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Property Revaluation Moving Rapidly And Smoothly Here

Chamber Of Commerce Names New Members To Board Of Directors

The Avon Park Chamber of Commerce selected four to the board of directors, elected one new director and appointed one to fill an unexpired term.

Bob Seims was elected to the board. James A. Heim, R. R. King, Jr., Bob Lee and Charles Metcalfe were re-elected, and Malcolm Crews was appointed to fill the unexpired term of Frank J. Hein, resigned.

Present officers include James A. Heim, president; George Har-



Mr. Heim, president of the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce.

Red Devils Win One And Lose One In Tourney

Thursday night the Red Devils staged a five-run fourth inning rally to ring up a 7-4 victory over Haines City in the opening round of the District 4, Class A sub-group baseball tournament.

Avon Park was trailing 3-1 in the rally, then added another run in the sixth. The Hornets collected their final run in the fourth also. A double and a single by Doubler led the Red Devils to victory.

Dates Announced For Graduation

The Rev. Herbert A. Granta, minister of the Union Congregational Church was selected by the Senior Class of the Avon Park High School as the Baccalaureate speaker for this year's graduation exercises.

A. R. Whitte, Superintendent of the Florida Conference of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, will invest 28 Pathfinders at the Highlands Lake Junior Academy at appropriate services to be held May 24.

Work Expected To Be Completed Throughout City By End Of July

C. G. Phelps of the Carroll Phelps Company, in charge of the revaluation of property for tax equalization in Avon Park, reports that the work is from 60 to 75 percent completed and the original target date for completion at the end of July is expected to be met.

Mr. Phelps says the field work, consisting of personal calls and inspection of property is nearing completion and they are now busy in the office working up the data and computing individual property cards for an official review of the work done to date.

Top Honors At Graduation To Four AP Girls

Miss Frankie Thorp, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Thorp of East Central Street, will be valedictorian of the Junior graduating class of the Avon Park High School.

Salutatorian of the 1959 Class was Miss Glenda Harrison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison and the late George Harrison of East Green Street.

Truck Drivers Investigated On Rape Charges

Two Avon Park truck drivers were arrested and held for investigation of charges that they had raped a mother and teen-age daughter.

The teen-age daughter was reported pregnant.

Sheriff's office personnel said James D. Blackwelder, 27, and Vernon Tucker, 30, were held "for investigation of the charges."

Leon DeLaney Named President Of AP Jaycees

The Avon Park Jaycees elected Leon DeLaney, owner and operator of Leon's Sporting Goods, as president for the new year. He will succeed Carl Griso, who was elected State Director.

Jim Anderson was elected first vice president; Robert Palmer, second vice president; Ferris Holbrook, third vice president; and Hec Davis, secretary-treasurer.

Commissioner Is Sued When Bull Damages Truck

A civil action in the amount of \$1500 was filed in circuit court Monday by Gene Fletcher of Perry against County Commissioner S. C. McCallister.

The suit alleges damages sustained when Fletcher's truck collided with a bull on U.S. Highway 98. The animal was owned by Commissioner McCallister and the suit charges that it had been permitted to stray onto the highway.

Lake Jackson Mosquito Spray Program Set

Mosquito spraying will be done immediately on Lake Jackson, supervised by Superintendent of Streets and Public Works, Bob Butler. He will follow spraying instructions given by the State as to the time and material used, in order to obtain maximum efficiency.

House owners, especially on the Lake, are the patrons of this work; David B. Barrett collected the necessary data to present to Council. Working in the program being set up last fall.

Sebring Utility Post Vacated By Brummell

Councilman H. E. Brummell resigned his post as utility officer to the Sebring Utility Commission, effective immediately. Councilman J. B. Harrison was appointed to take his place.

Brummell gives as his reason for resigning the fact that he did not receive notice of the meetings held by the Commission or that he might be present, and he feels that the Commission does not want a representative of Council at its meetings.

Sebring Council Removes Signs At Lake Jackson

Sebring City Council took action at its last meeting to have removed an extremely large sign on the highway at the south end of Lake Jackson, directing potential lost and home subjects to a point far removed from this area. This was done by declaring an emergency, unanimously voted by the Council members, waiving the rules, and passing on three readings an ordinance which had been prepared previously to regulate the size of outdoor signs and billboards and require a permit for them.

New High School Band Director Announces Recruiting Clinic To Begin Band Expansion Program

The new band director, Vir E. McKenna, who will begin his duties this summer, has announced that he is beginning his recruiting program for the Avon Park High School Band, Tuesday, May 19, at 1:30 p. m. in the high school auditorium.

The recruiting program will include a hour clinic for students of this year's 8th and 9th grades.

County Tennis Titles Decided In Sunday Play

Eric Arant of Sebring and Mrs. Lucy Derksen of Avon Park were winners of the Highlands County Men's and Women's singles tennis tournament held Sebring Sunday.

The tournament, staged by the Sebring Tennis Club, is the first in what is planned as an annual event. Doubles play is expected to be set in either June or July.

Man Sentenced For Violation Of Probation

James Crook, 35, Avon Park probation violator, was sentenced to two years in the state prison by Circuit Judge Clifford M. Kelly after a hearing Monday.

