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WELLS BOYS ESCAPED DEATH FROM BURNING

Asleep When Fire Broke Out
Early Yesterday Morning;
Defective Wiring Cause

Garvis and Troy Wells, sons of Mrs. E. M. Bloom, of South Highlands avenue, narrowly escaped from burning to death early yesterday morning, when fire totally destroyed the Bloom home. Garvis awoke and found the building a mass of flames. At his side his brother slept peacefully, unaware of the danger that beset him. Troy was awakened by his brother and both escaped from the burning house.

Passing motorists were attracted by the flames and stopped at the house just as the Wells boys reached a place of safety. The motorists, whose names are unknown, headed for the fire department to turn in the alarm, but before their arrival at headquarters an alarm was received by Chief McCarthy from an employee of the power plant of the Florida Public Service company.

When the chief and about 20 volunteers arrived they found the one-story building enveloped in flames, and nothing could be done. The structure was doomed, and practically all the furnishings were destroyed. The damage to the house and furnishings is estimated at \$2,650, which were partially covered by insurance.

Following his investigation of the ruins yesterday, Chief McCarthy announced that defective wiring had caused the fire.

Mrs. Bloom was not at home when the fire occurred, she having left Wednesday for Arcadia to spend the Fourth of July with relatives in that city. She was notified by telephone and returned here immediately.

The fire was discovered about 2:30 o'clock, but despite the early hour a large crowd gathered and watched the flames destroy the home, of the frame type.

JORDON IS HIGH MAN IN SCHOOL ELECTION

Eisle and McNicholas Returned Winners; Ten Mill School Levy Adopted

F. S. Jordan, jeweler, and one of the last to file in the school trusteeship fight, lead the ticket in the election held last Friday. Mr. Jordan polled 80 votes.

Clifford M. Eisle was second high with 69, and Attorney T. A. McNicholas was elected to fill the third vacancy. Mr. McNicholas received 56 votes. Max Wild and Mrs. Anna Stevens were the other candidates. They polled 52 and 51 votes, respectively.

The voters adopted a ten mill levy for carrying on the school work for the coming year. The millage will assure a full term, according to Col. F. N. K. Bailey, county superintendent of schools.

Congregational Luncheon. On Wednesday, July 10, the constituency of the Congregational church will hold its summer noon-day luncheon at the manse, each household bringing its grits and bacon or apple pie for the cafeteria table. The Ladies' Aid society will meet at the same place for all day bazaar work.

People of Britain are now buying automobiles, purchase of which they deferred until after the election.

No Celebration Here On Independence Day

UNLIKE the Fourth of July celebration of eleven years ago, a report of which is published on another page in this issue, Avon Park celebrated Independence Day very quietly. A large number of residents journeyed to nearby cities and towns where sports programs, etc., were held.

Except for the occasional bang, bang of the small boys' crackers, and the claps of thunder during the afternoon storm, everything was peaceful. None of the usual crop of accidents have been reported to the doctors, and it may be said that Fourth of July was a safe and sane one for Avon Parkers.

NEW OFFICERS TAKE OVER ROTARY DUTIES

W. R. Reck Tells Members of the Objects and Accomplishments of Clearing House

Recently elected officers of the Avon Park Rotary club were installed for the ensuing year at Wednesday's luncheon. J. C. McDonald became the new president, succeeding Col. Charles R. Head, and J. S. Francis assumed the office of vice-president. E. W. Hartt retains his position as secretary, and the following comprise the board of directors: Messrs. McDonald, F. M. Smith, D. G. Perry, J. B. Coen, and Col. Head.

"The Clearing House, Its Organization and Objects," was the subject of the talk given by W. M. Reck, local representative. The speaker outlined the need of the clearing house, the privileges enjoyed by it under state and national laws, and its accomplishments during the past year. The talk was replete with interesting facts and figures.

Following a plea for moral support for the Avon Park school board and requesting council to appropriate the money needed for its continuance.

Five visitors were present. They were Dr. H. V. Weems and Tom Mitchell, of the Sebring club, and Messrs. W. M. Reck, C. R. Nickols and J. H. Williams.

The rooms were attractively decorated with the national colors in observance of Independence Day, and the ladies of the Episcopal church served a delicious luncheon.

Women Voters' League Tonight at the Union Church

About 15 members of the League of Women Voters are expected to gather this evening at 6 o'clock in the parlors of the Union Congregational church, where they will have a dinner, at the conclusion of which they will discuss the ways and means of electing local public officials. A round-table discussion will be held also.

The league is conducting a series of meetings for the purpose of studying political life in the community. They are desirous of familiarizing themselves with the manner of selecting officials and studying the duties of the officials. The meetings are strictly non-partisan, and are for educational purposes only. All women are invited to attend the meetings.

Brethren Church Picnic.

Members of the congregations of the Church of Brethren of Avon Park and Sebring held a joint picnic yesterday at a nearby lake. A basket luncheon and games were enjoyed.

SOLONS CUT \$1,500 FROM BAND BUDGET

Compelled To Pare Director's Request For \$3,000, Despite Endorsement of Citizens

Although reluctant to do so, council felt themselves forced to lop \$1,500 from Band Director Nickols' request for \$3,000 to continue the musical organization for another year. The action was taken at Wednesday night's session.

The matter has been held in abeyance for sometime past, members of the lawmaking body being desirous of expressions from the citizens relative to the expenditure of the \$3,000, which was deemed necessary to pay the director's salary of \$1,500, buy uniforms and supply music and incidentals. The director presented a petition bearing 48 names, and Attorney J. C. McDonald, president of Rotary, told the council that his organization endorsed the band project.

But despite the petition and endorsement the councilmanic action was guided by the tax payment situation, and the uncertainties of future collections. The members feel that \$1,500 is all that can be appropriated at this time, unless something unforeseen develops which would permit the appropriation of the entire \$3,000, which the director requests.

REVIVAL WEEK AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. Baldwin To Preach At Interdenominational Meetings

In connection with Rally Week, which is being celebrated by all the churches in the Southern Baptist Convention, revival services will be conducted at the Baptist church all next week, starting Sunday and continuing up to and including the following Sunday.

Rev. T. O. Baldwin will preach at all the services. The meetings will start promptly at 8 o'clock each evening, and all Baptists are asked to rally to the cause. The services are not confined to Baptists alone, but are inter-denominational, and a cordial invitation is extended to members of other churches to attend.

Singing will be one of the features of the revival. The old favorites will be sung by the adult choir of the church, augmented by the juvenile choir, which will render special numbers.

Charles Butler, of Memphis, Tenn., well known in the Ridge section, will have charge of the music. Mr. Butler is one of the outstanding figures in the musical world, and those with troubles are invited to attend and sing their troubles away under the magical influence of Mr. Butler's baton.

Monday evening the Women's Missionary Union will have charge of the services. Tuesday the Brotherhood will take active part, and on Wednesday the Baptist Young People's Union will have charge of the program. The Sunday School department will take part at Thursday night's service.

Only One Fire.

The logbook of the fire department contained one lone entry for the month of June, that being the call to the Yates' house on the 22nd, when lightning struck and caused a fire.

If the roosters have not been separated from the pullets it is high time this was done.

June Tax Collections Amounted To \$3,415.18

TAX returns for June, according to Miss Browne, city tax collector, amounted to \$3,415.18. Of this amount \$2,036.73 was received on the 1928 duplicate; \$997.88 for 1927, and \$389.37 for 1926. On delinquent taxes from 1916-1925 the sum of \$341.20 was received. Payments on street assessments amounted to \$185.48.

With the appointment of a committee to handle the tax situation with respect to adjustments requested by taxpayers now holding up payment of taxes due or past due, and action on the requests to be taken soon, Miss Browne is looking forward to a boost in receipts for July.

LEGION AUXILIARY OFFICERS ELECTED

Permanent Organization Perfected at Monday's Meeting

Highlands Unit No. 69, American Legion Auxiliary, which has been operating under a temporary organization, held a meeting last Monday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. S. Francis, and a permanent organization was formed.

Officers elected and chairmen of the standing committees appointed, are as follows: President, Mrs. J. S. Francis; vice-president, Mrs. Demos Mandis; secretary, Mrs. H. Stevenson; treasurer, Mrs. S. Y. Hartt; sergeant at arms, Mrs. Loyd Correll; chaplain, Mrs. Harry Dilley. Mrs. M. W. Lance was appointed chairman of rehabilitation and Mrs. Loyd Correll chairman of child welfare.

There will be a special meeting of the Auxiliary next Monday beginning at 3 p. m. at which time the officers will be installed.

Mrs. Rupert Smith, of Arcadia, vice-president of the Sixth District, will attend Monday's meeting, at which time she will instruct the Unit on the work of the auxiliary.

Plans were made, also, to have the local unit represented at the state convention in Ocala, July 15. Shortly after organizing, and while awaiting the arrival of their charter, the ladies lost no time in aiding the disabled soldiers at the Lake City hospital, to whom they sent a box of cakes. A poppy sale was conducted, which netted a nice sum, and the auxiliary took part in the Memorial Day exercises here.

Patriotic Service at Congregational Church Sunday Eve

A special patriotic service will be held on Sunday evening at the Union Congregational church at 7:30, observing the anniversary of national independence, and patriotic and civic organizations and their members are invited to attend. Special appropriate music is expected, and an address or New Liberties by Dr. Vaughn. At the morning service the sacrament of the Lord's supper will be observed.

Undergoes Operation.

Mrs. Bert Frizzelle was taken by her physician, Dr. J. W. C. Boone to Lakeland on Sunday to the Memorial hospital, where she underwent a slight operation on Tuesday. Her condition is said to be favorable.

Yes, We Have Bananas.

Two carloads of bananas for distribution in Highlands county were received at Sebring recently by the Sebring Produce company.

MOVEMENT STARTED TO MAKE CROSSINGS SAFE

City To Enlist Aid of Railroad Officials To Prevent Recurrence of Fatalities

Officials of the Seaboard Air Line and Atlantic Coast Line railroads will be asked to assist the city in mapping out a program for eliminating the dangerous conditions existing at the crossings over the main thoroughfare of Avon Park. Decision to that effect was made at the council meeting Wednesday night.

With the fatal accident to Mayor King and Comptroller Crews in February still fresh in their memory, and seeking to avoid a recurrence, the railroad men, who are reported as being willing to discuss the matter, will be requested to come here in the near future to consider the movement providing for the future safety of pedestrians and motorists.

In the meantime, while awaiting for the conference, the city will begin its safety program by painting conventional signs on the thoroughfare at points near the approaches to the crossings. The signs will be identical with those in use in the larger cities indicating the approach to danger zones.

A copy of "The Industrial Survey of Avon Park," which was undertaken several months ago by the Craig P. Gilbert company, industrial representative of Washington, D. C., was received. A perusal of its contents revealed several discrepancies in population figures and other matters. And inasmuch as the survey will be forwarded to manufacturers throughout the country, the Gilbert company will be advised to make a number of changes before the book is distributed.

Mayor Donaldson appeared before the body and requested that a road be constructed at a point near the school in the color quarters. The road will be of material aid to the school children, and will also

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TO ALLOW SEINING IN LAKE ISTOKPOGA

Grant Four Licenses For Seining Predatory Fish Only

The county commissioners had a long and strenuous meeting Monday and did not adjourn until a late hour in the evening. A greater part of the session was taken up by the discussion and settlement of the Lake Istokpoga fishing question, this lake having been opened to commercial fishing by the legislature and then by a later bill introduced by J. M. Lee, the whole fishing question was left up to the county commissioners for settlement.

