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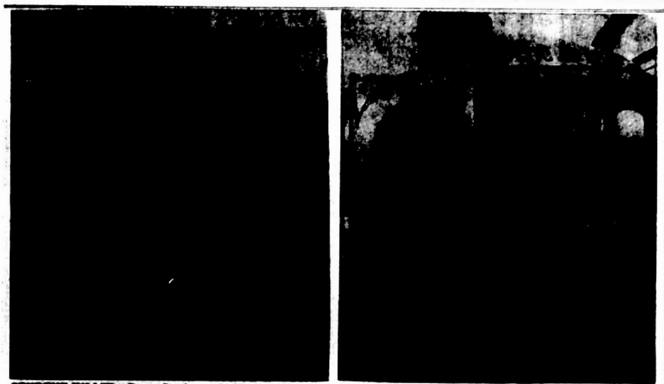

STUDENT KILLED—Roger Scarborough, 17-year old Lake Placid High School student, was killed in this collision. He was the driver of pickup truck at left, which crashed into the rear of school bus at right. A student on the bus sustained a broken leg and three others were shaken up. The mishap occurred 10 miles South of Lake Placid on a fog bound highway. (Exclusive Sun Photo).

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5 Hiway Accidents Reported This Week

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Student Killed In Fog-Bound Truck-Bus Crash

Automobile accidents plagued Highlands County highways this week as five separate accidents were reported in the area. One of the accidents took the life of a teenaged Lake Placid student and hospitalized three students. Four adults were hospitalized as a result of the other mishaps.

Roger Scarborough, 17-year-old Lake Placid High School football player, was killed early Tuesday morning when the pickup truck he was driving crashed into the rear of a school bus on fog bound State Road 29, 10 miles South of Lake Placid. Robert Crum, a passenger on the bus sustained a broken leg according to reports and three other student passengers on the bus were shaken up.

In another accident later in the morning, about 10 o'clock, Custer Hemrick, 60-year-old State Road Department employee, was critically injured on the Avon Park truck route. His jeep mowing machine was struck by a semi-trailer fruit truck owned by Von Maxey, Inc., Sebring, driven by Slayton Matthews, 36, Sebring Negro. Hemrick remained in critical condition at Walker Memorial Hospital here, as The Sun went to press.

Neal O. Revells, 54, of Avon Park was injured in a two car collision near the Highlands-Polk County line early yesterday (Wednesday) morning. Details of the accident were not available, since all north-bound traffic was being stopped due to heavy fog and smoke blanketing the area between Avon Park and Lake Wales. Revells was admitted to Walker Memorial Hospital, but was not believed to be seriously injured.

Two mishaps occured within an hour of each other Monday, about noon. A car driven by Mrs. Lola P. Lyninger of Avon Park collided with one driven by Earl [illegible] of Columbus, Ohio, on U. S. 27 North of the Avon Park city limits. Harry R. Lyninger, a passenger in the former car sustained a dislocated shoulder. Mrs. Lyninger was charged with violation of the right of way in the accident.

About 30-minutes later a pickup truck owned by Highlands Plumbing Co., Sebring collided with a car driven by Mrs. Bertha Ross on the Lake Lotela Road [illegible] received head [illegible] was [illegible] Memorial Hospital [illegible] treatment. [illegible] were not [illegible].

Hard Freeze Hits Avon Area; Citrus Damage May Be Heavy

A giant mass of icy arctic air moved into the State of Florida last Wednesday night to wrek havoc on practically all agricultural crops and cause unaccountable damage to water line and ornamental plants. The Avon Park area was not the exception.

The frigid blast sent temperatures sliding to lows that have not been experienced in almost a century. Damage estimates to the biggest citrus crop in history have ranged from 25 per cent upward, but no one seems to have an accurate guess.

Grovemen fired during the long cold snap which lingered into Thursday night, but the smudge pots and fires apparently did little good. Fan machines were also pressed into operation, but young trees appeared to have still suffered from freeze burn.

An embargo was imposed on shipments of fresh fruit. It took effect at 6 p.m. Monday and is scheduled to last 14 days. The embargo was ordered by the Florida Citrus Commission to protect the public from purchasing inferior quality fruit.

Processing of citrus for juicing will continue under inspections by Department of Agriculture officials.

Temperatures dropped to 15½ degrees in low-lying areas around Avon Park and water pipes in some areas were reported frozen solid. Sprinkler systems left on during the night produced many awesome sights Thursday and Friday morning, the likes of which have been seen by few who have lived in Florida for many years.

Practically all ornamental plants of the tender variety were wiped out, including the poinsettias which had just come into full bloom.

No serious fires were reported in the immediate vicinity from the cold blast, however, one new home near Wauchula was reported a total loss.

Service stations and garages who had the foresight to stock up on anti-freeze did a landslide business on the eve of the freeze. Motorists were lined up at many stations seeking the preventative. Many went lacking however, as several autos were seen with glowing light bulbs under the hoods. One section of Sebring reported a light sleet storm on the eve of the hard freeze.

The Sun is publishing several photos this week giving a brief example of some of the conditions that existed in the area. Additional copies of this week's issue may be secured at the Sun office, West Main Street.

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Court House Holiday Sked

The holiday schedule for Highlands County Court House has been announced by Commissioner Clerk Earl Rich.

The county offices will be closed on Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and the day after Christmas. Rich said the regular court house hours will resume on Thursday, December 27.

The following week only New Years Day will be a holiday. Offices will be open as usual on Monday, Dec. 31 and Wednesday, Jan. 2.

The county commissioners will postpone their first January meeting from Jan. 1 to Wednesday the second.

Weather Report

BY A. WILEY COTHRAN
Weather Observer

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County Court Holiday Sked Set By Judge

The holiday schedule for County Court was announced Tuesday by Judge Mervin Rehrer.

Because of the Christmas holiday docket for next week will be heard on Friday afternoon, December 28.

No court will be held in New Year's week.

A heavy docket was heard in County Court this week, but few of the cases were of a serious nature.

Two out-of-county drivers were fined for driving while intoxicated. Charles Myron Meeker, 46, of DeLand was fined $200 or 90 days, and his driver's license revoked for six months.

Eddie Shakespear, 39-year-old Negro from Lake Wales, was fined $150 or 90 days in jail and his license revoked for a year. Shakespear said he had previously been convicted of drunk driving.

Both drivers entered guilty pleas.

Rudy Padgelek, 34-year-old white resident of Ft. Meade, waived preliminary hearing on three counts of forgery. Judge Rehrer set bond at $1,000 on each charge.

Special Council Meeting Held

A special, but very short, city council meeting was held Tuesday night in order that board members would not have to hold their regularly scheduled meeting Christmas Eve.

The meeting was more formality than anything else, since little action was taken. Main topic of discussion was on a sidewalk survey. Several of the board members thought a survey should be made of sidewalk needs throughout the city.

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Mason Rudolph, Kathy Whitworth Win Haig & Haig Tournament

Mason Rudolph of Lehigh Acres, Fla., and Kathy Whitworth of Jal, N. Mexico, found unseasonable cold Florida weather to their liking last week and came home ahead of 38 professionals for first place and top prize money in the Third Annual Haig & Haig Scotch Mixed Foursome Golf Tournament.

The tournament ran for four days, alternating on the Pinecrest Lakes Course here and the Harder Hall links in Sebring.

Rudolph and Whitworth posted a 72-hole total of 272 for the biggest slice of $30,000 prize money. Their winnings totaled $2,225 each.

Four strokes behind in second place were Gardner Dickinson of Tequesta, Fla., and Murle Lindstrom, the Women's National Open champion, from Cape Girardeau, Mo. They collected $1,675 each.

Third place prize money of $1,110 each was won by veteran Sam Snead and Shirley Englehorn. They came in with 277. Jon Gustin and Carol Mann posted a 280 for fourth place, good for $1,100 each.

Last year's tournament winners, Dave Ragan and Mickey Wright wound up in fifth place, one stroke behind Gustin and Mann. Their share of the big cash was an even $1,000 each.

The tournament opened on a cold note Thursday morning at Pinecrest Lakes. Temperature hovered in the 18-20 degree zone and ice covered the canals that wind through the difficult course.

Despite the cold, Rudolph and Whitworth, dressed in several layers of sweaters, fired a two under par, 70. Ragan, Wright and Gustin, Mann also broke par that day with 71s. Three more teams came in with pars.

As the scene shifted to Harder Hall, the temperature rose and scores improved. Mason and Whitworth fired a five-under 67, but Gustin and Mann toured the 18-holes in 66 to deadlock at 137. Snead and Englehorn fired a 67 to put them in third place with a 141 total for 36 holes. Ragan and Wright stayed closed with their second 71, for a 142 total. Bobby Nichols and Gloria Armstrong also came in at this point with a 142.

The pros returned to Pinecrest, Saturday and under sunny skies, Rudolph and Whitworth sliced five strokes off par and pulled four strokes ahead of the balance of the field, with a 54-hole total of 204. It was during this round that Jo Ann Prentice of Birmingham, Ala., scored a hole-in-one. She sank the ace on the 155-yard par-three 11th hole, using a five iron.

Snead and Englehorn also fired a 67 to move into second place with a 208 total. Dickinson and Lindstrom fired a 67, but they were seven strokes out of first, in fourth place, with 211. In third place with a 210 were Gustin and Mann.

The team of Rudolph and Whitworth continued to burn up the Harder Hall course in the first round, scoring a 68, giving them a 72-hole total of 272, 16 under par over the two courses.

Dickinson and Lundstrom made a gallant effort to catch the front-runners, but the three-day's margin was out of reach. They fired a 65 on the final 18 for a 276 total. The 65 was the lowest score posted during the four-day tourney. Snead and Englehorn fired a last round 69 for a 277 total. Gustin and the towering Mann (she's 6'5") fired a 70, for 280, while the defending champs, Ragan and Wright made a last day charge, firing a fine 68 to end up with 281.

In the amateur division, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dye, Indianapolis, Ind., posted a 304 to take first place. David Mitchell, Oxford, N. C., and Barbara Wolfe, Naples, Fla., were second with a 305 and Gene Wilson and Tish Pruess of Pompano Beach posted a 306 for third place.

The professionals and their scores. Prize money listed is for each member of the team:

Mason Rudolph and Kathy Whitworth, 70-67-67-68 — 272, $2,225.

Gardner Dickinson and Murle Lindstrom, 72-72-67-64 — 276, $1,675.

Sam Snead and Shirley Englehorn, 74-67-67-69 — 277, $1,330.

Jon Gustin and Carol Mann, 71-66-73-70—280, $1,110.

Dave Ragan and Mickey Wright, 71-71-71-68 — 281, $1,000.

Bobby Nichols and Gloria Armstrong, 73-69-74-67 — 283, $890.

George Knudson and Shirley Spork, 76-69-71-68—284, $800.

Julius Boros and Mary Mills, 72-71-68-73—284, $800.

Dow Finsterwald and Marlene Hagge, 77-69-69-71—286, $660.

Joe Campbell and Kathy Cornelius, 77-71-69-69 — 286, $660.

Tommy Bolt and Jo Ann Prentice, 73-74-71-68 — 286, $660.

Ted Kroll and Ruthie Jessen, 74-70-71-72—287, $525.

Tom Nieporte and Gloria Fecht, 78-72-69-68, 287, $525.

Johnny Pott and Marilynn Smith, 73-76-69-72—288, $440.

Wes Ellis and Mary Lena Faulk, 74-70-75-70—289, $360.

Gay Brewer, Jr., and Barbara Romack, 72-71-75-71—289, $360.

Jim Turnesa and Jackie Pung, 77-73-71-70—291, $280.

Ed Furgol and Betty Jameson, 75-69-76-73—293, $250.

Ernie Vossler and Betsy Rawls, 77-72-73-72—294, $230.

Bob Shave and Beth Stone, 79-74-76-74—303, $220.

Not Guilty In Beer Selling

A six-man jury deliberated half-a-day before finding Olvera Hendry not guilty of selling beer to minors. The case, one of 13 to be presented in county court last week, was easily one of the most time consuming to be presented in that court recently.

The Hendry case required one out of the four days of trials. The offense allegedly occurred in a business establishment in Lake Placid.

Members of the jury were Eddie [illegible] of Lorida, Claude [illegible], [illegible] A. [illegible], [illegible] A. [illegible], William E. [illegible], Olaf A. [illegible] all of Sebring.

County Rejects Bids On Road Machine

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BEN McGEE
. . . County Commissioner

Other Counties Getting Better Prices - McGee

Discrepancies in prices offered this county and other counties led to Highlands County Board of Commissioners' rejecting of three road grader bids this week.

Low bid, submitted by Florida-Georgia Tractor Company of Tampa, quoted a price of $22,392 for the new machinery. With a trade-in the price would be $16,800. The purchase was to be on a lease-purchase plan, the cost spread over a three year period.

Commissioner Ben McGee pointed out that a month ago Sarasota County had obtained a more expensive type grader from the same company for $16,800 and no trade-in. DeSoto County also had received a lower bid than the one submitted here.

A company representative who attended the meeting in Sebring Tuesday feebly protested that the Sarasota County purchase had been a cash deal. Commissioner Chairman Cecil Skipper said, "We understand that we shall have to pay more on a lease-purchase agreement, but we do not expect this kind of difference. What this amounts to is giving you our grader."

Commissioner Carl McIntyre quickly figured that a company might have charged up to $1,700 more on a time payment purchase.

McGee said the old grader can be repaired, but, he added, "It is now at the place where the cost of up-keep is high, and it seemed good economy to put our money into a new machine. We can repair and 'make do' for a while, and that is just what we are going to do if we can't get better bids than this. I have been doing some checking, and I am going to do some more. There will be more bids rejected too, if they are like this one."

The grader will be advertised again with new bids returnable on January 15.

County Attorney R. P. Dunty, Jr. said arrangements are going forward for improvements to State Road 17, but the contracts will not be let before the big sports car races in March.

The Attorney said the work could not be completed on the road (from Kenilworth Lodge in Sebring to the Hendricks Field road) before the races, so rather than complicating the traffic problems the contracts will be let immediately after the races.

Condemnation suits for the right-of-way along 17 were filed by Dunty last week.

In other business Tuesday provisional approval was given to a plat of portions of Orange Villa Estates and a re-plat of Orange Blossom Estates.

Due to the New Year's Day holiday, the next commissioner meeting will be delayed one day.

Bombing Range Gets Coverage

The recent exercise "Lead Pipe" held at the Avon Park Bombing Range last week, has received nationwide coverage. Many of the major publications of the country included photos of the big air drop and the subsequent maneuvers.

Among those publishing pictures were the Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Atlanta, Ga., and the Christian Science Monitor, Boston, Mass. Associated Press and United Press International covered the exercise as well as many television stations and newspapers from the Tampa-St. Petersburg and Miami areas.

SUN OFFICE CLOSED

The Avon Park Sun Office will be closed Monday and Tuesday for the Christmas Holidays. [illegible] will be on the [illegible] Monday.

Hunting Okayed For Bomb Range

The Florida Game and Fresh Water Fish Commission announced this week that two special hunts will be conducted at the Avon Park Bombing Range during the Christmas holidays. The dates are December 22, 24, 25 and December 29, 30, 31, and January 1.

The commission made the announcement following announcement by Air Force Officials that the range is not expected to be used for training during those periods.

Hunters will not be allowed to enter the range previous to the eve of the hunts, however, Game officials said. In previous years, hunters were allowed to make camp site selections in advance of hunting dates.

The gate to the range will be opened to hunters at 5 p.m. on December 22 and December 28. All hunters must check out of the range by 8 p.m. on December 25 and January 1.

Deer, turkey and all upland game may be hunted as usual during these two hunt periods, A. D. Aldrich, director said. Hogs, long a favorite of hunters, may not be taken this season, Aldrich said.

Aldrich and Col. Stanton T. Smith, Jr., Commander of the 836th Air Division, MacDill Air Force Base, Tampa, strongly urged that hunters exercise safety precautions while in the range. Hunters must refrain from handling or picking up any metal, bomb fragments as souvenirs, or other Air Force material observed anywhere on the range. Some such pieces are live ammunition or duds as yet not exploded, they noted, and any contact with them could result in firing and serious injury or death.

Smith pointed out that disobeyance of these restrictions could alter the hunt agreement which the Air Force has with the State Game Department.

CHRISTMAS BASKETS

The Christmas Children's Basket Committee is again asking for donations to purchase food for the baskets. We have sixty needy families so far on our list with 254 children in these families to be fed and given toys. The need is very urgent this year on account of the freeze. Won't you help? Send your donations to Mattie Tompkins, Box 655, Avon Park.

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McAllister Is Guest Speaker

[illegible] McAllister, Director [illegible] the Florida [illegible] Rehabilitation Program, [illegible] a meeting of the Health Committee of the Florida Assn. for Health, Physical Education and Recreation in Leesburg, Fla. last week.

McAllister discussed an approach to education on alcohol and alcoholism at the meeting. The association is composed of health, physical education and recreation teachers from throughout Florida. This group frequently teaches alcohol and alcoholism education courses in the public schools.

Home Economist On The Go

by Patricia G. Hurley

I took some Christmas decorations and party foods to the Lake Placid Junior Woman's Club December meeting at the request of Mrs. Betty Ray Roberts and Mrs. Marie Oxer. The favorite party food turned out to be my Lemon Cheese-Cake Pie.

One 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese
Two T. butter
1/2 C. sugar
One egg
Two T. flour
2/3 C. milk
1/4 C. lemon juice
Two T. grated lemon peel

Cream cheese and butter. Add sugar and egg. Mix well. Add flour, then milk. Stir in lemon juice and peel. Pour into graham cracker pie shell. Use 1/4 C. pie shell mixture to sprinkle over top of pie. Bake 30-35 minutes at 350 degrees. Chill 8 hours before serving.

Four-H girls at Woodlawn and Fred Wild practised setting the table at their last meetings. Mrs. Ben Eastman assisted the Woodlawn No. 2 Club and I helped the others. Mrs. May Hughes chaperoned the Sebring High 4-H Club Christmas party yesterday. The girls brought refreshments they had made.

The Avon Park 4-H girls also had a Christmas party. Miss Mary Whitted, junior 4-H leader, and Miss Lynn Fields, president, supervised the serving of the Christmas goodies the girls had made. Miss Sharon Bennett gave the Christmas devotions.

It's good being on the right track if you don't hesitate long enough for some one to run over you.

Let the Yule Season spirit extend to your walking and driving. Start off by being courteous and considerate.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

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OAKS WERE NEVER LIKE THIS—Florida oak trees were victims of a new experience last week when the sub-freezing temperature hit the area. This tree looks as though it grew icicles instead of acorns. Photo taken North of Avon Park city limits. (Exclusive Sun Photo).

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AN IRRIGATION system left on during the night was responsible for this arctic looking scene. The grove, about two miles northeast of Avon Park, was damaged primarily due to limbs breaking under the heavy layer of ice. An agricultural thermometer located nearby recorded a minimum reading of 15½ degrees during Wednesday night or early Thursday morning. (Exclusive Sun Photo).

Cracker Politics

By Allen Morris

TALLAHASSEE — Once it was a sometime activity. Now state politics has become a day-to-day grind.

Chief Justice B. K. Roberts used to describe as "the people's year" that period of voter accountability which would interrupt for a few months the pleasant routine of office-holding.

