptist Church on Tuesday afternoon, April 14.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman and Mrs. R. H. Lawhon then offered prayer. Following a short business session, Mrs. Lawhon taught a very interesting Bible lesson from the 12th and 13th chapters of Romans. The meeting was dismissed by Mrs. Weekley, and the hostess served delicious refreshments to the 12 members present.

Mrs. Clements, Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Asher, Mrs. Weekley, Mrs. Baughan, Mrs. Lawhon, Mrs. Dean, Mrs. O'Hern, Mrs. Martin, and Mrs. Arnold.

Bertha Smith Circle Meeting

The Bertha Smith Circle of the First Baptist Church met at the home of Wilma Smith on Monday night.

Lucy Robinson taught the Bible lesson from John, chapter 13. After the business session, refreshments of cake and coffee were served by the hostess.

Present: Ophelia Rihner, Lucy Robinson, Virginia Freer, Pat King, Dorothy Atkins, Barbara Wicker, Virginia Henderson, Helen Camp, Dot Martin, and two new members—Katie Carlisle and Harold Watson. There was one visitor, Dorothy Clark.

AL FRANK PROMOTED TO MANAGER OF WJCM

Al Frank, assistant manager and sportscaster of WJCM, Sebring, will become manager of the station May 1, according to W. J. Thomas, general manager of Clearfield Broadcasters, Inc., owner of the station.

Frank, who joined the station three years ago, will succeed Joe Termin, who has been named manager of CBF's station at Lantana, Fla.

Frank, University of Minnesota graduate who came here from Minneapolis, was an Army lieutenant in World War II. He is champion of the Sebring Golf Club.

REV. H. E. GARRETT PREACHING IN GEORGIA

The Rev. H. E. Garrett is conducting services this week at the First Methodist Church in Lakeland, Ga., in connection with the United Methodist Evangelistic Mission. Methodist ministers from the Florida Conference are preaching in the South Georgia churches this week.

Dr. Garrett will preach May 1-3, the Methodist pastors of the South Georgia Conference will preach in the Florida churches.

The Rev. George Zorn of Fitzgerald, Ga., will be the guest preacher in Avon Park.

Dr. Garrett will be back in his own pulpit this Sunday.

JANE MAXWELL PRESIDENT METHODIST YOUTH GROUP

Miss Jane Maxwell was elected president of the Fidelity Sub-district Methodist Youth Fellowship last Monday evening at a meeting of this group, in Zolfo Springs. Among the Methodist churches represented in this organization are: Sebring, Arcadia, Wauvula, Venice-Nokomis, Bowling Green, and Zolfo Springs.

Miss Maxwell expects to attend the leadership training school for Methodist Youth at Lake Junaluska, N.C., next summer.

News Of Our Service People

Sergeant First Class Richard M. Birt, son of M. W. Birt, Avon Park, arrived home April 11 to spend a 30-day leave. Sgt. Birt recently returned to this country from service in Korea. At the end of his leave, Sgt. Birt will report to Fort Jackson, S.C., to await his assignment orders from the Army.

Airman First Class Dolan L. Hill, stationed at Mitchell Air Force Base, New York, arrived Saturday to spend a 12-day leave with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Hill, and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Adams.

LT Commander W. Dan Deibler, U.S.N., son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. D. Deibler, 138 N. Forest Avenue, has been visiting his parents for the past several days. He left Thursday morning to return to his duty station at San Juan, Puerto Rico, where he is a member of the staff of the Commandant of the 10th Naval District.

SPORTSMEN — Be at Lake Verona Wednesday afternoon, April 29th and enter the skish contest. You'll have fun.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Lander are spending the week in Bradenton.

Mrs. Ray Willis is now the adult leader of the Girl Scouts.

Mrs. C. T. Ferguson and son, Dickie, left Monday to visit her parents in Triplet, Va.

Col. and Mrs. D. M. Ellis spent the weekend at Sharps, with Dr. and Mrs. Robert Malcom.

Mrs. McKee Elwell is recovering satisfactorily after her recent operation at Walker Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Ross Bigbie, who was operated on at Walker Memorial Hospital, Sebring, on Monday, is reported to be doing well.

Mr. and Mrs. A. S. Kinney attended the Florida Press Association spring meeting at Jacksonville Beach last weekend.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Swartz returned this week to Harrisburg, Pa., after spending the winter months at their Avon Park home.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Hoover of San Francisco, Calif., are visiting their parents, Gen. and Mrs. A. M. Owens. They plan to be here through May.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Will of St. Louis, Mo., who had been visiting their relatives, Mrs. H. J. Hahn for a few days, returned home Monday.

Mrs. and Mrs. M. F. Stokes, Dolores, Melvin, and Jeffrey, spent Sunday at Fort Myers Beach with Mr. and Mrs. George Crawford, former Avon Park residents.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Forbes of Newport News, Va., are the guests this week of their aunt, the Misses Kate and Mattie Tompkins, at their home on North Highlands.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Meisner and son, Tom, of State Oak, Michigan, were the guests of Mrs. R. H. Stodden and of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Luxton Monday and Tuesday of this week.

