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SPANISH WAR VETERANS WELCOMED ON TUESDAY

General Appleyard, Commander Confederate Veterans, Delights With Stories

With horns tooting and the passengers shouting, the motorcade of Spanish-American War Veterans rolled in Tuesday afternoon from Sebring, where the veterans, ladies auxiliaries and allied bodies were convened in annual session. About 250 people in 50 cars were guests of the city for the afternoon, which was designated as "Avon Park Day."

The visitors assembled on the Mall and were invited to have "drinks on the city." The Avon Park Drug company and the Jacaranda Drug company forces were kept on the run for nearly an hour satisfying the thirsts of the delegation.

"Recall" was sounded and the guests reassembled on the Mall, where they were officially welcomed to the city by Rev. T. O. Baldwin, pastor of the Baptist church. Rev. Baldwin, pressed into service, owing to the absence of Mayor Donaldson, referred to the sacrifices of the veterans in the war of '98, and warmly welcomed them and their wives and families to Avon Park.

I. E. Weil, of Tampa, Commander of the Department of Florida, and a frequent visitor to Avon Park, responded to the welcome. He then introduced General T. J. Appleyard, Tallahassee, Commander of the United Confederate Veterans, who received a wonderful ovation.

General Appleyard was enroute to the convention city when he encountered the motorcade traveling to this city, and was "kidnapped" and brought on for the celebration. Jokingly he referred to the incident and asked that the members of the motorcade constitute themselves a committee to intercede for him with his wife, who awaited him at the convention headquarters.

For nearly 15 minutes the aged general adept in the art of witicism, kept his audience in laughter by telling humorous stories and episodes of the Civil and Spanish-American wars. One of the stories dealt with a "high private in the rear ranks," who for 20 years

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Alleged Bootlegger Taken After Battle

The prohibition officers operating out of Tampa and patrolling the Avon Park-Wauchula road, battled with Pete Brown, proprietor of a filling station on the Wauchula road, Monday night, and took their prisoner to Tampa. Pete had a scalp wound, said to have been inflicted by the butt end of one of the officers' guns. His car was ditched, but Peter escaped injuries. A police dog, his only companion, was shot to death during the fight.

The federal men claim they found a quantity of liquor in Pete's car.

Avon Park "Queen City of the Ridge"

IN responding to the welcome of the Spanish-American War Veterans motorcade to this city on Tuesday, Commander E. I. Weil, of Tampa, referred to Avon Park as the "Queen City of the Ridge." A frequent visitor to these parts, Commander Weil said he wouldn't be surprised if he made Avon Park his home in future years, as he has been impressed with its beauty on every trip to the city.

National President Van Rosencrance



JOE VAN ROSENCRANCE
President of the Department Commanders and Past Department Commanders Association.

GROWERS APPLY FOR FEDERAL STORM AID

Highlands County Quota Of \$13,000 Will Be Taken, Committee Believes

With the expiring of the time limit yesterday afternoon, applications from growers in all parts of the county for loans from the federal government for losses sustained in the storms that swept the state last year, were received by the county committee. As announced in The Times last Friday, the committee is composed of E. W. Hartt, Avon Park, and R. N. Durranee and W. F. Ward, both of Sebring.

Mr. Hartt stated that he believed the quota of \$13,000 set for Highlands county would be taken by the growers. When interviewed by The Times Mr. Hartt stated that the total applications had not been tabulated so that an accurate figure could not be given, although he expected the \$13,000 would be needed. No figures were given on the number of applicants, but indications point to at least 25.

Upon passing on the applications and submitting their reports to The Farmer's Seed Loan office at Columbia, S. C., the committee will release their full report for publication.

LACEY PREPARES MAP SAVING BIG EXPENSE

Every Section Of City Platted; Is Boon To Assessors

At a saving of at least \$1500 to the city, which its preparation would cost by outside engineers, City Engineer E. P. Lacey has made a map of Avon Park, showing every section of the city, lakes and, in some instances, improvements made on the properties.

Thirty-six sheets of paper 36 inches square were required to complete the map, which is now a valuable asset in the city assessor's office. Mr. Lacey labored during his spare time from his regular duties to bring the map up to date. With the map on hand the work of the assessors is facilitated and expedited by its accessibility, and Mr. Lacey is the recipient of well deserved praise for his efforts.

MRS. STEVENS OUT FOR SCHOOL BOARD

Trent and Chapman Not Expected To Seek Re-election June 28

Mrs. Fred Stevens has announced her candidacy for the office of school trustee at the election to be held on June 28.

At the importunities of her many friends, who have urged her to seek the office, Mrs. Stevens within a short time will file her petition with Col. F. N. K. Bailey, County Superintendent of Schools. The petition contains the names of many prominent people, and the number is greatly in excess of that required by law.

The new candidate, the first woman to aspire for the office since Mrs. Henry Lander was a member about four years ago, is well qualified. For a number of years she was a school teacher, and her experience in that profession will be a great asset, should she be returned a winner.