Crook was charged on probation in a hearing in 1956 when he reportedly admitted receiving stolen goods.

Building Permit Total Greatly Exceeds 1958

Avon Park building permits showed an increase of \$212,150 over the same period a year ago for a total of \$82,200, this was \$39,100 over the previous month this year.

The total for the first four months of this year is \$330,425 compared to the 1958 figure of \$118,265 for the same period.

Pasture Land Sells At Venus For \$104,000

Court record show that a 1040 acre tract of land at Venus in the southern section of the county was sold by former county commissioner N. B. Jackson and Ruby R. Jackson to F. B. of Quincy, Illinois.

Sale price of the land now used as pasture was reported at \$104,000.

Avon Park Youth Center Building Fund Drive Opened Monday Morning With Kick-Off Breakfast Meeting

The Avon Park Youth Center Development Association fund drive kickoff breakfast was held Monday morning at the Jaccard-Hall Hotel Coffee Shop and workers went directly from the meeting into the solicitation.

Drive Chairman Fred Davis opened the meeting and stressed how important for the community the erection of a new and modern building to house the Youth Center is, and will be for the future.

Red Cross Sets Up Course At AP Institution

Mrs. Harry Lee, Home Nursing Chairman, Mrs. Dale Miller, Home Nursing Committee member, and Mrs. Dorthie S. Wood, Executive Secretary of the Highlands County Chapter, visited Director and Mrs. L. L. Waterwright at the Avon Park Prison and made plans for a course in "Care of the Sick and Injured." The Prison Personnel were able to furnish most of the equipment for the course.

Boat-A-Cade On Kissimmee River Set For Sunday

The Avon Park Boat Club has set Sunday as the date for another Boat-A-Cade and all boat owners of the community and members of the club are invited to make this trip.

The group will meet at the Seaboard Railway Station Sunday morning at 7:30 a. m. and go from there to the 4-E Camp to launch their boats on a round trip between fifty and sixty miles in planned.

July List Drawn For County Court Session May 20

A venire for the May 20 term of the Highlands County Court has been announced by Judge Merwin Rehner, including:

Lewis J. Booth, Lewis S. Pick, J. T. Watson, Vernon E. Rhodes and James A. Heim of Avon Park.

Funds Sought For Automatic Baseball Pitcher

The group of citizens interested in raising approximately \$400 for the purchase of an Automatic Baseball Pitching Machine urges all sports fans to get their contributions in as soon as possible.

The machine is planned for use by the Midway League, Pony League, American Legion and Red Devil High School teams, they point out.

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CRACKER POLITICS

By ALLEN MORRIS

Tallahassee—Big, brawny John Rawls has emerged as the front-runner for the conservative controlling the Senate.

Young as Senators come (38), vigorous (up 20 pounds from his desired 200, he swims each day to tighten muscles which the senator's occupational necessity of overlong sitting would turn flabby), this six-footer is, and will be for years, shaping the destiny of 4,000,000 Floridians.

Those who would understand John Samuel Rawls should know the blending of the old and the new, the web of tradition and the warp of progress, which is Jackson county.

Jackson is Florida's third oldest county, having been established August 12, 1822, and named by the Territorial Council for that symbol of an emergent American democracy, Andrew Jackson. Its seat is Marianna, where gray-haired men and bearded youths of the Cradic and Grave Militia perished in flaming St. Luke's Episcopal Church when Federalists refused them quarter during a War Between the States.

Yet Jackson, for all its proud past, lives also in the present. For day is the classroom for Al-

Force trainees flying red-tailed jets from Graham Air Base, and on the ground are such differing evidences of progress as Chipola Junior College, whose success helped bring about Florida's system of community institutions of higher learning, and the Warner Brothers' garment concern, one of the industries rooted hereabouts in recent years to ease the dependence upon agriculture.

John Rawls' forebears on both sides were residing in Jackson when Florida became a state in 1845. Jackson wasn't involved directly in any appreciable degree in the great Florida land boom of the 1920's, and John Rawls, then on New Year's Day of 1921 was too young to have followed its unfolding.

Yet he possesses a caution inherited from that crash which manifests itself in talk of those "followers of the fast buck" who "broke the state's financial back" by bonding its companies then but didn't stay for life years of reckoning. That carries over to his worry now about "this era of tax and tax and tax."

"Oh, I know we have to tax to pay for essential governmental services, for education, for mental health, for welfare, and the like—but we must delineate carefully between the services which

are essential and those which are nice if we could afford them," opines Rawls.

The Senator's father was a turpentine farmer near Greenwood who experienced hard times coincidentally with the collapse of the South Florida boom but for a different reason. Turpentine, costing 30 cents to produce, sold for around 20 cents a gallon when a buyer could be found.

Four years of being bedridden, the senior Rawls died when the Senator was 14 but John and his two brothers were accustomed already to the chores of the typical American farm boy. Father Rawls had an ironclad rule that his boys started milking at the age of 9, and progressed to heavier tasks. Their mother was equally insistent that her boys go to college. The eldest, David G., attended Wheaton College in Illinois, while John and his younger brother, Hugh M., enrolled at the University of Florida.