Dr. Donald C. Hartwell of Walker Memorial Hospital will attend the annual convention of the Florida Medical Association in Hollywood this weekend, April 26-29. Mrs. Hartwell will accompany him.

Members of the Baptist Student Union Executive Council, Florida State University, who were installed recently in the First Baptist Church of Tallahassee, included Miss Lynn Longbottom of Avon Park.

Misses Virginia Norris and Lynn Longbottom were among the 44 Florida State University students who attended the annual Baptist Student Retreat at Camp O'Leary, near High Springs, last weekend, April 18-19.

Mr. and Mrs. James Hazelhurst, their son, James and daughter, Joan, of Wollaston, Mass., returned home Thursday after a week's visit with Mrs. Hazelhurst's mother, Mrs. Martha Wilkinson, and aunt, Mrs. Wallace H. Sterns, at Lake Byrd.

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Mrs. Otto Skipper is ill in Walker Memorial Hospital.

W. A. Karn and Sam McBride, who have been here for the winter, plan to return to their homes in Illinois on April 27.

Mr. and Mrs. F. B. Piest, who have a home on Lake Lillian, have returned to Jonesboro, Tenn., for the summer months.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Landress, Mrs. James T. Landress, Diane and Gene, spent Sunday in Sanford, visiting Mrs. Cecilia Landress, who is very ill. They also visited Mrs. G. W. Rowland, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Knight, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thomas.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Ayres, of Alliance, Ohio, are spending a few days with Mrs. E. E. Heitsman at her home on Lake Lotela.

Mrs. C. E. Gove from Crescent City, Fla., and St. Albans, Vt., is the guest for several weeks of the Rev. and Mrs. H. E. Garrett.

Mrs. Ollie Black, who underwent surgery at Walker Memorial on Monday morning, is reported to be doing satisfactorily. Mrs. Black is employed at Avon Upstapery Service.

Mrs. Freda Gillin and Mrs. Ruth Miller of Floral Park, N.Y., visited their former neighbor, Kenneth R. Lewis, at his Lake Byrd home this week, and attended the wedding of Mr. Lewis to Mrs. Bernice Emma Waterhouse on Monday.

WATERMELONS ARE MOVING TO MARKET
Watermelons have begun moving in quantity from the Immokalee-Ft. Myers-Wauchula area. They are excellent melons. The recent cold snap retarded the market somewhat. Immokalee has 6,000 to 7,000 acres on Black Diamond or Cannon Ball melons, and about 200 acres of Ice Box Melons. Ft. Myers reports 1,200 acres and Wauchula between 1600 and 1500 acres.

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CRACKER POLITICS

By Allen Morris

Tallahassee — Braley Odham of Tallahassee is in the unusual position of being able to evaluate the current legislative session both as a former member of the House of Representatives and as a virtually certain candidate for Governor in 1956.

Replying to questions asked him by Cracker Politics, here is Odham's assessment of how matters stand so far in the Legislature.

Question. You have often asserted that gambling interests exerted a strong influence in the Florida Legislature. From what you have heard and read, do you think this influence is stronger, weaker, or about the same in this session as in the sessions when you were a member?

Odham. During the two terms that I was a member of the Florida Legislature the gamblers, both legal and illegal, coordinated their power with that of the state as a selfish interest, and defeated much of the sound legislation designed to curtail their activities or to make them pay their proper share of the cost of operating the government. They were a powerful influence then. It is my opinion that they are still a powerful influence.

Q. From your recent experience with Florida's campaign contributions law, do you think it has been generally effective in curbing contributions from unsavory sources? If you were a member of the Legislature, would you advocate any substantial change in this law?

Odham. I believe that Florida's campaign contribution law is well intentioned and can be an effective weapon to curb the contributions from unsavory sources. Actually, the law does not specifically provide for any enforcement, and without enforcement the law is not of much value. I feel legislative action is needed to provide for a stronger and more rigidly enforced law.

Q. Attorney General Ervin has proposed a 10-man racket squad, as you mentioned, with power to make arrests anywhere in the state. Some sheriffs oppose the plan. If you were a member of the 1953 Legislature, would you vote for or against the Ervin proposal?

Odham. I understand that Attorney General Dick Ervin has proposed passage of a law to create a 10-man racket squad which could, at the direction of the governor or request of local officers, go anywhere in the state and issue warrants, bear arms, and make arrests of those who violate the laws of Florida. Certainly I am not sure that such a proposal may cause concern among some people for fear that such action would eventually lead to a strong State police or over-centralization of authority, and hence the bottlenecks on this proposal are being drawn from local law enforcement versus strong State police. This, in my opinion, is not the main issue, but it is a side issue which could best be handled by providing an expiration clause in the Ervin proposal so that every two years the law would expire and would have to stand for re-examination as to its achievements or misuse or abuse of power. The real issue is whether or not we in Florida have the desire and the law enforcement machinery to adequately cope with the organized racketeers on a statewide basis. Recent Florida history plainly shows that these corrupt forces have been powerful enough to operate gambling establishments, bookie joints, and other major criminal activities within our state. These criminals know that our law enforcement machinery is inadequate to prevent their operations.