Several applications were presented to the board for license to seine the lake, all of the applicants agreeing to leave the bass alone and take only cat, mud, suckers and other predatory fish. The matter of how many licenses to grant and the fee to be charged was the cause of much discussion and finally licenses were granted to the following to fish the lake, C. C. Gantt, Smith Fisheries Co., J. J. Hendry and A. G. Tanner.

The fee question was settled by an agreement with the fishermen to report each month the total number of pounds of fish caught and then they will be prorated accordingly and charged a sufficient sum to meet the expenses of two

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CELEBRATION OF JULY FOURTH HERE IN 1918

**Mrs. M. Beulah Marsh Gives
Times Excerpts On Observance
Of Independence Day**

The following story was taken from the Avon Park Press, Avon Park, DeSoto county, July 12, 1918, showing the manner in which Independence Day was observed in 1918:

"At 1 o'clock there was an automobile parade, which was led by two floats containing the Red Cross insignia. The cars were patriotically decorated and passed through the principal streets and disbanded at the school.

On the rostrum were seated W. C. Touchton, mayor; George F. Kellogg, president of the Board of Trade; Rev. W. M. Pickard and G. E. Bennet, of Sebring; Dr. Murish and Mr. W. M. Reck of Avon Park.

The Sebring chorus reached here a little late, but their presence and music was more than appreciated on their arrival. The members were: Mesdames Ruhl, W. M. Pickard, G. E. Bennett, U. D. Kirk, Ben Pollard, Merle Michmer, and Messrs. Thomas Whitehouse and Ruhl; Miss Ruth Ruhl, soloist.

The program opened with piano solo by Miss Pabor, followed by singing "My Country 'Tis of Thee" by the entire audience.

President Kellogg was in charge of the exercises and asked Rev. Bennett, pastor of the First Methodist church, Sebring, to lead in prayer. President Kellogg then thanked so many for being there and especially welcomed cordially the visitors from Sebring.

He presented to Mayor Touchton for Avon Park, the liberty bond which the ladies had bought for a nucleus for a town benefit. Mayor Touchton accepted the bond in a few well chosen words. He suggested that the audience show its appreciation of the bond by rising.

President Kellogg introduced Mr. Reck, who began his address by saying: Ladies and gentlemen, we come here today to celebrate the birthday of our nation. He spoke of the compiling of the Constitution by Benjamin Franklin, and of its elegant English being due to Thomas Jefferson. Told the story of Jefferson, as he took the pen to sign, straightening up and saying, "Gentlemen, we must all stand together," and of Franklin, who ever sacrificed dignity to wit, replying, "or we will all hang separately." He reviewed our wars briefly, read President Wilson's formative address, and ended by saying "The world looks to America as never before; beyond the dark and threatening clouds the world sees the silver lining in America."

This was followed by a song by Miss Ruth Ruhl, "Keep the Home Fires Burning," which was beautifully rendered.

President Kellogg introduced Dr. Pickard, who began by saying, this day means more to us than ever before; it has ceased to mean bang, bang, boom, boom, gobble, gobble, glorious Fourth! Patriotism is loyalty to a principle, a principle drilled into the back-bone of our being. The United States declared war in the name of God and patriotism pealed forth. Our country is burning and blazing with patriotism. President Wilson was called just as much as was Washington. No other people ever inherited such liberties as we are enjoying today. Statesmanship means more today and we must be careful whom we send to Washington.

This was followed by the Sebring chorus singing Red, White and Blue.

Dr. Murish was introduced, who began by saying: Mr. Reck took part of his speech and Dr. Pickard took the rest. However, in Dr. Murish's inimitable manner, he gave us a classical as well as a patriotic address.

President Kellogg thanked the Sebring ladies for their songs and the Sebring people for being in attendance.

The Red Cross ladies then presented a beautiful spectacular number which they called "Call of the Colors." The curtain arose ex-

hibiting a beautiful tableau. To the right of the rostrum was Betsy Ross working upon a very large silk flag, the corners being held by three young ladies; to the left more knitting and sewing.

The ladies composing it were: Mesdames Lamb, Stevenson, Leigh, Stodden, and Misses Lillian Dilley, Dove Dutton, Joy Park, Nina Marsh and Sadie Klausmeier. Mrs. Stodden recited very beautifully "The Service Flag, with a Single Star."

Mrs. Stevenson, knitting socks for the soldier boys.

Miss Sadie Klausmeier, a beautiful patriotic poem, all followed by Miss Nina Marsh giving a drill and patriotic flag pantomime; followed by recitations. These excellent numbers came so thick and fast we were unable to secure the names of the numbers.

Following the flag salute and the singing of the first stanza of The Star Spangled Banner, the audience dispersed. Thus ended the most successful and enjoyable Fourth held in Avon Park during the residence here of the reporter.

AVON PARK FIREMEN TO ATTEND SCHOOL

**Entitled To Send Three Men
When Course of Instruction
Is Established**

Preparations are being made by the Association of Fire Departments of South Florida for a meeting next month, at which time steps will be taken toward the establishment of a fire college in Florida. Upon its establishment three members of the Avon Park department would be permitted to take the short course provided in the school of instruction.

For nearly seven years the Chamber of Commerce of the United States in conjunction with the National Fire Waste Council, its affiliated body of fire prevention experts, has been conducting a nation-wide educational and promotional fire prevention program. This has been directed chiefly along community lines through the operation of chambers of commerce, state and city officials and fire departments throughout the country.

It is to accomplish this end that short courses for firemen have been initiated by several leading educational institutions and plans are now being perfected through the Fire Service Extension Committee of the National Fire Waste Council for the introduction of similar courses in all states.

The Fire Service Extension Committee has been appointed to organize in each state an extension college for firemen, to be conducted under the auspices of the State Universities. In states where the plan has been tried the results accomplished justifies its extension to all states of the union.

In addition to practical instruction in the best methods of fire department maneuvering, including the raising of ladders, laying of hose, ventilation of burning buildings, and rescue and first aid work, the firemen and officers will be taught building construction, fire prevention, elementary hydraulics, dangerous chemicals and gases, etc.

As there will be one or more students from each town having an organized fire department, either volunteer or paid, the information obtained will be disseminated throughout the state and will result in a wonderful improvement in fire fighting methods as well as in inspection details. Efficient fire departments no longer flood a building with water to extinguish a small fire. Fire fighting is now a science and requires carefully selected and trained men.

If the future school is not established in a university town, Tampa, Jacksonville or Miami would probably be selected for the course, these towns having modern fire fighting apparatus. The men selected from the Avon Park force would be sent to the school, the course taking from three to five days, at the expense of the city.

Chief McCarthy is one of the leading figures in the movement to found a fire college in Florida, and announcements of its progress will be made by him from time to time.

"NOTHING IN FLORIDA TO EQUAL AVON PARK"

**That's What Bostonians Remark
After Touring
the State**

Some visitors to Avon Park become boosters at sight. Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Dunlop and daughter of Boston, Mass., accompanied by their parents Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Dunlop of Homestead, Florida, spent one night last week at the Harris Tourist Camp. The Boston travelers, in order to see Florida, had to come during their summer vacation, and were told by their friends before starting: "You will burn up down there, the mosquitos will eat you up, and the alligators will get what is left of you." Now, say the Dunlops: "We have toured the state over wonderful roads, enjoyed the beautiful sights, the weather has been delightful, we escaped the hot wave in Boston, no mosquitos have eaten us, and we are still looking for a 'gator.'"

Apropos, Palm Beach county had a law passed in the last legislature forbidding the killing of alligators, because tourists want to see them. The Dunlops were all enthused over Avon Park, saying: "There is nothing in Florida to equal it. Your public parks are the most beautiful in the State." They were supplied with our chamber of commerce literature by which they can continue boosting on returning to their Massachusetts home.

J. S. Rudisill writes from Forest City, N. C., joining the Avon Park Booster Club. He sends as prospective visitors the names of persons in Shelby, Cliffsides and Forest City. Mr. Rudisill is interested in a drug store in his North Carolina city, which is the gateway and route to Hickory Nut Gap and Chimney Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Gibson, of Washington, D. C., accompanied by their two collegiate sons and Mrs. Kate Gibson of Harrisonburg, Va., spent last Friday in Avon Park while touring Florida. They drove down from Washington in two days, coming via Atlanta to visit relatives. Although the Gibsons own a lot in the Highland Lakes section, where they expect to build a home, this was their first trip to Florida. They had heard much of Avon Park, but pronounced it "more beautiful than we expected, and will count the days until we can make our home here."

Rome Gibson is a student in the University of Maryland, his brother attended a Washington college. The boys hugely enjoyed their swim in Lake Damon, while Dad worked on his lot. The Gibson family having come and seen, have become boosters for Avon Park, and have been supplied with Chamber of Commerce folder to help them set forth to friends the desirability of joining the growing Washington colony here.

WRUF Farm Program. GAINESVILLE, Fla., July 3.—Following is the farm program for station WRUF, state and University station here, for the week ending July 12. The farm program is given daily at 1 p. m. The length is 204 meters.

July 6—Agricultural news hour. July 8—Care of Flowering Bulbs in the Summer. Major W. L. Floyd, assistant dean, College of Agriculture.

July 9—U. S. D. A. radio farm talk. July 10—Handling Dairy Calves, C. R. Dawson, animal husbandry department, Experiment Station.

July 11—U. S. D. A. radio farm talk. July 12—Farmers' Week at the University this year. A. P. Spencer, vice-director, Agricultural Extension Division.

Movie fans of Scotland prefer dramas, with comedies, burlesque and news pictures following in the order named.

Save Vegetables By Self-Souring Process

Large quantities of such vegetables as green tomatoes, green or ripe peppers, snap beans and eggplants can be saved by employing the self-souring or brining process of pickling, according to Dr. E. W. Berger of Gainesville. This method will doubtless appeal to those who have been called upon to destroy certain vegetables because of the fight against the fruit fly.

The process is very simple and consists of covering the vegetables, packed in a non-metal container, with a weak brine made by dissolving seven ounces (7% of a cup) of common salt in a gallon of water. Two teaspoons of sugar added to each quart of brine makes the pickle more sour. One-half pint of vinegar added to each gallon of brine lessens the danger of spoilage.

Two-quart size fruit jars with glass covers are excellent for the beginner, Dr. Berger states. After filling the jar with vegetables a few grape leaves should be placed on top and the top placed on the jar unsealed. After a week or two, or as soon as the brine begins to recede, new brine should be added and the jar sealed.

This process is described at length in circular 980, written by Miss Isabelle Thursby and published by the Home Demonstration Division, Tallahassee, Florida. Copies of this bulletin are free to citizens of the state.

A Vast System. On December 31, 1928, the Western Union System comprised 216,169 miles of pole lines; 3,545 miles of landline cables; 30,680 nautical miles of ocean cable and 24,842 teletype offices. The company has more than 60,000 employees.

People of Britain are now buying automobiles, purchase of which they deferred until after the election.

Bustle Threatens Return. With the dresses hinting at a Victorian revival in London, the bustle looms on the fashion horizon. Style experts declare the fashionable unevenness points that way. A fullness at the back of the gown, with frill forming a cascade, conveys at a distance the appearance of some of the dresses of the sixties.

With the proposed addition of 1,660 miles to the present auto transport service, bus lines of South Africa will have more mileage than that of all its railways combined.