(David and Hugh are now the Rawls brothers of the Jacksonville shipyard bearing their name.)

John served 52 months in World War II, mainly in the Army's air-sea rescue service in Brazil and on lonely Ascension Island of the South Atlantic.

That he washed out of pilot training was one of the bitter disappointments of his life, yet it taught him some philosophy which serves him well in the Legislature. He states it this way: "The fear of failure is one of man's greatest deterrents to success... the man who can learn how to fail is the man who can succeed... all is not lost because of one failure."

Failure taught him a lesson at the University of Florida, too. As a leader in the political party then dominant in campus affairs, he had been nominated for the vice presidency of the junior law class. He relaxed, secure in the knowledge of his party's success. His rival, however, actively solicited votes and overcame him by defeated John. Since then he has never taken people for granted.

John Rawls, lawyer and tree farmer, ran successfully for the Senate in 1954 because he wanted to do so, and he was about the only one of his circle of family, friends and business associates who shared that urge. They told him to stick to his growing law practice.

He ran in part because "I felt I had the strongest back of anybody in the race." That's not a jest, for he believed physical stamina would be among the

qualifications in '55. He knew the preceding legislative apportionment year, '45, had produced a 112-day session.

Jackson's 37,000 inhabitants are scattered over its 942 square miles. There are nine incorporated communities. Its citizens want to be asked for their opinion in person. There are stump speakings before elections, and town meetings by the legislative delegation afterwards. (Public interest here before the '59 session may be captured in two words: segregation and roads.)

Most voting Jackson counts, it may be surmised, look upon John Samuel Rawls in his chairmanship of the gateway Committee on Constitutional Amendments as Horatio defending the Constitution.

Of the 123 members of Florida's current legislature, 119 are native Southerners.

WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER



SENATE PASSES LABOR REFORM BILL—After nine days of knock-down, drag-out fighting, the Senate finally passed a compromise labor reform bill, after voting a deadlock of amendments to it. Several sessions stretched far into the night. There were plenty of (tray) tears and ruffled feelings, but when all was said and done the bill was approved 90-1. Only Senator Goldwater of Arizona voted against it, and he admitted that the amendments voted to the bill made it "much improved and strengthened."

Before talking about what was adopted, let's review some labor history.

There's no doubt that unions have become an important and useful part of our economy. The great majority of them have made real contributions to the welfare and economy positions of their members, as well as to the economy of the country.

UNIONS HELP FLORIDA GROW—No one has seen how unions helped Florida grow. The building trades unions, railway workers unions, industrial and airline unions—to name just a few—have had a good-sized share in Florida's development.

In the last 20 years unions have grown powerful, sometimes growing Lord Acton's statement: "Power tends to corrupt; absolute power corrupts absolutely."

In a few cases power led to abuse and arrogance by union bosses. They not only became contemptuous of the rights of members, but of the right of the public as well.

HOFFA WANTS ECONOMIC STRANGLEHOLD—Senator McClellan's Labor Rackets Committee uncovered glaring examples of racketeering, bribery and corruption in unions. The committee put the spotlight on Jimmy Hoffa and his attempts to get an economic stranglehold of the whole country through control of our national transportation network.

The committee found out that one of Hoffa's best weapons to pressure employers was to

retained outside his union was the use of hot cargo clauses in trucking company contracts.

Hot cargo clauses permit union members to refuse to handle goods from companies which are non-union or which are having labor difficulties. By enforcing these clauses, the Teamsters can halt long distance shipments by a trucker who's not a member of the Teamsters. They simply refuse to load his cargo.

To break the embargo the trucking company employer has to agree to whatever demands have been stipulated by the Teamsters.

AMERICAN UNION PROHIBITS HOT TACTICS—When the Kennedy-Ervin bill came up on the Senate floor for debate I proposed legislation to forbid hot cargo clauses once and for all.

Along with Senator Long of Louisiana, I offered an amendment adopted by the Senate, which would:

1) Outlaw hot cargo clauses in

existing and future contracts covering interstate trucking operations.

2) Prohibit the threat of secondary boycotts during future contract negotiations.

3) Make such unfair labor practices subject to the mandatory injunction provisions of the National Labor Relations Act.

TEETH FOR THE AMENDMENTS—This last provision put real teeth in the amendment. If an employer feels he is being pressed by hot cargo tactics he can file a complaint in Federal Court and the Court will hand down an injunction to halt the practice immediately.

If the union refuses, its leaders would be subject to criminal contempt proceedings and if found guilty would face a jail term, a fine, or both.

The bill which we voted doesn't go as far, or cover as much ground, as I would like. But it was legislation worth voting for.

It provides for new taxes that will bring in \$600 million to the Treasury. Many revenue-producing operations of insurance companies which haven't been taxed before will be taxed. Some taxes,

union's responsibilities to the public. There's little doubt that the measure will produce more responsible union activity.

There are several parts of the bill of special interest to Florida. For instance, if a union which is attempting to organize hotel workers is rejected by the employees, the union must wait nine months before picketing the hotel with organizational pickets.