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General Dick Ervin could be the weapon we so badly need. The law should specifically state what crimes the racket squad must deal with. I heartily endorse and would support such a plan.

Q. What do you regard as the greatest opportunity for public service before the 1953 Legislature?

Odham. I feel that for me to stand out for the most important objective for the 1953 Legislature would be improper at this time.

The Legislature and the people of Florida know what I stand for, and they were recently submitted a very fine program by the Governor of our state. They follow his general program much good can come to the State of Florida.

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FLA. VEGETABLE INCOME TOPS CITRUS OR CATTLE
Gainesville, April 8 — Vegetables, not citrus or cattle as some may think, were the largest source of Florida's agricultural income last season.

According to Donald L. Brooke, associate agricultural economist, writing in the latest issue of "Economic Leaflets," monthly publication of the Bureau of Economic and Business Research at the University of Florida, vegetable production was valued at \$136,597,000 last year.

Citrus was worth \$123,547,000 and livestock and livestock products marketed were worth \$115,492,000.

In his article, "Some Economic Factors in Florida Vegetable Production," which like all Economic Leaflets are sent free to residents of Florida on request, Brooke also brought to light other revealing facts about such crops as snap beans, celery, tomatoes, cabbage, corn, cucumbers, and green peppers.

"Florida now produces some 365,000 acres of vegetables for fresh consumption during the fall, winter, and spring months, in large and small areas located principally in the central and southern portions of the state," he states.

"Vegetable production in Florida was valued at \$23,000,000 in 1939, \$19,000,000 in 1949, and slightly in excess of \$20,000,000 in 1950."

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HICCUPS
Most people have had hiccups, and in a good many persons they have persisted for weeks and even months.

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Physicians are concerned with those cases which do not respond to home remedies. No one need feel that seeking medical advice is a waste of time, for the hiccups, despite the comical picture the word conjures up, can be dangerous.

Sometimes they are the symptoms of diseases such as appendicitis, heart trouble, diabetes, ulcer or brain tumor. It is believed that certain types of hiccups are contagious because there have been epidemics of hiccups in some communities.

Physicians know that hiccups result when the diaphragm is not working as it should. Whatever and wherever the particular trouble may be, it causes the diaphragm to execute involuntary, jerky contractions. The jerks are so irregularly timed that the sufferer never knows exactly when to expect the next. This misbehavior of the diaphragm is accompanied by sudden inspirations of breath and a sudden closure of the windpipe. The inrushing breath, striking the closed windpipe, produces the characteristic hiccup.

In cases of prolonged hiccups, physicians do their best to find the cause and remedy it without resorting to surgery. When all else fails and the patient grows weaker and weaker, the doctor will cut or crush the nerve leading from the brain to the diaphragm. The hiccups usually cease immediately, and the nerve regenerates in time. Since the paralyzed diaphragm impairs breathing and may cause other complications, the operation is usually resorted to save life.

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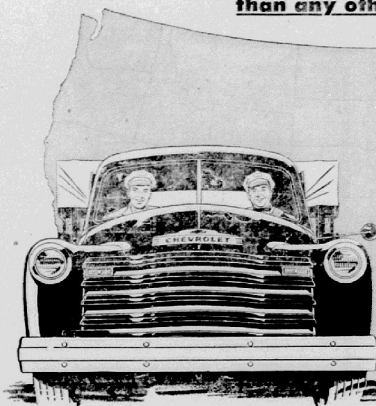


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'TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY'

By Russell Kay

According to Governor McCarty, Florida is sure enough going to the dogs and he wants the legislature to do something about it. It isn't our going to the dogs he views with alarm, but rather, the fact that the state isn't getting a big enough cut from the profits.

Dog racing in Florida is big business, profitable business, and up to now the dog-racing interests have had enough political influence to keep legislatures in line and sidetrack adverse legislation that might in any way handicap their operations or reduce their profits.

This session the dog sledding won't be as easy although dog track operators are still politically powerful, and it looks like a knock-down drag-out fight before the battle is over. If the governor makes his point and succeeds in getting more money from the dog tracks he will have to do so over some very powerful legislative dead bodies. My guess is he'll get some additional revenue but not as much as he hopes to get.

Another headache is the school teacher problem. While the Chief Executive is willing to go along with them on the question of increased pay, he doesn't feel they are entitled to all that they are asking for. Here again a compromise of some sort can be looked for. The school lobby, like the dog track lobby, is plenty powerful and they will hold out as long as they can for the highest possible figure.

A number of legislators have gone out for the State Sales Commission and the Livestock Sanitary Board. These are highly controversial measures and will be depended upon to take a lot of legislative time. What will happen nobody knows, but my guess is that they will not be abolished.