From an authoritative source The Times learned yesterday that J. V. Chapman will not be a candidate for re-election. From the same source it was stated that it is unlikely that Neal Trent will seek another term. No information has been received regarding the attitude of Charles Clement, the third trustee, toward re-election.

A number of candidates other than Mrs. Stevens are expected to enter the contest, and announcements of their candidacy should be forthcoming in the near future.

CITY GIVES FUNDS TO COMBAT MEDFLY

Council Appropriates Additional \$100 At Special Meeting Tuesday

Council appropriated an additional \$100 to combat the Medfly menace at its special meeting Tuesday night. An appropriation of \$150 was made at the outset of the fight several weeks ago.

City Engineer Lacey and Fire Chief McCarthy, appointed to inspect the West building on Main street, following complaints made by the Women's club last week, made their investigation. They reported the building to be in an unsanitary condition and a fire hazard. They recommended the cleaning of the building and removing the fire hazard, or condemning it. The latter recommendation is being sought by the Women's club.

It is understood that a Sebring man is seeking bids on the lumber in the building. If bids are submitted he will tear down the building, which has been an eyesore for a long time.

Repairing of cracks in the streets throughout the city will be made as soon as the City Engineer receives estimates on materials needed.

Plans were discussed for the widening of Highlands avenue and Main street, which has been contemplated for sometime. Trees at the intersection may be moved to allow a clear view to motorists ascending or descending the hill. The move is an important one and will meet with general approval.

The special meeting was called to give the city's approval to the easement granted by the Atlantic Coast Line railroad for the Fourth street crossing. Following official action the papers were returned to the railroad's attorney. In the meantime the extension of Fourth street from Pleasant avenue to the South Side Baptist church is progressing in good shape.

More Interest Shown In Payment of Taxes

SPEAKING of the tax situation, Miss Louise Browne, city tax collector, told The Times that more interest has been shown toward the payment of taxes within the past few months than has been given to the matter by the taxpayers since she took office several years ago.

Miss Browne stated that inquiries regarding taxes have been made every day, and delinquents are making every effort to pay up the arrears. From the period 1915 to 1925 but \$16,000 remains unpaid, and payments for those years continue to dribble in to the office. Although a large amount of 1926, 1927 and 1928 taxes are yet unpaid, the situation here is much better than other cities in the state, according to Miss Browne.

At a recent meeting of the City Council the time limit for the payment of 1928 taxes were extended from June 1 to July 1 without penalty and many taxpayers have taken advantage of the payment of 1928 taxes was made, thereby saving penalty.

FT. MEADE SCENE OF BAPTIST MEET

Rev. Baldwin and J. H. McClelland To Appear On Program June 28

Rev. T. O. Baldwin, pastor, and J. H. McClelland, prominent layman of the Avon Park Baptist church, will appear on the program of the union meeting of the South Florida association to be held with the First Baptist church, Ft. Meade, Friday, June 29.

Rev. Baldwin will speak on the subject "What is the most neglected Baptist Doctrine," Mr. McClelland will address the union on "What is Wrong With Our Churches." A large delegation of local Baptists will attend the sessions which start at 9:30 a. m.

The executive committee is dividing the association into five union meetings and the following churches will be represented at the Ft. Meade sessions: Waverly, Enterprise, Lake Wales, Frostproof, Avon Park, Ft. Meade, Bartow, Peace Creek, Homeland and Highland City.

MEDFLY STEERS CLEAR OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY

Clean-up Measures Prevent Pest From Getting Foot-hold To Date

Preventive measures taken in the early stages of the reign of the Mediterranean fly in other parts of the state has resulted in finding no manifestation of the pest's presence in Avon Park and Highlands county.

That is the consensus of opinion expressed by growers, packers and workers employed in eradicating the fly.

Inspectors have been scouring around the county during the past few weeks, but to date no trace of the Medfly has been found, and those interested parties are hopeful that none will be located. All means are being employed to keep Mr. Fly from getting a foothold. When the call for volunteers to

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WEST BEACH HOTEL TO REOPEN IN FALL

J. H. Brightwell, Arcadia, To Spend Thousands On Renovations

Closed for the past two years, the West Beach hotel will reopen in the fall, The Times learned Tuesday from J. H. Brightwell, formerly of Arcadia, who recently purchased the building from Dr. Jarod, of Bartow.

Renovations costing several thousands will be made as soon as the rainy season ends. A new roof will be provided, a porch encircling the house will be added, and the grounds will be beautified. Cypress will be used in remodeling the lobby, while brick will be used on a built-up wall around the entrance to the hotel. The present bath houses will be replaced with new ones, and each of the 40 rooms will be equipped with private baths. Boats, power and sail, and canoes will be available for fishing and riding on beautiful Lake Lotela. The beach will be improved to provide a civic need. Added amusements will be installed for the entertainment of the guests.