Some Florida hotels have been picketed by hotel workers' unions, which disrupt tourist traffic, despite the fact that the hotel or its employees did not want to deal with the union conducting the picketing.

INSURANCE TAX BILL—WILL EARN \$500 MILLION FOR THE TREASURY—For several weeks we have been busy in the Finance Committee plowing through mounds of statistics and charts and hearing testimony on bill to tax insurance companies.

I've been in the Congress for 11 years and never before have I worked on a bill that was so complex and so complicated. But we finally agreed on a bill and reported it to the Senate.

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Insurance Agents Convention Set At Jacksonville

More than 1,000 delegates and guests from virtually every county in Florida are expected to attend the 54th annual convention of the Florida Association of Insurance Agents May 21-23 at the Robert Meyer Hotel in Jacksonville.

Featured speaker at the three-day session will be Archie Shaver, by Nathan N. H., president of the National Association of Insurance Agents. He will speak Friday, May 22, on the subject,

nominal in the past, will be increased by 900 per cent.

10 PER CENT INCREASE—IN RAILROAD RETIREMENT BENEFITS—The Senate this week voted a 10 per cent increase in benefits for railroad retirees and their survivors.

This action was long overdue and, I am happy to say that I supported the measure, which will benefit many deserving citizens who live in Florida and have contributed so much to our growth.

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Other business leaders scheduled to address the convention include George S. Hansen, general counsel of the National Association of Insurance Agents, New York; Franklin D. Schaffer, vice president of Doremus & Co., New York; Sam Whitney, Tampa, state manager of Life Insurance Co. of North America; William E. Booth, vice president, Chesapeake Insurance Co., Nashville, Tenn.; and E. J. Gallagher, of the Travelers Indemnity Co., Jacksonville.

In addition, there will be a series of panels and workshops on subjects ranging from legal subjects to public service. Delegates will take time out from sessions Friday, May 22, to visit an aircraft carrier at the nearby Mayport naval base and tour the new Florida State Chamber of Commerce Building.

A board of directors meeting at 8:30 a. m. May 21 will precede the opening of the convention. The first session is scheduled for 2:30 p. m.

Tradition dictates that the members of the Florida Senate must wear coats when in session. This was true even in the days before air conditioning when the Senators suffered in silence in the sweltering heat of Tallahassee to be faithful to the tradition.

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THIRTY FIVE SENIOR GIRLS from Avon Park and Frostproof High Schools enjoyed the annual Social hour presented by Ware Furniture Company and was awarded an electric iron. All girls received miniature Lane cedar chests as gifts from the hosts.

O. H. Hauptman Funeral Service Held Friday

O. H. Hauptman, professor of modern foreign languages at Grinnell College, died Wednesday evening, May 6, in a hospital in Grinnell, Iowa, after a several month's illness. He was the son of Mrs. Georgia Hauptman and the late William Hauptman, old settler and longtime residents of Avon Park.

Born in Red Cloud, Neb. Feb. 5, 1908, he was graduated from the Vashuta, Florida, High School and received his B.S. degree from the University of Florida. He earned his M. A. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Wisconsin and taught at the University of Florida from 1927 until 1946. In 1946 he joined the faculty at Grinnell College serving as Chairman of the faculty for several terms.

Mr. Hauptman was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, the American Association of University Professors, and was awarded a Guggenheim Fellowship for study in Spain several years ago because of his outstanding work in his field. He was the author of numerous articles and papers and had published one volume of a Spanish work. President Howard R. Bowen of Grinnell College stated "His death is an irreparable loss both to the college community and to the world of scholarship."

Funeral services were held in Grinnell, Iowa, on Friday with the Rev. Leland W. Mann of the First Congregational Church of Grinnell, officiating. Burial was in the Mount Carmel Cemetery in Avon Park on Monday afternoon, May 11, with the Rev. A. A. Graves officiating at the graveside services.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Theodora Thompson Hauptman of Grinnell, his mother, Mrs. George Hauptman, now making her home in Grinnell, and a cousin, M. J. Thompson of Avon Park.

Soil Conservation

DISTRICT NEWS

By C. F. Howerton

U. S. Soil Conservation Service

The Board of Supervisors of the Highlands Soil Conservation District held their regular monthly meeting at the Soil Conservation Service office in Sebring, Wednesday night, May 6th. Supervisors present were Mrs. Katherine M. Waggaman, Ivey E. Fitch, Bob Disher and Bob Carlson. Several landowners of the Jitopagos Marsh Watershed met with the board and discussed the financial and engineering assistance under the Small Watershed Flood Prevention Act (PL 566). The board voted to co-sponsor the application along with the Highlands County Board of Commissioners. The landowners wish to construct water control measures to tie in to proposed main channels to be dug by the Central and South Florida Flood Control District. The work proposed in the watershed application is to prevent flooding and overdrainage of approximately 20,000 acres of improved pasture, commercial and residential land and truck crops. The District assisted several cooperators in water control work during the past week. Surface ditches were laid out and have been constructed by Carl McIntyre on 50 acres of improved pasture. The Hart, Jr., is constructing additional surface ditches on 100 acres of grass and cover pasture on organic soil. Surface ditches were laid out on an additional 100 acres for Oak Acres Dairy at Venus and are now under construction.