There will be a real struggle over the proposal to establish a Medical School at the University of Florida. It is proposed that an appropriation of five million dollars be made to start the project which would be expended into a 12 million dollar school when completed. The University of Miami has already established a medical school and is now receiving a state subsidy and look on the proposed school at Gainesville as a "luxury the state cannot afford." Governor McCarty's hand full with other legislative problems, has indicated that this is one fight he intends to stay out of.

The Florida Citizens Safety Council, now operating as an independent agency, in all probability will be merged with the State Department of Public Safety. Council Director Nat Rambo states that he will not oppose such a move but contends that no matter which way the cat jumps the state will be called upon to appropriate more money for an effective safety program. An appropriation of \$100,000 has been asked for by the Department of Public Safety.

Most legislators realize that money appropriated for state advertising has paid a handsome dividend, and are inclined to go along with the State Advertising Commission's request for more funds with which to stop their effort to attract more visitors and more investment dollars to Florida. The Commission can give a good account of its accomplishment since it was set up and the agency is looked upon as one of the most worthwhile agencies in Tallahassee.

The proposal to abolish the fee system, while popular with public opinion, looks like it would have tough sledding. Despite the fact that the passage of this bill would eliminate much injustice and do away with the "speed trap" racket, some legislators contend it would work too great a hardship on counties and communities that depend on fines and forfeitures to pay county officials.

Some would go further and include the abolishment of constables and justices of the peace pointing out that the most flagrant violations under the fee system can be traced to that level of our law enforcement. Numerous attempts have been made in the past to pass such legislation without success, and it is very doubtful if anything will come from the attempt this session.

Senator Wayne E. Ripley of Jacksonville has introduced a bill that would abolish the State Improvement Commission, Florida's major public works agency. While the State Constitution does not permit the State to borrow money, the Improvement Commission can do so to its heart's content and is looked on by many interests as a dangerous set up.

There are plenty of other problems facing legislators and we'll talk about them in another column.

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**Chapter Thirteen
 How We Could Capitalize On Our Foreign Problems**

When will we ever learn that it is the leaders of our countries which promote wars—and the people themselves? Jesse Jones has said our leader promoted our entrance into the last war. There are many in high authority who agree with him. We know this situation to be true with the Russians, the Germans and the Italians. As power becomes more and more concentrated in the hands of a few, the opportunity for this sort of thing grows more prevalent. What we, the people, must do is to take much greater part in preventing any further concentration and growth of power. Let us take back into our own hands the money which is being handed out merrily to foreign lands. We can very efficiently do this by funneling all of the corporations' tax money back into the hands of the Voters and giving the corporations a free hand in administering their own Marshall Plan which will work to their own self-interest. Our dealing with these foreign nations will thus be done at private company level with their cost to the taxpayer and less risk of foreign entanglements which might get us into war. This is a far better way to handle the menace of Communism, because the direct benefits which our corporations have to offer will be going directly to the citizens of foreign lands rather than to the politicians who will use it for their own selfish ends. This is exactly what is happening in Britain today. The labor leaders are taking our Marshall Plan money, using it to support their own money economy to keep themselves in power and then telling the English people that we are robbing them and trying to get them into a war with Russia. Let us take our own money, let our own leaders make "suckers" of us? Let us make the Congress turn that Marshall Plan money over to us as a National Dividend, and then let our corporations go into England and take over English industry with the help of English capital put them back on their feet and into the profit side so that the English investor, the American investor and the American Voter will benefit. Let us leave our own and the British politicians out of the problem, and we, the people of this country and England, will be far better off. The curse of the English people is the curse of the politician—the demagogue who does not want the investor to earn a profit. Down with this attitude! Let us all share in the profit and let us encourage the investor to make his profit so that we can get out of the depression. There are two choices open — one, the way of profits and more products—or the way of no profit and no production. The people will choose the right course if they know they can share the profits with which to pay the products.

Chapter Fourteen
The Need To Plan Ahead
 We have known since the efforts of the New Deal in the past two decades, while appearing to attempt to solve the various problems of our political economy, nevertheless have resulted in attendant crises, inflation, bureaucracy, favoritism, wastefulness, and stifling of free enterprise. In addition to all of these results, their efforts have involved a growing disregard for the basic fundamentals of our Constitution. The need is for a plan which will eliminate the opportunity for the continuance of this situation and at the same time expand the general welfare. We definitely need further expansion of our general welfare because there is today great poverty amidst plenty. Something is partly wrong with

a national economy that permits on one side bountiful wealth and on the other pitiful poverty.

During the year 1948, about 140,000,000 American workers made a total personal income of 212 billion dollars. Technically speaking, they were not all "workers". Some cornered markets and clipped coupons while others dug coal and others ran locomotives.

But they made 212 billions of dollars which was the largest amount of purchasing power ever distributed in any nation in history.