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INVESTIGATE SWEET POTATOES AT ARCADIA

Prospects For Similar Crop For This County Are Good

Wednesday of last week County Agent Louis Alsmeyer, O. C. Parrish, Albert Devane and R. A. Carlton, motored to Arcadia to inspect the Big Stem Jersey sweet potatoes grown in that district and said to be a good prospective crop for this county. The party found the potatoes growing on land similar to lots of land in this county, flat woods land, and the crop was very prolific. The prospects for the raising of this crop in Highlands county is said to be excellent and the markets in the north are good. The following article taken from the Arcadia "Arcadian" of last week gives a very comprehensive account of the growing of this crop and should prove of interest to the farmers of this county:

This week W. A. Neal, prominent truck farmer, is putting on the market his crop of Big Stem sweet potatoes, a patch of ten acres of which he planted last March as an experiment. Besides taking about 250 bushels per acre and selling them at a good price, he is demonstrating to the people of South Florida that there is another crop which can be grown in this section of the state and which will do well.

This variety of sweet potato seems to be new to this part of the country. Mr. Neal and a few other truck farmers were induced to make a trial of it by R. S. Dowdell, who was for the past year agricultural agent here for the Seaboard Air Line railway, but was recently transferred to Plant City. Mr. Dowdell believed that the Big Stem Jersey spud would do well in the sandy soil down here and encouraged the farmers to try it out. Mr. Neal made an experiment on a larger scale than any of the others, planting 10 acres of his 45 acre tract down southwest of Arcadia. Adrian Walker of Nocatee, also planted six acres, which he is digging and marketing at this time.

The Big Stem Jersey sweet potato is quite different in texture and in taste from the varieties which are commonly grown in this section. It is a popular variety in the north and east. It is dryer than the other kinds and more mealy, and contains no strings.

The potatoes grow to large size, the hills containing as a rule from three to five large potatoes and a number of smaller ones. Large and small potatoes are being shipped at this time.

Mr. Neal's 10-acre field slopes gently from the west to the east side. As he started planting on the east, or lower side, he started digging in the same way, and he has found that the yield on the low ground is greater than it is on the higher ground, the quantity slowly diminishing as the high side is approached.

In digging the potatoes a furrow is run on each side of the row, and men with spading forks lift the hills of spuds out of the ground, to be picked and gathered up by other workers. The tubers grow in a cluster, near the top of the ground, and the digging process is a simple one.

The potatoes, when the earth is washed from them, are nearly white. On advice from the buyers the potatoes are shipped without washing.

The first car of the Jerseys went out the first of the week. This first crop will make up several cars. The operation of digging, and in fact the entire experiment, has been the object of much interest by local people. If the venture proves financially successful, as it has every promise of being, it is probable that this will become a popular crop in this section.

Several farmers have been gathering "runners" as the potatoes are dug, setting them out for a crop to mature early in the coming winter.

Whether the Bible should be read in public schools is being warmly urged in Ulster, Ireland.

County Pays All Bonds and Interest Due First Of Month

THE county has paid the maturities and interest due on bonds due July 1 although it has not yet been able to take care of the interest and maturities defaulted in on account of the closing of the banks. The forwarding of funds for the July maturities to New York banks was made possible by the receipt from the Consolidated Land company of a check for \$78,000 for their taxes, according to H. J. Chance, clerk of the county commissioners.

A telegram has also been received from Ernest Amos, state comptroller, advising the deposit by the First National Bank of Tampa of \$50,000 additional of Federal securities as collateral security for the county's deposits. The security now amounts to \$150,000 to cover all county deposits including the board of education funds. All of this security is in the form of good bonds readily convertible into cash.

FARMERS' WEEK AT STATE UNIVERSITY

Plans Going Forward At Gainesville For Week August 12-17

Any doubt as to whether Farmers' Week will be held this year as usual has been dispelled by announcement from the Agricultural Extension Division at Gainesville that the event will take place during the week of August 12-17. Plans are now going forward to make the week a worth-while occasion for those who attend.

Perhaps the biggest change in the program this year will be that necessitated by the appearance of the Mediterranean fruit fly. Quite a bit of time will be devoted to this insect, and it is possible that one or more speakers at the general meetings will tell what has been done and is being done to eradicate the pest.

In connection with the talks that will be given on the subject, Professor J. R. Watson of the Experiment Station will have an exhibit of the fruit fly, showing the various stages of its life history, and also showing a number of host plants. As many of the wild host plants as possible will be included in the exhibit.

Despite the intrusion of the fruit fly into the program this year, the other subjects of interest to farmers and growers will come in for discussion. The main part of the program will be divided into sections as in the past. These sections will include farm crops and livestock, dairying, truck crops, citrus and small fruits, poultry, and home economics.

Each morning at 11 o'clock general sessions will be held, as in previous years. At this time noted men and women speakers will be heard. Entertainment programs will be given each night in the University auditorium. The annual picnic will be held Wednesday afternoon.

The dormitories and dining hall of the University will be available for those visitors who wish to take advantage of them for the week. Very reasonable charges will be made for these accommodations. Visitors who prefer may stay in town at rooming houses or at hotels.

The program will be under the general supervision of the Agricultural Extension Division, assisted by members of the College of Agriculture, Experiment Station, State Plant Board, Home Demonstration Department, State Department of Agriculture and others.

Last year 1340 people attended Farmers' and Fruit Growers' Week, and while no predictions are being made as to the attendance this year it is felt that there will be a good registration.

Milan and Venice, are arguing as to which has the greater number of motor boats.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SUNDAY, JULY 7, 1929

SUBJECT: The Story of Ezekiel.

GOLDEN TEXT: "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live." Ezekiel 33:11.

LESSON TEXT: Ezekiel, 3:14-11; 24:15-18.

The lessons for this quarter deal with the captivity of the Jews; their return to Jerusalem; rebuilding the temple, and re-establishing religious service. The following is a condensed statement concerning the captivity of Israel and Judah:

"In a broad sense the term, captivity of the Jews, includes all the different times in which the people of Israel were under the power of their enemies. There are six such occasions mentioned during the time of the judges (Judg. 3:8; 3:14; 4:3; 6:1; 10:8; 13:1).

The term is also applied to the subjugation of the kingdom of Israel in B. C. 740 by Tiglath-pileser, the Assyrian, who carried away members of the tribes of Reuben, Gad, Manasseh, and some others into his own land. Those remaining in Israel were placed under tribute to Assyria, and when they refused to pay tribute about twenty years later, Samaria, the capital, was besieged and taken, and the northern kingdom came to an end. There were three stages in the captivity of Judah. In B. C. 606 Nebuchadnezzar invaded the kingdom and carried away a few Jews, among whom were Daniel and his companions. Nebuchadnezzar came again in eight or nine years and took away 10,000 Jews (2 Kings 24:10-16). In B. C. 588 he once more invaded Judah and took Jerusalem after a siege of a year and a half. . . .

The unbelief and disobedience of God's chosen people had been persistent and aggravating. God had used every means possible to avert the threatened calamity. There was little hope that the captive Jews would ever again see their beloved Zion, for the captivity was to be for seventy years, and their sadness was deepened by the knowledge that this had come to them as a punishment for their persistent transgression of God's law. The condition of the Jewish captives in Babylon was not as bad as it might have been. They were allowed to live in communities by themselves and were allowed to engage in business. They were not shut out of participation in the affairs of government, since Daniel and his companions and Esther were given places of importance and honor. Nevertheless the Jews were a captive people, in a strange land, removed far from the sacred city, and temple site, and all the associations that made the homeland dear to them. The Jewish captivity, however, had its uses, and not the least of these was the permanent cure of the Jews of the sin of idolatry.

As the captivity of Judah may be considered as made up of three stages, so also may be the return. The decree of Cyrus was issued in B. C. 536, which allowed the Jews to return to their own land and rebuild the house of the Lord. At that time about 50,000 returned, led by Zerubbabel. In B. C. 458 a few thousand Jews returned from captivity under the leadership of Ezra. Thirteen years later a third company returned, led by Nehemiah. Those who returned from captivity probably did not exceed 75,000."

Ezekiel was born in Jerusalem during the reign of Josiah, and was taken to Babylon in an early invasion of Judah. About five years after he was taken to Babylon God called Ezekiel as a prophet. He was to speak to the captive Jews, yet his message, at first, was largely concerning the final destruction of Jerusalem.

In today's lesson Ezekiel tells how God spoke unto him: "And he said unto me, Son of man, go, thee unto the house of Israel, and speak my words unto them."

The "house of Israel" here means all the Israelites, in both the northern and southern kingdoms. Ezekiel was to go "not to many people of a strange speech, but to a few people of a strange speech."

Large Bear Killed Near Lake Placid

LAKE PLACID, Fla., July 3.—(Special to The Times).—Much excitement was caused here Saturday afternoon when a large bear was killed three miles east of town on the Hudson Farms road. When the report was received in town of the bear having been seen, A. H. DeVane, C. H. Rhyne and son Carl, Jack Simms and R. L. Gay left for the place where the bear had been seen. Within 30 minutes after they left the bear was killed. Mr. DeVane shot the animal through the heart and Mr. Rhyne and Mr. Simms followed with shots. The bear was dead when they reached it.

CARING FOR PULLETS DURING THE SUMMER

Good Care At This Time Will Pay Profits Later

Summer management of growing pullets will play a large part in determining the profits for the next season, declares N. R. Mehrhoff, extension poultryman at Gainesville. Improper care and management will reduce the vitality and growth of the pullet so that she will not be able to produce eggs efficiently this winter.

The young growing pullets should be fed a balanced ration. This includes a good growing mash and a scratch feed. The common practice is to allow the pullets to eat the dry mash at all times, it being fed in large open non-wasting hoppers. The scratch feed is fed about twice a day, the amount being determined by the development of the birds.

Pullets should not be forced into egg production. If the pullets appear to be developing too rapidly additional scratch may be fed. It must be remembered that the pullet to stand up under heavy egg production must have good body weight. Additional feeds should consist of greens, water, oyster shell, charcoal, and grit. Poultrymen should not neglect green feed. It is most important.

During the warm summer months the pullets should have ample shade and range. Growing pullets which have been confined to a small area do not develop as well as those which have range.

Soil contamination must be avoided. Birds become unthrifty, and greater mortality results when birds are reared on contaminated land. The birds should be kept free of external and internal parasites.

The developing pullets should not be crowded during the summer months. Suitable housing quarters should be provided.

Records from the home egg-laying contest show that a good many cases that the pullets have not been grown off property and the profits decreased.

Increased profits and greater winter egg production are possible when the pullets are managed properly during the summer months.

During the rainy season is a good time to start a permanent pasture. A postal addressed to the Agronomy department of the Experiment Station will bring the desired information.

and of a hard language, but to the house of Israel." Then God said to the strangers, "Surely had I sent them to them of the captivity. . . and speak unto them, and tell them, Thus saith the Lord God; whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear." It is the Christian's duty to live and speak God's word, whatever its reception may be.

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Who is the speed artist, you ask. If it hadn't been for some little questioning we might not have known that the city possessed one. And inasmuch as our business is "digging up the news" we will let you in on the secret. The master typist is Paul Garber, an employee of the Avon-Florida Citrus company.

Mr. Garber not only holds the gold medal for the 75 words per minute, but he also has been awarded a pin set with rubies and sapphires for writing 96 words per minute for 15 minutes with less than five errors. The pin was from the Underwood Typewriter company, which also gave medals for speeds from 50 to 60 net words per minute; 60 to 70, 70 to 80, and 80 to 90 net words per minute.