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...and Mr. John Gidder, Jr., and their sons, Johnny and Bud, visited their son, Mike, in Ireland at the Florida Military College on Mother's Day.

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Births

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Rutherford are the proud parents of a son, John Raymond, who was born on May 4 in Orlando, Fla. He weighed 8 pounds and both mother and son are doing fine. John Raymond is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Rutherford of Avon Park.

Walker Memorial

Mr. and Mrs. Travis K. Hill, of Avon Park, a daughter, Deborah Kellie, born on May 4. She weighed 8 pounds 4 ounces. To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall G. Odham of Sebring, a son, James Bralke, born on May 5. Birth weight 7 pounds 7 ounces. To Mr. and Mrs. Philip P. Weber of Avon Park, a daughter, Laura May, born on May 5. Birth weight 7 pounds.

To Mr. and Mrs. Reid Alexander, a son, Ricky Reid, born on May 7. Birth weight 8 pounds 5 ounces and Ronny, 6 pounds 5 ounces and Ronny, 6 pounds 5 ounces.

Ware Furniture Honors Senior Girls At Party

The lovely young ladies of the Avon Park Senior Class were honored with a Coke party by Ware Furniture Company on Wednesday afternoon, May 6, at the Furniture Store. Mrs. Elizabeth Howell was the lucky winner of an electric iron, the door prize and each guest received a miniature Lane Cedar Chest as a favor of the lovely afternoon.

Delicious fruit, Cokes and dairy sandwiches and cookies were served the guests from a lovely table covered with a yellow cloth and arranged with day lilies. Assisting Jack Heid, manager of the store, with this party for the senior girls were Mrs. Jack Heid, Mrs. Freda Hulen, and Mrs. D. Hill. Enjoying the afternoon were ten senior girls from Frostproof and over twenty of the Avon Park girls.

FHA Picnic Was Success

Forty members of the Future Homemakers of America and their friends enjoyed a delightful picnic in Highlands Hammock on Monday, May 11. The group enjoyed exploring through the Hammock and a delicious picnic supper. Mrs. Leo Smith assisted Mrs. Violet Monahan with the picnic and transportation.

The picnic ended the activities of the chapter for this year, except for a brief afternoon meeting when officers for the 1960-61 chapter year will be elected.

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By Pearl Yeager

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That was the kind of feeling I had Sunday, when I came to church. The Mother's Day message was different than the usual "Mother's Day" message. It wasn't even complimentary to Mothers; rather, it was critical of present day Parents, and asked them to think through on the state of the sermon.

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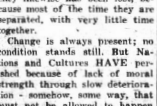
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During the business meeting a report on the Circus will be heard and committees will make their yearly reports. The meeting will be held at the regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teacher Association this spring.

The Industrial Arts and Art Program of the Avon Park High School will be the subjects for the program. Directing this interesting presentation of this phase of the high school curriculum will be Hugh Haber, Art teacher, and P. O. Goff, Industrial Arts teacher.

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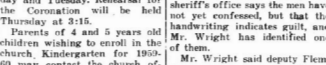
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"TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY"

By Russell Kay

Recently I was the guest of H. T. Vaughn, president of the United States Sugar Corporation and was privileged to attend an annual Harvest Festival, celebrating the close of another successful sugar harvest.

Unlike most festivals this is a private affair staged by the corporation for its employees. Thousands of acres of cane are grown in the rich soil of the Everglades and the corporation maintains plantations or divisions of operations in Hendry, Glades and Palm Beach counties.

Grinding begins early in the Fall when trainloads of freshly cut cane are delivered to the plant. The mill at Clewiston is the largest in the world and once the wheels start turning in late October or early November, they never stop until the grinding operations are completed in the Spring. During this long period, the mill operates around the clock, 24 hours-a-day basis and by the end of the season, as you can well imagine, the cane is all used up.

So it is fitting and proper that a celebration be staged. Employees, both white and colored are brought in buses from outlying areas in Clewiston and mid-day barbecues are held, one for the colored help and one for the white employees and the celebration is over.

It is a gala occasion when this gigantic feast is served cafeteria style, at the mill. Barbecue experts start preparing for the event the night before, and portions of the choicest best is cooked in the large open pits. Brunswick stew is prepared in huge cauldrons and when you watch the operations you wonder if there are enough people in the world to eat all that food.

I have attended many barbecues in my time but I never tasted beef barbecued to such perfection and the same goes for the stew and the barbecued pork. There is always enough for everyone and this includes second or third helpings if they are desired.

It certainly was a sight to stand on the catwalk above the big dining hall on the ground floor of the mill and watch thousands of folks enjoying their feast.

Everyone from President Harry T. Vaughn on down participates and company officials rub elbows with the workers in working clothes. There is no pomp and ceremony, no "head of the parade" and no parade in waiting his turn and when his plate is filled finds a seat where he can be as official as a field hand. It was just like one big family and speaks well for the excellent owner-employee relations that have been maintained over the years.

There is no speech making, no chest thumping, and the only emotion in connection with the event is the awarding of service medals.