Yet during that same year one out of every two single dwelling individuals lived on less than \$1,000, and one family out of every ten was forced to exist on \$20 a week or less.

Such facts as those need some support. You need look no further than the report of a subcommittee of the Joint Committee on the Economic Report of the Congress of the United States. This subcommittee has been investigating the problem of our low income families. The facts this group has assembled are public information.

During the same year—1948—there were nearly ten million families and about six million individuals who earned averages considerably less than \$40 a week.

The trouble lies principally in the fact that our economy has not moved forward at an even pace throughout the ranks, and productivity and consumption have not gone forward at an equally accelerated pace. Although we have in America the most productive and the most capital builders the world has ever known, the full benefits of our system are not being realized. The fruits of capitalism are being ruined by waste in unnecessary government administration. Productivity, in this sense, means the ability to produce, and the ability to produce depends entirely upon an opportunity to work with capital goods, equipment and machines. The farmer used to work with a mule and wooden plow. Now he has tractors and steel plows. His productivity has increased perhaps twenty times, yet he is no more industrious than when he worked with the mule and wooden plow.

The ability of this nation to produce would, without a shadow of a doubt, be increased beyond our fondest hopes if every Voter was assured of a share in the profits from that increased productivity. Give him a National Dividend—make him a stockholder in the world's biggest business—give him an incentive for increasing production and watch him go.

But instead of a practical profit-sharing plan like the National Dividend, what are our bureaucrats suggesting?

To all appearances they are preparing to repeat the historic errors of the New Deal in coping with unemployment and low incomes. They seem to have forgotten that the New Deal, while it provided relief, never provided jobs. In a predominantly business economy such as ours, it is business that provides jobs, not the Government.

Our economic planners say that money should be put into the hands of consumers by boosting Government expenditures. Before the Korean situation, revival of the CCC was under consideration, and we all know that this is just a stopgap that merely defers the entrance of young men into the labor market. Still other stop-gap measures are being considered: one which would get older workers to retire by lowering the Social Security age minimum, and another which would extend the coverage of unemployment insurance over a longer period. The current war scare has obscured some of these facts, but the danger will return greater than ever when we return to a normal era.

Virtually every one of the current proposals made by our economic planners would place an additional burden on the Federal Government and would ultimately be reflected in higher taxes.

(Continued Next Week)

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DO YOU WANT a beautiful Spinet Piano? Looks and plays like new. Has been out on rental only. Will transfer to responsible party for unpaid balance on easy monthly terms. Instrument can be seen in your vicinity by writing Sales Manager, 2116 Florida Avenue, Tampa, Fla. No. 24 32c

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WANTED—Silk or cotton rags, silk hose, or anything suitable for making rugs. Donations will be appreciated, and may be left at the Smith Hardware where they will be turned over to Mrs. Tom Mitchell, Welwood Wagon. Hostess, who will turn them over to party who can use the rugs to good advantage. 11p

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May Day Festival At Head Field Wednesday

Queen Theda Sims and King Dean Martin will be crowned May Day royalty at the May Festival next week. Queen Elizabeth Howell and King Marcus Dodd will reign over the junior court. The May Festival, which will be staged at Head Field Wednesday afternoon, May 6, at 4 o'clock, will begin with a dramatization, "The Awakening of Spring," by pupils from the first grade. A fairy of spring will arouse the sleeping flowers and bring back the birds and butterflies. This dance is being directed by Miss Little Mae Collins, Miss Sarah Sellers, and Mrs. Madeline Cooper.

With the coming of spring, the Junior Court of the festival will be crowned by the following: attendants Bruce Williams, Kiki Gaster, Raymond Hall, Carolyn Biggs, Ronnie Lasser, Linda Joyce Antley, Denise Pinchard, Karen Kirkland, Donny Simpson, and Sherry Joiner, will be crowned. Queen Elizabeth Howell and King Marcus will be preceded by Judy Wester, a flower girl, Johnny Rogers will present their crowns to the spring fairy who will crown them.

The entrance of the girls from the Junior and Senior classes bearing the hibiscus chain will precede the senior high school attendants - Ruth Moore, Kenny Wayne Elder, Edna Sabienmaier, Wesley Newsome, Arlene Sargent, and Glenn Welch. Cindy Metcalfe and Sandra Biggs will be flower girls; David Ward and Steve Seims, the crown bearers for the Senior Court.

A song, "Hail to Our Queen and King," by the girls in the Senior Court will signal the approach of Queen Theda Sims and King Dean Martin.

The entertainment for their Royal Highnesses will be as follows: Entrance of Court Jesters, Jeffrey Stokely and Betty Hutchinson.

Duck Dance of Muskogean Indians, by fifth graders, directed by Miss Janice Lee Whitaker and Miss Maxine Johnson.

A dance, Crown Beams and Barley Grow, by Kindergarten pupils, directed by Mrs. M. G. Whitcomb.

Folk dances, third graders, directed by Mrs. H. H. Shepherd, Mrs. Addie Lee Best, and Mrs. Ruth Drawdy.