The L. S. Smith company presented Mr. Garber with a gold pencil for writing 78 words per minute for 10 minutes, with less than five errors, and the same company also gave him a gold pen for his 86 net words per minute for 10 minutes, with less than five errors.

Mr. Garber formerly taught typewriting and shorthand at Blue Ridge college, Maryland, and while at the institution one of his students wrote at a rate of 60 words per minute in a test. For this showing the Avon Parker received the Expert Teacher's silver medal from the Underwood company.

In addition to his accomplishments as an expert typist, Mr. Garber is highly proficient in stenography, and is a member of the Order of Gregg Artists.

In 1925 he won a gold medal given by the Gregg Shorthand Teachers' association of New York City, having submitted the best transcription of material dictated over the radio at the rate of 120 words per minute. In 1926 a similar contest was held and the association issued him a Radio Shorthand Contest certificate. At that time the Washington Star, Washington, D. C., where Mr. Garber resided at that time, gave him a writup on the feat.

As a tribute to American, British and French sailors who found a last resting place in the Atlantic during the World War, a wreath was cast in mid-ocean by a liner on its way from New York to Liverpool.

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THE SCHOOL BAND.

With approximately \$3,000 needed for the continuance of the Avon Park School band for next year, members of the City Council are marking time before making a decision on the matter. They feel, and wisely, too, that on the band question the public should express itself before the sum is included in the budget. And it remains for the citizens to approve or disapprove the expenditure of the money for entertainment purposes.

No doubt exists as to the value of the band. But the question arises as to whether it is a necessity at this time. Should we forego the usual entertainments afforded by the organization for the sake of economy, or should we spend the money and provide our winter residents and tourists with the brand of entertainment that practically everyone enjoys—music. Times are hard, to be sure, and collection of taxes is not what the city would like it to be, but it seems to us that if we are to make money, especially through the winter season, we must spend money to bring tourists here.

The school band is an asset to the city. It means much publicity, and is a means of creating good will among our neighbors. Experience is gained by the youngsters, and enjoyment is provided. We cannot, and do not, expect renditions such as Sousa's or Krys's band would give, and a little discord now and then by the boys would be forgotten. Some would even appreciate a discordant note here and there.

We believe council realizes the need of a band, and with the proper encouragement from the public, the appropriation will be made. So let's get together and boost the band, and urge its continuance by the city fathers.

PERSONAL NOTE.

Mr. Robert T. Jones, accompanied by Miss Calamity Jane Jones, participated in a golf match at Long Island last week. Mr. Jones won from his opponent, a Mr. Espinosa, of Chicago. Mr. Jones likes golf and hopes to make a few records before he retires 60 years hence.

In the stomach of a seven-pound cod caught in West Penobscot bay they found a sealed bottle of whiskey—a full quart—bearing an important label.—From the Perry (N. Y.) Herald. We know a 145 pound man that couldn't carry a pint, much less a quart.

Extravagance in Illinois! It cost dry raiders nearly \$7,000 to kill Mrs. DeKing, according to a state attorney's expense account, whereas a Chicago gangster would have done the job for \$50.

Uzudun is hard enough to pronounce, but the Tampa Tribune sure complicated matters by publishing the name as "Zzudun" in the story on the Tribune's fight party.

The lowly corn cob pipe has come into its own. It has been introduced into the department of state at Washington. Smoke screen diplomacy.

"As the crow flies" has been changed to "As Hawks flies," which may or may not appear to be good English. Nevertheless, it's a fact.

Uncle Ben, of the Palm Beach Independent, is unanimously elected successor to Ben, the philosopher of key and kite fame.

Being the lead-off in Don Lochner's "Skim of the Cream" is like winning a Pulitzer prize. Thanks, Don.

Plan To Cut Out Noises In Motor Cars.—Times-Union Headline. We offer our Ford for the experiment.

Mr. Young expects others to pay while he's still Owen.

Divided we stand, united we fall, said Mrs. Carlton to Mrs. Martin.

Endorse a cigarette and get publicity, but endorse grape juice and you catch hell.

Where do ants come from? asks PEB. From their "ancesters," of course.

Divine guidance for Florida's grape growers. Lord elected head.

Mr. Longfellow's understudy is PEB, of the t. t., t. f.

Homicide is justifiable when the victim steals our morning paper.

Good news! Spanish aviators found alive. It pays to take onions on a picnic.

Probably the most expensive flight on record is that of the Med-fly.

Lady Godiva rode through Coventry recently wearing tight. Darn those modernists.

That's a nice odor, said Max, as he was discovered Schmeling the world's heavy-weight title.

"Give me that dam bill," roared the president as the time limit for signing the Boulder project arrived.

Wonder if the Governor told the Kiwanis about the six-cents gas tax, or the fate of the racing bill.

Echoes of the State Press

WENT OFF HALF COCKED.

It is evident that the South went off half cocked about the De Priest affair. Our newspapers made no attempt to disclose the real truth of the matter. It was wired to them that a "nigger had been entertained at the White House," and without investigation or cool consideration they turned loose in a too successful effort to inflame the passions of our people.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoover have never had any intention of forcing social equality on the people of the United States. They have better sense and they have no inclination that way. They have been cruelly slandered and, of course, they are not going to try to refute the slander. They think, and with justice, that the South should know better.

It is noticeable that our Florida senators and representatives, with the exception of Green, have not joined in the clamor. They know better, except Green, and while Green knew enough to keep out of the army during the war, there is no indication that he is well versed in any other sort of knowledge.

The flareup has done the South a great deal of harm. It has caused the North to again believe much of that old stuff about Southern intolerance and race hatred, which we had by many years of justice and helpfulness toward the negro race about succeeded in living down. If we had run amuck about some great wrong to our section and the white people, we would have been excusable, probably justifiable, but to make such a fuss about such a small matter, and one that had been obviously misrepresented to us, is a sad reflection on our good sense and spirit of fairness.—Palm Beach Independent.

SOME COMMENT CONCERNING THAT SIXTH CENT.

In view of the fairly evenly balanced opinion concerning the imposition by the legislature of Florida of a sixth cent on the sale of gasoline, it is interesting to reproduce the views of the St. Petersburg Times as being perhaps as fair a summing up of the situation as can be found. The Times says:

"The new gasoline tax law 'doubtless will be regarded as a 'hardship' by the motor owners in those counties whose roads mostly have been built by the state and for which they therefore owe little or nothing, and which in addition to that advantage were receiving from the proceeds of this tax more than they paid; but to all other counties it will prove a great boon.

"As The Times has so often pointed out, all the owners of real estate are owners of automobiles; and if the gasoline tax had been repealed or reduced the missing tax would merely be added to the real estate owned by these same particular automobile owners.

"But a great many people own automobiles and use the roads who do not own any real property, and but for the gasoline tax they would contribute nothing at all directly to the public exchequer.

"The gasoline tax makes practically everybody come across, instead of putting the whole burden on those who own real property.

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THE KNOT OF FATE

By Thomas Mack

At the hotel apartment of the late Oscar Renfrew, Steve Cruise found Ben Tolan, veteran of the department, the detective in charge of this particular case.

"How do you work on this?" Tolan asked curiously.

"My agency protects the Guarantee National, of which Pierce Renfrew, Oscar Renfrew's brother, is president. He asked me to look into this."

"I'll say you made good time," Tolan conceded. "The body hasn't been removed yet. Come into the bedroom. Just a case of plain suicide, so far as I can see."

A small man, whose pale, obsequious face was given a fictitious elongation by the totally bald top of his head, sat with his short, thin leg twisted beneath his chair, his long fingers intertwining restively.

"Alonso Leeze, Renfrew's valet," Tolan indicated. "He discovered the body when he came in to lay out Renfrew's clothes this morning. Want to talk with him?"

"Yes, afterwards," Cruise signified, passing into the bedroom.

The gargantuan body of Oscar Renfrew lay sprawled on the floor alongside the bed, his big face swollen horribly, purple, and revealed in all its grossness. The silk cord from off the house robe which encircled his bull-like neck had been loosened but not removed, the blue mark indenting the flesh like an incision. The evidence on the bed told the story more graphically than could any eye witness.

Near the edge were the marks of two shoe prints, where the financier would have stood before heaving himself into that few feet of suspension which was his eternity. The fallen electric fixture which lay on the bed at the other end of the cord, wrenched from its holdings by Renfrew's great bulk, was what one could have logically expected under the given circumstances. That the fixture had landed on the bed accounted for the fact that no disturbance had been heard, the jar of Renfrew's body striking the floor being mitigated by the resilience of an inch thick carpet.

Renfrew's only apparent preparations for his self demolition had been the removal of his coat and collar. The coat lay crumpled up on the floor near the mahogany dresser, upon the top of which reposed the collar and necktie. The collar was badly soiled and crushed, as though literally wrenched from his neck; the necktie alongside it, of a heavy, expensive-looking material, was pulled and twisted out of shape as though it were the merest rag.

Tolan had found Cruise's opinions of value before, and had no hesitancy in asking for them.

"Well, what do you think, Steve?"

Cruise, turning away from an examination of the collar and necktie, eyed the body with immovable, pensive scrutiny.

"I think I'd have the strength of that cord tested first, Ben," he said slowly.

"Shucks!" Tolan derided. "The thing is made of silk. Not very heavy, but strong as a wire cable. Besides, it's plain as the nose on your face he died of strangulation. How else could he have died?"

"Dunno," Cruise admitted laconically, "only Renfrew's a darn heavy man—and that cord doesn't look so heavy to me. When you loosened it, did you notice if the noose bound taut?"

"Why, yes, it naturally would; it gave me a little trouble."

"Perhaps he strangled on the floor then, after he fell. Whether the cord was strong enough to do the trick and stay intact, I'd say, depended on how long it was before the fixture fell. If it was a minute or two, it might have hung together. A cord like that is very deceiving till you try it out."

"From the available evidence, I don't see how it could have been anything else but the cord," Tolan insisted.

"I'm not saying that it isn't, Ben. It's just an apparent incongruity that should be investigated."

Then there's another thing that doesn't quite fit in."

"Say, Steve, you're sure seeing things this morning—that I don't see," the headquarters man twitted. "All right; spill this brain storm."

Cruise's shrewd eyes were fixed analytically upon Renfrew's slightly bald head, then turned thoughtfully upon the electric fixture and fragments of broken shades and globes strewn on the bed.

"Renfrew's entire weight was concentrated beneath that fixture. When it broke from the ceiling, it must have done so with considerable force. The direct pull should have landed the fixture on Renfrew's head. Instead we find it several feet away on the bed, and not a bruise to be seen on his head."

"When a man hangs himself, you don't suppose he takes it smiling, do you?" Tolan objected. "Unless he was different. Renfrew's feet were thrashing about like a windmill. I can easily see how he would have swung from underneath as the fixture fell."

"There's a chance you may be right," Cruise conceded, "but now I'll tell you a real reason why I think there's something fishy." He indicated the soiled impressions of the two footprints on the immaculately white counterpane.

"Just one set of footprints—notice,

somebody else's hands, and not tied to that fixture. I believe it would be a physical impossibility for one man—or even two—to hoist Renfrew's dead weight and tie it up with that cord. On the other hand it would be a comparatively simple matter to wrench the fixture from the ceiling, which in effect would answer every bit as well, even adding realism to the evidence."

"You believe that Renfrew was first choked with the cord, this scenery indicating that he had strung himself up, being planted afterwards?"

