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METHODIST PASTOR IS OFFICIALLY WELCOMED

Rev. Hancock and Family Given Fine Reception at the Church Tuesday Eve.

Rev. A. H. Hancock, Mrs. Hancock and their three children, Harry, Sarah Frances and Elmo, were officially welcomed by the members of the Methodist church at a reception in the church auditorium Tuesday evening. Rev. Hancock was recently appointed to the vacancy caused by the resignation of Rev. D. M. Maynard.

The reception, with Mrs. Fred Stevens in charge of the program, opened with the doxology by the congregation. Miss Margie Lacey was at the piano. Miss Lee delivered the invocation.

The welcome address in behalf of the Wesley Brotherhood and the Board of Stewards was given by C. H. Pardee. He was followed by John D. Raab, representing the Sunday school department and Mrs. Neal Trent favored with a solo.

Full of youthful vigor, Miss Mary Turner, president of the Senior Epworth league, exemplified the spirit of her department with a speech replete with pep, and won the admiration of her audience. Jack Jackson, Jr., head of the Junior Epworthians, in a business-like manner extended a hearty welcome and received applause for his efforts.

The youngsters seemed to have the major share of the welcoming activities. Gene Chance, a youngster with a promising voice, sang his way into the hearts of the congregation, and was encored. He was accompanied by Miss Edith Ginn, an accomplished young lady.

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BARTOW JUDGE SPEAKS AT ROTARY LUNCHEON

Col. Head's Term Expires and Attorney J. C. McDonald Assumes Presidency

County Judge F. L. Holland, of Bartow, and a past district governor of Kiwanis, delivered a splendid address at a weekly meeting of Avon Park Rotary. The judge is considered one of the foremost orators in southern Florida and lived up to his reputation here.

The judge spoke of the apparent apathy of Floridians, and in reference to the Mediterranean lay stated that the conditions of today are vastly better than those existing a score or more years ago, when the pioneers in the citrus industry were sorely tried. They went about with their heads high and not like some of the present day who act indifferently to the situation and act pessimistically.

The club was praised by Judge Holland when it was announced that 17 one hundred percent meetings were held during the past fiscal year, which ended yesterday, and that the average yearly attendance was 90 percent. Records of International Rotary show that of the 1600 clubs in Class "D" (clubs with less than 50 members) Avon Park had the class for attendance last November.

Wednesday's meeting marked the expiration of the presidency of Col. Charles R. Head. Next week the reigns will be assumed by Attorney J. C. McDonald, president, and J. S. Francis, vice-president, and Earl W. Hartt, who was re-elected secretary-treasurer.

The new board of directors will comprise the president, vice-president, Col. Head, Fred M. Smith,

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Rex Beach Sends His Subscription To Times

REX BEACH, world-famous novelist, and owner and developer of the model farms bearing his name, is one of the many subscribers who have been added to the subscription list of The Avon Park Times during the present week. Mr. Beach, commenting on The Times, says it is a real, live paper, and unlike some of the Florida papers he receives, is full of local news.

Residents leaving for the north and others parts of the country are not to miss the "town doings" during their absence. Letters are being received daily and personal calls are made at the office of The Times for the purpose of changing the addresses during vacation time.

AVON PARK TO ELECT SCHOOL BOARD TODAY

Voting Booths At Jacaranda Building and the First National Annex

Qualified voters of Avon Park will go to the polls today to elect three school trustees for a term of two years. An entirely new board is to be selected, inasmuch as the members of the present board, Messrs. Trent, Chapman and Clement, declined to seek re-election. The polls will be at the Jacaranda hotel building for voters of Precinct 1, and at the First National bank annex for Precinct 1-A. According to the Registration Commissioner, W. L. Long, just a little over one hundred are qualified to vote out of a registration of about one thousand.

Although mentioned as potential candidates, the petitions of Mrs. M. E. Covington and John Jackson, hotel man, were not filed. In their places, however, petitions were filed in behalf of F. S. Jordan, jeweler, and Max Wild. Others in the field are Mrs. Fred Stevens, Attorney T. A. McNicholas and Clifford M. Eisle, of Highlands Lakes.

The polls will close at Sundown.

Degree Work Tonight At Eastern Star Meet

Tonight's meeting of Leigh chapter, O. E. S., will be the last during the summer months, and several candidates will present themselves for initiation into the order. Mrs. Ola Head is worthy matron. With Mrs. Winifred White, grand instructress, in charge, a school of instruction for the Stars was held Monday night at the Masonic hall. About 25 were present. Among the visitors were Associate Patron and Worthy Matron Mr. and Mrs. Gifford, and past Worthy Matron, Mrs. Davis, all of Frostproof.

Lightning Hits House Causing \$200 Damage

During the heavy downpour last Saturday afternoon, lightning struck the house adjoining the home of W. H. Yates, causing a fire which resulted in damages estimated at \$200.

Mr. Yates, owner of the house, was at home at the time the lightning struck. The telephone lines were put out of commission and Mr. Yates drove to the fire station to inform Chief McCarthy. A truck was dispatched to the scene, and with the aid of chemicals the fire was extinguished.

Chief McCarthy and his boys were praised for their work, as no damage was done by water, the chief surveying the situation before the chemicals were applied.