Winding of maypole, by fifth graders, directed by Mrs. Chloe Lockhoff.

A fairy dance, Jan Taylor. Kelson Hill will be at the microphone as master of ceremonies.

Mrs. Talmage Suggs is arranging and supervising the program. She is being assisted by members of the Garden Club; Mrs. W. H. Warren, chairman of background decorations; Mrs. Chloe Lockhoff, Miss M. G. Whitcomb, and Mrs. H. H. Shepherd, Elementary School committee; Mrs. Herman and the High School Band; Bennie Harvey, sound effects; and Miss Maxine Johnson, vocalist. Thomas Jenkins, president of Student Council, will be in charge of the concessions.

Bait Casting Show Draws Large Crowd

The bait casting exhibition given by Chuck Schilling, representative of the South Bend Bait Company, and sponsored by the Highlands County Rod and Gun Club and the Avon Park Club, Wednesday afternoon in Donaldsonson Park drew an enthusiastic audience and participants of about 75 fishermen and going-to-be fishermen.

Mr. Schilling puts on a very interesting demonstration as well as a good line of chatter that keeps his audience interested from start to finish.

Mr. Schilling was guest speaker at the Rotary Club at noon, and gave a talk on conservation. In the evening he held a fishing clinic and started moving pictures at the school auditorium, with at least 50 in attendance.

GIRL SCOUTS NEED ANOTHER DRIVER

The Girl Scouts will make a trip to Sanibel Island this Sunday, May 2, starting from the Youth Center by car. Mrs. Ray Willis, leader, Mrs. W. H. Warren, and Mrs. H. W. Coleman will accompany the girls, and will drive cars.

One more car to make the trip is needed. Anyone interested in making the trip and willing to drive over, please call Mrs. Willis at 344-R or Mrs. Warren at 322.

Dedication Of Kissimmee River Bridge Saturday

Representative Edna Pearce states that plans have been completed for the dedication of the new bridge across the Kissimmee River on State Road 700 at Ft. Bassinger, on Saturday afternoon May 2, at 3:00 o'clock.

The festivities will be started with a free barbecue at the Fort Bassinger schoolhouse at noon. Everyone interested is invited to attend.

The bridge will be named "William Sydney Pearce Bridge" in honor of one of Highlands County's best loved pioneers. Mr. Pearce who died February 24, 1944, built the first bridge across the river in 1916 and operated same as a toll bridge.

The new bridge is 420 feet long of concrete construction with a steel drawn span.

Besides Miss Edna Pearce who will be present at the dedication other state officials will be Richard Simpson, chairman of the State Road Department, Howard Franklin of Tampa and member of SRD of this district, Senator Doyle Carlton, and Mr. E. L. Branson of the Okeechobee district and other Okeechobee officials.

Also invited guests are Alfred McKethan former chairman of the SRD who started the job under the Warren administration, Elgin Bayless, former SRD chairman, former Governor Fuller Warren, and former Senator James Moore of this district.

Georgia Minister To Preach At First Methodist

The United Evangelistic Mission for Florida Methodism will be conducted through the First Methodist Church in Avon Park, beginning Sunday, May 3, and continuing through Friday, May 8. The Methodist ministers of the South Georgia Conference will serve as guest preachers. The Florida ministers will be the South Georgia Conference last week.

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Sun To Raise Subscription Price June 1

The Avon Park Sun is one of the last weekly papers in Florida to increase its subscription price. We have been absorbing a loss on yearly subscriptions for the past couple of years, but now find it necessary to increase the price, on account of the high cost of news print and increased production costs all through the shop.

June 1st the price will be increased to \$3.00 per year by mail, and the news stand price will be increased to 10 cents per copy. Our old subscribers or new may pay up to three years in advance at the present price of \$2.00 per year if paid before June 1st, 1953.

Out of county subscribers may do the same at the present rate of \$2.50 per year.

To those who buy the paper each week on the newsstands, you can now make a considerable saving by paying yearly, and that way you will receive the paper each week through the mails. We urge you to come in now and renew at the present rate whether your subscription is due or not.

Arthur S. Kinney,
Managing Editor,
Avon Park Sun

Council Decides Against Purchase of Woodruff Heights—Proceed With Plans to Purchase Kings Court

The City Council met in regular session Monday night with all members present.

After a rather lengthy discussion the Council voted against the purchase of Woodruff Heights, but decided to proceed with the purchase of Kings Court, that the City is now operating.

They also voted to continue parallel parking on Main Street.

Following are some of the more important minutes of the meeting:

S. T. Smith requested that parking be restricted on East Canfield Street off South Verona Avenue and complained of fast driving around the school by school students, also about the cycles parking in the street. It was decided to put the curb and mark it "No Parking" along part of E. Canfield St.

L. D. McGiboney requested information about roads in his proposed subdivision, Lake Lois. Motion by Councilman Thomas, seconded by Councilman Sparks, to continue the matter.