Mr. Brightwell, accompanied by his wife, will leave about the first of the month for the north where they will engage the services of a prominent hotel man to direct the activities at the hotel. The new owner will also interview a select circle of friends in the northern states and in all probability will influence a large number to come to Avon Park for the coming winter. Many of his friends now winter in other sections of the state.

Mr. and Mrs. Brightwell have traveled over the United States several times. They have been to California on numerous trips, but their hearts are full of the beauties of the Ridge section, and it was only after inspecting various sites throughout the state that they made their decision to locate in this city.

Mr. Brightwell is a native of Kentucky. For many years he has been in the construction business in Virginia, and for the past few years has been a contractor and realtor in Arcadia.

During the World War Mr. Brightwell, beyond the age limit for active service, served as superintendent of construction at a number of army camps in Virginia, Illinois and several Pacific Coast states.

Epperson Speaks To Baptist Brotherhood

R. C. Epperson, prominent business man, was the principal speaker at the monthly meeting of the Brotherhood of the Baptist church. Mr. Epperson's topic was "Stewardship of Talents," which proved interesting to the members.

The meeting was held at the South Side Baptist church in conjunction with the members of the new church. Rev. T. O. Baldwin and B. F. Martin also delivered short talks. Refreshments were served.

"Advertising Almost Indispensable"—Babson

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FATHER'S DAY WILL BE OBSERVED SUNDAY

No Special Services Here, But
Reference Will Be Made
By Clergy

Father's Day will be observed throughout the country next Sunday, and in the local pulpits, while no special services are planned, reference to fathers will be made by the clergymen.

Father's Day is a younger institution than Mother's Day, when red flowers are worn to indicate the fact that our mothers are still alive and a white one honoring those that have gone to rest.

Speaking of Father's Day, Tim W. Collins, local manager of the Western Union Telegraph company, stated that 19 years ago Mrs. John Bruce Dodd, daughter of William J. Smart, a veteran of the Civil War, started as a tribute to her father the custom of observing Father's Day. Mr. Smart had reared his motherless children alone and this inspired his faithful daughter to honor her father by instituting a national movement by which one day each year would be set aside in memory of the nation's fathers.

While Father has long been the butt of much humor, satire and cynicism, he is, nevertheless, well entitled to his own distinctive day. In 1914 the Congress of the United States endorsed the observance of one day each year in honor of fathers and set aside the third Sunday in June as the festive day. This year, June 16th will be celebrated throughout the nation as Father's Day.

While the nation has always felt that it owes a great deal to mothers and has celebrated Mother's Day with a great deal of sincerity and spontaneity, at the same time Father's Day has gradually grown in importance as an occasion for celebration and each year the head of the family who, for the balance of the year is assaulted principally with bills and complaints, receives on this one day the plaudits he deserves.

A great deal of sentiment has been written about mothers and motherhood and without doubt many of the world's leading figures can attribute their success to the inspiration, guidance and the teaching of their mothers, but the stern rule, the splendid example and the training of fathers the nation over has undoubtedly done much to mold the character of many of the nation's highest figures.

Paul W. Chapman, a leader in the banking world and the man whose company recently paid the United States Government 16 millions of dollars for a group of vessels, including the world-famous Leviathan, regards the early influence of his father as one of the prime factors in his success.

"My father taught me to get by on my own efforts," he said. "He taught me to do without things and all that I have acquired and all that I expect to have I owe to my father—to his training and to his inspiration. He was the wisest of fathers because he taught me to face life without coddling. That my boyhood was simple, unextravagant and purposeful was not due to economic necessity, but to my father's principles."

Unfortunately, the nation's humorists and columnists are inclined to pass rather lightly and facetiously over Father's Day but the truth of the matter is that millions of men and women throughout the country honor their fathers on this third Sunday in June. They give them ties and bathrobes and slippers, golf clubs and cigars, socks and handkerchiefs.

Many sons and daughters spending Father's Day away from the family hearth, avail themselves of the facilities of the telegraph company and send greeting telegrams. Indeed, the telegraphic traffic amounts to such great proportions on this day that the Western Union has special operators and extra messengers at numerous points throughout the country to handle its business.

Despite the jokes, the cartoons and the humorous comments of

Marine Growth Found On Submarine Cables

When ocean cables are brought to the surface it is amazing to note the wide variety of fungus they have collected during their stay on the sea floor. On occasions, say officers of one of the Western Union's cable ships, they have had cable come aboard covered with oysters.

The North Atlantic cables sometimes are recovered with thousands of clams clinging to them and recently in picking up a cable in the Gulf of Mexico the Lord Kelvin found some beautiful specimens of coral attached to the cable, as well as oysters, barnacles and various types and kinds of marine growth.