But every year seems now to be the people's year.

What has caused state politics, like Florida tourism, to lose its seasonal nature and change into a year-round way of life?

Maybe this political ferment is another manifestation of the population explosion which has propelled Florida from 31st in the 1930 ranking to 9th among the states today.

There's just a multitude of new people to reach. The late Attorney General Tom Watson would advertise, "you can trust the old name" which he shared with a watermelon and a Georgia political leader.

Now, even the old names have to be impressed upon tens of thousands of newcomers. And it can't be done any more by touching base at the courthouses and appointing a committee of local biggies.

Office-seeking, and office-holding, is too big to be left for a few months every second, or fourth, or sixth year. The building of what even politicians have come to call an "image" is too important to be left either to chance or to a short, saturation campaign.

That's why former State Senator Fred O. (Bud) Dickinson, Jr., of West Palm Beach, the Chairman of Governor Bryant's Council of 100, and Senator Scott Kelly of Lakeland, unannounced candidates for governor in '64, are speaking several times a week with the sort of campaign schedule that in yesteryears would not have been rendered until next fall.

Other signs of activity presently causing comment on Tallahassee's Capitol Hill:

1. Governor Bryant appears more sensitive to what the public thinks of him than was true even a few months ago.

No one knows, of course, what's in the Governor's mind. As a comparatively young man, he well could be looking ahead to further political activity. Or he might be quite humanly concerned with acquainting the public with what the Governor justifiably regards as the good job he has done in his present endeavor.

Two signposts: The Governor takes time in press conferences to explain in detail what his administration is thinking or doing about consequential matters. Actually, he's talking as much to the broader audience getting the transcripts by mail as he is to the correspondents. And, the Bryant administration has encouraged two Miami public relations firms to put across the message of various of its activities.

2. Legislative apportionment has come to be recognized by more and more as a political albatross no longer hanging about the necks of only the Governor and the lawmakers.

There is a strong feeling that unless something is done this issue will carry over into the statewide campaigns of 1964. Those state officials who once said apportionments was the business of the Governor and the legislators now are not quite so sure the voters feel that way.

It is regarded as significant that two of the most politically sensitive members of the team—Attorney General Richard W. Ervin and Secretary of State Tom Adams—have broken the united front by taking positions on apportionment.

3. The fitness report resulting from U. S. Senator Spessard L. Holland's annual check-up at Bethesda navy hospital was a stymie thrown in the path of those who have been trying to write him out of the '64 campaign for reelection. Senator Holland is still, in every way, the strong man of Florida politics.

Welcome Class Holds Christmas Dinner Saturday

The Welcome Class of the Sunday School enjoyed a Christmas dinner at the Parsonage Saturday night. Rev. and Mrs. Russell Boaz were hosts. The guests brought the delicious food that was served buffet style.

The table centerpiece was a pink reindeer and santa, with candles burning. Red stockings hung from the mantle. Blue and gold balls and candles surrounded the manger scene, and the brightly lighted tree in the living room stood ready for the occasion.

The guests were seated at small tables to eat. Rev. Boaz gave the devotional. Earl Rich, president, conducted the business session. Gifts and canned goods were brought for the Christmas baskets.

Important Notice To New Home Owners About Homestead Exemption

If you are acquiring a new home now (in December) and intend to Homestead it next year you should know the following facts.

1. You must move into (and be living in) said home PRIOR to January 1st of next year.
2. Your DEED or AGREEMENT MUST BE DATED prior to January 1st.
3. Your deed or agreement MUST BE RECORDED (in County Clerk's Office) prior to January 1st.
4. You must qualify as a legal resident of the State of Florida before you can claim the exemption. (Methods of qualifying for new residents will gladly be explained by your County Tax Assesor.)
5. You must apply, in person, before APRIL 1st of each year to claim your exemption. (This applies to 1st application only) for subsequent years yau are mailed a RENEWAL card which may be signed and MAILED back.
6. If in doubt about any of the above qualifications or need further information just call your County Tax Assessor's Office. (Phone EV 5-0171-Extension 118).

"P. G." Gearing
County Tax Assessor

Death Rate Increasing Among Alcoholics In State of Florida

JACKSONVILLE — Alcoholism is increasing in Florida and death from it comes earlier than from most other causes, the State Board of Health said today.

There were 305 deaths in Florida in 1961 from diseases and accidental poisoning attributed to alcohol. Figures for 1962 have not been tabulated.

Cirrhosis of the liver accounted for 173 of the 305 deaths last year. There were 91 from alcoholism, 27 from accidental poisoning by alcohol.

The alcohol-associated death rate has increased 37 per cent since 1953, said Everett H. Williams, Jr., director of the board's Bureau of Vital Statistics. He said that the rate for males during the period was higher than for females of the same race and the non-white rate was higher in most instances than the white rate.

Williams said there may have been other deaths caused by alcohol but the 305 were the only ones where alcohol was specifically mentioned on the death certificate.

The nine-year study showed a sharp increase in death rates after the age of 24, reaching a peak of 14 deaths per 100,000 population in the 45-54 age group. The overall median age at death from alcohol was 50 years compared with 66 years for all deaths in Florida during the period.

Williams said "Alcoholism is a tremendous problem in Florida and the nation. Aside from the mortality aspect, an estimated 150,000 alcoholics in Florida pose a vast tangible and intangible burden on the state. These people cause loss and misery in numerous ways: death and destruction on the highways; loss of manpower and production in industry; increased expenditures for mental hospitals; increased welfare payments to dependent families and broken homes and neglected children. It is disturbing to see that alcoholism is increasing. Research in the treatment of alcoholics is making progress but prevention rather than cure must be the final answer."

Christmas Dinner At Legion Home

Highlands Post No. 69 American Legion and Auxiliary held their annual Christmas dinner at the Legion Home Thursday, Dec. 13.

Instead of gift exchange the members brought canned food to be used in the community Christmas food baskets.

Following the dinner, and a program, Santa Claus made his visit and presented each child with a present.

Junior members were in charge of the decorations. Francis A. LaFlam, Grover Bates and Mrs. Margaret Stewart were in charge of the food.

Business Women Xmas Dinner

The Business Woman's Club enjoyed a Christmas dinner in the private dining room at Griffin's restaurant Monday night. The gaily lit tree and Christmas decorations created a seasonal atmosphere.

Guests were invited by the club members. Place cards, small Santa Clauses and red nut cups marked the places for the delicious dinner.

Following the dinner the group exchanged gifts and played games.

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Brownie Troop Entertain Moms

An amusing Christmas broadcast was presented by Brownie Troop 21 Monday afternoon when they entertained their mothers and teachers. The girls served punch and cookies and passed out favors they had made for each of the guests. In turn they received a Brownie paper doll gift set from their sponsor, The Avon Park Motor Company.

Dinner trays at Walker Memorial Hospital will be decorated on Christmas Day with favors made by the troop. Membership includes Joan Seims, Claire Lanier, Barbara Miller, Beverly Wicker, Pia Dellelo, Patty Turnbull, Suzanne Skipper, Kathy Kirkland, Susan Franza, Joan Young, Gail Metheny, and Laura Camp. Troop leader are Mrs. Lou Miller and Mrs. Vernon Lanier.

County Schools Begin Holiday

Highlands County schools began their Christmas vacation Thursday morning. Classes will be resumed on Wednesday, Jan. 2, Superintendent of Public Instruction Andy Miracle said today.

Plans for the forthcoming science fair will be high on the list of projects for the students and teachers when schools reopen. Highlands County is to be host for the district competition this year.

Happy Holidays

We sincerely hope that you and your family have a grand, carefree Christmas holiday.

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Troop 156 BSA Holds Christmas Party at Church

Boy Scout Troop No. 156, sponsored by the Union Congregational Church, held its annual covered dish supper and Christmas party Monday evening, December 17, in Fellowship Hall.

After supper, Committeeman John Townsend explained that this traditional Christmas supper is for the purpose of bringing together the Scouts and parents at one festive occasion.

He called upon Committeeman Charles S. Warrington to present Scoutmaster Norman Cook and Assistant Scoutmaster Larry Bond with their Christmas presents, which had been arranged under a decorated tree by the Scouts.

Cook then presented each boy with a self-carved neckerchief slide. After year pins and badges were presented to the Scouts, Cook presented Eagle Scout Chuck Warrington with his choice of all Cook's hand-carved neckerchief slides for his perfect record over the past two months in a competitive uniform inspection.

Tentative plans for a camping trip after Christmas were discussed and definite arrangements for this trip will be completed while the boys are meeting daily at the Mall making their annual Christmas tree sale. Each boy in the troop participates in this operation and spends many hours helping to cut the trees and sell them.

This is the only source of income that Troop 156 has, other than that received from their sponsor, to finance their many activities throughout the year. Their main objective for the coming year will be the trip to Philmont Scout Ranch in New Mexico, to which the troop plans to send at least seven boys and contribute toward their expenses.

Junior Auxiliary Stresses 'Safety'

Junior members of the Highlands Unit 69 American Legion Auxiliary will participate in the "Safety Campaign" being sponsored by the Legion Auxiliary Department of Florida.

Friday, Dec. 21, the girls will place safety pamphlets in every automobile within Avon Park. This folder "Your Chance" requests the owner of the car to drive safely and they urge members of their family, friends and neighbors to join the safety campaign.

Highlands will be one of the 255 Units representing a membership of 16,125 which will be distributing these safety pamphlets this week in an effort to curtail the number of accidents of Florida Highways during this long Christmas and New Year Holidays.

SEMINAR PRINCIPALS—A medical seminar was held here last Sunday with doctors attending from a number of surrounding counties. Theme of the meeting was Psychotherapy in Medical Practice. Speakers were, left to right: Dr. C. Brooks Henderson, Fla. Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program: Dr. William C. Ruffin, Jr., Dr. John D. Ainslie, Dr. Rufus M. Vaughn, Dr. Paul L. Adams, all of the University of Florida Teaching Hospital, and Dr. H. W. Coleman, Avon Park physician who was local chairman of the seminar. (Exclusive SUN Photo).

Buckeye Club Meets Thursday

The second meeting of the Ohio Buckeye Club was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Fisher on Amanda Boulevard Thursday evening of last week. Officers were elected and future plans for activities of the group were discussed.

The date of Sunday, Feb. 10, 1963 was set for a big picnic to be held in Highlands Hammock state park.

All buckeyes are invited to join the Ohio Club.

The Fishers were assisted by their daughter, Mrs. Fisk, to serve refreshments at the close of an enjoyable evening of games and fun.

THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

"Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse,
When down through the chimney all covered with soot,
Came the "Spirit of Fire" an ugly galoot.

His eyes glowed like embers, his features were stern,
As he looked all around for something to burn.
What he saw made him grumble, his anger grew higher,
For there wasnt' a thing that would start a good fire.

No door had been blocked by the big Christmas tree,
It stood in the corner leaving passageways free.
The lights that glowed brightly for Betty and Tim,
Had been hung with precaution so none touched a limb.

All wiring was new, not a break could be seen,
And wet sand at its base kept the tree nice and green.
The tree had been trimmed by a mother insistent,
That the ornaments used be fire resistant.

And mother had known the things to avoid,
Like cotton and paper and plain celluloid.
Rock wool, metal icicles and trinkets of glass,
Gave life to the tree; it really had class.

And would you believe it right next to the tree,
Was a suitable box for holding debris.
A place to throw wrappings of paper and string,
From all of the gifts that Santa might bring.

The ugly galoot was so mad he could bust,
As he climbed up the chimney in utter disgust.
For the folks in this home had paid close attention,
To all the rules of good "Fire Prevention."

School News

APHS students who attended the District Student Council meeting in Cocoa last week reported a most successful trip. The nine students also represented the school in a fine way, by conducting a discussion group on "The Committee and Organization of Student Council." Participating in this discussion were Devorah Reddick, Janie Wells, Ann Johnson and Andy Miracle.

The students were overnight guests in the homes of the Cocoa students. They were entertained with a banquet and dance on Friday night and spent Saturday in workshops and discussion groups.

Mrs. J. A. Johnson and Mrs. Lena Suggs accompanied the group to Cocoa.

Robert Duggan and Andy Miracle, who were APHS representatives to Boys' State in Tallahassee this past summer, reported on their trip at the assembly program at the high school last week. Terry Oberle and Max Still were the alternate delegates, but did not attend Boys' State.

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Ross Allen has "milked" more than 138,000 poisonous snakes for their venom at his Reptile Institute at Florida's Silver Springs. The venom is refined and used for medicinal purposes.

One hundred thirty-one persons died in traffic last December. Let's not repeat that awful figure again this December.

Going on a Christmas trip? Check the weather forecast and your driving habits.

Phone Company Christmas Party Held Saturday

The Inter-County Telephone Company held a Christmas party Saturday night for the Northern District of the company in the form of a dinner-dance at the Jacaranda Hotel which was attended by one hundred and seventy-five employees and their guests.

President J. N. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson and Mr. and Mrs. B. T. Shearer of Ft. Myers; Mr. and Mrs. James Gabbard of Wauchula; Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Mullis of Okeechobee and Mr. and Mrs. J. Crews of Sebring were among the out-of-town officials attending. District Manager, R. M. Gay and Mrs. Gay, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Moxley and Mr. and Mrs. Andy Cucchiaro were among the local heads of departments who attended the affair.

Door prizes were won by several of the guests. Music for dancing was furnished by a local orchestra.

Elaborate Christmas decorations brightened the dining room of the hotel.

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FARP Official At NY Meeting

James H. Williams, Ph.D., Director of the Vocational Rehabilitation Project at the Florida Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center, attended a four-way conference on research at the New York Academy of Sciences last week.

Dr. Williams heads vocational rehabilitation research at the Center. The conference was called by the academy to discuss research methodology and the potential of research in community health and preventative medicine.

Bowling Film To Be Shown

The Ridge Bowling Association announced this week that two special bowling films have been secured from the American Bowling Congress. They will be shown on Thursday, Dec. 27 at 8 o'clock in the [illegible] High School Auditorium.

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Medical Society Elects Ostling At Monday Meet

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[illegible] Congress of Doctors [illegible] discussed by Dr. [illegible] a staff member [illegible] Alcoholics Re[illegible] Program.

The Auxiliary business meeting was conducted by Mrs. C. Brooks Henderson, president. Gifts were brought for the patients at the Arcadia State Hospital, with Mrs. Clara Martin as chairman of this project.

Mrs. Walter Ost, program chairman, presented a children's choir from the Highlands Lakes Academy, who sang Christmas carols, directed by Mrs. Martin and accompanied at the piano by Mrs. Wilson.

DRIVER'S LICENSE EXAMS

A Change effective January 1st examinations will be held in Lake Placid on Wednesdays instead of Saturday. Examination days will remain the same in Avon Park and Sebring—Thursday in Sebring and Friday in Avon Park. Hours for all examinations will be 8 to 12, 12:30 to 5. No exams will be held on Saturday. Examinations will be held in Wauchula on Mondays as usual.

You're getting old when a slim waistline and a broad mind change places.

Merry Christmas
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SNARES REBOUND—Dewayne Lemler, center, snares a rebound in the Avon Park - Ft. Meade game last Friday night. No. 22 is Avon Park forward Terry Oberle. The Red Devils lost the game 50 to 42. (Exclusive Sun Photo).

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Red Devil Cagers Complete Pre-Holiday Sked; Still Winless

Lake Placid and Fort Meade both handed Avon Park's Red Devil cage squad defeats last Monday and Friday nights to leave the Red Devils winless in four starts as they closed out the preholiday section of their Ridge Conference schedule.

The undefeated Green Dragons from Lake Placid chalked up their seventh straight win of the young season by taking a 53-42 decision over the Avon Park five in Lake Placid last Monday night. The Red Devils again had trouble putting the ball through the hoop although they gave the Dragons a real run for their money on the floor as they stole the ball repeatedly from the green clad Lake Placid hoopsters.

The sharpshooting Dragons were led in scoring by big Ray Dambrell who hit nine field goals for 18 points. Floyd Cobb pumped in 14 counters for the winners and DeWayne Lemler was high point man for Avon Park with 14 also. Freshman Bobby Coleman and senior Terry Oberle kept the Dragons backboard swept clean all evening while Leonard Sullivan and Wayne Strickler heckled the Dragon ball handlers causing bad passes and fumbles which the Red Devils were unable to turn in to points due to poor shooting.

Coach Ralph Hill's Avon Park "B" squad won its first game of the year by outscoring the Lake Placid junior varsity 57-35 in the opening game. Eddie Bates made 15 points, Richard Harrier dropped 13 through the hops, and Keith Albritton scored 11 for the winning junior Red Devils as Coach Hill used his entire squad alternately throughout the game.

Against Fort Meade last Friday night at the Avon Park gym, the Red Devils jumped off to an 11-6 first quarter lead but couldn't hold the pace as the Fighting Miners found the mark and moved steadily ahead to take a 50-42 win for their first victory in three starts.

Terry Oberle was the games high scorer with 14 points for the losing effort and Ronnie Newsome led the winners with 12 points. Avon Park outscored the Miners by one point in the final period as they tried to come from behind for the win but Fort Meade's defense held on to their lead to take the victory.

Fort Meade also won the "B" game by a score of 30-25 with junior Miner Richard Hendrich accounting for 13 points for the winners and Avon Park's Richard Harrier leading the losers with nine counters.

LAKE PLACID	fg	ft	tp
Dambrell	9	0	18
Cobb	6	2	14
Bush	2	0	4
Bullard	3	0	6
Sapp	3	0	6
Hendry	2	1	5
Totals	25	3	53

AVON PARK	fg	ft	tp
Coleman	1	2	4
Sullivan	3	1	7
Oberle	4	1	9
Lemler	7	0	14
W. Strickler	4	0	8
Totals	19	4	42

Score by quarters:

Avon Park	7	8	17	10—42
Lake Placid	10	15	14	14—53

Florida's forest products industries include pulp and paper mills, sawmills, veneer and plywood plants, wood treating plants, plus others that produce products to the tune of a half-billion added to Florida's economy.

Bride-Elect Shower Honoree

Miss Sandra Weaver, bride-elect of Wayne Knowles, was complimented last Saturday night when Mrs. Lew Miller entertained in her honor with a shower at her home on the Bombing Range Road.

The honoree's chosen color scheme of orchid and white was reflected in all of the decorations. A miniature bride and three attendants, dressed in orchid, stood on the coffee table in the living room where orchid mums were attractively arranged.

The guests brought gifts of crystal, china and linen. Games were played after the gifts were opened and admired.

The refreshment table in the dining room featured a dainty bride and groom standing on a turntable surrounded by orchid mums and lighted tapers. Fancy sandwiches, cookies, nuts and mints were served with coffee. Each sandwich and cookie was marked with a bride which the guests kept for a favor.

ON CRITICAL LIST—Custer Hamrick, driver of the jeep mowing unit at right of photo, remained on the critical list at Walker Memorial Hospital today after his vehicle was struck by semi-trailer at left. The accident happened on the Avon Park truck route about 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. (Exclusive Sun Photo).

Progressive Dinner Held

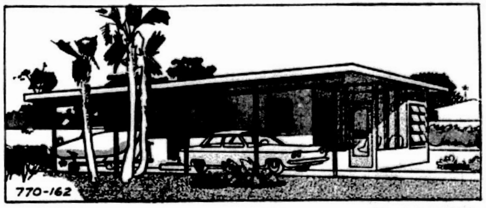
Girl Scout Troop 117 was entertained with a Progressive Dinner which was prepared and served by their mothers, last Saturday evening.