FULL SCHOOL TERM ASSURED BY BAILEY

Avon Club Members Enjoy Meal and Talks By School Head and Rev. Weigle

The Avon Club held its June supper Monday evening at the Congregational church with every seat occupied, and the steak-pie, apple-pie supper served by the Ladies' Aid gave the men full value for their four-bit tickets, so that the first quality menu that followed was clear velvet.

After the introduction of guests by members, the club chairman, Col. C. R. Head presented the first speaker of the evening, Dr. C. F. Weigle, who emphasized the features that make the outlook for the Ridge section encouraging, in spite of the attempts of knackers to put out a fog curtain of gloom. Dr. Weigle brought into his argument a wealth of historical reference that made his talk fascinating and valuable every moment to his hearers.

Anticipating the school trustee election close at hand, Col. F. N. K. Bailey, county superintendent of schools, gave a clear and complete statement of the school situation in the county and locally, and an outline of the duties and legal responsibilities of the trustees. He stated that the usual vote of 10 mills for schools in Avon Park, at the time the new trustees are elected would guarantee support for a full length term of school next year, and said in addition that the importance of having the full term was shown by the fact that his office is already receiving inquiries from winter visitors on this point—families who will be here during the season if the full term is provided, but who will go elsewhere with their children if the school time is cut short.

A discussion of the trustees job, and the qualifications of incumbents was planned by the public service committee of the club, but there was little active participation on the part of the members. Mac Elwell, at the call of the chairman, venturing the only shot at the problem presented.

CITY'S FIRE LOSSES SHOW HUGE DECREASE

Drop Of 70% Over First Six Months Period Of 1928 Shown By Report

Losses by fire for the first six-months' period (to date) of 1929 show a huge decrease in the loss for the same period of 1928, according to figures made available by Fire Chief McCarthy.

For the first half of 1928 the losses were \$1250, compared to \$375 sustained so far this year. The 1929 loss represents a decrease of 70 percent over 1928, and is an excellent tribute to the fire chief and his men.

Only one call was responded to this month by the department up until yesterday noon, and that was the run made to the Yates' building on North Lake avenue last Saturday, when lightning hit the house. One call for the month was also made in January and two in February, while four were made last month.

McDonald Better, Thanks. Back in his office again after a month's siege with pneumonia, Attorney J. C. McDonald is rapidly regaining his strength. Mr. McDonald was taken ill after his return from the Rotarians' convention at Dallas, Tex.

League Women Voters Will Dine Next Friday

MEMBERS of the League of Women Voters will have a dinner at the Congregational church next Friday night, after which an address on the election and duties of public officials will be given by a public official, whose name has not been announced. The meeting will be similar to the one recently held, when Mark Lance, City Assessor, informed the women how the various officials were elected and the duties performed by them.

A round-table discussion will follow the address.

FORT MEADE WOMAN INJURED IN CRASH

Four Escape Death When Freight Car Rams Auto at Lakemont Crossing

A freight car making a "flying switch" crashed into a touring car at the Lakemont crossing of the Seaboard Air Line railroad Wednesday night, and as a result Mrs. W. A. Bunnell, of Fort Meade, is at the Touchell hospital.

Mrs. Bunnell was returning to her home at Ft. Meade in the car driven by her son-in-law, N. M. Johns, of Punta Gorda. Mrs. Johns and a young daughter were also in the party. They slowed down at the crossing, and had just started across when down the track came a freight car being switched. Mr. Johns saw the car and attempted to turn, but the freight car was coming at too rapid a rate and crashed into the automobile, stove in the rear left side and injuring Mrs. Bunnell. Her companions miraculously escaped death in the accident.

The injured woman is suffering from injuries about the body. Further examination will be made to learn if any bones have been broken.

The car was able to proceed to Ft. Meade under its own power.

Dr. Vaughn To Discuss Boreham

Boreham of Australia, will be the notable figure presented Sunday evening at the Congregational church at 7:30 in the series of studies of the great religious leaders of the different continents now being given.

The morning sermon topic will be, "To Whom Does the World Belong?" Are we still to believe that Christ is conquering a spiritual kingdom, and gaining an actual rule in the hearts and lives of men?

Phone Service Broken When Lightning Hits

Telephone service in the North Lake avenue section was put out of commission temporarily during the storm Saturday afternoon, when a bolt of lightning hit the lines. J. L. Delegal, manager of the Inter-County Telephone and Telegraph company, had a crew of linemen on the job in a short time and repairs were made and communications established.

Rebekahs Initiate Four. Members of Eleanor Severns lodge of Rebekahs held a school of instruction Monday night, and conferred degrees on Misses Doris Williams, Christine Reeves, Creola Fortner and Mrs. May Peters.

SURVEY BEING MADE BY INDUSTRIAL CO.

Entertainment For Tourists Vital Need and Should Be Provided, Official States

"Our purpose here is to make a periodical survey of the situation in Avon Park and the Jacaranda hotel, which is in keeping with the policy of our company in getting first-hand information in the towns in which the company is interested financially," Ralph T. Willard, auditor of The Industrial Company, of Grand Rapids, Mich., told The Times Wednesday.

The Industrial Company disposed of the bonds of The Avon Investment Company, builders of the Jacaranda hotel, and in the interest of the bondholders the investment company sends out its representatives to compile data on their holdings.