HUGE SUM EXPECTED FROM NEW TAX LAW

The King-Kanner Act Lowers
Penalty On Redemption
Of Tax Certificates

TALLAHASSEE, June 12. — State officials here expressed the belief that not less than \$9,000,000 would be brought into the state treasury between now and next December under the terms of what is known as the King-Kanner tax certificate bill passed at the regular session of the legislature.

The measure, sponsored in the house by Representative A. O. Kanner, of Martin county, and in the senate by Senator Franklin O. King, provides for redemption by the state of tax certificates it holds on delinquent property at a rate of eight percent interest, instead of 25 percent as heretofore collected.

Attorney General Fred H. Davis, in explaining the act, said the bill authorizes the redemption of outstanding tax certificates held by the state only, and does not apply to tax certificates held by individuals, as, he said, the United States constitution does not permit the legislature to reduce the interest rate on privately-owned tax certificates.

All other certificates than those held by individuals that is certificates held by the state of Florida, for all tax sales of taxes for the years 1927 and prior to that time are redeemable on or before December 31, 1929, by paying the face of the tax certificate together with cost and eight percent interest on the face of the certificate, and on subsequent omitted taxes, as well as those of prior years, the attorney general said.

All tax certificates prior to 1918 bear no interest up to that date, and are not affected by the new law insofar as conditions prior to 1918 are concerned, Mr. Davis added.

Children's Day Service.
Children's day was observed at the United Congregational church on Sunday, and many parents and friends were present to witness the creditable performance of the youngsters.

editorial writers and columnists, Father's Day is now one of the outstanding festive days of the nation and the sons and daughters of America have proven that Father is well entitled to his own distinctive day.

FIRST LIBRARY BEGAN BY SALE OF PICTURE

Established In Novel Manner
By Photographer George
E. Wray in 1893

It will interest many to learn that the present public library is not the first to circulate books in Avon Park. George E. Wray, our genial photographer, whose business is located at the Jacaranda Arcade, started the first library in 1893. In that time photographic studios were called "galleries," and his gallery occupied a site just south of the Community Club House which stood on the corner of Lake avenue and Pleasant street, where the Leslie Roberts' residence now stands.

O. W. Crosby, founder of Avon Park published a newspaper called "The Homeseeker," which had quite a circulation in the north. Mr. Wray put an ad in this paper offering to swap a 5 by 7 photo view of Avon Park for a book which the owner had read. He received 15 or 20 responses, and with this for a nucleus, he loaned the books out for two cents a copy, to be kept as many days as the borrower needed to read it. When the book had earned 10 or 15 cents, or enough to buy another, Mr. Wray bought another novel. All books were paper-covered, and all were novels. Often winter visitors left books so the collection amounted to about 150 volumes when Mr. Wray quit being librarian and went north. He says he had photography for his business and everything else for a side-line. He helped Fred Pryor, E. E. Thompson and others build the Congregational Church, or Community Church, as it was then called, and as soon as it was built the Episcopalians and Baptists and every other denomination wanted them to build churches for them. A wagon track led from the church to a store kept by a Mr. Kinney and sons, which is now known as the old B. F. West store. There were about two dozen families in Avon Park then, of whom the Wrays, the Krouses, the Pryors and Mrs. King remain.

As a contrast to conditions at that time, the annual report for 1928 of the present library is given:

Receipts.	
Balance, 1927-28	\$ 73.72
From City	350.00
Entertainment and collections	48.97
Fine, 7 day books and registrations	53.73
Disbursements	\$526.42
Cash on hand	\$ 41.67
Disbursements.	
Salary	\$180.00
Rent	45.00
New books	49.62
Supplies and Equipment	46.45
Subs. and Dues	32.30
Mrs. Williams, bindery	7.50
Miscellaneous	23.68
Lost in bank	\$384.55
Book circulation, May, 1927 to May, 1928, 4,108	100.20
Book circulation, May 4, 1928, to May 31, 1929, 5,606	\$484.75

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The library committee is composed of Miss Alice Davidson, Mrs. C. S. Donaldson, Mrs. Alice Sherman. Assistant librarian, Mrs. Lillie Stevenson, Mrs. G. P. Thayer, Mrs. Blanche Williams, Mrs. W. H. Yates and Mrs. May Walden, official librarian.

Jupiter Pluvius Scores Good Raining Record

Old Jupiter Pluvius scored a perfect record for the week from June 2 to 8, inclusive, when he visited this city every day. Two heavy downpours occurred on the 2nd and 7th, when the precipitation was .53 and .68 inches, respectively. The rain fell on other days as follows: 3rd, .25; 4th, .30; 5th, .04; 6th, .28 and .01 on the 8th. The total rainfall was 2.09 inches.

The temperature recordings for the week, as given by U. S. Observer, Mark Lance, are:

	Max.	Min.
June 2	85	70
June 3	87	68
June 4	89	70
June 5	90	68
June 6	92	67
June 7	91	71
June 8	88	72
Average	89	69

Capital Had First Telegraph Office

One of the interesting historic sites in Washington is that of the first public telegraph office in the United States, which stood about the middle of the square on the east side of Seventh street, northwest, between E and F streets. Here stands the old building erected for the Post Office department, but now used for other governmental purposes.