1. Periodic engine tune-ups, including a complete carburetor check. ("Many drivers," he said, "unwisely maintain a carburetor if gasoline consumption gains a little when the actual reason can be traced to any of a dozen causes, including the heavy-duty driver.")

2. Drive at steady, moderate speeds. (Driving at 20 to 25 per cent less fuel economy than normal.)

3. Avoid jack-rabbit starts and excessive use of the passing gear.

4. Whenever possible, slow down the car gradually. (The energy dissipated by the brakes must be obtained from fuel in the tank.)

5. Have spark plugs cleaned and regapped regularly.

6. Have air cleaner serviced or element replaced regularly. (and be sure oil-bath types are changed at the proper intervals.)

7. Keep tires properly inflated. (Tires that are two pounds too soft can cost a driver extra gasoline.)

8. Have engine oil changed and chassis lubricated at recommended intervals. (This will improve efficiency by reducing friction and drag.)

9. Have cooling system checked regularly to avoid overheating caused by inefficient low temperatures caused by a defective thermostat.

10. Be sure brakes are properly adjusted to prevent drag and resulting gasoline wastage.

Buxton pointed out that in recent years many improvements have been made in engine, transmission and carburetor efficiency to yield a greater performance and economy of operation. As examples, he cited Oldsmobile's "Q-Jet" carburetor and a new split-chamber mechanism which yields fuel economy during low-speed operation.

Buxton explained that in most cases it is up to the driver as to whether he achieves maximum performance or maximum economy. Good mechanical condition is essential if either is to be realized.

Although the center of Florida's population is moving steadily southward, the control of the 1950 legislature is in the hands of West Floridians, with Senator Dewey Johnson, of Quincy, serving as President of the Senate, and Representative Tom Beasley, of DeFuniak Springs, serving as Speaker of the House.

Alcolines

By Charley Stockey

The use of a "tranquilizer" is new, although it is only recently that tranquilizers as such have been made available to the public.

The tranquilizer which dates back to the days of man is alcohol. At a recent visit to the Florida Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center at Avon Park, Dr. Paul Stevenson of the U.S. Public Health Service said, "Probably the oldest, most widely used, and most easily accessible tranquilizer is alcohol."

That set me to thinking—alcohol is a tranquilizer? I thought it was a stimulant. Actually, medical men classify alcohol as an anesthetic—a depressant.

Authorities say that even if liquor makes people gay, exuberant or even silly, it is not because alcohol stimulates them. On the contrary, it tends to relax them, to dull their worries, and fears, and to turn loose their gay and wild impulses.

It is said that the early Greeks used alcohol to prepare a person for an operation, and that it was a very effective anesthetic. In the U.S. Army gave whisky to men who were about to have a wounded limb amputated.

Scientists who have studied alcohol say that the first effect is a mild relaxing one, and that this property of alcohol may be useful. In small amounts it has a relaxing effect on the nervous system, and it may even be used to find relief from the stress and strains of the work.

When the effect of alcohol goes beyond the mild stage, and the person is in a larger quantity, the sedative effect passes and judgment is harmed. The higher centers of the brain, from which all normal behavior is controlled, are affected, and a person begins to lose the control which governs normal behavior. He may become foolish and wild. He may argue, talk tough and want to fight. He may even go so far as to commit a crime he would not commit while sober.

In the next step alcohol will affect the lower centers of the brain which control muscular coordination. When a person drinks to this extent he begins to slur his speech because he cannot control his tongue. He may stagger because he cannot control the leg muscles, and if he tries to drive an auto he may wreck it.

Drinking continued long enough eventually affects vital centers of the brain, one of which controls breathing. In extreme cases this center is paralyzed, breathing stops, and the person dies.

So we see that alcohol which many believe to be a stimulant, is actually a deadening drug which can result in death.

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6 to 8 Unflavored Fish-Sticks, 1/4 Cup Corn Meal, 1/4 Teaspoon Soda, 1 Teaspoon Salt, Small Onion, Chopped, 1-1/2 Cups Buttermilk, 2 Eggs, 1/4 Cup Melted Butter.

Mix sifted cornmeal, soda and salt. Add chopped onion. Add buttermilk to beaten eggs and mix all together. Add hot melted shortening and beat well. Turn into greased pan and bake in 350° F. oven for 15 minutes. Turn out on a platter and serve with relish and cole slaw.

More efficient! That has been the slogan of the House of Representatives since the amendment to the clause. While some majority committee members felt a free go for our residents is not particularly important, the House would be a gambling institution.

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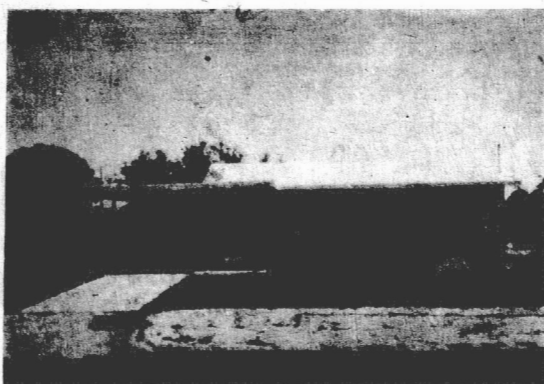
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Mr. and Mrs. Aldon 'Jack' Jones of Wauscha proudly announce the engagement of their daughter, Opal Antoinette 'Anna' to Henry Keith Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Audrey Hill of Avon Park.