McGiboney at his property on East side of Lake Lois at his expense, with the understanding that the streets will be dedicated as public streets as soon as an easement can be completed and approved and when so decided, his expense shall be refunded, and with the further understanding that he will pay advertisement in the Avon Park Sun advising the public of this action.

On roll call vote Councilmen Smith, Thomas, Sparks and Rush voted yes. Councilman Kirkland voted no. Motion carried.

Alton E. Elder appeared and stated that most of the beer places in the negro quarters were staying open. Motion by Councilman Rush to amend the City Sunday Beer sale ordinance so as to permit Sunday beer sales after 1:00 p.m. Motion died for a lack of a second.

Chief of Police Wolfe explained some of his difficulties in making arrests for Sunday beer sales when places were remaining open for sale of soft drinks, etc. Motion by Councilman Smith, seconded by Councilman Thomas, that the city furnish the necessary money up to \$25.00 in the Chief of Police to catch dealers selling beer on Sunday in the City. On roll call vote Councilmen Smith, Thomas, Kirkland and Sparks voted yes. Councilman Rush voted no. Motion carried.

A discussion of the city acquiring the Woodruff Heights and Kings Court Housing Projects was held. Mayor Sparks, all Council members, Bob King and L. M. Moseley took part in the lengthy discussion. A letter from F. T. Haskins, Attorney, was read stating the conditions under which the city could borrow money.

Motion by Councilman Kirkland, seconded by Councilman Sparks, to confirm the previous action of the City Council in regard to acquisition of Federal Housing Projects in the City by the City. On roll call vote Councilman Kirkland voted yes. All others voted no. Motion failed.

Motion by Councilman Rush, seconded by Councilman Thomas, to abandon purchase of Projects Fla. 8191 and 8192 (Woodruff Heights) and to study the Federal Housing Authority that the City desires the project but has no funds to purchase it. Motion by Councilman Sparks to continue the matter. Motion carried.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH NOTICE
There will be no early (7:30 a.m.) Communion service at the Church of the Redeemer this Sunday morning, May 3, 1953. The 11:00 a.m. regular service will be in charge of lay readers.

These changes are being made because Father John Crumley is ill.

Ridge Tournament Begins Monday

Avon Park will entertain 19 Ridge Conference baseball teams every night during the week of May 4 except Wednesday. The first game will begin Monday night, pitting Lake Wales vs. All Saints at 8:00 p.m. Sebring vs. Ft. Meade at 8:00 p.m.

All of the seeded teams drew byes for Monday night. The seedings were based on season records against Ridge teams which are: Mulberry, 6 wins 0 losses; Avon Park, 6-2; Kissimmee, 5-3; Kathleen 6-4; Haines City 6-8; Frostproof 5-5.

Kissimmee and Kathleen play Tuesday night. Mulberry and Avon Park play the winners of the Monday games on Thursday.

The two semi-final games will be played Friday night. The winners of Tuesday night and Thursday games will play Friday night at 8:00 and 8:00 p.m. The final game for the championship will be played Saturday night at 8:00 p.m.

Umpires selected by the coaches were Wise of Frostproof and Billbeck of Kissimmee. Hoyt Ewing of Sebring was selected as scorekeeper.

Prices for the Conference will be 75c for adults and 35c for children. All proceeds go to the Ridge Conference. Booster tickets cannot be honored.

Devils Run Wild With Sebring, 24-7

The Red Devil team won a rather easy game Tuesday night from the Sebring High School by 24-7. The Red and White jumped in the Sebring hurlers for 11 hits. Sebring used three hurlers throughout the game but was unable to check the heavy hitting of the Avon Park nine.

Elder and Reynolds were the men on the mound for Avon Park. Sam Elder started the game and pitched up until the sixth inning where Allie Reynolds relieved him to finish the game. They allowed Sebring 4 hits.

Outstanding points of the game were Elder's two triple and two singles, Martin's two triples, Reynolds' home run and single, and Harpers' terrific over-the-shoulder catch in deep center field.

The Devils also downed Lake Wales last Friday night 6-2. Reynolds pitched the battery. Reynolds pitched a very fine game giving up only 2 hits. Reynolds was the leading man with the stick with 2 for 3.

Score by innings:
Avon Park 400 107 6 11 hits
Sebring 035 100 3 4 hits

Car Collision Injures Five

Five persons were hurt - one critically - Sunday morning, April 26, in the head-on crash of two cars on State Road 12 in Polk County a few miles north of Avon Park.

The numerous fractures received by the five were treated in Sebring. The accident occurred on a highway where the road was under construction.

One vehicle, enroute from Miami to Tampa, contained three persons. The driver, a 29-year-old Miami driver, his mother, Mrs. Angela Miro, 56, and Turina Miro, 18, were injured.

Mrs. Miro's condition was listed as critical. She suffered a concussion of the brain, as well as fractured left leg and ankle, other injuries, and shock. The last report was that she had regained consciousness Wednesday, after being in a coma since the accident.