Marion County Girl Is Elected Head Of Florida 4-H Council

TALLAHASSEE, June 12. — Mary George, of Marion county, was elected president of the State Council No. 4-H clubs at an open meeting of the council, held here during the annual state short course for club girls.

Louise Owens of Duval county, was chosen first vice-president; Mary Blount, Nassau, second vice-president; Ruth Little, East Hillsborough, secretary, and Margaret Broxon treasurer.

Hattie Fletcher of Gadsden county, was awarded the \$200 scholarship, given each year to the girl of outstanding ability and personality, who otherwise would not be able to attend college. In addition to the scholarship, Miss Fletcher was given a dining room scholarship for four years at the State College for Women.

The council, which is the executive body of the state club workers, is composed of two members of each county congress. They are directed by Miss Lucy Belle Settle of Gainesville, district agent, their adult adviser for the past 12 years. Helen Everett, Alachua county, was made honorary president of the council.

Baptist Young People Pursue Study Course

About 15 members of the B. Y. P. U. society of the Baptist church are enrolled in the study course conducted during the present week by Mrs. L. N. Smith, teacher. The series started on Monday evening and will be concluded with tonight's session. After each meeting an entertainment program is given.

Mrs. Smith, the young people's director at the church, has had considerable experience in conducting study courses, and the students have profited by her teaching.

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FLORIDA EGG LAYING CONTEST MAY FIGURES

**White Leghorns Are First,
Antralorps Second,
Reds Third**

CHIPLEY, Fla., June 13.—Production in the Third Florida National Egg Laying Contest for the month of May stood pretty close to the production of the month before. The 820 competing hens laid an average of 22.1 eggs during the month which increases their total for the first seven months to 126.3 eggs each, or 59.5 percent. Production for the same period a year ago was four eggs less per bird.

Six hundred and twenty White Leghorns lead the contest as a breed for May with 23.8 eggs each or a little better than 75 percent. The 10 Australorps stood second as a breed with 74.8 percent, while 70 S. C. Reds came third with 64.5 percent. To date the 10 White Wyandottes continue to lead with an average of 133 eggs each.

The White Leghorns still hold second place with 130.9 eggs each and the Australorps third with 130.5 eggs.

The highest pen record for May as well as the highest record ever made in any month at this contest plant was turned in by the entry owned by W. A. Downs of Romeo, Mich. This pen laid 288 eggs during the month. They were closely followed by the Leghorn entry from Pinebreeze Farm of Callahan, Fla., with 285 eggs laid. This also beats our highest previous record of 279 eggs. Third highest record for the month was made by the A. J. O'Donovan pen from Katonah, N. Y., with 270 eggs laid.

Among heavy breeds the Red entry from E. H. Rucker of Ottumwa, Ia., came out in the lead with 235 eggs laid. Second place was held by the A. Buchel entry of Australorps from Farmington, Delaware, with 232 eggs and third place was won by another pen of Reds owned by The Yale View Poultry Farm of Grand Island, Florida, with 214 eggs. Altogether, four out of the five high places were held by Reds during May, this considering pens, and six places out of 10 considering individuals. One Red and five White Leghorns turned in perfect records of 31 eggs each for the month. One of the Leghorns which is owned by E. H. Rucker has now laid 115 eggs without missing a day and is still going strong. There were 18 other hens with records of 30 eggs each and 23 with 29 eggs each.

The entry owned by the Lathwood Poultry Farm of Jacksonville continues in the lead for full time with a record of 1,639 eggs to date. The Lukert Leghorn Farm pen from Salerno, Florida holds second place with 1,592 eggs. The last named pen was leading at the end of last week but one of the Lathwood birds died the last day of the month and the ensuing substitution gave the pen a gain of 50 eggs.

The Harris Pedigree Farm pen from Pelham, Ga., is still holding third place with 1,544 eggs. The highest record among heavy pens is shown by the Rucker Reds with 1,555 eggs laid. Second place stands to the credit of the Barred Rocks owned by the Pratt Poultry Experiment Farm of Morton, Pa., with 1,382 eggs laid. Third place goes to Fairville Farm pen of White Wyandottes from Orlando with 1,338 eggs.

Among high individuals to date the Webb, Wells and Cain Leghorn holds high place with 189 eggs to her credit, one of Rucker's Reds comes second with 184 eggs and one of the Lathwood Leghorns ties with one of Downs birds for third place with 183 eggs each.

Attend Odd Fellows Picnic.

Several Odd Fellows and their families went to Arcadia yesterday to attend the annual picnic of the organization. Games and other amusements were provided, and athletic events were held.

Nearly 700,000 spiders would be required to produce a pound of web, say European scientists who have experimented with the substance as a substitute for silk.