Miss Jones is a senior at Harder County high school where she has been active in D.C.T., Wildcat Scratches, T.H.A., Quail and Scroll and the senior play. Mr. Hill is a graduate of Avon Park high school where he was active in sports, Glee Club, Letterman's Club and the Devil's Chatter. He is presently in business with his mother.

Date of the wedding has been set for July 11 at Lake Dale Baptist Church and all friends and relatives of the couple are invited to attend.

Art Exhibit Creates Interest

More than three hundred people from Avon Park, Sebring, Lake Placid, Wauscha, and Frostproof attended the Art Exhibit in the Jacaranda Hotel Friday and Saturday.

The interest shown was very encouraging to the art students and Hugh Bahar, Art Teacher of the Avon Park High School, stated that the Art Exhibit will be an annual event. A great amount of interest in art has been shown in this vicinity and the art exhibit attendance was very gratifying to Mr. Bahar and his classes.

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The first ones seemed to have been discovered on Punk Island, near the north eastern coast of Newfoundland, and the fishermen that voyaged to that area took advantage of these flightless birds in a similar manner as other sailors had done with the Dodo.

One of them boasted that in less than half an hour they had filled two boats with them; they were killed with clubs and taken aboard the ships, some were used as fresh meat and some salted down for future use, when the weather permitted the sailors would put planks from the shore to their ships and simply herd them aboard.

Had they taken just sufficient for their needs they might have been less blamed for the extinction of these interesting birds, but when they started on a colony they would not let up until they had wiped out the whole number, and being so helpless and unwary none of them escaped.

Not only did they use them for food but they would skid the dead bodies and pluck the feathers for bedding, and having such a heavy thick layer of fat, the bodies themselves were often used instead of wood for fire, as wood was scarce on the barren island.

The Auk must have been migratory for bones of them have been found in the shell mounds of the east coast of Florida, and compared with the ones in their native habitat they matched exactly. In different parts of the world, which shows that at one time they had a wider distribution over the world but as population spread, it pronounced the doom for this helpless bird.

Although the wings were short, yet they were powerful, and the bird was a good swimmer, and it stood with body erect, the legs being set rather far back the full weight rested on the feet and tarsus, when it walked or ran it was with short steps, and while not as ungainly as the Dodo it was just as helpless.

Much of the migration of this bird must have been made by water, for it swam easily, having webbed feet, and it could outdistance a row boat when pursued in water. It swam with neck drawn back and head lifted.

This bird which averaged twenty nine inches long, was not very prolific, it made no nest at all and laid but one egg, and that on bare ground, without any protective surroundings.

Some wise person has suggested that a monument should be erected to this extinct bird and a suitable epitaph would be: HERE LIES THE VICTIM OF MAN'S THOUGHTLESSNESS.

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More About Extinct Birds

By Bird Woman

(Continued from last week)

We wish to write about another extinct bird, that man is responsible for its extinction. We have all heard people joke about the DQDO, but in reality it was a very interesting bird, and man would have done well to have protected it, so that this generation could have seen it and enjoyed it.

The dodo was of the pigeon order, but in another group, it was not found in our country but was found only on the Mauritius Island in the Indian Ocean. The yacore discovered by the Portuguese sailors in 1507 and then became extinct in 1681, that one statement tells a long story, for the dodo was flightless, and weighed between 40 and 50 pounds and was an easy prey for the ruthless sailors.

These birds were called pooditailed, and naturally a bird the size of a goose and having no means of locomotion except walking would be wobbly and uncoth looking, and would fall easy prey to the mariners that discovered them, if they were inclined to take advantage of them, as they did.

Some claim that these birds reached the island by flight, and owing to the fact that there were no predators on the island, lost the power of flight, but we will stick to the old theory that if the wonderful Creator gave them power to fly, that they would have retained that power, predators, o no predators.

There were three species on near by islands, but they usually fell to the greed of man. A great deal of what we know about these birds that have long been extinct, comes from the diaries of sailors, and some of it is quite interesting.

This bird had short legs, which would make traveling most difficult, and the flesh, especially of the breast was fat, and excellent, and so popular that three or four Dodos would sometimes suffice to fill a hundred seamen's bellies.

We are afraid our typewriter gets a little hot when we get into this subject of slaughtering birds, for so much of it has been unnecessary, and a waste of life for nothing but greed or to brag what butchers some of us really are.

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But he can dance and we can dance.

And see the Lord he thinks.

That the post Robert Burns, or something like it; and thus the jolly crowd at the dance last Friday evening.

There were forty-three dancers, plus four visitors looking on, and that made forty-seven folk having a fine time.

And that was some one to thank the good Lord for, of the numbers required a square, seeming to fill the all to its capacity, four sets on the main floor and one on the stage. Under the circumstances, arrived a good handshake by the

and the evening being mild and mellow, everybody had a jolly time.