Mr. Willard was accompanied by L. E. Thomas, owner of a summer resort at Wallon Lake, Mich., and operating manager at the Fort Broward hotel, Ft. Lauderdale, last winter.

Informed about the agricultural situation in Highlands county, Mr. Willard and Mr. Thomas showed great interest in the developments at the Rex Beach farms, and they will make arrangements to visit the farms before leaving the city. They were particularly interested in the contemplated road from a point near Avon Park to Ft. Pierce, which would cut off approximately 40 miles from the present route.

Despite the apparent depression existing in this section, which is nothing but a natural result during (Continued on page three)

REV. HANCOCK STARTED MINISTRY 16 YEARS AGO

Served 13 Years In Tallahassee District; Comes Here From Bunnell Church

Avon Park Methodists were given an opportunity of hearing their new pastor at both services last Sunday. Rev. Hancock, whose family arrived here from Bunnell and have taken up their residence at 412 Fairfield avenue.

Rev. Hancock is entering upon his sixteenth year in the ministry, 13 of which were spent in the Tallahassee district, one in the Jacksonville district and another in the Deland district. He served at Bristol, four years, Ocala, four years, Chattahoochee five years, Green Cove Springs and Bunnell one year each.

The new pastor is a Georgian of Scotch-Irish descent and received his high school training at Thomasville. Later he entered the North Georgia Methodist school and received his A. B. degree. He studied theology at the Beeson school, Meriden, Miss. In 1917 Emory University conferred the L. L. D. degree on him. He entered the conference in 1916, was ordained an elder in 1920 and in 1924 was ordained a deacon.

Mrs. Hancock matriculated at Clifford Seminary (Presbyterian) South Carolina, and later attended the Teachers' College at Meriden, Miss. She, and Rev. Hancock, too, is a graduate of the Bible Training school at Nashville, Tenn.

Rev. and Mrs. Hancock have three children, Harry, Sarah Frances and Elmo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Hayden Williams are occupying the Barnett home on North Central avenue for the summer months.

Smuggling Of Host Fruits Is Still Being Attempted

98 Percent Of People Are Co-operating To The Fullest

ORLANDO, June 27.—(Special)—Despite the length of time that members of the Florida National Guard have been enforcing quarantine regulations at patrol stations on the highways many persons still attempt to smuggle host fruits and vegetables of various kinds past the guards. The public in general takes the quarantine regulations quite seriously and makes a faithful and sincere effort to comply, so the records show, but while 98 out of 100 persons passing the guards are thus co-operating the other two percent still indulge in efforts to slip contraband articles past.

Scanning records for a single day in the office of Col. Preston Ayers in charge of the National Guardsmen on quarantine duty it is found that everything from huckleberries to pumpkins apparently is being smuggled about in automobiles. Included in this single day's haul by the guards there are a quantity of peaches found in the possession of a prominent South Florida physician returning home from Macon, Ga.; a whole bunch of bananas purchased in Lakeland found in a car bound for Charleston, S. C.; more bananas in transit from St. Petersburg traveling through the infested area with Lake City as intended destination. Then in the car of a party of tourists were oranges from South Florida bound for Evansville, Ind.; while almost simultaneously another patrol post some miles away was relieving tourists from Bradenton bound for New Orleans of oranges and apples. At still another post within the hour a party bound to South Carolina from Lakeland was being relieved of tomatoes; and a gentleman enroute from St. Petersburg to Fort Valley in the heart of the Georgia peach belt reluctantly surrendered oranges, grapefruit and bananas to the courteous but insistent guards. Meanwhile a prominent Atlanta business man was persuaded into surrendering several apples and a considerable number of oranges while passing from the quarantine area into what is as yet the unfested section of the state southward. Mangoes, papayas, sapodillas and kumquats also figure in the single day's haul at the various posts.

Strange coincidence is found in attempts to smuggle host fruits and vegetables in baggage. The baggage inspection division of the National Guard in six days ending June 15 inspected slightly more than 16,000 pieces of baggage. Here again 98 percent was found free of anything which might tend to spread the Mediterranean fruit fly; but there was approximately two percent containing practically everything in the line of Florida fruits and vegetables which the authorities list as hosts to the fly.

At Orlando headquarters of the Plant Quarantine and Control Administration, United States Department of Agriculture and the State Plant Board, it is said that the co-operation of the public in general with fly eradication measures is most excellent; and that the percentage of those who would oppose them is strikingly steadily. It is thought at headquarters that some who at first acted in opposition did so because they felt it smart to smuggle things and to conceal the possession of host plants. With a growing understanding of the true situation many of those who originally composed this class and said now to be co-operating intelligently and sincerely. The American public is reputed never to be unanimous concerning anything; and the small percentage who continue to oppose fly eradication measures is held to be only an illustration of that fact. Coincidence is found in that investigators looking into active opposition from three vociferous objectors in different places found that the persons in question during the world war had been interned because of similar opposition. While those in charge of the fly eradication work are said to have made every effort to get results

through inducing the public to co-operate rather than by forcing compliance with the regulations, the hand of the law now and then falls hard upon a few who prove adamant to argument and persuasion.