They assembled at the home of Marsha McDugald at 5:30 where they were served fruit juice. At Cheryl Fout's home they were served a candlestick salad and received Christmas hat favors.

The main dinner was served at Susan Booth's home. Here the 16 girls were seated at the table covered with a red cloth. Place cards marked their places and they received candle favors.

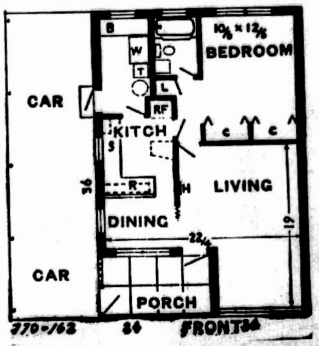
Ann Mandis' home marked the end of their eating spree. Here they enjoyed a parfait and cup cakes and exchanged Christmas gifts. They sang Christmas carols, ate nuts and mints and were given angel favors.

Mrs. Kylene Thompson and Ann Karick are troop leaders. All of the mothers assisted in serving the Progressive Dinner for the troop.



Here's Planning For 1 Bedroom Masonry Home

In a compact one-bedroom masonry house, the deciding factor may be the kitchen design. Home No. 770-162, which is 770 square feet in floor area and planned to fit a 50 foot wide level lot, features a kitchen and dining alcove combination that is separate from the living room and handy to a convenient utility room (11' x 5½') with a workbench under the window. This arrangement not only provides convenience of food preparation, serving and laundry, but would allow a creative couple to pursue their carpentry and sewing projects and still leave the living room and bedroom uncluttered. (A hinged drop-leaf table on the kitchen wall can be used for snacks or for meals during a dressmaking orgy.)



Projects aside, this is a livable house. The 13' x 7' screened porch (nearly 10' high) doubles as house entrance, with its jalousie door leading to both the 19-foot-long living room and the "living kitchen", which can be separated by a folding door (zigzag on plan). The living room has 9 feet of awning windows at the front and the dining alcove has three jalousie windows opening into porch and carport.

The dining alcove is separated from the kitchen by a low wall back of the range counter (R) and a suspended cabinet (dotted) with sliding doors of transparent plastic, accessible from both sides. The sink (S) is under the window and the refrigerator (RF) between the two doors. Incidentally, a door from the kitchen to the bedroom and bath without entering the living room is a highly desirable feature.

The 10½' x 12½' bedroom has two 5-foot closets (with bifold doors) as soundproofing against the living room. There are two awning windows toward the garden; if there are no close neighbors, a side window would be recommended for this room. There is a linen closet (L) close to the door of the compact bathroom (5' x 7').

The 36' x 10' carprt is long enough to house a compact car and boat (see picture). The jalousie door to the utility room doubles as service entrance. In the utility room are the workbench (B), washer (W), laundry tray (T) and water heater (circle). These fixtures are back-to-back to bathroom fixtures and close to the kitchen sink for economy of installation.

The construction of this home is as follows: exterior walls are 8" thick concrete blocks with stucco on the outside and furring (or insulation boards) with plaster on the roomside. Ceilings which follow the line of the shed roof are finished in plaster and contain electric heating coils. The 4-inch reinforced concrete floor slab is poured over solidly compacted fill and vapor barrier and is two steps above grade. Interior partitions are wood frame and plastered on both sides.

Home No. 770-162 was designed by Jan Reiner, the editor of Florida Homes magazine. (The magazine is available on newstands or by mailing $1 to 1000 - 52nd St. North, St. Petersburg 10, Fla.)

Methodist Circles Meet

Mrs. I. H. Ford and Mrs. Joseph M. Patton were hostesses to Circles Two and Three at the Ford home on Lake Lotela Tuesday afternoon. Gifts were brought for the Christmas baskets for the needy, a Christmas program presented and delicious refreshments served.

Mrs. Ray O. Cobun was hostess to members of Circle Six of the WSCS Tuesday morning at her home on Avacado Road. Canned food was brought for the Christmas baskets. Dainty refreshments were served before the program was presented.

Members of Circle Four enjoyed their annual Christmas Dinner which was held at Griffin's Restaurant Monday night. Mrs. C. T. Ferguson, circle chairman, presented each with favors she had made and gifts were exchanged. The program was presented following the dinner.

Food Fair Properties, nation's largest publicly-held shopping center development chain founded in 1955, will make itself available to handle development of shopping centers for outside interests.

"Remember my trading stamps" is a slogan that is appearing on gas tank caps of many cars these days. It's to remind gas pump jockeys to give stamps to their customers.

Here and There

Mr. and Mrs. Devon Reddick and daughter, Devorah, will leave Saturday for Mississippi to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Reddick's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Richardson, in Louisville, and her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Lamon Arthur in Jackson.

Morris Gay arrived home Sunday from Brenau College, Brenau, Ky., to spend the Christmas holidays. His mother, Mrs. R. M. Gay, met him in Jacksonville.

Winter residents arriving this week include Mr. and Mrs. Marion Prindle of Sherman, N. Y.; Jack Young of Niagara Falls, N. Y.; Scott DeGolyer, Castile, N. Y., and Mrs. Louise Prielipp of Britton, Mich.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Cribb and Sgt. and Mrs. William R. Morris and son, Ricky, enjoyed a day in Tampa last Saturday.

Miss Pat Tondee and her fiance, Owen Woodyard, are expected here this week, to make final plans for their wedding which will be held December 29.

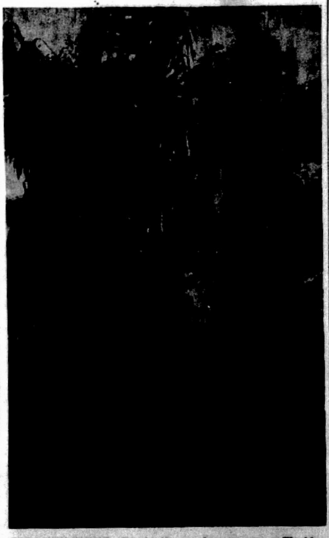
The more than 50 college students enrolled in various colleges and universities will be arriving this week to spend the holidays with their families.

Larry Gore and Darryl Bailey who are attending school in Georgia were among the early arrivals home for the holidays.

5-Year Resident Passes Monday

Mrs. Bertha Ackerman, age 74, passed away Monday at the Walker Memorial Hospital. She was born in Knox County, Ohio and had come to Avon Park five years ago. She was a member of the First Baptist Church. Survivors include her husband, Charles E. Ackerman, one son, Louis J. Ackerman of Woodside, Calif.; two sisters, Mrs. L. B. Wagner, Columbus, Ohio, and Mrs. L. J. Bean, Fredericktown, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Wednesday at 10:30 at the Stephenson Funeral Chapel. The Rev. Aden D. Childress officiated. Interment will be in Fredericktown, Ohio.



STRANGE SIGHT—Rarely, if ever does one see a Florida palm with icicles hanging from it. Here's ample proof of how cold it was last week. (Exclusive Sun Photo).

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[illegible] CERAMICS [illegible] Verona, rear of Bal[illegible] Base instruc[illegible] gifts, firing. 6-4tc

24—Auctions

[illegible] SPECIAL XMAS

AUCTIONS

[illegible] next Sat[illegible] Dec. 22 and Mon[illegible] Dec. 24th. Both Au[illegible] starting promptly at [illegible] P.M.

This month as we are loaded with lots of Name Brand items that are practical and useful that's got to go. Items for the whole family. Bid and Buy them on the Auction Block. Tell your neighbor and bring some friends thats in the market to buy. Don't forget 2 Big Nights Saturday, Dec. 22nd and Monday, Dec. 24th at the one and only

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27—Services Offered

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31—Help Wanted

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RAWLEIGH BUSINESS now open in Manatee Co. or part Bradenton. Excellent opportunity. Write Rawleigh FAL-520-189, Memphis, Tenn. 8-1tp

41—For Rent

CLEAN, comfortable rooms. Low weekly rates. Park Ridge Hotel, 119 W. Main. 49-tfc

ONE BEDROOM mobile homes, completely furnished, T.V., lake front, reasonable. Mrs. Roberts, Box 903, GL 3-4917. 3-tfc

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FOR RENT—3 bedroom house on Highland Lake. Call GL 3-4618. 6-tfc

FURNISHED 4 bedroom house and porch. 901 West Camphor. For information see Mr. Hunt, green cottage. 7-2tp

ALL MODERN house trailer [illegible] Tenant may choose [illegible] Phone GL 3-4035. 8-1tp

49—Wanted to Rent

[illegible] TO RENT BY JAN. [illegible] 5 or 6 room [illegible] mansion. Phone [illegible] GL 3-35[illegible] 8-1tc

51—For Sale

BEAUTIFUL sparkling marble in white and pink. Marble for fireplaces, entrance ways, [illegible] marble flagstone, mar[illegible] stone in sparkling pink and sparkling white. See our new display of marble for the [illegible] Each wall is 7 feet high (7 walls) six different types in stock for you to select from. [illegible]ART MEMORIALS U. S. 27 eight miles South of Mall Telephone EV 5-7643. 48-tfc

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FOR SALE — Used Spinet Piano. Box W, Avon Park Sun. 7-tfc

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BY OWNER, partially furnished, CB home. Two bedrooms, carporte, utility, shade trees. East Thomas Street. Must sell. Call GL 3-3244. 41-tfc

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67—Wanted To Buy

WANTED TO BUY — 8 mm movie camera and projector. Call Via, Avon Park Sun. 8-1tnc

CARD OF THANKS

I wish to thank all my friends and neighbors for their kind remembrances of cards, letters, gifts and prayers and for their visits while I was a patient at the hospital. Your thoughtfulness meant so much to me.

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FOR SALE

[illegible] Lots from [illegible] Near Lake Olivia. [illegible] $250.00 Each.

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Highlands Real Estate Transfers

Henry W. and Hattie R. Brinkley to Wade Deaton and Patricia Godwin Hurley, N½ Lot 9, All Lot 10, S½ Lot 11, in Blk. 176B, Sebring Summit S/D, $10,500.

Henry M. and Roberta A. Flowers to Ralph M., Sr., and Margaret L. Carraway, Lot 4, Tropic Homes S/D, $7,400.

Lenore M. Cook to Warren D. Blincoe, Lot 6, Blk. 4, Sec. F, Highlands Park Estates, $2,400.

Robert Pearl and Dorothy Lee Jarvis to Oneita P. Schroeder, Lot 11 and N. 10' Lot 12, Blk. 152, Sebring Highlands S/D, $7,700.

Maude T., aka M. L., Lockett to Irene L. and Curtis S. English, Lots 8 and 9, Blk. 49, Sec. 22-33-28, $6,600.

G. W. and Izola A. Hampton to John L. and Ruth Youmans, Pt. Sec. 15-36-29, $7,000.

Mary E. Beaumont to Fred T. and Elfriede T. Fields, Pt. Lot 16, Blk. 58, Sebring, and ¼ Int. Lot 15, Blk. 58, Sebring, $4,800.

Whitaker & Miller Construction & Engineering Co. to Frank E. and Thelma M. Tomko, Lots 2, 3, 4, 5, Blk. 13, Sec. B, Sylvan Shores Estates, $2,000.

W. M. and Clara C. Talley to Frank and Cora L. Merrick, Parcel B of resub Lots 3 and 4, Blk. 520, Dinner Lake Suburb., $9,700.

Ted O. I. and Janice M. Shoemaker to Pauline K. Meredith, N½ of S½ Lot 3, Blk. 91, Sebring, $10,900.

Rose Jane Davidson to Fred and Ruth Telder, Pt. Lot 4, Blk. 84, 4th Add. Sebring, $3,700.

C. E. and Selma Drawdy to C. E. Boyett, All Sec. 16-37-33, $48,000.

Duncan L. and Alice S. Guy to Federal Housing Commissioner Hardy, Lot 14, Tropic Homes S/D, $7,800.

Herbert and Julie C. Burgess to Frederick L. and Sophie J. Halley, Lot 25, Blk. 10, Sylvan Shores Est., Sec. C, $2,300.

Erna L. Shepherd to W. Rex and Shirley Page Furr, NE'erly 100' Lots 33 and 34, Lakewood Villa S/D, Sec. 9-33-28, $8,000.

Georgia K. Petro and Joe J. Marsh to H. Wayne and Sandra Harris, Lot 27 and N. 25' Lot 28, Blk. 272, Lake Sebring S/D, $13,000.

Margaret Hale Kelly to J. Lee and Mary Alice Collins, Lots 7, 8, 9, Blk. 4, Resub. McAulay's Add., $1,300.

Walter and Rachel B. McNeill to Central & Southern Florida Flood Control District, Pt. Sec. 11-37-33, $4,400.

Clara Platt to Central & Southern Florida Flood Control District, Pt. Sec. 24-37-33, $4,100.

Okeechobee Incorporated to Central & Southern Florida Flood Control District, Pt. Sec. 35-36-33, $5,400.

Florida Highlands Ltd., Inc., to Florida Highlands Realty, Inc., E½ of E½ of NE¼ of Sec. 3-35-28 and Lots in West Sebring Est., and Lot 9, Blk. H, Lake Jackson Blvd. S/D, $32,000.

Caroline A. Vollweiler to J. M. and Lynnelle H. Bunch, W. 60' Lot 8 of Blk. 66, Palmhurst S/D, $3,000.

W. J. and Margaret Ann Kantor to Charles D., Jr., and Muriel J. Bolton, Lot 15, Blk. 5, Temple Terrace S/D, $1,895.

B. Brack and Ruth Cantrell to Larry A. and Beverly, Ervin O. and Mary Ellen Rucks, Pt. Sec. 35-37-33 and W½ Sec. 2-38-33, $68,800.

Lake Placid Holding Co. to Arthur A. and Alice Kaun, Lots 25 and 26, Blk. 141, Placid Lakes, Sec. 11, $5,351.84.

Elsie F. and Paul Oberreutter to Joseph and Joan DeSpain, SE¼ of SE¼ of Sec. 5-39-30 and N½ of SW¼ and SW¼ of SW¼ of Sec. 4-39-30 less R/W of Highway No. 27 and less all land E. of No. 27, $15,000.

Dolan and Laverne Hill to E. Ray and Jane H. Wells, Lots 9 and 10, Blk. 61, Sec. 22-33-28, $4,000.

Dolan L. and A. Laverne Hill to E. Ray and Jane H. Wells, Lot 13, Verona Heights S/D, $5,400.

Margeruite Calder to Edward N. and Ruth B. Cullom, S. 43' Lot 5, Blk. 3, Lake Josephine S/D and that part of said lot lying and being south of canal, $2,500.

Robert R., Jr., and Mariana B. King to A. M. Moree, Lot 10, Blk. D, Pine Hill S/D, $500.

Regardless of improving airline business, the industry is not earning the 10.5 per cent on investment the CAB has recommended, a spokesman for American Airlines said recently.

PUBLIC NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY
CHANCERY NO.

Notice

IN RE REMOVAL OF MARRIAGE DISABILITIES OF
D. H. ZIELINSKI,
TO JOSEPH S. ZIELINSKI
535 East 12th Street
Erie, Pa

You are hereby notified that application by the undersigned to become a free dealer will be presented to one of the Judges of the above styled court on the 27th day of December, 1962, at the Court House in Sebring, Florida. Please be present if you are to be heard.

S. D. H. Zielinski

Pub. Dec. 13, 20, 27, 1962.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

To: Barbara A. Batts
Jack R. Batts
114 E. Wolf St.
Avon Park, Florida

You are hereby notified that the following motor vehicle: Ford 8 Gal 500 2DR SgN63Q116403 1962 will be sold at public sale at 12:00 Noon o'clock on the 20 day of December, 1962, at Avon Park Motor Co., Avon Park. The proceeds of the sale will be applied to the payment of the cost of retaking, storing and sale of said motor vehicle and the cost of publication of notice of sale and then to the satisfaction of the balance due under the contract covering the financing of said motor vehicle. Any surplus will be paid to you, and you will remain liable for any balance remaining unpaid under said contract.

ASSOCIATES DISCOUNT CORPORATION
By: Talbert Matthews,
Collection Manager
P. O. Box 479
Lakeland, Florida

NOTICE OF SALE

To: George McNealy
Maggie McNealy
16 Grand Way
Sebring, Florida

You are hereby notified that the following motor vehicle: Ford 8 58A 4DR 1962 Sg1A42W158097 will be sold at public sale at 12:00 Noon o'clock on the 27 day of December, 1962, at Avon Park Motor Co., Avon Park, Fla. The proceeds of the sale will be applied to the payment of the cost of retaking, storing and sale of said motor vehicle and the cost of publication of notice of sale and then to the satisfaction of the balance due under the contract covering the financing of said motor vehicle. Any surplus will be paid to you, and you will remain liable for any balance remaining unpaid under said contract.

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NOTICE OF SALE

To: Darryl Edwards
P. O. Box 275
Avon Park, Florida

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
In Chancery
Case No. 9675

JOANN P. STRANDBERG,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
ROBERT W. STRANDBERG
Defendant.

NOTICE TO DEFEND

TO:
A/b ROBERT W. STRANDBERG
14795536 Flight "C"
Box 1545 Air Police P.A.T.S.
3275 Sq.
Lackland AFB, Texas

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a Complaint for Divorce has been filed against you, and you are required to serve a copy of your answer, pleading or other defense on the plaintiff's attorney, Hayward H. Davis, Lake Placid, Florida and file the original thereof in the office of the Clerk of Circuit Court on or before December 22, 1962, or else a decree pro confesso will be taken against you.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Sebring, Florida, on the 14th day of November, 1962.
(SEAL)

EARL RICH, Clerk
By: Frances Lipham
Deputy Clerk

Pub. Nov. 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13, 1962.
HAYWARD H. DAVIS
Attorney for Plaintiff
Post Office Box 688A
Lake Placid, Florida

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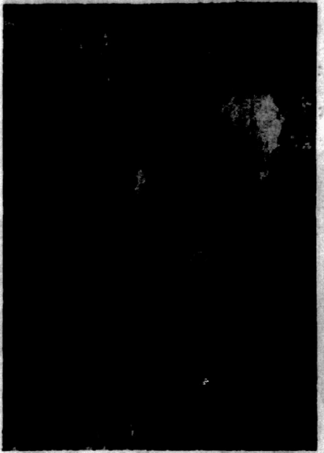

PLENTY OF ICICLE—Icicles of the three to four-foot variety were not uncommon here last Thursday morning, as the top photo will attest. Many trees were covered with the unusual decorations, much to the amazement of long-time residents as well as the northern visitor. Bottom: This was a beautiful double hibiscus before the hard freeze. The ice coating protected the bloom, but after the sun came out, the beauty soon disappeared. (Exclusive Sun Photos).

Second Grades Present Annual Yule Program

More than 100 second grade students participated in the annual Christmas program which was presented Monday night at Avon Elementary Cafetorium. The five second grade teachers, Mmse Geraldine Barker, Madeline Cooper, Zelma Ellis, Helen Kaiser and Mary Metheny, were in charge of the program. Mrs. Metheny's daughter, Gail, sang a solo and Mrs. Kaiser was the pianist.