"That apparently is what happened," Cruise answered, after a short deliberation. "Apparently 'I noticed that you chose the word with care. You know as well as I do that six men, let alone one or two, could never have gotten that cord around Renfrew's neck. Once around, a quick, hard jerk that held was all that was necessary—but, got it around once, that's the trick!'"

"That's the pinch," Cruise admitted. "To use the word again, however, that apparently is what happened. Renfrew might have been dozing at the time—flopped on the bed or fell off in a chair with his clothes on."

"Come again," Tolan invited. "And I suppose he slept right through while they took his collar

tee National lately. By the way, I expect him any minute now; he called me on the phone right after you notified him and said he would follow. What has Leeze, the valet, to say?"

"I've hardly talked with him yet. It seems that he has a small room on the floor above, Renfrew's suit not having accommodations for him. There's a buzzer up in his room which Renfrew rang when he wanted him. He simply came down at eight o'clock as usual and found Renfrew's body as we see it now. Let's go out and talk to him."

On the way out Cruise picked up the collar and necktie on the bureau and inspected them with scrutinizing eyes. A peculiar look came upon his face.

"Whether Renfrew took this collar and tie off, or someone else did," he commented speculatively, "they sure came off in a hurry."

Alonso Leeze had not stirred from the chair in which he sat, his long fingers twirling around each other in spiderlike manipulation. His fingers, indeed, lean and flexible part of his drab person. He was one of those depressed individuals for whom one instinctively felt sorry. One could well imagine, subject to the whims of the accretive capitalist, that the existence he had led was anything but a pleasant one.



The Discrepancy Connected With the Shoe Prints Made the Case Both Simple and Baffling.

facing this way? Ever see a fat man standing on a bed. You're no lightweight—tried it yourself, eh? Just fell all over yourself, didn't you? Yet according to those footprints Renfrew stepped up on the bed—backwards, mind you—and never budged from the two original tracks till he swung off the bed. And that's not all!"

"No?" Tolan asked with interest.

"No," Cruise confirmed, dropping on one knee and deftly removing the stylish oxford from Renfrew's right foot. "Those prints were not made by these shoes."

"La! La!" Tolan commented in an awed voice, his eyes bulging as Cruise made the comparison. "Right you are, Steve. The shoe is a little wider at the toe than the mark. Ah, now I made a contribution to science!" He strode across the room and threw open the door of a wardrobe, revealing a dozen pairs of shoes neatly arranged in a row on the floor. "By golly, it was the first pair. I give up, old timer—there's something rotten here. Whoever did—whatever he did—had this urge to genius at the last minute probably, and didn't dare take time to remove Renfrew's shoes and put them on again."

A comparison with the tracks showed that beyond a doubt they had been made by the shoes in Tolan's hands.

"Just thought us poor, dumb bulls would never notice the difference," he observed woefully. "But say, Steve! If Renfrew wasn't choked to death by that cord, how was he?"

"No doubt he was," Cruise conceded; "but the other end was in

off! There's only one mark on the neck, and that's below the collar top, on a line with his Adam's apple. Anyway, were he sleepy, once he had his collar off, he would have finished undressing and crawled into bed."

"You score again, Ben. But the evident fact remains that Renfrew was strangled with that cord, but did not hang from the electric fixture by it. Something for a crossword puzzle fan to work out, I'd say."

"Only it'll take something more than pencil and paper to work out," Tolan thoughtfully objected. "There's going to be some stir over this, too, which means the department has got to hump to it. Renfrew was something of a national figure in finance and wide interest will center on the case—and results do or don't show."

"A lot of interest, but not a great deal of regret," Cruise observed. "Renfrew had the reputation of being the most selfish man in the Street. They say he was so mean he could never keep a secret longer than a month. A big man in finance, but unbelievably small in his personal relations with others."

"So I've heard," Tolan nodded. "They say his brother, Pierce Renfrew, pinches a dollar just as hard, but is a lot easier to get along with."

"He isn't a bad scout. I've prosecuted his bank for several years now and we've gotten along first rate, although, as you say, he's a little tight where money is concerned. On the other hand, he hasn't been so successful as Oscar Renfrew. There's been some disturbing rumors about the Guar-

"How long had you been in Mr. Renfrew's employ?" Cruise asked with this thought in mind.

"About ten years, sir."

"Your relations with him have always been agreeable?"

The valet hesitated. "Mr. Renfrew was not an easy master, sir," he answered in a tired voice. "Sometimes he made it exceedingly hard for me."

"I can appreciate that," Cruise conceded. "But how on earth did you ever stick to him ten years?"

"A man has to live," Leeze reminded him, "and the employment was steady and the only kind I know. Besides I have a boy, an only son, I am educating, and that takes money."

"At what time was the latest you saw Mr. Renfrew last night?" Cruise asked abruptly.

"At eleven o'clock, sir."

"Was anyone with him at the time?"

"Oh, yes, his brother, Pierce Renfrew, was."

Cruise experienced a start. Over the phone Renfrew had not informed him of this, but then, neither had he included any of the details. He had simply said that the police had notified him of the tragedy and asked that Cruise give him a report on the circumstances surrounding it. To be meticulously discriminating, the detective realized that he had not been instructed to prosecute an investigation. But of course the man had been naturally agitated, and would scarcely be concise in his use of words.

"What were they talking about?" Tolan suddenly interposed.

"Well, I was in the bedroom at the time," Leeze hesitated, "ar-

ranging some of Mr. Oscar's things, so really did not pay much attention. They were sitting out here. However, it seemed to me about financial matters."

"Financial matters?" the headquarters man pressed quickly. "Was it just an ordinary conversation—or did they seem to be arguing something?"

"So far as I could make out," the valet returned meditatively, "Mr. Oscar was going to do something and Mr. Pierce was trying to dissuade him. However, as usual, Mr. Oscar was quite determined. Mr. Pierce seemed awfully cut up over it, pleading with him not to do it. What it was about though, other than it involved money, I haven't the faintest idea."

"What time did Pierce Renfrew leave?" Tolan demanded eagerly.

"As to that, I couldn't say, sir. Mr. Oscar heard me in the room, which was at eleven o'clock, and told me that I could go upstairs and that he would ring if he wanted me again. Sometimes he required my service at night and sometimes he didn't, depending just how he felt about it."

"Did he ring for you after that?"

The valet simply shook his head negatively.

"And when you left, Pierce Renfrew was still with him?"

"Yes, sir."

"Here's Mr. Renfrew now," Cruise interpolated, as the imposing presence of a large well built man filled the door.

The glance Tolan shot at the banker was oddly speculative. Full-blown as large as his brother, Pierce Renfrew had the heavy jowls of the man of dominance and the thin, straight line which indicated that he used his position of command with discretion and restraint.

"Where's my brother?" he asked in a quick, unemphatic voice.

"In the other room, Mr. Renfrew," Cruise informed him gently. "The coroner's men are preparing to remove the body to the morgue. I really don't think you had better see it till after."

Renfrew pressed his lips together, and acceded with a nod.

"I guess you're right, Cruise. Maybe—perhaps I hadn't better."

"Is there any reason why your brother should have done this that you know of, Mr. Renfrew?" Tolan now inserted shrewdly.

"I can tell you of none whatever," Pierce Renfrew replied promptly.

"He gave no indication of morbidness when you were with him last night?"

Renfrew flashed the detective a quick glance.

"How do you know I was with him last night?"

"I've been questioning the valet."

"Oh, yes, Leeze was here," the banker spoke thoughtfully, as if endeavoring to recall just how much of his visit the valet had been witness to. "Oscar and I had a long talk."

"You realize, of course," Tolan said easily, "that in our headquarters' report on a case like this we have to include all details. What, may I ask, was the nature of your conversation?"

"I can hardly see how it has any bearing on the case," the banker objected. "It was something rather private."

"It may not have any bearing on the case," Tolan returned firmly, "but my superiors demand to know all these things. Anything you tell will be held in the strictest confidence."

Renfrew stole a quick glance at Leeze. Obviously, he was wondering how much the valet had overheard and revealed.

"If you must know," he said finally, "Oscar was thinking of disposing of his stock in the Guarantee National and withdraw his entire balance from the bank. I don't mind saying that the blow would be a serious one, to say the least, to the bank. Oscar was the largest individual stockholder and the largest depositor in the bank."

"In other words, it would ruin the bank?" Tolan put in bluntly.

Renfrew hesitated.

"It would surely leave us in a precarious position," he admitted. "The bank is perfectly solvent at the present time, but the withdrawal of Oscar's big balance would leave us unpleasantly close to the edge, and as there have been some malicious rumors about the result would have been—ah—serious."

"I see," Tolan deliberated, "but (Continued on page six)

THE KNOT OF FATE

By THOMAS MACK

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his sudden death changes all that. The stock and bank balance both remain and—by the way, you're your brother's closest relative, aren't you?"

"Oscar was a bachelor," Renfrew said, almost reluctantly it seemed. "Yes, I am his closest relative."

"And principal legatee, no doubt."

"Although I can't see how it had any application, so far as I know I am his sole heir," the banker returned testily. "Oscar was a little peculiar, and no doubt superstitious, about a will. He seemed to think that it was like inviting disaster. For that reason I do not believe he left a will—always going to do it to-morrow, you know."

"What time did you leave last night, Mr. Renfrew, as nearly as you can recall?"

"It was a quarter of twelve."

"You can prove that you left at that time?"

"I don't know why that should be necessary," Renfrew protested, "but I believe I can. I rode down in the elevator; the boy will no doubt recall me."

"And there was nothing in your brother's manner, when you left him, which would lead you to believe that he contemplated anything like this?"

"No, not at all. Oscar was the last person I'd think of being a suicide. Of course we argued, pro and con, and he was a little excited, but that was all."

"I think your opinion concerning your brother is right, Mr. Renfrew," Tolan observed drily. "Oscar Renfrew, we are convinced from certain evidences, did not commit suicide. He was murdered."

"Murdered!"
The cry, oddly enough, did not come from Renfrew, but from the less reserved Alonzo Leeze, his small body shrinking back in his chair and his long fingers twisting spasmodically.

Pierce Renfrew, his keen eyes boring into Tolan, now asked:

"What are these evidences you speak of?"

"Oh, various things. The cord that strangled him, for instance, hardly seemed heavy enough to have sustained his weight, and then we found that the marks of your brother's feet on the bed had been deliberately planted, the size and shape not even corresponding with the shoes he was wearing."

"Ridiculous!" Pierce Renfrew scoffed. "You're simply made a mistake, that's all. The idea of Oscar submitting to having a cord put around his neck, as you intimate, and tied to the electric fixture without making enough noise to wake the hotel is absurd! He was built like an elephant, and had the strength."

This was, it was evident from Tolan's face, exactly the response he had hoped to elicit from the banker.

"Not any more absurd than the theory that after you left him he suddenly made up his mind to die and strung himself up. Men don't do those things offhand, or without what they, at least, consider a good and sufficient reason."

"Of course they don't," Renfrew agreed. "I'm not anxious to have my brother branded a self-murderer, but men in a certain state of mind will often magnify the most trivial thing into a mountain. Oscar was inclined to get pretty hot, and I've known him to do some pretty inexplicable things while in a rage."

There was a knock at the door. Cruise, who was nearest to it, found the house electrician in the hall.

"I want to fix that broken fixture," the man said.

"The body hasn't been removed yet," said Cruise. "You had better come back later."

"When will that be?"

"In the course of an half hour or so."

"All right; I want to get it as soon as I can. You see, it caused a short circuit and put out every light on the floor, so unless I get things straightened out they're out of luck for grim to-night."