At East Palatka on June 4, A. W. Morgan refused to allow his car to be inspected and sprayed. He was arrested and when tried June 17 before the county judge was found guilty of obstructing the eradication work and fined \$100 and costs. The costs in this case were considerable so that the total amount to be paid ran to \$231.

Office records at Orlando headquarters also show Ben Roda Kalt and M. H. Greeson to be under bond for trial in Hillsborough county. Kalt was arrested for refusing to give up fruit found in his possession and being abusive to the guards. Greeson was charged with running his automobile through a quarantine patrol post and refusing to stop.

GOOD PASTURES HELP TO CHEAP BEEFSTEAKS

Experiments Show Steers Showed Profit Of \$1 Per Acre

Good pastures,—with good animals—will help Florida beef raisers to produce as good native beefsteaks as are obtained from the West. C. R. Enlow, associate agronomist at the Florida Experiment Station, told a radio audience over Station WRUF recently. And that it is possible to have good pastures in Florida was emphasized by results which he said have been and are being accomplished on the Experiment Station farm at Gainesville.

Mr. Enlow said that last year Experiment Station workers placed seven beef animals on seven acres of land which had been seeded to pasture grasses the year before. The steers were on pasture from April 20 to November 16. They had access to salt, minerals and water at all times, but received no feed other than that obtained from the grasses which they grazed. Although the steers were grazing at the rate of one steer to one acre, it was necessary to mow the pasture two or three times during the summer to keep the grass from becoming too rank and going to seed.

During the 210 days that they were on pasture the seven steers made an average gain of 1½ pounds each per day. They returned a net profit of over \$7.00 per steer, which is \$1.00 a month per steer or per acre.

This year five steers are being grazed on each 3½ acre plot, and the grazing was started on March 11. The dry weather prevailing during the first two months caused the grass to make slow growth, but the steers have made fair gains. With the coming of the rains the grass started and the steers are now making better gains.

Grade Hereford and grade Angus steers are being tested in comparison with native range steers, in the grazing test this year.

WRUF Farm Program.
GAINESVILLE, Fla., June 27.—Following is the farm program for station WRUF for the week ending July 5. The farm program is given every day in the week at 1 p. m. The wave length is 204 meters.

June 29—Agricultural news hour.

July 1—Care of Flowering Bulbs. During the Summer, Major W. L. Floyd, professor of horticulture, College of Agriculture.

July 2—U. S. D. A. radio farm talks.

July 3—July Reminders for Florida Dairywomen, Hamilton L. Brown, extension dairyman.

July 4—U. S. D. A. radio farm talks.

July 5—Poisoning the Boll Weevil in July, Paul C. Calhoun, Extension Station.

Report Shows That Winning Club Girls Have Good Records

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., June 27.—Girls who are successful in their club work are successful in other fields, it is shown by a summary of the accomplishments of some of the winners, recently prepared by Miss Mary A. Stennis, nutrition specialist of the State Home Demonstration Department.

Frances Christian of Marion county, winner of the 1926 health contest, is now a junior at the State College for Women. Fay Matthews of Alachua county, second in the 1927 contest, is also a student at the State College. Beulah Weeks of Santa Rosa county, winner in 1927, is attending college outside the state.

Quinnelle Fuller of Columbia county, winner of the 1928 health contest, has just finished high school and expects to enter college this fall. Mary Jones of Alachua county, who held the best nutrition record in 1927, is now a club leader, and expects to go to college.

Kathleen Reese of Hillsborough county, winner of the nutrition contest in 1928, is continuing club work and making plans for college. Mary George of Marion county, second in the 1928 contest, is president of the state council of junior clubs, and is local leader for her club.

Florence Smock of Lake county and Mildred Hilliard of Hernando county tied for first place in the state health contest this year. Each of the girls will be given a trip to Chicago this fall, and the one with the highest score at that time will represent Florida in the national contest.

HINTS TO HOUSEWIVES

Weekly from Home Demonstration Specialists, Tallahassee

WAYS TO USE PEACHES

Canned Peaches

Before preparing fruit, make thin or medium syrup, (one to two cups sugar to one pint water) allowing one cup of liquid for each quart jar. If the almond flavor is desired, a few pits may be boiled in a small amount of water and this water used in making the syrup to give the desired flavor. Sort fruit, using only firm, ripe, sound peaches for canning. Put aside the soft, broken or extra ripe ones for jam or butter. Immerse peaches in boiling water for about one minute or until skins will slip easily. Plunge into cold water one minute. Remove skins, cut into halves, and discard seed. Peaches will pack better if dropped in hot syrup long enough to render pliable, about two minutes. Remove at once and pack in hot jar. If little juice is desired, place the halves in overlapping layers, the concave surface of each half being downward and the blossom end facing the glass. As each layer is built up, add a tablespoon of syrup, padding carefully to remove air bubbles. Process quarts 22 minutes if fruit is quite firm or 16 minutes if riper and more tender. Cling stones require about 10 minutes longer than free stone peaches.

Sweet Spiced Peaches.

Put in kettle three and one-half pounds of sugar, one pint vinegar, one pint of water, ginger root, one-fourth ounce, whole clover one-half ounce, stick cinnamon one-half ounce. Bring mixture to boil. Let stand over night to absorb spice flavor. Strain and add boiling hot to jar or can; or preferably, pour over prepared peaches and let stand over night. Then drain off, boil again and add to peaches that have been packed in jar. Process 12 to 16 minutes.