"The Life of Baby Jesus in Song" was the title of the play. The scenery and stage setting depicted the night in Bethlehem when Jesus was born, and the children's voices told the story in song while others pantomimed the scenes.

The elementary grades rotate in presenting the Christmas program for the PTA each year. Because of the extreme cold weather last Thursday night, the regular PTA meeting night, the program was postponed until Monday.

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Rebekah Lodge Holiday Party

Following the regular meeting Monday night of the Eleanor Severns Rebekah Lodge No. 65, a Christmas party was held in the Brickel Hall.

Bessie Decker was hostess to the party. Christmas decorations added to the occasion, and gifts were exchanged. The refreshment table was centered with a beautiful Christmas arrangement. Dainty sandwiches, cookies, coffee and candies were served.

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HIGH TEAM GAME
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HIGH TEAM SERIES
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME
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HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES
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	Won	Lost
Tay-Woods	27	33
Go Gutters	26½	33½
Bowler Coasters	26½	33½
Fearless Four	14	46
The Pro's	10	50

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Larry Huber - 287
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES
Larry Huber - 694

Ridge Mixed League

	Won	Lost
D and H	43	17
Watt-Hams	38	22
Criss-Krossers	38	22
Amoco	37	23
Sparecrows	36	24
Hi-Flyers	35	25
Four Roses	33½	26½
Dreamers	29½	30½
Low Bowlers	29	31
Pin Pals	29	31
Gay Blades	28	32

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WISHING YOU A VERY HAPPY HOLIDAY
Here's hoping that you and your loved ones will know every joy at this Yuletide season.
Jacaranda Hotel

County Church League

	Won	Lost
St Catherine No. 2	41½	18½
1st Baptist No. 2 Avon Park	41½	18½
1st Baptist No. 2 Sebring	33	27
1st Baptist No. 3 Sebring	33	27
1st Baptist No. 1 Avon Park	31	29
1st Baptist No. 1 Sebring	30½	29½
St Catherine No. 1	29½	30½
Brethren No. 1	28½	30½
Brethren No. 2	25	35
Lutheran	23½	36½
St. Catherine No. 3	22	38
Methodist	21	27

HIGH TEAM SERIES
St. Catherine No. 2 - 2902
1st Baptist No. 2 Seb. - 2843
1st Baptist No. 2 A. P. - 2839
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES
H. Harmon - 613
F. Larose - 613
C. Stimson - 610
HIGH TEAM GAME
St. Catherine No. 2 - 984
1st Baptist No. 2 Seb. - 974
St. Catherine No. 2 - 964
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME
F. Larose - 247
G. Carson - 240
B. Duncan - 235

Industrial League

	Won	Lost
A.P.C.I. Gold	36	20
A.P.C.I. Blue	31½	34½
Florida Power	28	28
Dales Marina	28	28
Avon P. Restaurant	26½	29½
Light House	21	35

HIGH TEAM SERIES
A.P.C.I. Gold - 2934
Florida Power - 2922
Light House - 2829
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES
Riley - 684
Duncan - 666
Sellars - 641
HIGH TEAM GAME
A.P.C.I. Gold - 1077
Light House - 1036
A.P.C.I. Blue - 981
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME
Duncan - 265
Riley - 248
E. Johnson - 245

Hy-Lands League

	Won	Lost
Withers & Harshman	39	21
Martin's Uniforms	37	23
A.A.A. Paving	36	24
Borden's Dairy	31	29
Jordon & Sons	31	29
Bagwell Lumber	30	30
Sebring Paint C.	30	30
Harold Bartee Mtrs.	30	30
Orange Blossom E.	27	33
Grubb Construction	27	33
Top Hat Cleaners	26	34
Pettus Roof Cleaning	26	34
Sebring News	26	34
I. H. Ford	24	36

Ridge League

	Won	Lost
Gilbert Drugs	36	16
Highlands Plumbing	34	18
Jahna Concrete	33	19
Benny's Music	28	24
Stephen's Gulf	23	29
First Federal Savings & Loan	21	31
L & M Grocery	18	34
Western Auto	15	37

HIGH TEAM SERIES
Gilbert Drugs - 3017
Highlands Plumbing - 2953
L & M Grocery - 2937
HIGH TEAM GAME
L & M Grocery - 1096
Gilbert Drugs - 1043
Jahna Concrete - 1011
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES
M. Brookshear - 695
R. Williams - 680
R. Lyons - 654
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME
R. Williams - 266
M. Brookshear - 255
F. Reid - 248

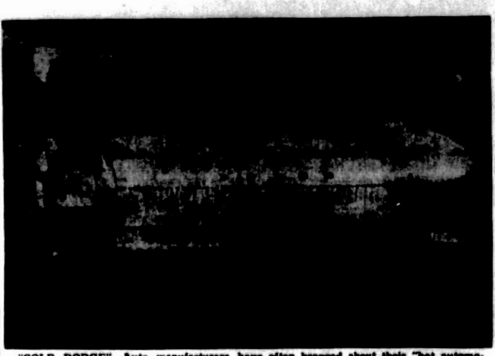
Orange Belt League

	Won	Lost
Shoemaker Plumbing	44	12
Ray's Bakery	36	20
C & C Pontiac-Buick-GMC	34	22
Sinclair Refining	31	25
8th Air Depot	31	25
Turner Furniture	29	27
Dandee Bread	28	28
Food Fair	27½	28½
Highlands Land Improvement	26	30
Cooper & Son Auto Repairs	25	31
WAVP	24	32
O'Steen Radiators	22	34
Adams American	21½	34½
E & C Electric	13	43

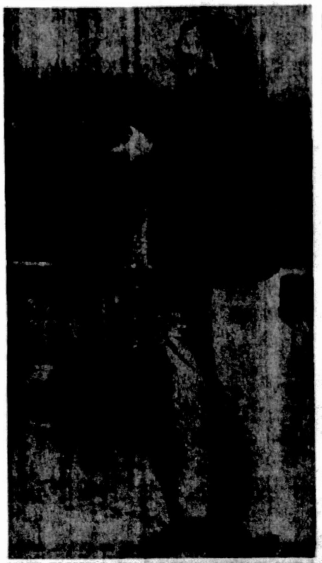
HIGH TEAM SERIES
Shoemaker Plumbing - 3003
Highlands Land Improv. - 2928
Ray's Bakery - 2919
HIGH TEAM GAME
Shoemaker Plumbing - 1060
C & C Pontiac - 1050
Highlands Land Improv. - 1039
HIGH INDIVIDUAL SERIES
J. Crosson - 657
E. Ott - 644
F. Camp - 629
HIGH INDIVIDUAL GAME
J. Crosson - 265
T. Banks - 232
E. Ott - 232

Here and There—

Miss Mildred Myers will visit her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Moody, in Augusta Ga. over the Christmas holidays.



"COLD DODGE"—Auto manufacturers have often bragged about their "hot automobiles." Here's an example of the reverse situation, a "cold Dodge." The auto is the patrol car of Highlands County Sheriff's Deputy Bob Barringer. (Exclusive Sun Photo).



GIANT POPSICLE—Emory Cribb, local resident, holds a chunk of ice which was cut off a citrus tree last Thursday morning. Intermingled with the ice are several leaves and branches. The giant "citrus popsicle" weighed about 50 pounds. (Exclusive Sun Photo).

Patrol Predicts Nine Killed In Yule Holiday

TALLAHASSEE—The Florida Highway Patrol today predicted that nine persons will be killed during the 30-hour Christmas holiday on the state's highways.

Although many people will begin the holiday on Friday before Christmas, the official count of traffic dead for the period will be from Monday 6 p. m. through Tuesday midnight.

Patrol Comdr. H. N. Kirkman called attention to the fact that thousands of college students, military personnel and other people on the longer holiday will tax highways with extra traffic from the week before Christmas until after New Years.

For that reason he warned going-home-for-Christmas drivers to be extra careful because, in many instances, they will find themselves in old familiar places where unfamiliar super highways and other improvements have sprung up.

"Take a little longer for the trip and get the feel of the highway where ever you are driving. Take frequent breaks and pay strict attention to all highway markings. They talk the language of safety if you will heed them, or otherwise, you may find yourself in serious trouble and a wreck."

The Patrol will have all uniform men on the highways over the holiday and they will be joined by the Florida Highway Patrol Auxiliary, plus local enforcement officials.

"But the combined efforts of all cannot save your life unless you spare no effort to help yourself by being a courteous, careful, and defensive driver," Kirkman said.

WMU Circle At Adams Home

The Victoria Brasington Circle of First Baptist Church met at the home of Mrs. R. L. Adams December 18, with 10 members and two new members present.

Following the business meeting, led by Mrs. L. W. Wicker, chairman, Mrs. Bryce Martin presented the program on Spiritual Life Development.

The group enjoyed a Christmas party when gifts were exchanged and the hostess served sandwiches, fruit cake, candies and nuts with orange juice and hot coffee.

Births

WALKER MEMORIAL

Mr. and Mrs. Donald Leroy Silberman, Sebring, a son, Donald Lewis, born December 12, weighed 6 pounds, 7 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. John Gilbert Richardson, Sebring, a son, Barry Brent, born December 12, weighed 5 pounds, 12 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Millard Hicks, Wauchula, a son, James David, born December 16, weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. George Berry Hill, a son, George Lee, born December 16, weighed 10 pounds, 5 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Thomas O'Neil, a son, Gerald Thomas, Jr., born December 16, weighed 7 pounds, 11 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Allen Green, Sebring, a daughter, Hazel Darlene, born December 17, weighed 7 pounds.

Mr. and Mrs. Cornelus Yuda Klipp, a daughter, Lisa, born December 17, weighed 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. James Eugene Calhoun, Sebring, a daughter, Debra, born December 17, weighed 8 pounds, 5 ounces.

Mr. and Mrs. Shelton Eugene Lanier, Sebring, a daughter, un-named, born December 17, weighed 6 pounds, 4½ ounces.

First Federal Offers "Thrifty"

First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Hardee County, Wauchula, announced this week the offering of "Thrifty," a loveable St. Bernard bank for a nominal price.

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The animal bank is an exclusive at First Federal, he cannot be purchased at retail stores.

Ostling Named To FARP Council

Dr. Burton C. Ostling, Avon Park physician, has been appointed to a four-year term on the advisory council of the Florida Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program. Highlands County Representative Morris Adams was notified of the appointment today by Governor Farris Bryant.

Ostling succeeds Dr. Fred B. McMullen whose term expired in November.

Go to Church Sunday

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Jim Turnbull At Farm Meet

The Highlands County Farm Bureau was represented at the annual Federation Convention held in Atlanta, Ga., last week by Jim Turnbull and Charles Collins. Turnbull is a member of the county board of directors. Collins is area field representative for Farm Bureau.

The local men were among a 150-member delegation from Florida. A total of about 6,000 members were present to hear addresses by Willard Wirtz, Secretary of Labor and Senator Thurston Morton of Kentucky.

During the convention the bureau developed its' policies and guidlines which they will follow for the coming year.

Here and There—

Mike Giddens, who is attending an IBM School in Miami, arrived home this week for the holidays with his family.

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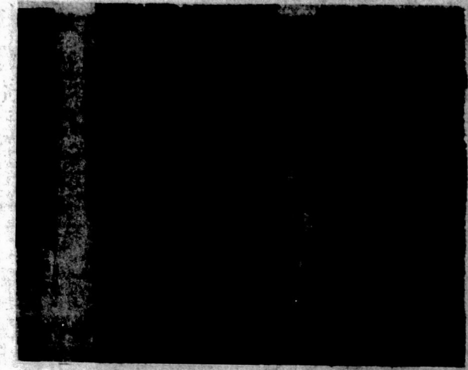

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Circle Holds Yule Party

Mrs. J. L. Torregrosa
hostess to Circle 7 of
WSCS at her home on
Street Thursday morning.
R. L. Sherman was co-hos
Dorian Proctor was
comed as a new member.
Solvieg Gerrard, founder
this circle, was honored.
were brought for secret
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Roberta Flowers and
bara Cribb presented a
gram on Sharing with
Christmas message.
The hostesses served
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Circle Holds Yule Party

Mrs. J. L. Torregrosa was hostess to Circle 7 of the WSCS at her home on Ruth Street Thursday morning. Mrs. R. L. Sherman was co-hostess.

Dorian Proctor was welcomed as a new member. Mrs. Solvieg Gerrard, founder of this circle, was honored. Gifts were brought for secret pals and exchanged in a secret manner.

Roberta Flowers and Barbara Cribb presented a program on Sharing with a Christmas message.

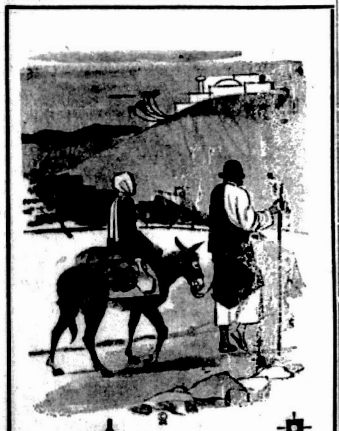
The hostesses served refreshments.

Sunshine Class Meets

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Griffin were hosts to the Sunshine Sunday School Class at their home on East Canfield Street Saturday night.

Class president, Wayne Cribb, conducted the business, and The Rev. Russell Boaz gave the devotional. Final plans were made for the Christmas gifts for the needy family that the class sponsors.

The group sang Christmas carols and listened to recordings. Pretty decorated cup cakes and punch were served. Christmas decorations added to the festive occasion.



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Yule Customs Now Almost International

There was a time when Christmas was celebrated differently in various parts of the world. However, in this atomic-jet age, distances have shrunk and the symbols of the Yuletide Season have become for the most part, international. GERMANY, for example, is credited with establishing the custom of decorating the evergreen tree. St. Nicholas (Niklaus) makes his rounds with candy and nuts for the children on December 6 with the more personal gifts arriving on Christmas Eve, delivered by his majesty Kristkindl.

ENGLAND hangs on to her custom, and the small-fry pin their stockings to the fireplace on Christmas Eve much as American youngsters do. Then it is that "Father Christmas" fills them in time-honored tradition.

MEXICO focuses its attention on the Christmas season with ten "posadas" commemorating the Nativity from December 16 to December 26. During this period neadly everyone acts out the Nativity scene, or at least sets up a creche in miniature, as well as on a grand scale. On the tenth day, the Christ Child is added.

"Posada" means inn or lodging and carries with it Joseph's request for lodging for himself and Mary. In many regions, an actual procession is enacted—with a "Joseph" and a "Mary" mounted on burros seeking shelter, asking for help through a song entitled "Letania." Despite all this tradition which is clung to, Santa Claus and the U. S. style Chrismas tree are fast making inroads on custom.

HOLLAND has a word for it "Strooivand" literally meaning "stewing night." Actually, it's sort of a bribegame the children of the Netherlands play on December 5th. They simply place their shoes in front of the fireplace filling them with hay and carrots for good old St. Nick's horse. It is expected that the old boy will fill the children's shoes with goodies and toys.

BRAZIL makes the punishment fit the crime, so to speak and Papa Noal makes his Christmas rounds trimming the traditional trees with cotton and bits of popcorn in lieu of the snow they never have in this tropical country. No sleigh-rides here, so the order of the day is picnics and excursions.

SCOTLAND has some unusual delicacies for the holiday season, with New Year's Day the signal for the giving of gifts. Haggis is a favorite dish and this is what it consists of: the heart, liver and lungs of a sheep or a calf, minced with suet, onions, oatmeal and seasoning and boiled in the stomach of the animal. New Year's calling is traditional and it is expected that the visitor bring with him a handful of coal.

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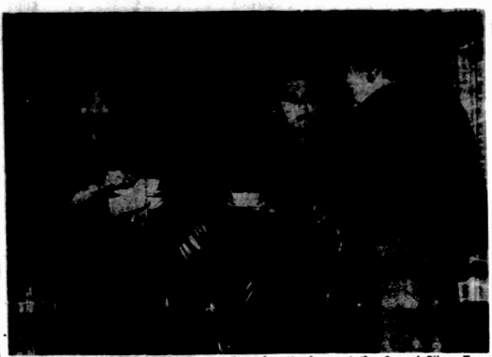

CHRISTMAS SILVER TEA—Among those in attendance at the Annual Silver Tea held last Friday at the Ted Ward home were, left to right: Mrs. E. P. Loomis, Mrs. Ward, the hostess; and Mrs. W. C. Touchton. The annual yuletide season event is sponsored by the Avon Park Federation of Garden Clubs. (Exclusive Sun Photo).

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THE YOUNGER SET was also in attendance at the Silver Tea. Here Mrs. Alice Sherman pours for Pat Touchton, right and Beth Sullivan. Miss Sullivan is the granddaughter of Mrs. Sherman. (Exclusive Sun Photo).

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Decorations Go "Modern" At Annual Garden Club Tea Thursday

Hundreds of ladies viewed the gorgeous Christmas decorations that were featured at the Garden Club's annual silver tea held Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. T. J. Ward on East Circle Street.

Traditional ideas of Christmas took on a modern air in most of the creations displayed by the club members. Every member of the Garden Club circles participated in making the affair one of the most enjoyable social functions of the season.

The front door was a portrait of a story-book Christmas tree, decorated with gold balls. A red velvet Santa Claus suit hung on the old fashioned hall-tree in the entrance hall. Guests registered beneath a decorative hanging of a large tree of white styofoam and shining red balls. White camellias were arranged in a milk glass bowl on the table. A swag chain of cedar and red satin bows adorned the stairway.

The fireplace screen was a creation of a white chrysanthemum tree on a green background and decorated with red camellias. A manger scene stood on the mantle. An old-fashioned scene on top of the piano featured two antique glass lamps filled with bright colored balls, and a large glass honey dish filled with holly.

A silver ball tree and another tree made of satin bows with red blinking lights, also a pair of large striped canes marked other vantage points in the living room.

The sun parlor featured a large Christmas tree made of palm fronds that had been gold sprayed and dainty butterflies flitted among the green spikes. Colorful packages were piled underneath the tree. An antique lantern of shining brass held colored balls and stood beside the door.

Refreshments were served from the dining room. The table was overlaid with a gold lame cloth covered with green net and two large brass candlesticks held red baroque candles. A tall brass footed compote held the centerpiece which was made of red carnations and holly berries with dainty green sprays of malpigia. Dainty sandwiches and cookies on silver plates, too pretty to eat, as one person remarked, and hot tea, served from the silver service, made a happy ending for this delightful affair.

About a dozen young girls assisted their mothers with the serving, as well as adding a note of beauty in their new Christmas outfits.

The Night Before Christmas

Away with wild folly,
and dull melancholy!
It's time to be jolly.
Bring in the green holly
With red berries on it,
like grandmother's bonnet.
Pin up a nice cluster,
one here, one there,
And a branch on the mantle by
grandfather's chair.
Next bring in the Yule tree,
spruce, hemlock or pine.
Over there in the corner
'twill look very fine.
Now dress it with bright colored
bells that ring not,
With one or two gay birds
among them that sing not.
Throw over it snow from
the Boreal Pole,
Or stuff that looks like it
that comes in a roll.
Hang on it stars that
glisten and shine
Among the branches of spruce,
hemlock, or pine.
Dress it with red balls,
blue balls and white,
Which man's great acumen
has made to illumine
The Yuletide tree through
the darksome night.
Now under it lay those
packages mystic,
Which long have been lying
in places quite cryptic.
What though at the dime store
we may have bought them,
Let's all make believe that
Santa Claus brought them.
And so when all's done and
prayers have been said,
We whisper good night and
creep off to bed.
There drift into dreamland
to wake at the dawning
And shout "Merry Christmas"
to all in the morning.