Maxcy Sends Bids To Annual Outing

From soup to nuts, and that takes in a lot of ground, everything has been made ready for the annual outing of Gregg Maxcy's forces—and invited friends. The day of days in the minds of the employees arrives tomorrow from 12 to 1 o'clock, and all are set for the big affair.

The closing of the citrus season without Gregg's party is somewhat like corned beef without the cabbage, or a home without a baby. But the genial Lakemont packer is on the job and the party comes off as usual. The Lakemont packing house will be the scene of the party to prevent the possibilities of rain marring the occasion. Heretofore Dinner Lake was the mecca for the crowd.

SUGGEST 'LIVE AT HOME' FIND NEW CASH CROPS

**College Of Agriculture Offers
Many Ideas For Present
Conditions**

What to do under existing conditions seems to be the question uppermost in the minds of many Florida farmers, particularly those in the citrus section. The following suggestions are offered by workers in the College of Agriculture and College of Pharmacy at the University of Florida.

Live at Home.

That Florida farmers and growers should adopt and follow a live-at-home program as far as possible is the opinion of W. E. Stokes, agronomist at the Florida Experiment Station. He believes that with a little extra trouble a number of food crops can be grown which will provide for the family at a minimum of expense.

"Of course it is desirable to find other cash crops," says Mr. Stokes. "On the best soils for the citrus section particularly the lowlands, it is possible to grow a number of different crops which are not subject to attack by the fruit fly. No doubt we can grow certain of these cash crops to a limited extent, while practicing our live-at-home program at the same time."

Grow a Garden.

Special attention should be given to the home garden and crops for local market, says Major W. L. Floyd, professor of horticulture. Start in August in seedbeds which are partially shaded from the hot sun, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, and lettuce. Plant in the open, in moist ground, turnips, mustard and radish.

In September make additional plantings of these crops, and as the plants become large enough, transplant from the older beds to open ground. Put out onion sets and plant carrots and Irish potatoes from small potatoes left over from the spring crop as seed. Plant rutabagas, Swiss chard and a succession planting of turnips.

In October plant a succession of the crops above mentioned. If needed, plant beets, onion seed, Brussels sprouts and spinach.

In November transplant from beds plants of proper size as needed.

Fertilize Lightly.

Citrus growers should give close attention to those grove management practices which have proven valuable during high production periods and are recognized as essential in maintaining the citrus tree in the most productive condition, states Dr. R. M. Barnette, associate chemist at the Experiment Station.

Reference is made particularly to the desirability of the growing of cover crops such as crotalaria, boggardweed and even natal grass in the groves during the rainy season, and a judicious use of some fertilizer in order to keep the trees in a healthy condition. Growers should not let their groves receive a setback caused by neglect, while at the same time they should adopt measures which will lessen expense and at the same time keep the groves in reasonably good condition. The opportunity is offered to effectively improve the grove conditions by properly attending to

adequate additions of organic matter to the soil and a judicious and economical use of some fertilizers—particularly nitrogen fertilizers—in this season when citrus fruits in certain sections will no doubt be prohibited and the trees are apt to suffer from lack of fertilization. Necessarily, the use of the former relatively large amounts of fertilizer cannot be expected, but a judicious use of some nitrogenous fertilizer and an adequate addition of organic matter in the form of cover crops and other residues will no doubt be found economical and efficacious in the long run.

Livestock.

Livestock and its products will aid in the live-at-home program and help bring in extra cash, according to Dr. A. L. Shealy of the Florida Experiment Station.

Grass is the cheapest feed, and Florida has a long grazing season. The cattle tick is being eradicated, and the cattle industry—both dairy and beef—can be expanded.

Dairymen should provide pasture and raise their roughage. A summer market for surplus milk should be developed through properly conducted creameries.

With the eradication of the tick, the beef cattle industry can be expanded. Good animals can be brought in, and a better market for Florida beef will result. Pastures are important also for beef cattle.

Poultry.

The poultry industry has developed rather rapidly during the past few years and the time has now come when a live-at-home poultry program could be put into practice which should help the

former under existing conditions, says N. R. Mehrhof, extension poultryman.

Plenty of eggs and chickens on the table should be the first consideration. Then if conditions warrant, the flock should be increased so as to have some eggs and poultry to sell. A little cash each week is always desirable.

The growing pullets should be given the best possible care and management. This will develop them so that they will come into production early in the fall when egg prices are on the rise.

Drug Plants.

Dr. B. V. Christensen, professor of pharmacology at the University of Florida, believes that Florida people might supplement their incomes with drug plants. Among the plants which grow wild in many parts of Florida and can be gathered and sold are deer tongue and stillingia or queen's root. There is a good market for both of these.

Among the drug plants which might be cultivated, Dr. Christensen recommends oil-bearing plants such as horse mint, American wormseed (Jerusalem oak, and peppermint. The horse mint and wormseed both grow wild and seeds are easily obtained. The peppermint will have to be started from roots, preferably next spring. It can be secured from growers in Michigan and Indiana.