The Florida Railroad Commission called a hearing for Orlando on Monday to consider applications of bus and truck operators for certificates of convenience to operate under the new state law passed by the recent legislature. The act placed such motor vehicle companies under the jurisdiction of the commission, and required them to leave a deposit with the state comptroller in applying for the certificate. All bus lines operating buses and trucks outside city limits come within the provisions of the new act.

RESEARCH WORK HAS VALUE TO FARMERS

Speaker Over Radio Cites Numerous Instances Of Help

GAINESVILLE, Fla., June 27.—The cost of agricultural research work is trivial in comparison to its annual value in many cases, declared Sam T. Fleming, assistant director of the Florida Experiment Station, in a radio talk over WRUF recently. The talk was the third of a series about the experiment station and its work.

To illustrate his statement about the value of agricultural research work, the speaker cited a number of instances from the history of the Florida station. The citrus whittly is now being controlled by the use of oil emulsion sprays. The value of this spray was demonstrated by the station several years ago. This means the saving of many dollars to citrus growers every year.

Growers of cigar wrapper tobacco in the Quincy area were almost forced out of business a few years ago by a disease called black shank. The only way they could grow the crop was to move to new land each year. This was impossible, due to the heavy expense of constructing the necessary shade. The branch station near Quincy succeeded in developing strains of tobacco that were highly resistant to the disease, but which retained all of the desirable qualities.

Another instance of the work of the station is with velvet beans. At one time this plant was thought to be poisonous, and was grown only as an ornamental. The Experiment Station demonstrated the value of this plant as a soil builder and as a grazing crop. Early-maturing varieties were developed at the Florida station, and the plant is now grown all over the South.

In the Everglades of Florida it was found that most crops would not grow on the newly-drained saw-grass soils. Through the work of the branch station at Belle Glade it was found that this condition could be corrected by adding minute quantities of copper, manganese and other chemicals to the soil. This discovery promises to be of untold value to that great area.

In previous talks Mr. Fleming had pointed out that the purpose of an agricultural experiment station is to create agricultural knowledge. Just how the workers at the station follow up a problem to its solution was explained in the second talk of the series.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Daugherty write from Alliance, Ohio, asking that a supply of Avon Park booklets be sent to Mrs. Daugherty's son, E. E. Davis, manager of the Creve Coeur Club, Peoria, Ill., who will present them to club members. Peoria is the second city in Illinois and has nine banks with total deposits of \$36,000,000.

A. D. Chesley, who came recently from Wisconsin to establish a big poultry plant at Highland Lakes, belongs to the Avon Park Booster Club. He has furnished name of a successful owner of a canning factory at Winneconne, Wis., as a winter visitor prospect. Mr. Chesley also related the pleasure which A. R. Keating of Fond du Lac, Wis., gets out of his winter stays in Avon Park. Mr. Keating while here made frequent trips into the Everglades after turkeys and ducks, also fishing trips; in fact he says he has "the time of his life." We have an inkling that Mr. Keating will bring along next winter some friends who also like to hunt and fish. With our increasing numbers of sportsmen an Avon Park Rod and Gun Club appears promising.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Bygate, who are developing a country estate on Pahor Lake, near Highland Lakes, have started north on their annual vacation, motoring via Atlanta and Asheville to Zanesville, Ohio. They will boost for Avon Park, taking with them a supply of literature, and will spend several months in Zanesville, Columbus, Detroit and Pittsburgh.

A supply of Avon Park literature has been placed with the Harris Tourist Camp at the west end of the Mall. Mr. Harris states that he has a fine class of visitors at his cottage city, some of them being millionaires.

Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Slaughter were enlisted in the Avon Park Traveling Booster Club before motoring to their summer vacationing base at Wood River, Ill. Evidently they quickly used up the small amount of city literature they took with them, for they write asking for a good supply. Wood River is 20 miles north east of St. Louis, enroute to Alton, so there are a lot of people in that region to interest in our Florida city, the spring training quarters of the Cardinals.

SURVEY BEING MADE BY INDUSTRIAL CO.

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ing the summer months, Mr. Willard feels confident that the highlands of Florida, and Avon Park, especially, will soon be on the upward trend, and advises the merchants, professional men, and everybody in general to push the region. Other cities have experienced dull times, but with a leader in command conditions soon changed, he stated.

The Industrial official deplored the lack of facilities for entertaining the tourists, and urged activity along this line before the tourists begin to arrive. Provide the entertainment; you have the climate, the water and the scenery, and you will get the visitors. Have it here when they get here and you'll keep them, he counseled.

Avon Park has beautiful bodies of water, all teeming with fish, but it is a shame that in few cases can a boat be hired for fishing trips. Water sports appeal to many, but fishing is one of your biggest assets in bringing tourists into the city, but if no boats can be rented, the natural advantages are wasted, the visitor added.

Miss Simmons Married. Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss Eva Simmons, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. Simmons, of this city, to Charles Hunter, of Winter Haven, at that place last Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Hunter will reside at Winter Haven.

BARTOW JUDGE SPEAKS AT ROTARY LUNCHEON

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J. B. Coen and E. G. Perry. The retiring board consisted of J. C. McDonald, Rev. T. O. Baldwin, Col. Head and E. W. Hart.