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Mrs. Green Is Shower Honoree

Mrs. Windol Green was honored with a Stork Shower Tuesday night at the home of Mrs. Doris Elliott, on Pleasant Street. Mrs. Kenneth McLeod was co-hostess. The honoree was presented a lovely baby corsage and many nice gifts.

The guests were entertained with games in which Mrs. Harry Simmons, Mrs. Ken Filppula and Mrs. Green won prizes.

Refreshments [illegible] decorated cake for the occasion which was served with punch.

First Baptist Church News

The Annual Christmas Party will be held Wednesday night of this week.

The [illegible] Junior Choirs [illegible] The Christmas Story [illegible] picture [illegible] at 7:45 [illegible]

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Blessings at Christmas

All of us wish all of you
good health, good cheer
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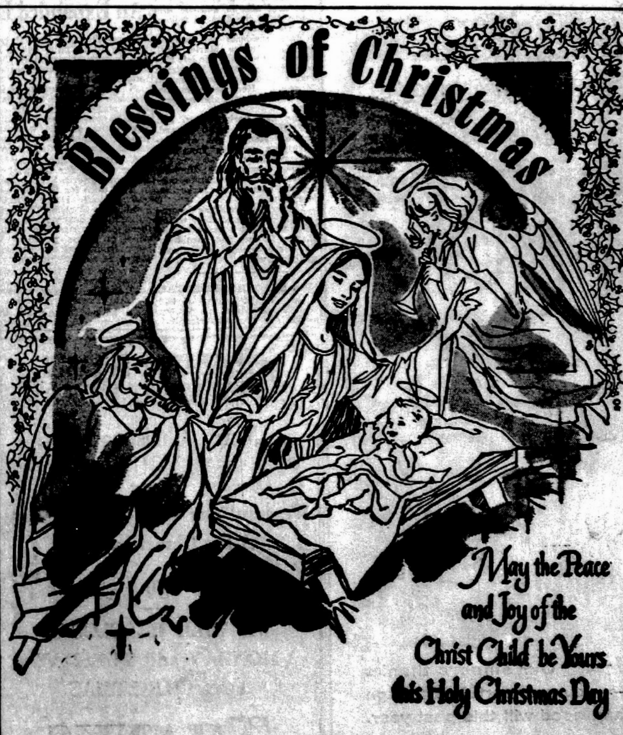

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Ticker Talk

HOW BUSINESS LOOKS — Steel producers might derive some gratification from recent [illegible] operations of [illegible] about pro[illegible] [illegible] that the [illegible] a repetition [illegible]

And nobody needs to be reminded that steel's slide in output from May through July and the slow recovery thereafter was the direct result of inventory building for fear of a 1962 strike.

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A big build-up of steel inventories after the turn of the year [illegible] a shot in [illegible] but with [illegible] of painful [illegible]

If this [illegible] avoided, however, present prospects are for [illegible] economy which will require [illegible] to manufacturers' inventories generally simply to [illegible] the level of output.

Stocks now generally are believed to be bare-bones. A gradual increase in buying would [illegible] business for suppliers everywhere from the [illegible] farm right through to makers of parts and assemblies.

Such a mild build-up would give the economy a very healthy boost.

Business spending for new plant and equipment apparently will be no great stimulant for business next year—but at least it will be more help than some observers had been expecting.

One survey which is circulated only privately has forecast a 5 per cent increase in capital outlays next year. And the McGraw-Hill annual roundup promises at least a 3 per cent improvement.

Such percentages are not quite as robust as they look, however. Those are gains over the total for 1962, not over the rate in the fourth quarter of 1962 which was the highest for the year.

Thus the change next year from the current rate will not be very large.

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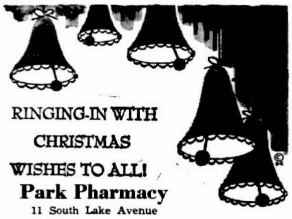

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SPECIAL ABILITIES CLASS—Members of the sixth grade special abilities class presented a special program at the school last week. The program spotlighted studies of various countries which the group has studied. Top photo, two students discuss Mexico and its products with Elementary Principal George Kelsey, center, while Tom Johnson and Mrs. Becky Mandis look on. Johnson is county coordinator of pupil personnel services. Bottom Photo: Students don grass skirts and mumus to spotlight their chosen theme, Hawaii. (Exclusive SUN Photos).

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Doctors Hold Seminar Here Last Sunday

Physicians from Highlands, Polk, Hardee, Glades and DeSoto Counties attended a one-day seminar on "Psychotherapy in Medical Practice" at the Jacaranda Hotel, December 16.

Speakers at the seminar included C. Brooks Henderson, M.D., Clinical Director and Acting Administrator of the Florida Alcoholic Rehabilitation Program, and the following physicians from the staff of the University of Florida Teaching Hospital:

William C. Ruffin, Jr., M.D., coordinator of courses on psychotherapy in medical practice; John D. Ainslie, M.D., chief of the psychiatric outpatient clinic; Rufus M. Vaughn, M.D., chief of community aspects of psychiatry; and Paul L. Adams, M.D., chief of the child psychiatric section.

Dr. H. W. Coleman, Avon Park physician, served as local chairman for the seminar. The physicians toured the Florida Alcoholic Rehabilitation Center and lunched in the center cafeteria.

Southland Trailer Park

Bourke Garrison celebrated his 81st birthday on Saturday. Friends called to extend greetings and also to welcome him home from the hospital following his illness.

Park residents bid farewell to Mrs. Dorine Marie Hull, owner of the park, who left this week for her former hometown and position in Less Summit, Missouri. Her father-in-law, Edward Hull, will also be leaving.

The new park owners, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Rivard, arrived Monday and are receiving a welcome from the park residents.

Mrs. Leona Hale Hopkins arrived last week after spending the summer in Clarksville, Maryland.

The bright Christmas decorations add a note of cheer which helps to brighten the sad sight of the flowers and shrubbery that were damaged by the cold spell last week.

MRS. SEAGER IN HOSPITAL

Mrs. W. E. Seager of 909 W. Pleasant Street is a patient at Walker Memorial Hospital.

Fla. State Fair To Spotlight An Expanded Livestock Program

Tampa—The 58th annual 1963 Florida State Fair, Feb. 5-16, will feature an expanded livestock program, with several innovations.

A new spectacular giant fountain of milk is being built for a stage setting of the annual Parade of Dairy Champions when orchid bedecked trophy winners will be presented on a carpet of flowers.

A scientific laboratory is being set up for the analysis and measurement of protein in fluid milk for the fair's second annual Dairy Protein Production Contest. This competition is designed to help focus public attention on the value of dairy products as basic foods and the cheapest source of animal protein.

For the first time, a mid-Winter Jersey sale will be held on the opening night of the fair, Tuesday, Feb. 5.

An added feature at the exposition will be a quarter horse show, sponsored by the Florida Quarter Horse Association, with both halter and performance events, Feb. 13-16. Gene Sidwell, an experienced quarter horse breeder and showman, directing the show, is arranging stalls for 70 entries from all parts of the country.

The dairy events will be spotlighted the first week of the fair, Feb. 5-9, with a beef cattle exposition scheduled the second week, Feb. 11-16. Both shows are among the largest in the South.

Featured on the beef program are the ninth annual Florida Fat Stock Show and sale, sponsored jointly by the Greater Tampa Chamber of Commerce, the Florida Cattlemen's Association, and Florida Retail Federation, Feb. 5-8. Dr. O. D. Butler of Texas A. & M. College will be judge. Ed Green will be superintendent, and Ed Pruett, assistant.

Supplementing the show and sale will be the sixth annual Florida Table Beef Contest, involving carcass analysis and taste evaluation. Gifford Rhodes, Jacksonville, state livestock marketing specialist, will be supervisor. Dr. James W. Carpenter, meats scientist of the University of Florida, will be judge.

The unique and impressive Parade of Beef Champions will be held Thursday afternoon, Feb. 14.

Dairy judges are Dr. D. M Seath, University of Kentucky, Ayrshire and Guernsey; and Dr. C. Hilton Boynton, University of New Hampshire, Holstein and Jersey.

Beef judges are Herman R. Purdy, Pennsylvania State University, Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn; D. L. Wakeman, University of Florida, Brahman; Kenneth L. Durrance, University of Florida, Charolais and Santa Gertrudis.

Elton Hinton is superintendent of dairy and beef shows. Dairy breed superintendents are Larry Bennett, Walter Schmid, Jr., and R. K. Price.

Beef breed superintendents are Charles Moore, Angus; George Elkins, Brahman; Charles B. Colston, Charolais; L. T. Langford, Hereford; Kenneth McLeod, Santa Gertrudis; and C. R. Hooker, Shorthorn.

Florida Future Farmers of America and 4-H Club members from every county in the state will participate in judging and other livestock events. Swine, poultry, rabbit and honey shows also will figure prominently in youth judging competitions.

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Nagel-Baughan Wedding In Memphis, Tenn.

Miss Patricia Elizabeth Nagel and Herbert Adelbert Baughan, Jr., were married Wednesday, November 21 in a 5 o'clock ceremony held in the Idlewild Presbyterian Church, Memphis, Tenn. Dr. John K. Johnson was the officiating clergyman.

The bride is the daughter of Mason Nagel and Mrs. Robert Feemster of Orlando. She attended Stetson University, DeLand and is teaching school in Memphis.

The groom's parents are Dr. and Mrs. H. A. Baughan of Avon Park. He attended Stetson University and Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., and served four years with the U. S. Air Force. He is a student of dentistry at the University of Tennessee Dental School.

Mr. and Mrs. Baughan are at home at 38 N. Idlewild, Apartment 13, Memphis, Tennessee. They are expected here to spend the holidays with the Baughan family.

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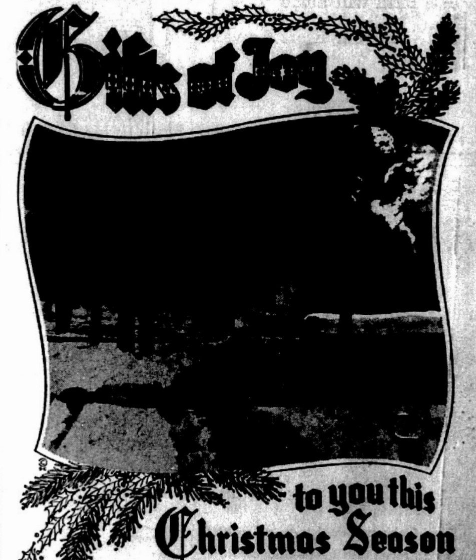

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Winter Guest Club News

Clara Rentschler was high scorer on Monday, Dec. 10, at the pinochle games, with Sadie Bancroft in second place. Twenty-eight players were present.

At the bridge games on Tuesday, Dec. 11, there 24 players, with highest score going to Billie Hise; Stella Wurster had second-high. From the foregoing, you can plainly see 'twas ladies' day at the card games.

On Dec. 10, was finished Saturday's tournament, called because of rain. Leslie Goodwin and Moody Beck were winners of the main event, defeating in the final round, runners-up Bertha Brush and Jennie Baker. Consolation honors were taken by Jack Floyd and David Stanley.

On Wednesday, Dec. 12, there were no shuffleboard games, due to the inclement weather. And for the next two days the courts were as deserted, even more so, as in mid-summer. We say, "more so" because in midsummer the early morning and evening hours see daily activity, not so in this case. These three days are better forgotten, if possible.

But Saturday, Dec. 15—now that's another story. The warm sunshine brought out a good attendance and many spectators as well. In these games Geo. White and Jim Brown won the main event; runners-up were Cleo Lane and Ethel Kime. Bertha Brush and Harry Longnecker won consolation honors.

Eighty-seven happy singers gathered on Sunday, and under Bob Hanford's direction, had a joyous time singing the familiar carols of the Christmas season. In all, happy birthday was sung to nine December celebrants. Mrs. W. A. Rodgers gave a reading, from an especially meaningful and appropriate Christmas card. Indiana, Michigan and Illinois accounted for the highest numbers representing their respective states, with Michigan having the most. Miss Beatrice Judd, of Vermont, again played for the singing. An innovation, greatly enjoyed, was a women's chorus. The men's chorus, as usual, sang lustily and well, to everyone's pleasure.

Monday and Friday evenings continue to be popular with the young in heart and light of foot as they join in the dance activities. There was some apprehension lest the cold weather deter some on Friday evening; but not so. The usual number, five squares, was on the floor for most numbers. One of these days everyone is going to be able to "Waltz Mathilda"; until then, we'll just keep on trying.

Michigan was an easy leader in numbers present at the cooperative supper on Saturday evening. Of the 54 present, 18 were from the wolverine state; Indiana and New York tied for second place with eight each. There were 12 new members at this time. Miss Judd gave an informative talk on her home state of Vermont. Paul Hoppe gave an amusing anecdote and Robert Hanford told some Christmas stories. After singing, "Blest Be The Tie That Binds", many remained to play shuffleboard and/or cards; by the laughter all seemed to have a grand time.

We know there was a card party scheduled for Thursday evening but have received no news concerning same. Remember, the success of this news column depends on the person in charge of the activity. If you note your scribe is not present, please appoint some person to leave an account in the box provided for that purpose, says

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Florida Council Reports

By Thomas F. Fleming, Jr.
Member, The Florida Council of 100, and Chairman,
Education Committee,
Florida State Chamber of Commerce

When fellow Americans selected a parcel of land on our eastern Florida coast a decade ago and started Cape Canaveral, a new day dawned in Florida. More recently, the space age burst upon us, and Florida became an international dateline.

What immediately concerns us must be this question: Where are we today, and where do we go tomorrow?

So swiftly have profound events moved in on us that we find it difficult to grasp what has actually taken place—to be able to see things as they are in our world right now. But if we can do this—if we can sense a new and great challenge—we will be shaping a new concept. A new concept is our first necessity. A plan of action which embraces that new concept is indispensable for us in Florida.

The great showdown of this era will come, not in a test of arms, but in the race for supremacy in education and technology. Upon our universities and colleges—public and private—will largely fall this responsibility.

As citizens we have but three choices, (1) do less than our maximum capability and soon be surpassed by other nations, (2) let the federal government provide the initiative and control our efforts, or (3) look to private enterprise to play a major role in developing our universities.

Today industry wants good climate with the best possible living conditions for its employees, and nearness to the best educational facilities.

Florida offers the most ideal conditions for residence, for both work and play, but our educational resources do not quite match the appeal of our climate on today's market. We fully realize that this condition has resulted through lack of sufficient finances.

Our universities can and must be brought to a level equal to the best in the nation—this should be our No. 1 goal. We should go beyond that, however, and excel, take the leadership among the states because it simply will be good business for Florida.

Both the State Chamber and the Florida Council have provided strong leadership in awakening public interest.

The Chamber began talking of this new space age era education at our state convention in November, 1960, at Jacksonville. The Education Committee scheduled meetings last year at Cape Canaveral and Miami, and we have continued with current recommendations which are before the State Board of Control.

Fred O. Dickinson, Jr., West Palm Beach, Council chairman, and Stanton Sanson, Miami Beach, chairman of the Council's Committee on Scientific and Technical Higher Education, have given dynamic leadership in the educational field and have filed extensive reports with the Board of Control.

It is urgent that business and industry support higher education to take some of the load off of the state in providing the essential educational posture we must assume, and the Cleveland 1 per cent plan is one of the best ways in which this can be done.

In essence, the Cleveland plan for aid to higher education by business and industry calls for corporate contributions, increasing within three years to a minimum of not less than 1 per cent of income before taxes and gradually thereafter increasing as the need develops.

The First Bank of Boca Raton, of which I am chairman of the board, has adopted this plan, and we are most pleased that we made such a decision. We urge others to seriously consider the Cleveland 1 per cent plan as an aid to higher education.

Jaycee Dance Saturday Nite

The annual Avon Park Jaycee Christmas Dance will be held Saturday night, Dec. 22 in the Jacaranda Hotel.

All present members and former members are invited to attend the event, which gets underway at 9 o'clock. Tickets may be secured from Steve Roberts, Jaycee secretary.

Music for the dance will be supplied by Vic MicKunas and his orchestra. Dress is semi-formal.

PAUSE FOR PHOTO—Mickey Wright, defending champion in the annual Haig & Haig Golf Tournament, poses with local links enthusiast Jim Johnson between rounds last weekend. Miss Wright and her partner, Dave Ragan came in fourth in this year's play. (Exclusive Sun Photo).

Fact, Myth, Legend All Combine To Present Sparkling Christmas

From the host of stories that have been written about Christmas, the great tradition of the holiday season has grown through the centuries.

Fact, myth, and legend all have been blended into one package, wrapped in red and green ribbons with a sprig of holly added to sparkle the Yuletide. Still, from this wealth of material, other pertinent facts have emerged that have not been given too much attention.

Here then is such a partial compilation of Yuletide addenda:

—The top ornament of a Christmas tree is usually a star representing the Star of Bethlehem which appeared to the Three Wise Men. Of course, the Christmas tree ornament can be anything else that will "top off" the tree, but actually it is known as the gipfel.

—Santa Claus has been called by many names, not the least among them being Kris Kringle. However, Kris Kringle is not of German origin, common belief notwithstanding. The name comes from a modification of the German "Kriskind" or Christ Child. According to legend, the Christ Child is a white robed angel, a messenger . . . the Infant Jesus who comes bearing gifts for the children of the world.

—The most beautiful plant of Christmas is the poinsettia. Few people the world over who use the poinsettia at the holiday season as a decoration realize that it is a product of tropical or semi-tropical America.

—If you would have good fortune every month of the year, the English believe, you should taste at least 12 mince pies. And, of course, you must taste (or eat your fill) of each of the pies at Christmastime. How much truth there is in this legend is anybody's guess. But one thing you can bet on if you try this English story, is a stomach-ache.

—Ordinarily most folks believe that December 25th is the date acknowledged by the world since the beginning of the Christian era as the birthday of Christ. Actually, for three centuries following His birth, Christ's nativity was celebrated in January, March, April, May, September and October—and all by various Christian groups.

—Proving again and again how times have changed, a churchman by the name of John Pierpont was responsible for composing the very gay and merry-making Christmas song "Jingle Bells" which has been popular for more than a century.

—When the early settlers in America first came to our shores to establish the American colonies, they brought many customs of Christmas now practiced in our country with them. Many customs did not come from Europe. For example the burning of the bayberry candles and branches were common practice on our shores at the Yuletide season. It was thought that bayberry branches when dipped in wax and burned at Christmas time would bring good luck for the coming year; that is, if the branches burned brightly—and how could they not?

—The present date acknowledged by the modern world as the birthdate of Christ is December 25th. This was established as late as the sixth century.

—Just to give a slight indication of the population explosion in the United States, it might be well to note that it is estimated that more than 25,000,000 Christmas tres will be decorated this year. You can multiply this number by the estimated number of decorations and tree lights that will be required, and you can guess as to what proportions the Christmas business has grown.