Cruise was interested. "So that's it. I'll let you know when it's all right, then." He watched the man thoughtfully as

he disappeared down the corridor, and then turned to a chambermaid emerging from a nearby room. "Just which guests who were here last night are in their rooms at the present time?" he asked her.

The girl puckered her brow, and after deliberating for a moment gave him the numbers of five rooms. The corridor was the usual square, and interviews with the five occupants brought him back to his starting point, at the door of the living room of Oscar Renfrew's suite and opposite the stairs. He was just about to ascend them when Tolan came out.

"Where the dickens have you been?" the headquarters man demanded. "And where are you going?"

"I'll be down in a minute," was Cruise's vague answer to the last question. "What do you want?"

"I want to tell you that I'm going to have a warrant sworn out for Pierce Renfrew's arrest."

Cruise drummed his fingers on the balustrade.

"You think him guilty?"

"Guilty as he can be," Tolan snapped decisively. "He had the motive—and the opportunity. Three-quarters of an hour elapsed after Leeze left and Pierce Renfrew went down in the elevator. That was plenty of time. You yourself say it was murder. Who else could have done it? You don't expect me to believe that his visit on the same night that Oscar Renfrew died was merely a coincidence, do you?"

"I didn't say anything," Cruise denied with a smile. The fingers beat a thoughtful tattoo. "Don't do anything desperate until I return."

He sought the chambermaid on the floor above. Showing his badge, he asked to be admitted to Alonzo Leeze's room. It was small and dark, facing on an arwayway. Cruise switched on the lights and surveyed it searchingly.

On the chiffonier was a portrait photo of a clean-cut boy of sixteen, with the autograph "My Best to Dad—George," scrawled across the bottom. On the table was a morning paper of the day before folded at the financial page, creased at an article which told of the bottom dropping out of a stock which, as Cruise with his limited knowledge of market conditions knew, no one but a dupe would have bought. There were some scraps of paper in the basket alongside the table; fishing among them, the detective found a crumpled letter. It was addressed to George Leeze, the valet's son, at a well-known New

England preparatory school. It was dated the night before the issue of the paper, and as Cruise read on the reason why it had not been mailed became painfully obvious.

My dear Son, this will be just a line to let you know that in the course of another day or two I expect to have some good news for you. As you know, I have been banking my savings these many years with the end in view of putting you through college. While I am enough to do this, \$5,000, it would have to be on a somewhat economical scale, but now, I am happy to believe, you can do it in flying colors. The idea occurred to me to ask Mr. Renfrew for a market tip, and he told me to put everything I had on Westveldt Copper. He is said to be one of the best informed men on stocks in the country, so of course I can't lose. I thought this news would cheer you up in your exams, and will tell you all about our profits in my next letter.

Dad.

Westveldt Copper was the stock mentioned in the paper. Cruise shook his head sympathetically.

"Poor beggar!"

Returning to the lower floor, he found Pierce Renfrew pacing up and down in a choleric rage.

"Listen to this, Cruise!" he shouted. "This numbskull from headquarters actually intimates that I am guilty of murdering my own brother!"

"Fie on you, Ben," Cruise admonished severely. "You should know better."

"Know better? Tolan stuttered. "Why you dirty hypocrite!"

"Hush! hush, now! No harsh words, please!" He turned casually to the white-faced valet. "Leeze, this bad detective accuses Mr. Renfrew of murdering his own brother. Set him right, won't you?"

The suddenness of the implication threw the man completely off his balance.

"I—sir?" he almost screamed, his features moving convulsively.

"Of course—who else? You are in position to impart first-hand information."

The valet's long, clean, muscular fingers began working in spasmodic gyrations.

"I—I don't know what you mean," he denied in a halting voice.

"I'm afraid that I'll have to make myself clear, then. The thing simmers down to this: You or Pierce Renfrew alone could have committed this murder—and Mr. Renfrew can be eliminated."

"How can he?" Tolan demanded belligerently.

"He left Oscar Renfrew at eleven forty-five last night, which, as he said, can easily be verified by the elevator boy who brought him

down, and perhaps by others in the lobby. You contend, of course, that he committed the deed prior to eleven forty-five, and after Leeze had left at eleven o'clock. Such, however, is not the case, for the simple reason that Oscar Renfrew was strangled sometime between eleven forty-five and twelve thirty."

"But where did you get this stuff?" Tolan marveled.

"It's like this—When the electric fixture was pulled from the ceiling, it caused a short circuit which put out every light on the floor. According to two guests whom I just interview who happened to be up at the time, the lights went out at precisely twelve thirty last night. At that time, I have no doubt, Mr. Renfrew was home with his family."

"My family can testify to that," Pierce Renfrew amended fervently.

Alonzo Leeze's agitation had been succeeded by that dull calm which comes from apprehensions realized.

"But—but how do you figure it was me?" he asked, almost inquisitively.

"Were this a suicide, it would be logical that the door to the hall be locked as was customary. The spring lock snaps automatically when the door closes, and must be opened from the outside with a key. But it wasn't a suicide—but clear out and out murder. Such being the case, how did the murderer gain entrance? As no violence was done door or lock, the only answer is by a key. You alone, Leeze, outside of Oscar Renfrew himself, had a key to the door."

Alonzo Leeze, intently regarding his never quiescent hands, said nothing.

"Not only that," Cruise pursued. "Alonzo Leeze had a motive, and an especially strong one, if revenge can be considered such."

"Oscar Renfrew was the cause of Leeze losing the life's savings he had intended to send his son to college with. Even the most astute financiers, it seems, will now and then make a mistake."

"Mistake!" The man who glared at them was no longer the deferential, fawning servant, but a snarling beast at bay. "That was no mistake! He deliberately misinformed me! I stood his abuse, his ridicule, his taunts for ten years to get that money together to give the boy a chance in the world, so that he wouldn't have to polish some other man's shoes as I have had to do. I thought he might have one spark of decency in him, so asked his advice how I could increase the money, explaining the reason; I once thought he had made an honest error till I told him what had happened—and he laugh-

ed at me! Called me an old fool—said it was the best joke he'd heard that day—said it served me right for being so dumb—that a jackass would have known better than to have bought that stock."

"And then," Cruise said, filling in the pause, "you killed him."

"—I—Oh, what am I saying—?"

"He killed Oscar?" Pierce Renfrew asked contemptuously. "I admit when the police phoned me that I suspected something other than suicide. And because of the circumstances involving my visit last night I could even see how I might be involved. Frankly, that was my reason for asking Cruise to report here and watch developments. But for that little wisp of a man—Why Oscar could have blown him away in one breath!"

"There's no doubt of that," Cruise admitted, "but you see he didn't have the breath." He passed into the other room and returned with the collar and neckties Oscar Renfrew had worn. "Some strength was required, and if you'll look at Leeze's fingers you will see that all the strength in his body seems concentrated in them. With very little strength, however, he could have accomplished the deed through sheer skill, that skill which comes from years of practice in tying the perfect four-in-hand."

"Of course we know now that Leeze lied when he said that Oscar Renfrew did not ring for him later, after the murder had left. The amazing thing about this crime is that it was not premeditated, and that the elaborate measures to convince the police that it was a suicide obviously occurred to Leeze after the crime itself. For it was at this time that Leeze told his employer of the outcome of his unfortunate speculation upon when Oscar Renfrew laughed at him, then—"

Alonzo Leeze laughed wildly. "And then I choked the laugh in his throat!" he chortled madly. "As I told him, he sat in the big chair in the bedroom; I had started to remove his necktie and his big fat sides were going up and down like slabs of jelly. Oh, it was so simple, so easy! He had laughed himself all out of breath. A quick, hard pull on the under part of the tie, another yank to tighten and secure the knot, and he fell over on the floor, a big, gasping, clawing thing that after a while lay still . . . !"

"You see, Leeze," Cruise said, almost gently, "you make a slip when you left those slip-knot marks in the tie for all to see. The first time I noticed them I was merely puzzled, but the second time I realized that the tie was the instrument of Oscar Renfrew's death beyond a doubt. It was made, I saw, of a heavy, strong material, easily capable of sustaining the strain. The knot told the story: the collar was a size seventeen, yet the marks on the tie showing where the knot had cleaved would not have encompassed the neck of a man wearing a size fifteen collar. While I immediately saw that the capacity of your equipment alone placed you in position to have committed the crime, of course I had to establish your motive."

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Rokuo Kimaya Meets Death In Accident

GAINESVILLE, Fla., July 3.—Four-H club officials and thousands of club members all over the state learned with sorrow of the death of Rokuo Kimaya, 16-year-old club boy of Palm Beach County. His death was due to a motorcycle accident which occurred June 15.

Rokuo was one of the most promising boys in the state, according to R. W. Blacklock, boys' club leader, who has an opportunity to meet and know boys from every county. He attended the 1929 short course and was one of the most active members present.

Want Checks in Welsh.

Whether banks in Wales should print checks in Welsh was discussed at the recent annual conference of the national union of Welsh societies at Aberystwyth. One bank manager said he often received checks with the words, "payable to order" crossed out, and a Welsh translation written instead.

Have you tried moving the electric fan out to the kitchen? It is a big help during the hot weather.

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By F. O. Alexander
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SOCIAL and Personal News

S. C. Pardee Honored On Birthday Anniversary.

A delightful birthday party was given last Friday evening in honor of Mr. S. C. Pardee at his home on Lotela avenue. The rooms were decorated with petunias, snapdragons and hibiscus, and five progressions of bridge were enjoyed by the guests.

High score was made by Mrs. Gregory, who received a box of face powder, while the gentlemen's high was made by Mr. Rumpsa, he receiving a combination cigarette and match holder and ash tray. Miss Mattie Tompkins, having the low score, was presented with a consolation prize, a miniature golf bag and sticks. The honoree received a number of pleasing and useful gifts.

At the completion of the games delicious refreshments of ice cream, cake, candy and coffee were served.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Gregory, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Rumpsa, Mesdames M. E. Covington, John D. Raab, R. W. Swearingen, C. H. Pardee, S. C. Pardee, Misses Elizabeth Ewing, Mattie Tompkins, Kate Tompkins, Wava Godwin, Jerry Heim, and Messrs. F. deAnguera, Charles Pardee and Colquitt Pardee, Jr.

Epworthians' "Tramp Party" on 'Gator Lake.

"Gator Lake was the scene of a "tramp party" Tuesday evening, when about 20 youngsters from the Epworth League of the Methodist church attired themselves in tramp costumes and motored to the lake. A campfire was built and the Epworthians vied with each other in relating ghost stories. Some of the stories were told in such a vivid manner that a few of the girls said that they had the "creeps."

Following the story-telling hour "hotdogs" and rolls were served until each one had his "fill."

Rev. A. H. Hancock, pastor of the church, was the chaperone, and "Buck" Pardee was the director of the activities.

Christian Endeavorers Are Party Guests.

Members of the Christian Endeavor society of the Union Congregational church were entertained last Friday night at the home of Miss Marcia Weishyer. The Weishyer home was prettily decorated with cut flowers. Following games and other diversions refreshments were served.

The guests were: Misses Edith McFarland, Caroline Wilde, Ruth Hall, Charlotte Shepherd, Dorothy Weishyer, Jane Huebner, Mary Wilde, Shirley Page, Shepherd, Marie McFarland, Dorothy Hobbs and Marcia Weishyer; also Messrs. Harry McFerrin, Paul McFarland and Rudolph Conoley.

Miss Lora Lee Entertains For Wildwood Guest.