A movement is under way, with Fred M. Smith as chairman, to have the Avon Park Rotary band members as guests at the next meeting, and this will be Rotary's part in stimulating interest in the school band, which has been suggested by the council and band director.

Among the visitors were Ralph T. Willard, auditor of The Industrial Company, Grand Rapids, Mich., who complimented the members on their high spirits during the slow season, and L. E. Thomas, hotel man of Walloon Mich.

GENERAL NEWS OVER FLORIDA THIS WEEK

Industrial, Financial and Agricultural News of Interest

Herman Gunter, state geologist, says of all natural resources of Florida that water is the most important. No other state has a greater area in which artesian water is found often with pressure enough to carry it into the second story of buildings. Many wells are allowed to flow continuously and this waste may result in an ultimate failure of the wells to keep running. Artesian wells should be capped where water is not needed.

Congressman R. A. Green in a conference with Charles F. Adams, secretary of the navy, obtained his sanction for a donation to the state of Florida of the U. S. S. Slyph to be used by the Florida shell fish department. Judge Green stated that this was one of the finest vessels of its class available and was until a few weeks ago used by the secretary of the navy for his private yacht. He also stated that it was well adapted for the use of Florida Shell Fish Commission and that the state was indeed fortunate in obtaining sanction of the navy department for the transfer of a vessel of such value.

The first car of onions ever shipped from Lee county was sent to Chicago last Saturday by J. Rabon Davis, who received approximately \$700 net for the consignment. The carload contained 365 bags of 50 pounds each, purchased at the rate of \$2 a bag. The onions were of the Spanish Valencia type, exceptionally large and milder than the ordinary onions. The Valencia onion is said to be the best onion grown, and will keep more than a year without deteriorating.

The first step toward preventing if possible, the invasion of the Mediterranean fruit fly into Alachua county was taken Monday morning when more than 30 local men campaigned throughout the county in an effort to set up an organization to battle the pest's threat. Decision to form a militant organization whose purpose would be to destroy host fruits and

ANNOUNCE OPENING OF TULANE GARAGE

Marvin Jones, Popular Mechanic, Appointed Manager of New Repair Shop

J. L. Rish, proprietor of the Tulane Service Station, has taken over the garage business of Bryant Collier, and will conduct it under the name of the Tulane Garage. The garage is located at South Verona street and Lotela road, where general repair work, prompt battery service, etc., will be given.

Marvin Jones, rated as one of the most expert mechanics in this section, has been appointed manager of the Tulane Garage by Mr. Rish. Mr. Jones was formerly with the Hudson-Essex people, and until recently was employed by the Ford agency in this city. Mr. Jones' will give his personal attention to all jobs, and his many friends hereabouts will be pleased to learn of his advancement.

The new auto repair shop will be operated in conjunction with the Tulane Service Station, distributors of the famous Wopceop gas, Tienel motor oil, Reeves' batteries, and a full line of accessories.

Mr. Jones will be pleased to have his friends consult him on repair work on all makes of cars.

METHODIST PASTOR IS OFFICIALLY WELCOMED

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who gave a good account of herself at the piano.

The Women's Missionary society expressed its welcome through Mrs. S. E. Roberts, and Miss Margie Lacey rendered a piano solo, at the conclusion of which a bouquet of beautiful flowers was presented to Mrs. Hancock by Mrs. Stevens. Mrs. J. B. Waller delighted the audience with a vocal solo, and the Hancock trio, Harry at the piano and Sarah Frances Elmo, vocalists, displayed their ability in the rendition of a Chinese song.

Rev. Dr. A. P. Vaughn, pastor of the Union Congregational church, welcomed Rev. Hancock to this city as a member of the Avon Park Ministerial association. Rev. T. O. Baldwin, pastor of the Baptist church, was unable to be present because of a business trip to Winter Park.

Rev. Hancock and Mrs. Hancock responded to the welcomes. The former gave a reading, by Edgar Guest, "When a Woman Ponders Her Nose," which was greatly appreciated. He then expressed his thanks for the hearty welcome and for the wonderful things that had been said; for the co-operation promised him and his family during their stay, and in return assured them he would bend every effort for the success of the church.

Following Rev. Hancock's address, the congregation was introduced personally to the new pastor and his family by an introduction committee composed of: Mesdames R. W. Swearingen, John D. Raab and Charles H. Harris, and Mr. S. E. Roberts.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of the church.

vegetables was reached at a meeting of the chamber of commerce.

Church Notes

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. T. O. Baldwin, Minister.
Morning:
Sunday school at 9:45. J. H. McClelland, Supt. Pianist, Mrs. R. C. Epperson.
Men's Bible Class at same hour.
Sermon at 11:00.
Evening:
B. Y. P. U. at 7:00.
Evening sermon at 8:00.
Mid-week Prayer service, Wednesday at 8:00.
The public is cordially invited.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Arthur P. Vaughn, D. D. Minister.
Morning:
Bible school for adults and children at 9:45. J. P. Garber, Superintendent and Miss Shirley Page Shepherd, pianist.
Sermon by the pastor at 11:00.
Evening:
Christian Endeavor Society at 6:30.
Sermon by the pastor at 7:30.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER (Episcopal)

Mark Lance, Lay-reader.
Mrs. A. E. Gregory, Organist.
Morning prayer at 11.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. A. H. Hancock, Pastor.
Morning:
Sunday school at 9:45. John D. Raab, Superintendent. Miss Virginia Chandler, Pianist.
Morning worship at 11.
Evening:
Junior Epworthians, at 4. John Jackson, president.
Epworth League at 6:30. Miss Mildred Roberts, president.
Evening worship at 7:30. Special music by the choir at both services.
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:30.