—More than one hundred years ago in the little town of Salsburg, Austria, there dwelt a parish priest who was much beloved by his flock and a very devout son of the church. And it came to pass, that one night when returning from a visit to one of his parishioners where he administered the last rites, he was awe-stricken by the beauty and brilliance of the star-spangled night.

Once in the sanctuary of his home he is said to have been inspired by the night and the sacred duties he had just performed, and composed a poem. Not satisfied with just the words of his work he woke his organist Franz Gruber to put the words to music. This, the organist did, picking out the melody on his guitar, later transposing the melody to organ music.

As a result of this historic collaboration, one of the world's greatest religious songs was born. Since then, the entire Christian world has sung this song—and not only at Christmas time. The name of the song is "Silent Night, Holy Night," and the humble priest's name—Father Joseph Mohr.

—Contrary to common belief, the giving of gifts on December 25th did not stem from the initial giving of gifts to the Christ Child in the manager by the three Wise Men also known as the 3 Kings of the Orient. It is true the Bible reports that when these three kings saw the star in the Heavens they made their way to Bethlehem with gifts, frankincense, myrrh and gold.

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Santa Claus Had "New Look" As Early As 1882

Claims to the "new look" have come from various quarters of the globe, Paris and its Dior included, but the one indisputable fact emerges from all claimers of fame for the naming of the tag, and that is, Santa Claus was the harbinger of the "new look" back in 1882 with a "Made in U.S.A." label indelibly stamped on the seat of his pants.

That doesn't mean to say that the spirit of Santa Claus isn't a composite one, nor that his very make-up isn't a combination of many things from many lands beginning with St. Nicholas thru the Germanic Kristkindl and back to ancient and even pagan times.

But it's the round-bellied, jovial, ruddy faced character with the flowing white beard driving his reindeer-drawn sleigh across the night sky on Christmas eve, to which reference is made, and this is definitely as American as turkey and apple pie.

It started, however, with Santa as a severe looking character, tall and grim, and to boot, he was riding a tall, thin horse. A far cry from our present day conception of the old boy.

Then followed the name, and the English children borrowed the Christmas Saint from the Dutch, but it became a problem for the small-fry as well as their parents pronouncing his name, and through trial and error, many variations came to pass until the name Santa Claus was adopted to remain for all time.

But that was only a change in the name. The awesome figure remained until Washington Irving put pen to paper and wrote his "Knickerbocker's History of New York." He tried his hand at creating a Santa Claus.

Irving, an early chronicler of American Colonial days was of course, influenced by the early Dutch settlers in New York and what came out as a result of his efforts was a Santa Claus that wore a broad-brimmed hat, sported big baggy breeches and smoked a long stemmed pipe. Very Dutch.

To top it all off he had his "Santa" driving a wagon, which too, was symbolic of the early Dutch settlers in New York.

Then came the year 1882 and with it two men who were destined to change the entire concept of Santa Claus in America, and who were responsible for the "new look" of the old gentleman and Christmas that has swept the world.

Clement Clark Moore, a professor of divinity at a New York theology seminary, sat himself down one day and began a poem that went, "T'was the night before Christmas, and all through the house, not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; . . ." Of course it was a poem that became famous overnight and has retained its popularity through the years. The name of it is, "A Visit From St. Nicholas" and is known in every English speaking nation in the world.

It was Moore who described Santa Claus as a round-bellied, twinkly-eyed jolly old man with rosy cheeks. But that wasn't the end of it. He also added the sleigh and reindeer.

When Thomas Nast, a famous cartoonist for the Hearst newspapers, read the poem, he was inspired to illustrate it. And it was his creation of the Santa Claus we know today that took hold of the imagination of the people and was firmly established as the accepted Santa Claus, potbelly, rosy cheeks, twinkling eyes, flowing white beard, reindeer, sleigh and all.

Actually, Santa Claus—U.S.A. version—is only 80 years old, but the "new look" created in our time has come to be accepted throughout the Christian world, and even if he isn't the giver of gifts in all countries, he nevertheless is as much the symbol of Christmas as anything else at Yuletide.

Jerusalem Is Most Famous Of Bible Cities

It is questionable whether many people realize the geographical area that comprised the world around which Christianity grew. It is also more amazing to contemplate the world today and the influence Christianity has had upon civilization, when it is reflected that all the events the Bible records occurred in a area no more than 80 miles wide and 400 miles long!

The area known as the Holy Land is small indeed. The historical events however, which have taken place in this tiny piece of land have almost literally taken civilization by the heels and shaken it into a realization of the difference between good and evil, even though in some parts of the world this realization is not openly acknowledged.

Within these small boundaries, contrasts can be found that are startling. For example near Galilee the rainfall is abundant, while not far distant the desolateness of the Negev desert is well known. Within a distance of 15 miles [illegible] travel from heights of 2600 feet above sea level to 1290 feet below sea level.

The oldest inhabited city in the world is in the Holy Land. It is Damascus, which has been continuously inhabited from the earliest recordings of Biblical times to the present. The old wall around Damascus still stands and is so thick in places that many families have carved out homes from its massiveness.

The oldest city in terms of founding dates is Jericho. It is said to be 10,000 years old. However, it has not always been inhabited. There have been four Jerichos at various times, each not more than two miles from the previous sites.

Also in this fabulous land is the River Jordan. It now is a muddy stream not more than 50 feet wide that's deep in the springtime and dry during the hot summer months.

Many people are under the false impression that the Sea of Galilee is really a sea. It is not. It is a lake 13 miles long and eight miles wide.

There is one place in the Holy Land that is more famous than any other—Jerusalem. Even today, it is a walled city, that has been besieged and razed more than 30 times, rebuilt at least six times, and is little more than 80 acres in area. Outside the wall of Jerusalem is the famous Garden of Gethsemane and the Mount of Olives.

Nazareth the city from which Joseph and Mary started on their trip to Bethlehem is now a barren small town.

The Holy Land is the birthplace of three of the world's great religions: Christianity, Judaism and Mohammedanism. [illegible]

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Now is bird feeding time!

Many people feed the birds all the year, but now of all times does the birds need a supplement to the food they are able to find, as most of the fruit and insects are not to be found [illegible] were plentiful [illegible]

[illegible] plan to [illegible] at the markets, and [illegible] nailed to a [illegible] will help take the place of the absent insects.

We know that "man cannot live by bread alone," and neither can birds, so we can at very little expence put grain of various sorts in our feeders, one nice way to provide both foods is to fry the suet very slowly until it almost dissolves, then while warm, add bird seed, raisens, peanuts, sunflower seed, small bread crumbs or any other tid-bit that happens to be at hand. There is no end to the variety that can be added, it is like making salad, each one wants it to have a little personal touch.

This should be poured with the cracklings into molds or a flat container to set, to be placed in the feeders or hung from the limb of a tree.

Cornbread is another food that most birds relish, and oranges cut in half and nailed, cut side out to a limb or post, many of the smaller birds such as warblers, cannot get through the bitter peel of an orange unless some one is thoughtful enough to cut the fruit for them.

A few winters ago when it was unusually cold for our area, many migratory birds died for want of food, and we we were amazed to see the number of migratory birds that visited our orange table.

Many birds will eat table scraps if served in a way that a skulking cat cannot pounce upon them. There are birds that feed on the ground and find their food among the fallen leaves, our marvelous Creator has equipped them with long bills and feet to scratch among the leaves and debris on the ground.

They are a wonderful help to the gardener as they eat so many seeds and insects hidden away for the winter, and also [illegible] food to this class of birds.

Many wonder why the sunflower seed they put in their feeders is not eaten, there are [illegible] birds in our area that can crack this seed, the jay, cardinals and mocker can eat this seed and they are very fond of it, but the birds with the small bill cannot handle it.

The regular coarse chicken scratch food we have found to be a good all round feed, many prefer the finer grind, but there is a good variety of both coarse and fine that most birds can find something to their liking. Birds are not particular about the kind of feeder that is used. The paramount object is to put food where it will be found by the birds. We see many novel kinds of feeders ranging from garbage lids to bamboo and they are all acceptable to the birds, and they are the ones we hope to satisfy, not our neighbor.

I have some extra bird baths that I find makes a good dining table they are high enough from the ground so the birds feel they can eat in safety.

If the citrus peelings are piled under a tree they will soon draw insects out of the ground and birds will scratch among them and find food, and on warm days other insects will be drawn to the food and other birds will find their variety of insects, besides this, when the peeling decomposes it helps make food for the tree itself.

Apples are not too expensive now so we might cut some slices of apple and serve them a different treat.

Many people, especially if there are children in the home, make a Christmas tree for the birds and decorate it with all kinds of tid-bits, and what could be a better way to teach children about birds and let them enjoy watching the birds enjoy themselves.

The suet concoction we mentioned could be wrapped in aluminum foil and an opening large enough for the birds to reach inside and get the food, cornbread can be wrapped in like manner, and many other delicacies, but care must be taken not to leave a dangling string or wire for the bird to get caught in, the prizes should be hung to the tree tightly and no loose ends left, for when an animal or bird becomes caught the first thing it tries to do is escape, and a bird will flap its wings and try to pull away, in this manner it is quite easy for it to break its leg, and then it is helpless indeed.

We would like to call attention to parents and quardians to the state law that no youth under 16 is allowed to have a gun in his possession, even a BB gun without being with and supervised by an adult. With the Christmas season approaching we hope that no parent will thoughtlessly put into the hands of a child something that is against the law and can cause the parent and child trouble.

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Church Retreat Set For Avon Camp Grounds

Avon Park Camp Meeting has received word that the annual Men's Retreat of Sarasota District of the Methodist Church will again be held at the camp grounds, next March 15 and 16th.

The annual camp meeting will begin January 31st and continue through February 10th, with Dr. John R. Church of North Carolina and Dr. T. Harold Loman also of North Carolina as the main workers.

Work on the ground floor of the new modern dormitory was completed last week, and the second floor rooms are now being finished. The building will have 17 rooms, each with gas heat, bathroom, and comfortable furnishings.

Here And There—

Mr. and Mrs. Roger W. Cox of Columbia, S. C. will be spending Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Otto W. Foster, and grandmother, Mrs. W. S. Rawlings. This will be the first trip home for the newly weds who were married in Atlanta, Ga., in October. Mrs. Cox is the former Miss Sylvia Foster.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Swanson of Ludington, Mich., are located at Lake Byrd for the winter season.

Program Presented By Special Abilities Class Last Friday

The Sixth Grade Special Ability Class of Avon Elementary School presented a program Friday afternoon depicting the work they have been doing during the past six weeks. Mrs. Ethel McKelvaine directs the work of the special abilities classes in the elementary school.

The girls divided into groups and chose five different countries to study. They made large posters and decorated small booths in the various customs of the chosen country. The girls wore appropriate costumes and served refreshments at small tables which represented their country's custom.

Many parents, teachers and students visited the display and heard the girls lecture on their particular country, including Argentina, Puerto Rica, Mexico, Canada and Hawaii.

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Bible Study .... 7:30 P.M.
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Worship Hour .... 11:00 A.M.
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WEDNESDAY
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FRIDAY
Youth Service (YPMV) .... 7:30 P.M.

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Morning Worship .... 11:00 A.M.
Training Union .... 6:30 P.M.
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Holy Communion for Altar Society will be the first Sunday of each month.
Sunday Masses 8:30 and 10:00 A.M.

First Christian Church
Carl W. Moyer, Minister
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Bible Study .... 10:00 A.M.
Worship Service .... 11:00 A.M.
Christian Endeavor .... 6:30 P.M.
Worship Service .... 7:30 P.M.

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The choir sings with near-celestial sweetness, the candles burn with a bright, pure light, and the meaning of the birth of Christ comes into glorious reality.

For, in church, the story of the Night of Nights is told with a beauty that seems to deepen with the years. To miss hearing it again would be to miss one of the Yuletide season's greatest moments.

Yes — it is natural to think about going to church at Christmas. But what about a rainy October Sunday or a hot July one?

In Church, the inspiration is there all year round. The message is as vital in August as it is in December. Promise yourself now — this Christmas — to start going to church regularly.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Micah	Luke	Luke	Luke	Matthew	Matthew	Hebrews
5:1-4	1:26-35	2:1-7	2:8-20	1:18-25	2:1-12	10:19-25

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Morning Worship .... 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship .... 7:00 P.M.
Wednesday
Bible Study .... 7:30 P.M.
Dale I. Royal, Evangelist

Church of the Nazarene
Walter C. Mann, Pastor
Sunday School .... 9:45 A.M.
Morning Service .... 10:50 A.M.
Youth Services .... 6:15 P.M.
Evangelistic Service .... 7:00 P.M.
Mid-week Service—Wed. .... 7:30 P.M.

First Methodist Church
Russell Boaz, Minister
Regular Church Schedule
SUNDAY
Worship Service .... 8:30 A.M.
Church School .... 9:45 A.M.
Worship Service .... 11:00 A.M.
(Nursery conducted during both the Church School and Worship Service)
Methodist Youth Fellowship
Choir Rehearsal .... 5:30 P.M.
Worship Program .... 6:00 P.M.
Evening Worship Service .... 7:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY
Mid-Week Prayer
and Bible Study .... 7:30 P.M.
1st Tuesday of the month—
Regular Meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service 9:30 A.M.

Presbyterian Church (A. R.)
Temp. location: Tourist Club
Morning worship each Sun. at 9 A.M.
Sunday School for all ages at 10 A.M.
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Rev. Frank Beard, Lake Placid
Visitors are always welcome

Church of God
105 N. Florida Avenue
Jerry Howell, Pastor
Sunday School .... 10:00 A.M.
Morning Worship .... 11:00 A.M.
Evening Worship .... 7:00 P.M.
Prayer Meeting, Tues. .... 7:30 P.M.
YPE, Thursday .... 7:30 P.M.

Ministers of all faiths and the sponsers below share invitation and cost of this page. They urge you and your family to attend church this week.

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Miss Williams, Jerry Casey To Wed Saturday

Miss Thetis Williams and Jerry Casey invite their friends and relatives to attend their wedding at the Congregational Church, Saturday, December 22, at 7 o'clock, and the reception which will be held in Fellowship Hall.

Mrs. Retha Gerlock and Mrs. Jan Stewart will be the bride's attendants. Ben Earnest will be the best man and Tommy Thomas and Chuck Metcalfe will be the ushers.

The Sun apologizes to all parties for the error made in last week's announcement of Miss William's wedding plans.

Travel Service Opens In Avon

Miss Winifred Eastman will open a travel service at her home 319 East Main Street. She has connections with the Continental Travel Bureau of Lakeland and will be a travel counselor for the Ridge Area, selling special vacation trips to the Caribbean Islands.

Miss Eastman came to Avon Park about three years ago from Evanston, Ill. She invites interested people to contact her by telephone, GL 3-4834.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS
WISHES TO ALL!
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Mistletoe Said To Be "Father" Of Romance

Mistletoe, long a symbol and signal for kissing whoever is caught standing under it, actually is a predatory plant that entwines itself around a tree, strangling and killing it. Hardly what one might term an affectionate plant!

The ancient Arabians showed their devotion to their gods by kissing; the Romans too accepted the kiss as a sign of reverence and respect.

The Druids too, embraced the mistletoe, and from them perhaps, came the custom of hanging pieces of it over the doorways of their homes.

The custom of hanging the mistletoe was also widespread among the Scandinavians.

In many countries from time to time the plant was considered a cure-all for almost every kind of ailment, but that was before modern medicine.

Today, of course, the mistletoe isn't a cure for anything, except perhaps a shy boy or girl.

But the mistletoe is a part of Christmas, and if custom decrees that being kissed if caught under it is par for the course, who can argue with tradition?

Jr. Woman's Club Christmas Party

The Christmas Party was
complete with all the
trimmings
It was the annual event of
the Avon Park Junior
Women

The date was December 11
at 8 o'clock
And with Christmas spirit
Lil Hassfurder's home
did rock

The girls in town had to take
a little ride
Because, Lil, you know,
lives at A.P.C.I.

"An Old Fashioned Christmas"
was the theme
So with appropriate
decorations, the house
did gleam

Refreshments were served
several times during
the evening
There was such an array
that it was really
unbelieving

The members all brought
gifts to exchange
Because Santa Claus
did surely reign

Board member brought gifts
for the adopted patient,
Flora D.
And for her a delight
they will surely be

Other members brought gifts
for the children at
Sunland
Now wasn't that a
gesture grand?

The program was so
thoroughly planned
There were very few idle
moments on hand

Spirituals sung by a group
of guest singers was
enjoyed by all
Enjoyed so much that they
were recalled

That the hostesses spent
much time making
gifts was revealing
And they were presented
at novelty times during
the evening

Sue Hood, as Mama Santa,
gave a version of
"It Could Be You"
And we learned cute things
about others that we
never knew

Barbara Heilig read
a beautiful poem,
Our Beloved Son
And the true meaning
of Christmas in our
thoughts did run

Marva Turner played the
organ while carols
were sung aloud
It was good to hear
the voices of such
a nice crowd

The hostesses acted out
The Night Before Xmas
in humorous cheer
And it was during this time
that Santa did appear

As a climax, a favor was
given to everyone
And it really turned out
to be lots of fun

The gifts were all of the
very same type
But no two of them were
wrapped alike

The guests were then
bid farewell
And they started back
to town on the long,
dark trail

The hostesses were Lil Hassfurder, Betty Ivey, Nancy
Williams, Dubie O'Neil,
Eve Booth, Sally Endwright, Jean Ballentine
and Sara Heatherly
They do hope everyone will
remember the party with
excitement and glee!!

SHADES OF THE NORTH—Above photo was taken early last Thursday morning after one of the worse cold snaps in history hit the area. The residence of Mr. and Mrs. Guy Garrett presented a frigid picture. Icicles hung from the trees and the lawn was covered with a thick layer of ice. (Exclusive Sun Photo).

Christmas Tree First Used In Germany In 1604

It's very possible that many people have been under the impression that the evergreen tree has been a symbol of Christmas since the begining of the Christian era.

Nothing could be futher from the truth. As a matter of fact it was not until the 16th Century that the use of evergreens was sanctioned by the church.

The first evergreen tree as used at Christmas such as we know it, was first introduced in Strasbourg, Germany; history indicating the date at 1604 and had been used traditionally at the holiday season in this country for centuries.

England saw its first Christmas tree as a result of a marital alliance in the Victorian era. It seems that when the Queen married the German Prince Albert, he brought the Christmas tree custom with him, and there it has stayed ever since.

When the world was young the story goes, the use of evergreen boughs for indoor decorations were used during celebrations by the Druids; the use of the green boughs and trees symbolizing the ever-green ever-growing spirit of Nature, with due reverence and homage paid to the idea.

Since the advent of the traditional tree, candles and ornaments represent the new birth and bloom of growing things.

As for the "red" of the holly berries, it is indicated that there is no historical significance for this choice of color, it just being handy from the Holly leaves. Actually, white is the authentic Christmas color according to the precepts of the church.

WSCS Circle At Wesley Hall

Mrs. Claude Chamberlain and Mrs. Art Fisher entertained Circle Five of the WSCS at Wesley Hall Wednesday morning. Circle Chairman, Norma Watson, conducted the business. Mrs. Chamberlain presented the program.

Guests were seated around a table covered with a bright Christmas cloth and served hot coffee with a variety of pastries.

Juniors Study Hong Kong

The Juniors of the First Methodist Church completed their ten weeks study of Hong-Kong with a special program Sunday night in the church Junior Department.