If these three plants are grown, it will be necessary to procure a still for the extraction of the oils. The three don't mature at the same time, and a longer use of the still would be obtained. The operation of the still, together with

GENERAL NEWS OVER FLORIDA THIS WEEK

**Industrial, Financial and Agricultural News of
Interest**

Lifting of the first "zone one," or infested area, in Florida's fight against the Mediterranean fly was made Saturday by the State Plant Board which rescinded original orders that had resulted in the designation as zone one of an area surrounding an infestation at Boone Park at Jacksonville. The board also removed zone two surrounding the infested area for a distance of nine miles in every direction.

One of Florida's greatest potentialities, according to an editorial in the current issue of the Manufacturers Record, is attracting people of wealth to build homes in the state. This feature of development thinks the Record, should be far more aggressively pushed than in past years. The Record mentions James Laughlin, Henry C. Rowe and R. E. Olds as building magnificent homes in the Daytona section.

Other information about drug plants, is contained in New Series Bulletin 14 of the State Department of Agriculture at Tallahassee.

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SHOULD IMPROVE AIRPORT.

Every effort should be exerted by the American Legion of the Twin Cities to improve the airport on State Road 8, mid-way between Avon Park and Sebring.

The site selected is an excellent one, the topography of the land being such as to require little or no grading to put it into first-class shape. Its improvement, and ultimate recognition, would mean much to both cities, and a movement could be started to have it designated as a link in the airway chain.

The field is on a direct line from Tallahassee to Key West, and almost on a direct line from Tampa to West Palm Beach. Because of the ideal location, Wesley Raymond, of Lakeland, stated a few days ago that a first-class airport could be constructed at approximately one-tenth of the cost in other sections.

Because of its proximity to the Latin-American countries, and the short distance to Cuba, Florida is destined to become one of the leading factors in the development of aviation.

FATHER'S DAY.

"Honor thy father and thy mother"

Holy writ commands us thus, and in pursuance of these Biblical instructions we set aside one day in each year when we pay tribute to our parents. Of course we honor them throughout our lives, but custom dictates that one day in particular each year we devote to singing our praises of mothers and fathers.

Mother's Day has passed with all its attending tributes, and next Sunday we arrive at the day set for the honoring of our "Dads."

They have been our pals through childhood days, and as we grow into manhood they stand by us, counsel us and are ever a shining example.

So on Sunday let us all in one accord praise them who strive for us; die, if need be, for us; glory in our success—Our Dads.

A good double for Richard Dix, in "Red-skin"—Warren Atkinson.

No, no, Clarice! The Shouse dinner was for politicians, not inebriates.

So far we have failed to get a cottage from cottage cheese.

Believe it or not, but F. S. Bee, of Sebring, sells honey.

Florida peaches on display.—News item. And the winner won a movie contract.

Wesley, our office boy, wants to know if you can sit in the shade of the palm of your hand. Come, come, Wesley.

"Tennis in the Nude Favored by Spanish Girl Star of Courts."—Tampa Tribune headline. Too bad we haven't any senoritas around our town.

Must take good conscience to bed with you for sound rest.—Lake Wales Highlander. Must be a new style warming pad or hot water bottle.

Let us pray that we have no more extra sessions. But that's what comes of voting down the amendment to increase the legislators' pay. There's more than one way of killing a cat.

Know a fellow who used to delight in playing that he was a bandit when a boy. He is a garage man now.—Tampa Times. Wiggs of Hendry county's biggest cabbage patch says one he knew became a tax assessor.—Hendry County News. What about the guy that gives you all head and no body in a glass of rootbeer?

TO A MEDFLY.

Cutest little thing, ever on the wing
Playing pranks on citrus groves.
Ruining our fruit, not caring a hoot,
And laying her eggs in droves.

The mystery of that Cootie colyum in The Highlands County News, Sebring, is solved. The conductor just celebrated his first birthday.

Bowling Green—that's the place where they had two bank runs and neither one left a scratch.—Bowling Green Exponent. We had two, too, and now we HAVE to scratch.

And so school is out. A long vacation looms alluringly.—Frostproof News. But not long enough to the youngsters.

Echoes of the State Press

A JUST TAX.

The State of Florida, it is claimed, now loses about \$6,000,000 from inheritance taxes, due to an unfair law passed by Congress which provides that 80 percent of inheritance taxes collected shall be remitted to the states in which the collections are made provided that state has an inheritance tax law. Florida has no such law, and therefore, it is said that \$8,000,000 was collected by the U. S. government on inheritances in Florida last year, \$6,000,000 of which would have been returned to Florida had our state had an inheritance tax law.

In the boom days, when we all thought we were rich, and imagined we were going to leave huge estates to our heirs we voted for a constitutional amendment prohibiting the collection of inheritance taxes in Florida. As a result of our foolish idea that we were all rich we now lose \$6,000,000 that we could have had to straighten out our financial difficulties and permitted a reduction in taxes. Now goes to Uncle Sam.