And twenty-five of the number stayed on for refreshments, coffee and donuts, and may be a sleeping pill later on. But that is only guesswork and the weight of probability. Coffee and donuts before going to their wonder to perform. But that's no reflection on our Friday night dances. They are happy gatherings for all who attend.

Mr. John Campbell, who was a right stalwart figure here a few years ago and liked by everybody, gave us a looker last Tuesday morning and received a good handshake by the

As for the shuffleboard tournaments this past week, there were two usual, Wednesday and Saturday evenings. The Wednesday shuffle ended with John and Mrs. Grimsdale winning the main event, Gersuch and Mr. Pickell taking the honors of the consolation. On Saturday evening Mr. Kull and Mrs. Peters ran off with the main event, with Mr. Dickson and Mrs. Pickell trailing with the consolation. May be "trailing" isn't quite the word. They did more than trail; they won the 2nd place. And for one it was the 2nd consolation prize in the same week. Quite an honor, what?

And this being all the news this week fit to print, so long says The Strangler.

Life is long to the miserable, but short to the happy.—Palladius Syrus.

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NANCY HELEN GINN

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Jr., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Helen, to Den Williams, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Williams of Frostproof. The bride-elect is a graduate of Frostproof high school and is now employed by the Avon Park Correctional Institution. Mr. Williams attended the University of Florida for one year and served two years in the U. S. Air Force. The wedding will take place at 8 p.m., May 22 at the home of the bride's parents.

\$400 Scholarships For Best 4-H Dairy Or Swine Projects

Chicago (Special) — A dozen \$400 college scholarships are waiting for as many 4-H Club boys and girls who prove that they do an outstanding job in their 4-H dairy or swine projects. Announcement of the scholarships was made by the National Committee on Boys and Girls Club Work, a service organization which arranges 4-H award programs in cooperation with the Extension Service.

Prior to the opening of the National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago on November 20, approximately 1,200 top state 4-H records will be judged for national honors and awards. Nearly 100 high-ranking 4-H'ers from all states in some 50 categories will be selected according to the National Committee.

Annual 4-H awards are provided by leading business concerns, educational foundations, and private individuals. Among them are the Oliver Corporation, Chicago, home of the dairy awards, and

Personal Test Shows Your Own Traffic I.Q.

What's your traffic I. Q.? Try your hand at these questions on speed and find out.

1. About 3 out of every 10 drivers in fatal auto accidents have violated a speed law. True or false?

2. The most dangerous speed in the city is between 40 and 50 m.p.h. True or false?

3. If you drive 60 m.p.h., in four seconds your car travels the length of a football field. True or false?

4. At 75 m.p.h., it takes about 2 hours and 20 minutes to drive 400 miles. At 60 m.p.h., a 400-mile trip takes almost two hours longer. True or false?

Answer: 1. True. Excessive speed is the most frequent driver violation reported in fatal auto accidents, according to the National Safety Council.

2. False. About 3 out of 10 cars in fatal urban accidents are moving at a speed of 21-30 m.p.h.

3. True. And the impact is far greater when a speeding car hits another speeding car.

4. False. At 60 m.p.h., in four seconds your car travels more than the length of a football field — about 322 feet, to be exact.

5. False. At a speed of 60 m.p.h., a 400-mile trip takes little more than 6 hours. Yet, at 75 m.p.h., your speed from 22 m.p.h. greatly increases your chances of coming out of an auto accident alive. At 75, if an accident occurs your chances of being killed are 1 in 8. But at 60, your chances are 1 in 20 of dying.

Speed kills, according to the National Safety Council, because it increases the forces which, in an accident, turn useful equipment such as metal and glass into deadly weapons.

Life runs as fast as a chariot's wheel. — Anonymous.

Leesburg Sets Watermelon Festival Date

May 21, 22, and 23 is the date this year when the annual Florida Watermelon Festival takes over Leesburg.

Pretty girls. The Showmen, Fireworks, Beauty Contests, and all the free watermelon visitors can eat, are features of the festival on May 22nd.

Visitors will park the streets of Leesburg by the thousands.

Entertainment is planned to suit everyone from the parade which will begin at 10:00 a.m. sharp, with its pulse-straining band music in colorful uniforms to the floats entered by civic clubs and organizations.

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Wm. H. Klemm, Chester Andrews

At Fort Sill, Okla.

Two soldiers from Avon Park, Fla., Privates William H. Klemm and Chester Andrews, completed eight weeks of advanced individual training with the eighth-hundredth Infantry May 1 at the Artillery and Missile Center, Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

The men entered the Army last December and completed basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Klemm, son of Mr. and Mrs.

Harold Klemm, 502 E. Canfield, is a 1958 graduate of Avon Park High School and was employed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in Selma before entering the Army.

Andrews, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ida Andrews, 241 E. Cornell St., is a 1955 graduate of Avon Park High School.

Mrs. McDonald Joins Staff Of Cove Realty

Mrs. John Deannette McDonald, 205 South Highlands Avenue, is now associated with the Cove Realty, 10 East Main Street. She was formerly employed by Graye Mc Coy, Realtor, of Sebring.

Mrs. McDonald has been a resident of Avon Park for the past seven years, coming from Duncannon when Mr. McDonald was transferred to the Avon Park Power Plant.

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