Families were invited to see the skits presented by the children and also a film on Hong Kong. At the close of the program refreshments were served.

Mrs. Hubert Bussard and Mrs. Dean Griffin are sponsors for the Juniors.

Brother of Mrs. C. I. Wells Dies

Hiram E. Buzbee, retired U. S. Navy veteran, died at the Jacksonville Veterans Hospital last Tuesday. He was a brother of Mrs. C. I. Wells and a native of Yankeetown. Mrs. Wells and family joined the family at Yankeetown and attended the funeral services which were held at the Baptist Church in Dunnellon. Interment was in the Dunnellon Cemetery.

Besides Mrs. Wells, the deceased had five other sisters, Mrs. Dorothy MacDonald, Atlanta Ga., Mrs. Cay Runnels, Savannah Ga., Mrs. Claudia Stephens, and Mrs. Betty [illegible] of Jacksonville, Mrs. [illegible] William [illegible] and [illegible] of Yankeetown.

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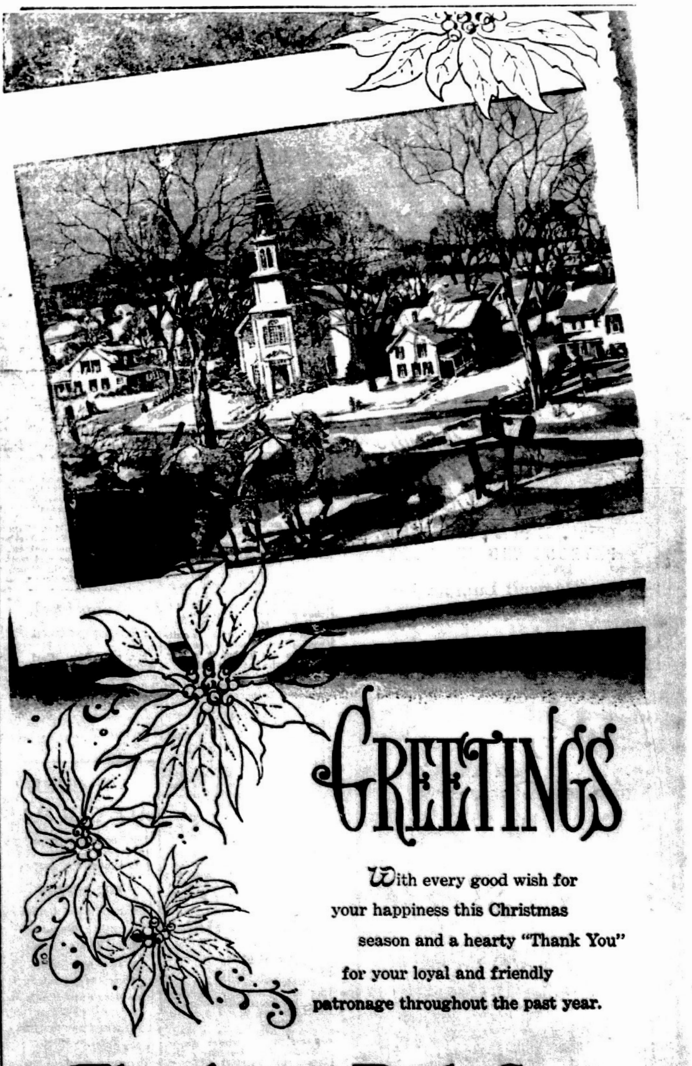

GREETINGS

With every good wish for
your happiness this Christmas
season and a hearty "Thank You"
for your loyal and friendly
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The Avon Park Sun
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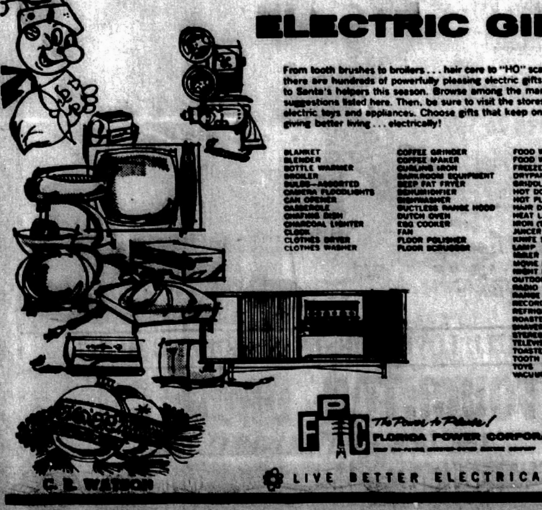

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Postmaster Thanks Early Card Mailers

"While it's too late to talk about early mailing of Christmas gifts and cards," Postmaster Bob Young said today, "I am grateful for your excellent cooperation to date on my 'Mail Early for Christmas' Campaign."

"This means everything now," he continued—"Even a few hours delay in getting your cards and gifts mailed may mean disappointment to your friends and loved ones on Christmas Day."

With the Christmas mail load now hitting its peak, here are a few of the Postmaster's important reminders—Don't mail money in Christmas cards or parcels. Use postal money orders or checks. Be sure to include full name and address, postal zone numbers and your return address written or printed clearly on every card and package. Parcels of real value should be insured, and if they contain delicate gifts, mark them "Fragile," and foodstuffs subject to spoilage should be marked "Perishable."

The Postmaster suggests that last minute mailers use Air Mail for their Christmas cards and gifts that are going out of town. There is still time for local delivery, but all Christmas cards should be sent by First Class mail.

The Postmaster said, "Now that we are coming to the end of the big rush, let's all keep up the good work so that we can have every mail bag empty and every Post Office employee relaxing at home on Christmas Eve."

Here and There

Mike Giddens, who is attending an IBM School in Miami, arrived home this week for the holidays with his family.

Larry Gore and Darryl Bailey who are attending school in Georgia were among the early arrivals home for the holidays.

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GREETINGS TO ALL OUR FRIENDS, PATRONS AND NEIGHBORS

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and Employees

PEACE ON EARTH

It's Christmas ... and may it bring you and yours lasting peace, joy and blessings.

City of Avon Park

ANOTHER ICY SCENE. This photo was taken at the edge of a grove on the old bombing range road, about 2 miles east of Avon Park. A sprinkler system left running all night produced the beautiful sight. (Exclusive SUN Photo).

Avon Trailer Park News

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Noe and Mr. and Mrs. John Wideman of Bourbon, Indiana, were visitors for a few days last week with Mr. Wideman's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wideman.

Mr. and Mrs. Bland Neukirk were hosts for the Card Party Thursday night when six tables were at play. Prize winners were Sadie Booth, Ella Phillips, Henry Groome and Walter Kessler.

Shuffling was at a standstill last week due to the cold weather. A few brave players came out but not enough for the tournament play.

Saturday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Wideman were the Howard Bayleys from Southland and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hurst of Sebring.

Mr. and Mrs. John Foley of Lake Alfred, recently moved from Avon Trailer Park, were here Sunday to visit their friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Baxter of Sloanville, N. Y., have purchased the Crawford Mobile Home and will become a new resident next week.

Surprise visitors Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Guy Engelbert were Mr. and Mrs. Roy Colon of West Palm Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Richards have added a nice large cabana to their mobile home which they and their friends will enjoy.

Mr. and Mrs. George DePoy and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Shoemaker from Rolling Prairie, Ind., arrived Sunday, and they reported that after much pushing and pulling to get started out of the deep snow in Indiana they got on their way south.

Frank Marker wishes his friends to know that he is quite well. It was reported last week that he was ill, but it is Mrs. Marker who has been sick.

Mrs. Isabel Booth wishes to thank her many friends for the beautiful flowers and cards sent her during her illness.

Mrs. Lulu Thiem is back with her friend, Mrs. Lori Lee, after her recent stay in the hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. John Biddle of Ft. Lauderdale and the Elmer Biddles of Wolcottville, Ind., who had been visiting with them, came last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Linville Myers to celebrate the birthdays of Mrs. Myers and Mrs. John Biddle. They enjoyed ice cream and cake and sang the traditional happy birthday song.

Mr. and Mrs. Linville Myers took the Elmer Biddles to Tampa on Thursday to meet Mr. and Mrs. Rawleigh Chiddister for the return trip to Wolcottville, Ind.

Jacaranda Hotel News

Ira McClarren will be spending the Christmas holidays with his daughter and family, the Howard Messingers, in Clearwater.

Guests who have already arrived for the winter season include Mrs. Dorothy McInnis of Pomfert Center, Conn.; Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Kett of Poultney, Vt.; Irvin Beougher of Laurelville, Ohio; Charles Whittington, of Baltimore, Ohio; Walter Beatchelder of Rye, New York; James E. Cole of Mackinaw City, Mich. and Frank Green of Lyons, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. White of Mexico, Mo. are expected this week.

The hotel lobby has undergone some face lifting and with the Christmas decorations and the cheery fire burning in the large fireplace, the guests appear to be enjoying the Jacaranda hospitality, and as always during the winter season, many large parties are held there each week.

Congregational Church Presents Annual Concert

The Chancel Choir of the Union Congregational Church will present its annual Concert of Christmas Music, Friday night at 8 o'clock in the church sanctuary.

The program is one of the musical highlights of the holiday season in the Avon Park area.

Presented will be "Legends of the Madonna," an expression of Christmas through music and art by Louise Grant. This program brings together great moments in music and art from many different countries.

Christmas is celebrated throughout the world more universally than any other festival. It is a time when all men seem able to forget their minor differences and to realize that the message of peace and good will was brought to all mankind.

The program will include carols and paintings from the Italian, French, German, Flemish, Dutch and Spanish Schools.

Guest soloist for the program will be Miss Marilyn Keller, Wauchula; Jack Smith and Buford Jasper, Avon Park. Charles Overhold, Mrs. Clayton Rhodes and Mrs. Edna Jackson will provide instrumental music on the violin, piano and organ. The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Victor MicKunas.

Avon Park Campground

Mr. and Mrs. Carl McWithey of Warsaw, N. Y. were welcomed in Wednesday of last week. They plan to spend the winter season here.

Rev. and Mrs. L. Chester Lewis were in Lake Wales Sunday to visit Rev. and Mrs. W. O. Luttrell, who are former residents of this city.

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Santa Is A Name That Makes Young Hearts Smile World Over

The beauty in all children, the wonder that lights up their faces and gladdens the hearts of everyone at Christmastime is eloquent tribute to the holy idea behind the festival celebrating the birth of Christ.

In many lands, the symbol of Christmas and Santa Claus is different. In America and many other countries the appearance of Santa Claus is the signal for the holiday season to begin.

The jolly, round, rosy-cheeked character with the flowing white beard is the fellow responsible for the bringing of gifts. He drives a sleigh drawn by reindeer, and rides across the night sky on Christmas eve from the North Pole, hopping from chimney to chimney with his pack of toys for all good boys and girls.

But the origin of Santa Claus dates back many centuries to many lands where the symbol of Christmas has taken many forms.

Strangely enough, St. Nicholas was born in a remote town in Asia Minor by the name of Petras. It has been told of this great, hardest working saint of all, the many and wondrous deeds of good for which he was responsible. He helped the poor and needy and saved the lives of many.

Believe it or not, he is the patron saint of bankers, pawnbrokers, children, unmarried girls, sailors, and thieves. He lived a long time ago and is said to have died about 343 A.D.

About the year 950 A.D. Russia adopted St Nicholas as her patron saint. Later the Laplanders followed suit as did the Samoyeds. Legend has it that this is where St. Nick acquired the story of the reindeer and sleigh.

And with the changing of the locale, so changed the symbol of Santa Claus. In Germany, France, Switzerland, Holland and Luxembourg, Santa Claus is recognized as a horseman on a beautiful white steed, loaded down not only with gifts for the good children he visits, but whipping rods for the naughty ones. He makes his ghostly ride December 5th.

In the early days of the American colonies, the Dutch brought with them their idea of what St. Nick was supposed to look like. He was called "Santeklas" and was a severe, lean, spiritual looking gent in long robes. Not at all like our version of Santa.

He was gradually transformed to the happy fellow he is today through the effort of an American cartoonist by the name of Thomas Nast in the nineteenth century, and since then, the traditional Santa Claus, reindeer and sleigh as we now know them came to stay on the American scene.

In many countries, the Christ Child or Kristkind, is the giver of gifts. Others falling in the same role are less known and many of them have passed into limbo. This would include Tante Aria, a cloud goddess who, accompanied by the Father Star, brings gifts to children.

Hungarian children depend upon a host of angels for Christmas gifts. Italian children look to "La Befana," a mystical wanderer carrying a broom—albeit she is a good fairy—who brings gifts to good children.

Old Russia had her "Baboushka," who, in search of the Christ Child, went from house to house carrying a staff and a bag of toys for the children.

St. Lucy is little known in most countries, but in Denmark, Switzerland and some others, it is this saint who is responsible for the distribution of gifts.

And so it goes throughout the world. Regardless of the legend, the Yule holiday is the spirit of unselfishness, the wonder of children's joy, all combined in one joyous song and praise of thanksgiving, of beauty, that is Christmas.

"Remember my trading stamps" is a slogan that is appearing on gas tank caps of many cars these days. It's to remind gas pump jockeys to give stamps to their customers.

NOTICE OF SALE

To: Rena Endicott
Robert D. Endicott
Box 437
Lake Placid, Florida

You are hereby notified that the following motor vehicle: Comet 6 12 4DR 1962 Ser2H12S586474 will be sold at public sale at 12:00 Noon o'clock on the 27 day of December, 1962, at Avon Park Motor Co., Avon Park. The proceeds of the sale will be applied to the payment of the cost of retaking, storing and sale of said motor vehicle and the cost of publication of notice of sale and then to the satisfaction of the balance due under the contract covering the financing of said motor vehicle. Any surplus will be paid to you, and you will remain liable for any balance remaining unpaid under said contract.

ASSOCIATES DISCOUNT CORPORATION
By: Talbert Matthews,
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Pub. Dec. 20, 1962.

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA
SUIT FOR DIVORCE
IN CHANCERY NO. 9705

CRESTON D. GALLUP,
Plaintiff
vs.
LETHA GALLUP,
Defendant

NOTICE

TO: Letha Gallup,
address unknown

You are hereby notified that a Complaint for Divorce has been filed against you in the above styled Court and that you are required to serve a copy of your answer or other pleading to the Complaint on the Plaintiff's Attorney, Hue E. Nunnallee, 15 South Lake Avenue, Avon Park, Florida, and file the original answer or pleading in the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Sebring, Highlands County, Florida on or before the 14th day of January, 1963.

If you fail to do so, a Decree Pro Confesso will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the Complaint.

DONE AND ORDERED in the Highlands County Court House at Sebring, Florida this 18th day of December, 1962.

EARL RICH,
Clerk of Circuit Court
By: s/ Frances Lipham
Deputy Clerk

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Lutheran Women Hold December Meeting at Fannie Roche Home

The Lutheran Church Women held their December meeting at the home of Mrs. Fannie Roche with a good attendance. Mrs. William Becker, president, conducted the business. New members who were welcomed include Mrs. B. G. Carlson, Mrs. Walter Miller and Mrs. Ed Comfort.

Gifts were brought for the new nursery which is to be opened at the church. Mrs. Roche gave a tree in memory of her son, to be used in the church for the Christmas Eve service.

The program, "Christmas Stocking and it's Legend" was presented by Mrs. Robert Dasher, including the various customs observed in the different churches at the Christmas Season. Each member picked a piece of green ribbon from a wall tree which enclosed a prayer and she read a poem, "Keeping Christmas."

New officers elected to serve for the ensuing year are Mrs. Robert Dasher, president; Mrs. Harry Gibson, vice president; Mrs. M. R. Jackson, secretary; Mrs. Al Hoppe, treasurer; Mrs. Dean LaLonde, educational secretary and Mrs. J. A. Terp, membership.

Mrs. William Becker and Mrs. Ed Comfort will serve as the altar committee for January.

Mrs. William Becker, who has served the women as its president for the past two years, was given a rising vote of thanks for her faithful service.

Mrs. Roche served dainty refreshments while the ladies enjoyed a social hour.

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Bids Set For Range Grazing

January 14 has been set as the deadline for receiving bids for grazing rites at the Avon Park Bombing Range, the U. S. Army of Engineers has announced.

Approximately 93,287 acres of land will be available for grazing at the range, officials said. A complete set of the specifications is on display at the Avon Park Post Office, or may be secured from the Engineer Corps, 575 Riverside Avenue, Jacksonville, Fla.

We want to take this opportunity to wish you cheer... and to thank you for letting us serve you.
Hall's Dry Cleaners & Laundry
and A Happy New Year Too!
"Serving Highlands County"

'Tis Time to Sing
of Joy and Cheer
and to send Greetings to
You, Our Friends so Dear
Ware Furniture Co., Inc.

Rotary News

As Reported By Chas. Sargent and Bill Young, Secretary

Billy Martin, long time resident of Avon Park, an associate in the office of the County Tax Assessor, was our guest speaker last Wednesday. He had for his subject, "The Duties and Responsibilities of the County Tax Assessor."

He emphasized that the chief duty is to place a fair, impartial and equitable tax value on all property subject to assessment within the county.

The assessor is required by statute, he said, to turn over the completed tax assessment roll to the County Commission by the first Monday in July each year. The Commission then sits as an equalization board with the assessor present. The Commission and the Board of Public Instruction then determine their budget requirements and the necessary millage is then certified to the assessor who extends the millage to each assessment.

Martin defined the three types of property that comprise the advalorem tax: Real Estate, Tangible Personal Property and Intangible Personal Property.

He gave an interesting and detailed outline of the methods, tools and techniques used to be sure that all types of property are located and assessed and all changes in ownership and improvements considered. He said the real estate ownership transfers now average 3,000 per year.

Martin displayed during his talk, samples of the maps used in their work, including a photo-lithographed copy, covering one township, from the original land survey of the United States General Land Office, made in the 1800's, he called attention to a surveyor's note dated 1855 which reads: "The completion of this township is prevented by the suspension of work on account of Indian hostilities." He commented that this was only 107 years ago and the township referred to was on the east side of Lake Jackson.

He also displayed one of their modern aerial maps, each comprising a township, with its transparent overlay which shows the outline of each individual ownership, of the larger tracts, from their Aerial Atlas photographed in January this year. Other sources of information were listed as building permits, news stories, contacts with builders and developers and of course field trips.

To illustrate the growth of the county, Martin said that the number of items on the real property tax roll of 1953 was 11,128, and in 1962, 25,532, an increase of 14,404, while the real property values increased from $16,286,270 in 1953 to $48,073,510 in 1962, an increase of $31,787,240.

There were 1,285 Tangible Personal Property tax returns on the roll in 1953 with an assessed value of $3,817,790; while in 1962 there were 2,819 returns representing tax value of $7,591,110, an increase of 1,534 taxpayers and an increase of $3,773,320 in tax value.

The third type, Intangibles, such as money, bank notes, shares of stock, bonds, accounts receivable or U. S. Savings bonds, etc., is strictly a state tax, he said, taking the place of a state income tax.

'Twas interesting and well received.

President Bob Gay called on Franklyn Ward who announced the sudden and untimely passing earlier that morning of our long time friend and Honorary Member, "Hal" Worden.

Earl Wells, in his weekly rendition of the news, hot off the Associated Press wires, emphasized a weather bulletin forecasting movement of massive arctic air into Florida the next morning, an event which we now know will be recorded as the "Big Freeze of '62."