Honoring Miss Fredonia Rollins, of Wildwood, Miss Lora Lee entertained Wednesday night at the home of Miss Ruby Hargraves. The home was attractively decorated with flowers.

Bridge, dancing and games were enjoyed, after which refreshments were served.

The guests were: Misses Barbara Weaver, Geraldine Heim, Ruby Hargraves, Lora Lee, Margaret Sheffield, Estelle Conoley, Wava Godwin and the honoree. Also Messrs. "Buck" Pardee, Rudolph Conoley, Colquitt Pardee, Aubrey Roberts, Devon Reddick, Bob Bateman and Lewis Meith.

Eastern Stars Initiate New Members.

Two candidates for memberships in the Order of Eastern Star received their degree work at the final summer session Monday evening at the Masonic hall. The work was exemplified by a team under the direction of Worthy Patron Ole Head. Refreshments were following the initiation.

Epworth League Choir To Picnic.

Following their choir practice this evening, members of the Epworth League choir of the Methodist church will have a picnic at Lake Isis. About 16 are expected to attend the affair.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Correll spent the Fourth at Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Smith and children from Bowling Green are guests of Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Skipper.

Herman Skipper has gone to Clewiston where he has secured employment with the large sugar mill at that place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cameron, and daughter, Hazel, have left for Allentown, Pa., where they will visit their daughter, Mrs. Edgar Koch.

Attorney and Mrs. S. C. Pardee and family; Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Godwin and family; Mrs. C. H. Pardee and Misses Mattie and Kate Tompkins spent Independence Day near Bradenton.

H. E. Brendia, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Brendia, stopped over here this week on a visit to his parents. He left later on a fishing trip to Maine. Mr. Brendia is an assistant cashier at the Bank of Biscayne, Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. James Willard Smith returned to their home in Williston Sunday night after having spent the week-end in our city as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Skipper. Mrs. Smith was formerly Miss Lela Belle Skipper.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bigbie and daughter, Miss Oleta, have left for a month's vacation in Birmingham. They were accompanied to Bluffton, Ga., by Miss Mabel Collins, who will visit friends at that city for a month.

Mrs. R. C. Epperson and family have returned to this city following a vacation in the north.

Many Making Use of Free Routing Tours

Over two hundred motor trips a day are being routed by the Standard Oil Company Touring Service at Louisville, Kentucky. Trips to the mountains, to the seashore, to the Pacific Coast, to New York and New England, to Canada and Mexico.

These trips average well over 500 miles each, showing that more and more the American public is turning to the idea of vacationing by car.

Within two days after this free Touring Service was announced by the Standard Oil Company Incorporated in Kentucky, the inquiries began to pour in from all over the South, showing that a need existed for such a service.

To date, over 10,000 inquiries have been answered, and hundreds of letters of appreciation have been received from motorists who used this routing and found it saved them time and trouble.

If anyone contemplating a motor trip will write to the Standard Oil Touring Service, 426 W. Bloom St., Louisville, Ky., stating their destination, they will be sent free of charge, maps and up-to-date information on the best roads and shortest route to take.

Through constant contact with state highway departments throughout the Union, the road information dispensed by this Service is kept accurate and up-to-date.

An emergency measure requiring residents of Tampa to clean their property of all hot fruits and vegetables under penalty of fine or imprisonment, became a law today when Mayor McKay affixed his signature to the ordinance passed at a special meeting of the board of representatives Friday night.

TRUSTEES ELECTED FOR COUNTY SCHOOLS

Full Ten Mills Voted For Schools In All Districts

The elections of school trustees in the several special districts of the county passed off quietly Friday the only real contest being at Venus where two distinct tickets were in the field. According to information from the County Superintendent's office one faction favored the retention of Prof. Ellenberger as principal and the others were in favor of a change. The Ellenberger supporters won by a substantial majority, those elected as trustees being, W. E. Hendry, Jr., H. C. Rimes and Mary N. Cassels. Adherents of the losing candidates, Sam T. Langford, W. L. Gillis and W. H. McDuffie, appeared to be dissatisfied with the results as shown by the ballots and several appeared before the county board Monday morning protesting the result.

In all the several districts a full 10 mills was voted for the schools support from the county taxes and the county board prepared a letter for presentation to the board of county commissioners asking that the 10 mill levy be made when the board prepares the millage for the taxes for the coming year. It is understood that by the vote authorizing the 10 mills a full school year is assured for the county.

Those elected from the other school districts of the county were as follows: Avon Park, F. S. Jordan, C. M. Eisle and T. A. McNichols.

Sobbing: E. L. Green, Kate Elythe and J. L. Allison.

DeSoto City: L. C. Pearce, O. S. Bowles and D. C. Barrow.

Spring Valley: R. W. O'Berry, G. G. Albritton and G. W. Durran.

Bassenger: W. S. Pearce, Jamie Howard and W. R. Billingsley.

Lake Placid: O. C. Parrish, R. E. Huey and E. A. Bowers.

Hicoria: C. H. Shackelford, Will Hope and E. A. Whitaker.

NEW FLORIDA GAS TAX IS PUT INTO EFFECT

Expected To Bring Common Schools Revenues From This Source To Over \$3,500,000

TALLAHASSEE, July 3.—Florida motor vehicle owners began to dig a trifle deeper into their pockets to pay for gasoline as the new state gas law, imposing a sixth cent upon each gallon of the product, became effective.

The law passed by the 1929 legislature, provides for the collection of the sixth cent to raise revenue for the common schools and institutions of higher learning. It was passed after the legislature had decided to use the other five cents levied upon each gallon for the construction of state and county roads and the liquidation of a county road and bridge bond indebtedness approximating \$170,000,000, with two-thirds of one cent also to be applied to financial support for the common schools.

Official figures for the past year, made public by the United States bureau of public roads, show that, unless there has been an increase in the maximum gas tax imposition since the opening of this year, Florida now charges more state tax for gasoline than any other state of the union. Last year Florida and six other states were imposing five cents upon each gallon.

The State Department of Public Instruction estimated recently that the proceeds of the sixth cent and two-thirds of one cent of the five cent imposition should bring over three and a half million dollars to the common schools during the coming term.

Railways of Japan are considering the operation of bus feeder lines.

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 8:30.

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 Epworth League, 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.

BILLS BECOME LAWS; CARLTON GIVES REPORT

Vetoes Two, Signs 29 and Lets 25 Become Effective Without Signature

TALLAHASSEE, July 3.—Governor Carlton advised the secretary of state of his veto of two bills of the 1929 extraordinary session of the Florida legislature, the approval of 29 others, and that he had allowed 25 other measures to become laws without his signature.

The two acts receiving the chief executive's disapproval authorized the board of supervisors of the Dade drainage district to dispose of tax sale certificates, and the town of Crystal River to issue bonds to repay the Bank of Crystal River for an indebtedness.

The governor gave as his reason for vetoing the Dade drainage district act that it had been made known to him that it eliminated from the district lands "greatly benefited by the drainage operations," which, he declared, would "greatly hamper the operations of the district."

Veto of the other bill, the governor said, was at the request of its author.

Nearly all of the acts which the governor allowed to become laws without approval are of local application. One, however, regulates the operation of game preserves in all counties of the state.

The acts approved included those

SHORT COURSE WILL BE GIVEN CIVIC LEADERS

Chamber of Commerce Secretaries of State Have Chance To Study Problems

JACKSONVILLE, July 2.—Keen interest is being manifested by leaders in the Florida civic field in the special summer course to be held at the University of Florida, Gainesville, July 22 to 26 inclusive, according to Ralph G. Grassfield, general manager and secretary of the Florida state chamber of commerce, which organization is handling the details of the school in cooperation with the University authorities.

For some years past the need and necessity for schools and courses for commercial secretaries and civic leaders has been recognized, but this year will be the first effort made in the South to establish such a course in connection with an institution of higher education and the ultimate goal of the summer school is to bring about a constructive and uniform course of instruction in civic endeavor which will be available to those actively engaged in chamber of commerce and similar fields of work, as well as to civic leaders in every community in the South.

The program for the summer includes a wide range of subjects of paramount interest to secretaries and others responsible for the molding of community thought and action. Each subject is to be handled by persons selected because of special training in the subject assigned. The roster of leaders and speakers of the summer school is composed of some of the outstanding educational leaders in Florida, as well as a number of commercial secretaries who have been engaged in the civic commercial field for a number of years.

The Florida State Chamber of Commerce is putting forth every effort possible to support and assist the University of Florida in making this new summer course one of outstanding significance not only to Florida, but the South. Through local chamber of commerce, and other mediums, civic leaders are being urged to make their plans to attend the school and thereby help to build a wider, stronger and greater feeling of civic responsibility throughout Florida.

Out on the Williams' corn farm four great galvanized steel silos thrust their massive columns skyward. Last minute touches are being put on the machinery and preparations near completion for the largest corn harvesting known in this section. Waving in the breeze under a brilliant sun, a sea of corn spreads out in many directions covering 250 acres of rich muck land. Next week a crew of workmen will enter this vast acreage and with long, keen-edged knives start the process of leveling the great field to a corn stubble says the Davenport Times.

The German forecast that England would be engulfed by the sea on a recent Saturday so preyed on the mind of 80-year-old William Hall, of Newark, England, that his body was found in the Trent river on the Sunday following.

London has a Russian-music vogue.

regulating the sale of ice cream and of fertilizer, imposition of a tax upon itinerant merchants, the general appropriation bill for the next biennium and other measures affecting various state departments.

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Not All "Peaches and Cream"
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Western Union Company

Many persons believe that the young college graduate, once he receives his diploma, settles down to a life of untrammelled leisure. Others have a mental picture of a wholesale migration of University graduates to Wall Street, the bond market and easy jobs. Insofar as the majority of college graduates are concerned these pictures are decidedly wrong. When they leave the campus and the dormitory they must turn to hard work and the stern realities of life.

A trip to a small section of the New Jersey coast will serve to dispel the idea that all of the 1929 crop of engineering graduates have a life of leisure. Somewhere between Red Bank and Little Silver, New Jersey, the visitor will find a gang of healthy, intelligent youngsters engaged industriously in the work of constructing a telegraph line. These young men are graduates of some of the country's most famous technical schools, taking the Student Engineers' Training Course of the Western Union Telegraph company.

These young men are "hand-picked" from the cream of the graduates of American Universities. When they join the Student Engineers' course they begin a period of highly intensive training. They place themselves under a well regulated discipline, for work in the class room and the laboratory as well as for field work of the most vigorous sort.

To the man in the street, who visualizes the telegraph business in terms of messenger boys, small telegraph offices and the clicking Morse key, this training may seem superfluous and unnecessary. However, back of these external evidences is a highly developed organization using advanced scientific and engineering knowledge. The telegraph engineer must be well versed and well grounded in fundamentals and for this reason, among others, the student is taught such things as the operation of a telegraph instrument, how to operate a modern automatic telegraph printer, touch-typing, sending of stock and other commodity quotations and a variety of other things having to do with the fast and accurate handling of a nation's communications.

It is not at all unusual for the young engineers to dig post holes, erect pole lines or don the spikes of the lineman, climb to the top of a telegraph pole and string wires. True, they listen to lectures and draw intricate blue prints but they also obtain first hand knowledge of such plebeian subjects as poles, cross arms, and cable manholes.