B. Y. P. U. Society To Meet at Wauchula

About 15 members of the B. Y. P. U. society of the Baptist church will attend the meeting of the Ridge Federation of B. Y. P. U. societies at Wauchula next Friday evening.

Rev. T. O. Baldwin, of the Avon Park Baptist church; Rev. James S. Day, Jr., of the Sebring Baptist church, and C. S. Martin, of Sebring, president of the Federation, will be the principal speakers.

Before the farmers strike we wish they'd try house-to-house canvassing in the city.

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PREPARE FOR TOURISTS.

With members of the Avon Park Boosters Club distributing literature and singing the praises of the Metropolis of the Ridge throughout the United States, it behooves the members of the City Council and the citizens in general to prepare for the tourists coming to Avon Park next winter.

Valuable suggestions are being received daily at the Chamber of Commerce as to the type of entertainment the winter residents desire. Some suggestions are feasible, such as horseshoes, or quoits; croquet, shuffleboard, tennis, etc., etc. And installation of equipment for the foregoing games, with the exception of tennis, would entail little expense on the city's part.

Strategically located with respect to other parts of the state; with ideal weather conditions, excellent water, good roads and lakes teeming with bass and perch, Avon Park is destined to be the mecca of that class of people who refrain from the fast life of the Palm Beaches and Miami.

While sunshine, good water, fine highways, etc., are inducements, the class of people we desire as our winter residents is not the class that is content with sitting around and twiddling their thumbs. Their stay must be made enjoyable. We must give them something that will keep them busy; something that they will derive pleasure from, and which will sow the seed of a return visit.

Let us prepare now for the coming of our visitors.

REMOVING TRAFFIC MENACE

Council is to be commended for their action toward eliminating the dangerous condition now existing at the intersection of Highlands avenue and Main street. For a long time the corners have been considered a menace to traffic, because no view of the oncoming motorist was afforded from the north or from the east. The crossroads have been the scenes of many near-accidents, and it is only a miracle that serious crashes haven't taken place.

With the City Engineer planning for the removal of a number of trees on the north side, the changing of the location of the fire-plug and the widening of Main street at this point, the traffic menace will be removed, and motorists will breathe a sigh of relief.

THE CAR PROBLEM.

Ashes to ashes
And dust to dust—
Watcher gonna do when
The fenders show rust?
—Florida Times-Union.

Ashes to ashes
And grease for squeaks—
Watcher gonna do
When the radiator leaks?
—Waycross Journal-Herald.

Ashes to ashes
And springs for jolts—
Watcher gonna do when
It goes up in smoke?
—Jesup Sentinel.

Ashes to ashes
And wheel to wheel—
Two notes past due
On our automobile.

A RARITY THESE DAYS.

An old-fashioned girl
Is Mamie MacCree—
She wears her skirt
Below her knee.
—Florida Times-Union.

An old-fashioned girl
Is Agnes McCarter—
The mark on her leg
Was made by her garter.

Was Diaz a Catts-paw for the former governor?

A bucketshop is no the place to get a pail of grog.

Another intellectual murder—the horse doctor's crime.

Lake Placid wasn't so placid when that "lumber" truck was caught.

With the black menace looming on the horizon daily, we are expecting a call from Hiram Wesley Evans.

The Tampa Tribune's injunction, to go home, etc., wasn't obeyed soon enough at Tallahassee.

Five dollars for a spit, or a spat, that's the other angle to the Angle story. B. Z.'s the martyr.

Representative Green said his piece in Tallahassee, and we await the announcement that no more fly money will come from Hoover.

The pari-mutuel proposition is dead, so in addition to the bootlegger Florida will have to cope with the "booklegger" during the racing season.

Florida university students should be encouraged to use the midnight gas, now that much of the tax will be used for higher education.

Along with the Anti-Prohibition association, why not organize an Associated for the Repeal of the Fourteenth and Fifteenth Amendments in northern states.

Had the Yellow Bird stowaway been a foreigner enroute to this country with American aviators, banquets, vaudeville and movie contracts would have awaited him instead of humiliation. Other nations aren't so guffible.

Our idea of the nervy fellow is the juror that came into the courtroom in a drunken condition. But over in Tampa a lawyer was disbarred for the same reason. That's modern respect for the law.

The Legislature's resolution condemned the President and Mrs. Hoover anent the tea party, but that doesn't prohibit the Republican tourists from spending their winters—and money—in Florida.

Echoes of the State Press

WHY NOT?

What about the Associated Boards of Trade of the Ridge? Wouldn't this be a good time for a revival of interest in this body that once held an enviable record of accomplishment for the Ridge towns? If it did nothing else the meeting of the delegates to the Associated Boards, kept alive the feeling of a solidarity of interest among the Ridge towns and that was worth while. The Highlander believes quarterly meetings of the Associated Boards would do much toward creating a better feeling along the "Sky line of Florida."—Lake Wales Highlander.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT.