Visitors—Rev. Robbins Ralph guest of Bill Tuttle; Rev. Frank Edwards guest of Louis Nebel.

Rotarians — Leon Clausen, Verna, Ill.; Phil Palmer, Hart, Mich.; Jay A. Noble, Lockport, N. Y.; Al Tregea, Falconer, N. Y.; Louis Nebel, Sturgeon Bay, Wisc.; Paul B. Chafin, Lake Worth, Fla.

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THIS WINTERY SCENE was taken at the home of Dr. Walter Ost, at Highlands Lakes. The ornamentals, covered with a heavy layer of ice, glisten in the bright sun. (Exclusive SUN Photo).

THE FARMFRONT

BY
DOYLE CONNER
COMMISSIONER
FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

A solution remains to be found for the problem of abundance that has been plaguing the nation's dairy industry. Increasing milk production and failure of consumption to keep pace is causing deep concern about the industry's future prospects.

A national farm publication warns "this is not the time to take a flyer in dairying . . . CCC (Commodity Credit Corporation) stocks are piling up . . . Prices will increase this winter but will stay below last year's prices until April."

So, You can expect to see a push for new dairy legislation revived during the coming session of Congress. At the last session the Administration failed to obtain approval for its suggested plan to put the brakes on milk production, so the farm bill which emerged did not include a dairy section.

Congress failed to adopt the proposal to give dairy farmers a choice of voting for higher price supports coupled with reduction of output, or an open market with minimal price supports.

There have been other proposals made, and at a recent meeting of the National Milk Producers' Federation Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman urged the industry to get together, speak up "with one voice" and say what it wants.

He made it clear that it is up to the various producer organizations to agree on a program that has good prospects for boosting dairy income, cutting present heavy surpluses and reducing their cost to the taxpayer. "Time is running out" he warned, and stressed the point that "as a practical matter we do not have the political muscle to continue the present program for long."

He cited the changing complexion of Congress—the gain of 19 new House seats by urban and city areas in the last election—"19 seats which were taken primarily from rural areas." Present dairy legislation, he said, creates "a situation which spells danger to us all—and for the simple reason that the American people will not permit the situation to continue indefinitely."

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One of the big difficulties in obtaining effective farm legislation is to get unity of support from farmers themselves. All viewpoints have a right to be heard. Strong support for conflicting proposals makes it tough on legislators to decide what plan, if any, to adopt. And any plan should measure up to legislative responsibility to the public interest.

The day after he talked to the dairy group, Secretary Freeman stressed the matter of unity when he spoke to the National Potato Council. That industry, too, has been having its own problems of abundance. Said he:

"Effective answers to your problems will not be easy to put into operation. Even to reach agreement on the answers is difficult. But, if six nations in Western Europe, with a history of centuries of armed conflict among them, can get together and work out a mutually satisfactory long-range economic and social development program, I am confident that the American potato industry should be able to do as well in solving its problems."

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"Freeze-drying" promises to be one of the next big developments in food processing. It can reduce weight by 90 per cent and increase storage life by as much as two years. Certain kinds of foods, however, do not lend themselves to the new treatment as well as others.

As reported by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, the new process was introduced commercially in the past three years but the products are not yet in retail stores. So far they are being sold to institutions and food manufacturers. It has prospects of becoming a billion-dollar industry by 1970.

According to an industry definition, freeze-drying is "a unique food preservation process that removes moisture from frozen foods without appreciably changing the shape, color or taste of the product. Cellular structure remains intact."

Freeze-drying is accomplished by sealing frozen foods in special drying cabinets, where air is pumped out and low-level heat is slowly applied. As the temperature rises, ice in the frozen product is vaporized until 98 per cent of the moisture is removed.

Nitrogen is put into the chamber to replace the oxygen in the food. This inert gas retards spoilage. Once this is done the product is ready for packaging. It is now dehydrated, not frozen, and may be stored at room temperature—as long as two years.

Largest Man To Appear At Local Market

Avon Park area residents will have an opportunity to meet the country's largest man this weekend when Happy Humphrey appears at Phillips' IGA Store, East Main.

Happy Humphrey, who tips the scales at 782-pounds, was born in Georgia some 32 years ago with a record birth weight of 25 pounds. He apparently has never stopped growing, since he weighed 150 pounds at the age of three. Today he claims the title of the largest man in the United States.

Happy has been wrestling professionally for the past 10 years, meeting some of the top grapplers in the business. Possessor of a broad smile and friendly words, Happy turns to a tiger when riled by a foe.

Guilty of the bad habit of eating, Happy's breakfast usually is thus: Three dozen eggs, two pounds of bacon, a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk.

He will sign autographs while on his visit to the Avon Park store.

Here and There—

Mrs. Ethel McKelvaine will spend Christmas with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, in New York City. She will hear her only granddaughter, Miss Jan Jones, sing in one of the large churches of the city. Mr. and Mrs. Jones are both musicians, and they too will be singing in the church choir.

Miss Mildred Myers will visit her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Moody, in Augusta Ga. over the Christmas holidays.

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COURTHOUSE OFFICIALS
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THE HAPPIEST
and
MERRIEST CHRISTMAS
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- Broward Coker, Sheriff
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- W. H. Prescott, Tax Collector
- Andrew Miracle, School Superintendent
- R. X. Droit, Supervisor of Registration
- Roger Miller, County Surveyor

World War I Veterans Hold Yuletide Party

The Highlands [illegible] 587 Veterans [illegible] and Auxiliary [illegible] Christmas party [illegible] ized veterans at [illegible] Hospital [illegible] weekend.

Refreshments [illegible] and cookies were [illegible] 75 gift boxes [illegible] distributed [illegible]

The [illegible] showed [illegible] appreciation [illegible] gifts and [illegible] come [illegible]

Attending [illegible] W. M. [illegible] Bertha Day, [illegible] cent, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] man, Mr. and [illegible] Welsh, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Dunne, Mr. and Mrs. M Cormick, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] ard Dunn, Ruth [illegible] Mamie Lee, Dixie [illegible] Jean C. Hill, M. M. [illegible] land and Edward Tepp[illegible]

Several members [illegible] Lake Placid Barra[illegible] also present.

CHRISTMAS
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Christmas Peace to All
It is our sincerest wish that this holy season will be one of great peace and happiness for our many good friends.
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"The Family Store"

OUR FRIENDLIEST
YULETIDE WISHES
One of the joys of the Christmas season is the opportunity to extend to all of you our best wishes.
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John Walters Resigns Post At Local Church

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AVON PARK LAKES NEWS

By Thelma L. Merrill Phone GL 3-6146

CHRISTMAS
The [illegible] singing song
of the Angels
The guiding light of the Star
The hope for a world that
is at peace
The return of those
wandering afar
The cheery warmth from
the fireplace
The softly falling snow
The faith of the children
in Santa
The faces all aglow
The sweet memories of those
who have left us
The greetings of friends
who are dear
These are the gifts to hold
in our hearts
To help us keep Christmas
each year."

We are all very pleased with the new (old) piano at the Association club house. The musical talent here at the Lakes will amaze everyone.

The Association Tuesday night card party at the club house was enjoyed by 33 members. Hostesses for the evening, Mrs. Jane Jameson and Mrs. Emma Coburn, served delicious refreshments.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bue visited with Mr. Robert Poore in Eustis for two days last week. Mr. Poore is nephew of Mrs. Bue.

On Wednesday, the Square Dancers had a lively evening at the Avon Trailer Court with two squares of dancers and several interested spectators.

Mr. and Mrs. Al Diebold spent four days with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Taylor in Lake Worth. The couples were former neighbors in Rock Island, Illinois.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Governors was postponed from Thursday to Saturday morning at the club house.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robbins entertained at a bridge party on Friday evening. Mrs. August M. Luyben had high score for the evening.

Twenty-five ladies of the Women's Group of the Association met at the club house on Thursday at 1:30 p. m. Mrs. Jane Jameson and Mrs. Emma Coburn, hostesses for the afternoon, served refreshments before the brief business meeting. Due to the inclement weather, the meeting was adjourned shortly after the business meeting—the club house was too cold for the usual social afternoon.

Mrs. Helen Pemberton arrived from Akron, Ohio on Sunday to visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Huntington on Southampton Road.

Mrs. Lowell Stotts, Mrs. Orville Castine, Mrs. John Johnson, Mrs. Osgood Lee and Mrs. August Luyben motored to Orlando on Tuesday to leave their Christmas lists with Santa.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robbins drove to Flagler Beach on Sunday to spend several days with Mrs. Robbins mother, Mrs. Anna Keep, and sister, Mrs. Carolyn Swayze.

Mrs. Herb Slocum was in the Lakeland General Hospital for observation and treatment for four days. We are happy to report that she is responding to the treatments and will be able to enjoy the Holidays. We sincerely wish you good health, Marge.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bennett, Nautilus Drive, entertained 12 guests at a "fish fry" on Wednesday night. Incidentally the Bennetts served Blue fish they caught at Boca Raton.

Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Van Artsdalen arrived on Monday from Doylestown, Pennsylvania. They will remain at their home on Nautilus Drive for the winter months. Welcome home!

On Wednesday night, the Merrills enjoyed a Christmas card party given by Mrs. Fannie Roche, East Camphor Street.

We are happy that Mr. L. F. Huntington is much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Bue were guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Lawry of Sarasota on Sunday and Monday. Mr. Lawry is Mrs. Bue's cousin. The Lawry's are former residents at the Lakes.

Mrs. Helen Adams is feeling much better and is gaining strength each day.

The Garden Club Christmas Tea at the residence of Mrs. T. J. Ward on Thursday was enjoyed by Mrs. August M. Luyben, Mrs. Wm. Robbins and Thelma Merrill.

Mrs. Mary Lynch is doing nicely at the Walker Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Jane Ravey of Youngstown, Ohio, and Miss Nora Spring of Oil City, Pennsylvania, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Lynch. They have just returned from spending several weeks in Ft. Lauderdale with Mrs. Raveys son. The ladies are sisters of Mrs. Lynch.

The Association January "covered dish" dinner will be on Jan. 17 at the club house at 6:00 p. m. After dinner there will be a "white-elephant" sale, and everyone is to donate a gift for this sale. Hostesses for the dinner will be Mrs. Wm. Robbins, Mrs. Lewis Rood, Mrs. Don Jameson, and Mrs. Benson. Details will be announced later.

Now that the weather is mild, the shuffleboard courts are quite in demand by shuffle enthusiasts.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Robbins entertained 12 guests at a bridge party on Saturday night. Mr. Don Jameson had high score for the evening and Mrs. Karl Swanson received consolation prize.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Avery of St. Petersburg and Rochester, New York, were visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beach on Friday.

Christmas time is the season to cherish new friendships and rekindle old ones. May this Christmas be the happiest and merriest ever, let us rejoice in preserving ideals and traditions which will be our heritage forever. A very Merry Christmas to all!!

"Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace, Good Will toward Men."

A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO EVERYONE
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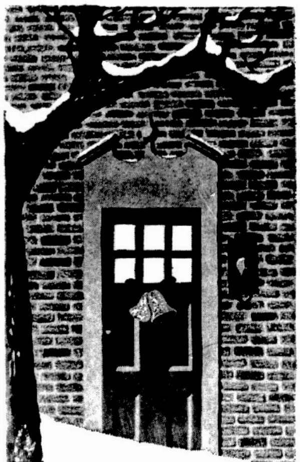
FRIENDLY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

With gratitude for your loyal friendship and support, we extend our warmest wishes for a very cheery holiday season.

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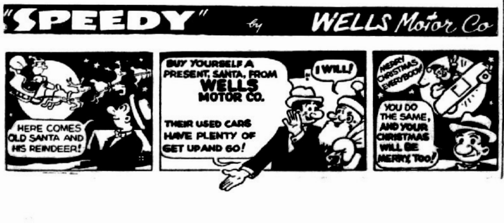
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HERE COMES OLD SANTA AND HIS REINDEER!
BUY YOURSELF A PRESENT, SANTA, FROM WELLS MOTOR CO.
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I WILL!
MERRY CHRISTMAS EVERYBODY
YOU DO THE SAME, AND YOUR CHRISTMAS WILL BE MERRY, TOO!

WHEN THE SUN CAME out last week following the brief cold snap, members of the Winter Guest Club soon took to the shuffleboard courts. Although the air was brisk, the fellowship was more than warm. Scenes such as this are commonplace almost every day of the week at the Avon Park club. (Exclusive Sun Photo).

Legends, Myths Long Tradition Of The USA Christmas Season

The willingness of people all over the world to believe myths and legends that have been passed down from generation to generation, is well known.

Because Christmas—and the festival of the holiday season is so interwoven with mysticism, legend and historical records, many superstitions have resulted in various countries.

The very Santa Claus story itself, is perhaps the greatest of all the Christmas myths, and as research has revealed, is expressed differently in various parts of the world.

As a matter of fact, the actual modern symbol of Santa Claus with his round belly, twinkling eyes, rosy cheeks, flowing white beard, driving his reindeer-drawn sleigh across the sky on Christmas Eve from the North Pole where he has a mammoth toy factory, was created in New York as early as 1882, a mere eighty years ago.

There are, however, equally as fanciful beliefs in other parts of the world, and while there is no documentary evidence to support actual belief in these superstitions, they are nevertheless accepted as legend and passed on, keeping them alive.

For example, if you were born on Christmas Eve in Scotland, it wouldn't be at all amiss if you believed that you had the power to see spirits, and yes, even to command them to do your bidding.

If this idea gives you pause and you mentally raise a quizzical eyebrow in disbelief, consider the peasantry of France. These gentle folk believe (the story goes) that all babies born on Christmas Eve will have a ready and facile tongue. We wonder if by that they mean "gift of gab."

But that isn't all with these French folk of the countryside. They also believe that those babies born on Christmas Day will be gifted with logic; a moot quality, one often born with the progenitor of argument. But ah, the maidens of France who, born on Christmas Day, come in for the big boon, for these lucky mademoiselles, it is said, will be witty, wise and virtuous!

The Silesians have a pixieish sense of legend—or perhaps humor, when it comes to the gifts earmarked for babies born on Christmas. And how they arrived at this equation beggars logic, because they claim that all such babes who see the light of day on this holy day are destined to be either lawyers or thieves!

In Ireland—land of the leprechaun and other little folk from never-never land, they have a religious belief that is worthwhile indeed. They believe that if one dies on Christmas Day, he goes straight to Heaven. The doors to Paradise are open for such fortunates, and Purgatory is completely bypassed no matter what kind of malefactor the deceased was on earth. Now that's a gift of Heaven!

The farmers of Denmark have a legend they keep alive—but this one is couched in the economic formulas of life. They believe that baked goods, and particularly bread that is made at Christmastime and saved until sowing time, will insure a good crop and harvest.

"Good St. Thomas serve me right, and send me my true love tonight," is a jingle that is highly romantic and might be applied to either sex. But not so in northern England. In this region of our English cousins, a maiden with yearning heart, used this as a supplication for a mate, but only if she placed a piece of holly under her pillow during the observance of Christmas.

One word of warning to unmarried ladies who might find themselves, for whatever reason, in the Swiss Alps. Beauty is beauty, and no one denies the majesty of the Alps nor the invigorating climate of this part of the world is for the hardy ones. But should our Miss be wielding her alpenstock high on the mountain and meet up with a romantic Swiss gentleman who offers her a sprig of edelweiss, she's had it. This is the signal of a marriage proposal and when the unwary Miss accepts, she accepts the donor with it. (That's at Christmas time, of course).

Here and There

Mr. and Mrs. E. Bradfield Pyke of New Port, R. I., are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dasher.

Mrs. Daisy Lacefield of Livermore, Kentucky, is spending the winter with her daughter and family, the J. T. Gibbs. J. T. Gibbs, 3rd, who was stationed at Homestead with the U. S. Army, made a surprise visit last week to see his family.

Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Dawson's guests have been Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Smoot of Charles Town, W Va.

Mr. and Mr. Wallace Bass of Atlanta, Georgia are expected to arrive early next week to visit her aunt, Mrs. R. L. Maxon, and they will all drive to Miami to spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Reddick and son, Randy, of Tampa spent the weekend here with relatives.

We Pray That Faith May Be Your Guide
And That Joy May Be Your Companion,
This Christmas Season And Always!
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Christmas Traced To Birth Of Christ Child and Love Theme

In establishing the date by which Christmas is celebrated commemorating the birth of Christ, it is interesting to note that Christendom did not begin its calendar computations until almost 550 years after the birth of Christ.

Much of the Christmas story is still unknown and untold; but legend and story has traced its history since the beginning when Christ preached among the people, "Love thy neighbors as thyself."

Christ was thirty years of age when the people of His time recognized Him as the Messiah of God. In face of the shepherds and Three Wise Men, it wasn't until the Holy Spirit descended upon Him at the baptism in the Jordan that His teachings were accepted by the Christian world.

And it wasn't until the third century that the western countries accepted Him as the Son of God since His birth. Each of the four Gospel narratives, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John, testify to this.

Since the beginning of the recordings of early civilization—from the most primitive societies—it was believed that the period of time when the winter solstice ended and the sun took on new strength to give brilliance, light and fertility to the world, a period of joyousness and thanks should be celebrated throughout the world.

Strangely enough, many influences have had their effect on the festival of Christmas as it is practiced today, and none of them "Christian" in the true sense of the word. Yet, with them lies the true, romantic, rich beginnings of the Christmas Story.

History tells us that from every epoch of history, from the old, old Babylonian Festivals, to the Druid Mysteries, from the Roman Saturnalia, to the Egyptian Midwinter Festival of Foods and finally to Christ Himself, has come segments of the whole of the Christmas Story.

But there is more to the Christmas Story. Much of what the Christian world in this twentieth century observes, stems from a time long years and even centuries before Christ.

In the time of the Romans, Persians and Germanic tribes when the world was younger, December 25 was the day set aside for pagan festivities. It is thought in some quarters that the Christians "invented" Christmas as a sort of competitive holiday.

And so, out of Yule of the Northern Europeans, the Noel of the French, the Noche Buena of the Spanish, the Weinachten of the Germans and the Christ Mass of the early Roman Catholic Church, the gay, glorious, deeply religious holiday that is Christmas has come to us.

Here and There

The Raleigh Lawhon family will have a special Christmas this year with their children home. Rev. and Mrs. Gene Clark and children, who were on the mission field in Japan last year, will be with the family. They are in Waco, Texas, where he is attending Baylor University. Mrs. Lawhon's sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. MacMannis of Petersburg, Va., are expected. Missing from the family this year will be the Lawhon's son, Rev. Charles Lawhon and his family, who are serving the Baptist mission field in the Phillipines.

College students will be arriving this week to brighten the season's social activities. Miss Ann King, who attends Gulf Park College at Gulfport, Miss., will be one of those who will be home for the first time since she left in September.

Mary and Gary Sullivan and son, Rob, of Tallahassee, will be here to make the Robert R. King, Jr. family circle complete for the holidays.

Morris Gay of Brenau College, Brenau, Ky., is expected in this week to spend the holidays with his family, the R. M. Gays, on Tulane Circle.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. Dasher and son, Benji, have been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Dasher. Baby Benji remained with his grandparents who will take him to join his parents in Jacksonville this weekend. Robert and family will be going to Virginia to make their future home.

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