The young engineers who are assigned to the Telegraph company's engineering department, listen to lectures by experts on telegraph and telegraph engineering and make a thorough study of the activities of the company's commercial and traffic departments. One phase of their training course consists of six weeks devoted to outside plant work where lectures are supplemented not by observation but by actual construction performed by the men with their own hands. The men install aerial cable and open wire construction, after which they are given a course of instructions in what is known as inside plant work. They set up a complete modern telegraph office with the latest equipment for the transmission of telegrams, including the

Ambassador Dawes Represents Legion at London Banquet

LONDON, Eng., July 3.—A plea for comradeship as the arbiter between nations was voiced by Charles G. Dawes, of Evanston, Ill., Ambassador to Great Britain and a Legionnaire, in speaking at the dinner of the British Empire Service League, as a representative of the American Legion, of which he is a member.

In proposing a toast to the health of General Dawes, the Prince of Wales said: "We know Gen. Dawes in our country as a regular fellow. We warmly welcome him, not only as an ambassador, but as a representative of the former service men of the United States."

The request that Gen. Dawes represent the Legion at the British conference and extend the greetings of the American veterans to their former comrades in arms, was made by National Commander Paul V. McNutt while Dawes was at sea enroute to London.

HIGHEST TEMPERATURE DURING JUNE WAS 95

Lowest Was 67; 8.42 Inches of
Rain Fell, Accordng to
Weather Man's Report

Two new records for temperature and rainfall for the present year were made last month, according to the report given by U. S. Weather Observer Lance. A new high temperature record for the first six months of 1929 was made last Sunday, when the mercury jumped to 95. This eclipsed the previous high mark of 94, on June 21, 28 and 29.

As the records now stand, June 22 is credited with the greatest daily rainfall for the six-months period ending June 30. On the 22nd a total of 1.76 inches of rain fell.

During the month of June the total precipitation was 8.42 inches, while the mean maximum temperature was 90, and the mean minimum was 73.7. The maximum daily temperature reached its highest point on the 30th with 95, and the lowest for the month was 67 on the 11th.

ending June 29th follows:

Mr. Lance's report for the week			
	Max.	Min.	Rain
June 23	89	73	.12
June 24	90	69	.88
June 25	90	69	.10
June 26	90	72	.22
June 27	92	72	.02
June 28	94	74	.07
June 29	94	74	.70
Average	927	72	2.11

new automatic telegraph printer. Such training helps the men to form an intelligent opinion of the kind of work for which they are best fitted and it enables the telegraph company to get a line on the men and to assign them to the work for which they are suited.

This year's group of engineers which will take the Western Union's course have been drawn from such colleges as Cornell, Michigan, Lafayette, Brown, Carnegie, Ohio State, Virginia Poly, Lehigh, Case, Minnesota, Vermont, Illinois, Wisconsin, Alabama Poly., Columbia, Stevens, Purdue, New Hampshire, Worcester, Penn State, Syracuse.

Farmers' Week as usual, at the University during the week of August 12-17. Plan to be there.

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ROTARY PRESIDENT NAMES COMMITTEES

McDonald Announces Selection Of Aides For The Ensuing Year

Attorney J. C. McDonald, installed Wednesday as president of the Avon Park Rotary club, succeeding Col. Charles R. Head, at the weekly meeting announced the names of the club members selected to serve on the committees for the ensuing year.

The committees and their members are: Aims and Object, J. C. McDonald, chairman; Fred H. Smith, D. G. Perry, C. R. Head and J. S. Francis.

Club Service: Fred M. Smith, R. C. Epperson, E. E. Melton.

Vocational Service: D. G. Perry, R. H. Stodden, Bert Willson.

Community Service: C. R. Head, I. W. Chandler, M. A. Smith.

International Service: J. S. Francis, C. M. Eisele, H. F. R. Reck.

Classification: L. V. Pringle, Jr., J. B. Waller, S. Pendleton.

Employment Relations: T. C. Hobbs, M. A. Smith, C. E. Lanier.

Boys Work: E. G. Todd, J. B. Waller, H. F. R. Reck.

Foreign: Warren Atkinson, Demos Mandis, E. A. Delaney.

Program: N. H. Trent, T. O. Baldwin, J. B. Coen, L. V. Pringle, Jr., J. S. Francis.

Competitor Relations: D. V. Rouse, A. O. Kinsey, O. C. Wilkes.

Crippled Children: I. W. Chandler, E. A. Delaney, J. B. Coen.

Music: H. F. R. Reck, Gilbert Freeman, Warren Atkinson.

Buying and Selling Relations: S. J. Epperson, Glen H. Spink.

Student Loan Fund: M. A. Smith, E. E. Melton, C. E. Lanier.

Fellowship: Gilbert Freeman, C. M. Eisele, J. B. Waller.

Education: J. B. Coen, Warren Atkinson, T. C. Hobbs.

Attendance: Demos Mandis, Glen H. Spink, O. C. Wilkes.

Social: H. F. R. Reck, E. G. Todd, M. A. Smith.

TO ALLOW SEINING IN LAKE ISTOKPOGA

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game wardens appointed to oversee the business. The wardens appointed at this meeting were Bill Ewing of Istokpoga and J. M. Andrews of Lake Placid.

Another fish question related to the commercial fishing of Lake Jack and Lake June and J. M. Lee was authorized to take this matter up with the State Fish and Game Commission and report back.

It was brought to the commissioners attention that certain parties are removing timber and turpentine from lands on which the taxes are delinquent for a number of years. J. M. Lee prepared a resolution which was passed by the board to the effect that the tax assessor, the tax collector and the clerk of the circuit court prepare a list of those who are removing said turpentine and timber and report the same to the county attorney who will take the necessary legal action to prevent the removal until the delinquent taxes are paid in full.

A petition signed by a number of citizens all over the county was presented by Mrs. A. L. Kelley, president of the Sebring Parent-Teachers' association, asking that the commissioners appoint a county nurse and appropriate sufficient funds for same. No action was taken at this time and the petition was filed for future consideration.

Baptist Societies Meet at Wauchula

The Ridge Federation of Baptist Young People's societies will meet tonight at Wauchula, and members of the local Baptist union will attend the session. Rev. T. O. Baldwin, pastor of the Baptist church, and J. S. Martin, of Sebring, president of the Federation, will be the principal speakers.

Mrs. Emma Pattie, who as a girl made garments for soldiers in Crimea, recently died in London, aged 99.

Board Formed For Adjustment Of Taxes Delinquent For 1927

PURSUANT to the new tax legislation passed at the recent session of the legislature, a delinquent tax adjustment board was created and established in Highlands county Monday. Those on the board are the chairman of the board of county commissioners, L. C. Pearce; the chairman of the board of public instruction, T. V. Conway; the clerk of the circuit court, L. T. Farmer; the county tax assessor, Cyril Baldwin and the county tax collector, D. F. Canfield. According to the law L. T. Farmer is the secretary for the board and at the meeting Monday D. F. Canfield was elected chairman.

The board is to hold monthly meetings not later than the 10th day of each month in each of the months of July, August, September, October and November 1929, for the purpose of compromising and adjusting the amount required to be paid for the redemption or purchase of tax sale certificates, or any portion of any such certificates, held by the state for the year 1927 and/or any previous year or years upon lands within said county, including the omitted subsequent taxes upon such lands, upon principles of fairness to the state and the county and the owners and lienors of such lands.

MOVEMENT STARTED TO MAKE CROSSINGS SAFE

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serve as a trunk line in that section of the city. The matter was referred to the street committee for consideration.

The mayor also reported the condition of the parks, and in the future a trained man will look after the grounds, which are considered one of the biggest assets of the city.

Care of the ball park will be taken over by the Headquarters Battery, as a result of a proposition made by Captain Mark Lance, and accepted by council. Sergeant George Frary will be commissioned as a special officer on the grounds.

Preservation of the city map recently prepared by City Engineer Lacey, and securing of blueprints will be undertaken shortly. The map, said to be worth around \$2,000, cost the city very little because of Mr. Lacey's efforts, and a little more money will be appropriated for its safekeeping for future use.

The assessors having completed a tentative assessment, their reports are expected to be made within a short time.

A special meeting will be held sometime next week at which time a batch of new ordinances will be presented. The matter was laid over until such time as Col. J. M. Lee, city attorney, returns from Tallahassee, where he is conducting the county's case against changes in the assessments of the railroads' property.

Because of the many requests for adjustment of assessments and taxes, a committee composed of Messrs. Stamey, Gregory and Lance will handle the matter. Action on the committee's part will tend to stimulate payment of taxes, which are being held up pending adjustments of the assessments.

Suits Filed In Office of Clerk Circuit Court

The following suits have been filed this week in the office of the clerk of the circuit court: Sebring Builders Supply Co. vs. M. W. Woolsey.

Scenic Highlands Development Co. vs. Lake McLeod Nurseries Co. and S. D. Creel.

Dr. Ferdinand A. Mersey vs. Scenic Highlands Development Co.

Continental Mortgage Co. vs. J. Herbert Rosenberg et al.

Lake View Place Corp. vs. A. E. Calton et al.

Lat Maxey (Trustee) vs. C. A. Skipper et al. Two suits.

M. Charles Malvy, 25, who was elected mayor of Cassilac recently, is the youngest mayor in France.

AVON PARK CHICKENS AMONG BEST LAYERS

The Palmer and Zimmerman Flocks Win Fourth and Fifth Places

Avon Park and Highlands county chickens continue to place among the first five leaders in the fourth Florida home egg-laying contest, according to the May figures released by N. R. Mehrhor, Extension Poultryman.

In the contest for the best backyard flocks during the month of May the flock of Mrs. C. E. Lawson, of Sebring, received first place. An average of 23.45 eggs was received from each of the 48 birds. Mrs. Lawson's chickens ranked second for the November-May period, with an average of 145.12 eggs from each bird.

The flock of F. D. Palmer, of Avon Park, placed fourth among the backyard flocks. Out of an average of 54 birds an average of 20.61 eggs were received. Mr. Palmer's birds also ranked fourth for the November-May period with an average of 129.45 eggs per bird. A. C. Zimmerman, also of Avon Park, had the fifth place birds among the backyard flocks. His birds averaged 20.16 eggs each.

In the farm flock division the birds of Mrs. E. M. Payne received third place for the past month, having an average of 21.46 eggs per bird. In the seven months period from November to May, the flock took first place with an average of 129.74 eggs per bird.

June thirtieth was the absolute and final date for shipment of grapes from Florida under the federal quarantine regulations. This was emphasized Saturday at fly eradication headquarters, error in transmission of a telegram having created a misunderstanding in this connection.

Arrests Netted \$80 During Past Month

Ten arrests, all on minor charges except one for "immortality" by a negro, were made by Chief Prescott and his aide, W. A. Roberts, according to the police report for June. The officers of the law had tie scores in the number of arrests, each making five.

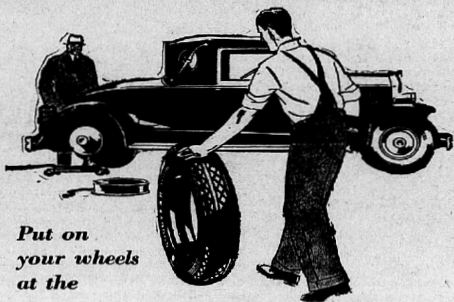
And as a result \$80 in cash was turned over to the city, and several prisoners are serving time on the streets.

Selection of James Shackelford, of Gainesville, to represent Florida in the Edison scholarship award contest has been announced by W. S. Cawthon, state superintendent of public instruction. Charles Whitcomb of Umatilla, was named alternate. Shackelford will compete with high school students of every state in the union for a four-year scholarship in the laboratory of Thomas A. Edison.

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