A new amendment has been passed by the legislature providing for the repeal of the amendment which prevents Florida from receiving 80 percent of the inheritance taxes collected in Florida by the United States. The repeal provides that Florida shall receive this 80 percent, but when the government ceases to collect inheritances or to remit 80 percent of what it collects back to the states, that Florida shall cease to collect this sort of tax.

It is a fair constitutional amendment. It breaks faith with no one. The passage of the amendment will not take from those who inherit property or money one dollar more than they would have to pay Uncle Sam. It adds no tax burden on estates, but simply gives Florida its share of the federal inheritance tax collected in Florida instead of giving all of it to Uncle Sam. We are sure that most Florida citizens would rather Florida would receive this money from estates than for it all to go to Uncle Sam, particularly so when it will not increase the tax on estates. It is fair, it is honest, and it breaks faith with no one, except a certain class of people who are trying to escape the payment of not only an inheritance tax, but all other classes of taxes, which has resulted in almost bankrupting the state government.—Okeechobee News.

The Public Forum

SELF POISONING.

A wealthy winter visitor passed through one of Florida's beautiful cities. He was so impressed with its many charms that he returned later with the thought of buying and building an expensive winter home. This man's influence and association would lead others into this city, but alas, while he was negotiating to buy a tract of land he and his family were so annoyed with agitation, discontent and lack of harmony among the people that he concluded not to bring his family and friends among such unhappy surroundings.

This city of natural beauty, advantages and wonderful possibilities was dead. It died from self poisoning. Strong minded, equally head-strong leaders, who were always on the alert to humiliate or lick somebody and then crow about it, did the shameful job. And yet these men possessed fine ideals and noble purposes, but their individual hate and antagonism had stifled them. Personal animosity, careless criticism, unwillingness to appreciate the good and willingness to magnify the worst in others are just as poisonous to the community as the poison of a venomous reptile is to the individual. Fortunately, there is an antidote for every poison. The antidote for community poisoning is less talking, more work—team work.

So-called community fights are too costly. Whoever wins, loses and the community and state always lose. Differences, whether they exist in the home, organization or community, should not be publicly aired. Soiled clothes have no place in the front yard. Certainly not until every method has been employed to iron out the differences. Let's keep out the poison stuff.

GEO. E. HILTY.

LEGION COMMENDS THE LEGISLATURE FOR WORK

Program Aided By Three Important Acts Of Assembly

TALLAHASSEE, June 12. — Praise for the manner in which the regular Florida legislature of 1929 looked after the interests of the Florida Division, American Legion, was given here by Capt. R. A. Gray, commander of the state organization.

The legislature passed three measures affecting the Florida department. One authorized the appointment of a Crippled Children's Commission; the second amended the state service officer's act, and the other enacted a uniform guardianship law.

The Crippled Children's Commission act provided for a commission to serve without compensation to obtain orthopedic surgical care for crippled children of indigent parents. It does not propose the erection of a hospital to care for the children, but authorizes the contracting with the nearest suitable hospital for that purpose, and also to contract with recognized orthopedic specialists to attend the children. The act appropriates \$50,000 annually for the work.

Last year, the state legion conducted a survey which located 1,100 crippled children of indigent parents in the state, the commander recalled.

Funds Increased.

The amendment to the state service officer act continues that office in force and provides \$1,500 additional for stenographic assistance and incidentals. The state service officer acts as adviser and agent for the World War and Spanish war veterans having claims against the Veterans Bureau for compensation, hospitalization and rehabilitation.

The uniform guardianship act was also recommended by the American Bar association. It was of particular interest to the American Legion in that some of the World War veterans in hospitals for nervous disorders need temporary guardians, and as those patients are being sent from one state to another to reach hospitals giving attention to such cases, a uniform guardianship act was essential to smooth functioning in more than one state, Mr. Gray explained.

All of the acts are effective immediately.

Seven Defendants In County Court Fail To Make Appearance

The county fine and forfeiture fund was swelled Tuesday morning to the amount of \$375 when seven defendants failed to appear in court and their bonds were estreated. Five colored men helped towards the contribution and two white men. The various charges included liquor, gambling and carrying concealed weapons. The white men were J. M. Smith and J. A. Albritton and the colored were Willie Douglas, George Staten, Willis Owens, Luther McNeal and George Peterson, the latter having two charges against him, liquor and concealed weapons.

Leora Johnson, colored, posted a cash bond of \$100 on the charge of possession of the illicit fluid and will come up for trial later. Several other cases were postponed until this (Friday) morning when they will be disposed of.

The sheriff's forces took possession of a Chevrolet touring car Monday evening which was found in the woods off the Old Fort Basenger road and appeared to be abandoned. Should ownership fail to be established the car will be sold.

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