"Florida is a Natural Monopoly."
And in those five words, uttered many years ago by William Chase Temple, at the time, back in 1912, president of the Florida Citrus Exchange and one of the wisest men the state has ever produced, there is summed up in the smallest possible compass, the facts that should bring cheer and hope to the breast of every Floridian.

What if we have had a boom; what if we did have a storm; what if the Medfly is here. What if—worst of all—there is a feeling of gloom and despondency over the state?

"Florida is a Natural Monopoly."
It has, and will continue to have, the things that 80 percent of the wealthy people of the country want. A wonderful winter climate, beaches, good fishing, tropical flowers and fruits. And, we firmly believe, it will have the best citrus fruit in the country in spite of the fly, for a fly cannot beat mankind and we shall control this pest that now threatens us. So, with our "Natural Monopoly" of the things that the people of wealth want, we shall continue to grow and prosperity will return to the state. In fact, it would return tomorrow, if all the people could but change their mental outlook on the situation tonight.

"Florida is a Natural Monopoly."
Think that over. Let it sink in. And it will make you happier.—Lake Wales Highlander.

A man of today has discovered a method of getting to work early each morning. He has made arrangements with his daughter to call him when she comes in, and he says she is more dependable than the milkman.—Titusville Star-Advocate.



WHEN THE COWS COME HOME

The past four years have witnessed an increase of \$475,000,000 in the annual cash income from the sale of dairy products in the United States. Dairy products lead all other sources of cash income on our farms.

Nearly three billion dollars is the annual farm value of milk and dairy products. Dairy cows account for \$1.00 of every \$5.65 paid to farmers. Of every \$5.00 spent by the American family for food, \$1.00 is for dairy products.

The dairy cow is the starting point of diversification. She is the manufacturing plant that turns the raw product of the fields into cash, stabilizing and insuring the income of her owner whether crops succeed or fail or prices crash due to surpluses.

Wherever she has taken her rightful place, farm prosperity has replaced the poverty that characterizes one-crop farming. The hog and hen keep her company, forming the trio that brings home-grown food for family, feed for the livestock, and fertility of soil.

The Dairy Queen should come South where she belongs. She will bring milk for people who have long done without this best and cheapest of foods. Unbroken doses of good milk and butter is the best medicine in the world for the ills to which an under-nourished rural population falls ready prey. She will cure the one-crop farming disease that has kept the South in rags and our fields white with cotton.

R. E. Hall, of Tift county, Georgia, lets cows run his farm. He milks 28 of them, sells the cream and feeds the skim milk to his hogs. His cream checks pay the labor costs of his six-mule farm. The cotton that he raises is clear surplus that he can convert into cash when he sees fit.

Oktilbeha county, Mississippi, farmers, sold \$1,182,213.73 worth of milk and cream last year. And they raised as much cotton as they did before they started milking cows. A lot of the milk is produced by tenant farmers on a share basis. The landowner furnishes the house, pasture, barns and cows. The tenant grows all the feed he can, furnishes the labor, milks and cares for the cows. Profits are divided on a 50-50 basis.

Many tenants, both black and white, have become landowners since starting into dairy work, because almost invariably an industrious person, after milking cows

for a few years, finds himself in shape to own his land. A negro tenant, milking 15 cows on the 50-50 basis, raised 24 bales of cotton. His profit for that year on his cows and cotton was enough to buy and pay for 80 acres of land.

There are 25,000 or more dairy cows in Rutherford county, Tennessee. Year before last, the Co-operative Creamery which was organized in 1914 by 85 farmers owning a total of 500 cows, made 1,882,234 pounds of butter and distributed \$727,857.77 among its patrons, who now number 1,850.

In 1927, when the Carnation Milk company decided to locate in Tennessee, Murfreesboro, the county seat of Rutherford county, was selected as the logical place for the plant. This was a wise decision because the cows were there and the people had faith in the dairy business. Last year the condensery paid out about a million dollars for milk.

Dairy development is making the greatest progress in those sections where town and country have realized the need for concerted effort. The South needs more dairy-minded business men who will take an active part in promoting milk production.

Florida's new law adding a sixth cent state tax to each gallon of gasoline sold, becomes effective on July 1. Imposition of the sixth cent was authorized by the 1920 legislature, which adjourned sine die several days ago. Of the total anticipated collection from the sixth cent, it was estimated that about \$400,000 annually would go to the higher institutions of learning, and the remainder, nearly \$2,000,000, to the common schools.

St. Petersburg is known far and near as the Sunshine City, but Port Myers is making a few claims in this respect herself. A big celebration was held on June 15th to mark the 1,000th consecutive day of sunshine in Port Myers. In addition to numbers of sunshine fans, all physicians of the city, members of the chamber of commerce and county officials were invited. On the 900th straight day of sunshine in the city, the business aspects of the sunshine record were emphasized with the presence of Roger W. Babson.

More than 1200 diseased plant specimens are sent to the Agricultural Experiment Station each year for identification. Many other inquiries go in without specimens, but it is always best to send the specimen.

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