Mrs. Tulik, who had a compound fracture of the left knee, comminuted fracture of right knee, two fractured ribs, lacerations, and bruises, was taken Tuesday by Mizzelle ambulance to St. Joseph's Hospital, Orlando, for special care.

The other three all suffered serious injuries, including fractured legs and other broken bones.

CATTLEMAN'S ASSN. TO
MEET AT SEBRING CONTEST
Plans for a progressing rapidly for the Florida State Cattleman's Association which will be held at Sebring June 16-18, according to N. B. Jackson, president of the high Highlands County Cattleman's Association.

A visit to the 4-H Camp at Lake Placid, a tour of Highlands Hammock State Park and a barbecue and dance are planned as special entertainment for the group. Jackson reports.

Report of actions taken by the legislature will be a major attraction for the session. Last summer's convention at Stuart attracted more than 300 persons.

APHIS BANNED NOW AT
SEBRING MUSIC CONTEST
The Avon Park High School Band and their director, Mr. Gene Gorman, left Avon Park Thursday morning for the Sebring Music Contest at West Palm Beach. They will return home Saturday.

In the meantime, all band parents have their fingers crossed, lucky charms in their pockets, and the fervent hope in their hearts that the band will win as much praise there as it did at district contest.

The band has been doing some intensive practicing lately, and if practice does make perfect, then we should be able to hope that the judges will be impressed.

Mrs. Jennie Vail and Kirk W. Thompson have returned to New Bern, N.Y., after spending the winter here.

Weather Report By Charles Howe

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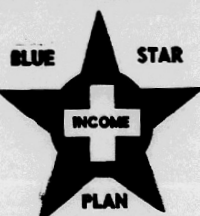
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Legislative Highlights

By Leo Wolfstky

Tallahassee — Despite Governor McCarty's declaration that the \$350 pay raise for Florida teachers voted by the house and senate last week was as high as the state could be expected to go, all hope was not being abandoned for a greater increase before the current session adjourns early in June.

The \$350 increase was an item in the appropriations measures adopted by both houses for the operation of all state functions during the next two years. There must still be enacted one of a number of proposed measures to determine the manner in which the money will be spent. These measures provide for increases of varying amounts in the pay going to the various ranks of teachers as established in the minimum foundation program law.

Rep. Roy Surles of Polk County, chairman of the house education committee, late last week quietly had extended the time for considering these measures. Should there be indication of a changed attitude toward the teacher pay question, a bill calling for more than \$350-\$450 is being talked—might be brought out and passed. This would necessitate a revision in appropriation figures.

Senator George K. Tapper of Port St. Joe, with Senator Russell Morrow of Palm Beach, spearheaded the senate effort to increase the teacher pay item in the appropriation bill there to the \$550 figure urged by the Florida Education Association.

Senator Graham Black of Jasper, urging a substantial appropriation for a bell tower at the Stephens Collins Foster memorial in his district, has also been among the senators prominently identified with measures aimed at more adequate school financing.

Senators enjoy the use of private offices, with telephones, but many of the more numerous house members don't have. Exceptions are the big-county delegations—Dade, Dade, Hillsborough, Polk, Pinellas—which have been allotted office space. The Dade and Hillsborough delegations brought with them special attorneys to check on bills.

Dean of the house is Rep. Elbert Stewart of Hendry County, who first entered the legislature in 1931 and has served continuously since that time, with the single exception of the 1933 session. Rep. J. Ed Stokes of Bay County started in the legislature before Stewart, but has not served as many terms. Stokes first came to the house as a member in 1919. Another old-timer is Rep. Bernie C. Papy of Monroe County, continuously a member since 1925.

Rep. Frank Marshburn of Levy County in the cattle country has introduced a measure to require fencing of all livestock in his county. His measure expands the operation of fencing laws beyond the provisions of the state-wide law which applies only to state highways. This progressive measure contrasts with efforts by cattle interests in other counties to have strict local laws repealed in favor of the nearly toothless statewide highway fencing law. Such a movement is reported from Charlotte County where Rep. Hathaway said he had been asked to introduce such a measure.

House Speaker C. Farris Bryant came down from the rostrum to engage in debate on an amendment by Rep. J. Kenneth Ballinger of Leon and Emory "Red" Cross of Alachua to raise the proposed teacher pay increase from \$300 to \$400. Bryant opposed the \$400 figure and supported a substitute amendment by Rep. J. A. "Tar" Boyd of Lake County to place the increase at \$350.

Senator W. Turner Davis of Madison, who will be president of the 1955 senate, follows in the footsteps of his father, Charles E. Davis, who was president of that body in 1915.

Apparently growing in popularity among legislators here are the shoe-string type neckties. Some of them call them Confederate Boy ties. They come in black and a variety of colors. Among those wearing the ties on recent occasions were Senator A. "Sandy" McArthur, Senator C. H. Bourke Floyd, and Representative Emory Cross.

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