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## COUNTY TAXES CAN BE LOWER SAYS, CARLTON

**Says Millage For Highlands Can Be Cut 11.3 Mills**

According to advice received this week from Governor Doyle Carlton, the taxes for Highlands county may be reduced 11.3 mills, of which 5.9 mills would be for road indebtedness and 5.4 mills for schools. According to the governor's figures the county should receive from the state \$47,265 more in 1930 than in 1928, the total to be received being \$93,360 as against \$46,095 in 1928.

The report says that the calculations are made from available data as to outstanding road and bridge indebtedness. The figures for the gasoline tax revenues are based on collections for the fiscal year 1927-1928. They are subject to variation and correction after road and bridge indebtedness information is furnished by the counties as required by law. The report sets out that the approximate total county road and bridge and special road and bridge district indebtedness outstanding April 1, 1929 for the county is \$1,145,000.

Continuing, the governor estimates revenues under the new laws as applicable to the county to be as follows:

One cent gas tax distributed on basis of outstanding road and bridge indebtedness in the county \$16,795.

One cent gas tax distributed on the basis of the total amount of gas tax collected in the county county \$20,019.

One cent gas tax equally divided among all 67 counties 1/3 for roads and 2/3 for schools \$35,225.

One cent gas tax and all other funds distributed by state for schools \$21,331. This makes a total revenue from gasoline taxes and school revenue of \$93,360. Adding 25 percent of the motor vehicle licence fees makes a grand total of \$102,522 for roads and schools in the county.

Governor Carlton's figures allot this \$102,522 as follows:  
Road and bridge indebtedness relief \$36,804  
Road maintenance and construction 20,904  
County school aid 44,814

Total amount county should receive for 1930 \$102,522  
The report says that the above  
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## STORK LEAD RACE LAST SIX MONTHS

**With 46 Arrivals To His Credit He Leads Grim Reaper**

For the six months period ending June 30 the Stork shows a gain of eight over the record of the Grim Reaper, according to figures released by Miss Louise Browne, Registrar of Vital Statistics. During that period 46 babies were born, while the death toll reached 38.

Of the 46 new arrivals 26 were white males, who lead the white females by more than two to one. The number of white females were 11. Births in the negro quarters, according to the records, numbered nine, four males and five females. The Grim Reaper made his appearance 18 times at the homes of whites, 13 males and five females answering the call. Among the negroes there were 20 responses to the summons, 14 males and six females.

## Miss Browne Is Appointed Vital Statistics Clerk

Miss Louise Brown, city tax collector, has received her commission as Registrar of Vital Statistics for Avon Park and Avon Park township from the Bureau of Vital Statistics, of the State Board of Health. The appointment is for four years, and is in recognition of the excellent manner in which she has conducted the affairs of the office in the past.

## ROTES ENTERTAINED BY GOSPEL SINGER

**Charles Butler, Memphis Songster, Adds Pep To Club's Luncheon**

That a gospel singer can instill pep into the members of a civic organization as well as attendants at church revivals was exemplified Wednesday at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary club. Charles Butler, assisted at the piano by his daughter, Miss Lillian, did just that at the meeting. Another daughter, Miss Edith was also present.

Mr. Butler, a native of Memphis, Tenn., was invited to the luncheon by Rev. T. O. Baldwin, pastor of the Baptist church, where the songster is directing the musical activities of the revival services this week. And for nearly an hour the Rotarians enjoyed the songs and stories of the entertainer. Full of vim and vigor Mr. Butler kept his audience in good humor, and the Rotes were sorry when the going was sounded by President McDonald announcing the close of the session.

A. D. Chesley of Highland Lakes, was added to the club membership.

The visitors were Rev. Dr. W. G. Clinton, pastor of the Methodist church, Sebring, and Alfred Varena and Jack Stephenson, also of the Sebring Club.

## Leave For Baptist Assembly at Deland

Accompanied by Mrs. Tressie Albritton, as chaperon, the following young people, members of the Baptist Young People's Union, left Tuesday for Deland, where they attended the annual Assembly of the Baptist Young People's Union: Miss Kitty Lou Martin, Miss Genevieve McClelland, Thomas Baldwin and Clifton McClelland.

The Assembly will continue for 10 days. Courses in the conduct of the work of the union and advanced Bible studies will be taught the delegates.

## Vandenburg In Accident.

Word was received here Wednesday by Mrs. C. Vandenburg telling of an automobile accident that befell Mr. Vandenburg on July 4th at Pharr, S. C., where Mr. Vandenburg is located at present. The local man, according to the letter, escaped with scratches only.

## Many Enjoy Luncheon.

Laying aside their needles and thread at the noon hour, the Ladies' Aid society of the Congregational church, joined by their husbands and friends, enjoyed one of the series of noon-day luncheons at the manse. About 40 were present.

## Sh! Sh! Secrets.

A party of four local men left yesterday for Fort Myers on a fishing trip. All are prominent, but they don't like to be "kidded" should the fish fail to fall for them. So they asked us not to mention their names until they return.

## DISCUSS ORDINANCES AT SPECIAL SESSION

**Will Provide For Fire Regulations and Future Rate Reductions**

A series of ordinances which vitally affect the city were passed on first and second readings by council at a special meeting Monday night. City Attorney read the ordinances.

The ordinances provide for the establishing of fire limits, building regulations, electrical inspection, storing of explosives and chemicals and other requirements recommended by the Southeastern Association of the Board of Underwriters, of Atlanta, who completed a survey of the city about a year ago with the view of advancing Avon Park from a third class city rating to second class, plus ten.

Upon the final passage of the ordinances and compliance with their requirements, the Underwriters will make a re-survey of the city. Their recommendations will then be referred to the State Rate Board, who will, in all probability, be instructed to change the rating. Actual reductions in the fire insurance rates are not expected for  
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## REVIVAL INCREASES BAPTIST MEMBERSHIP

**Will Come To Close Sunday Evening; Rev. Baldwin In Charge**

Several new members have been added to the roll of the First Baptist church as a result of the revival services being conducted this week. The additions have been made through profession of faith, restoration, letter and under the watch-care of the church. Rev. Baldwin has been singularly successful during the week, and large crowds have been in attendance at all services. On Tuesday evening he was assisted by Rev. J. H. Griffin, pastor of the First Baptist church, Winter Haven, who delivered the sermon.

One of the principal features of the revival has been the songster, under the capable direction of the inimitable Charles Butler, formerly of Memphis, Tenn., but now a member of Rev. Griffin's church. Mr. Butler, figuratively, makes you sing your troubles away, and a visit to the services will prove the  
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## JULY FIRST HOTTEST DAY IN MANY YEARS

**Mercury Jumped To 97; Rushing Business At Soda Fountains**

"Phew! Isn't it beastly hot?" "Sure is a scorcher today." Those expressions and many others indicating the same condition were heard around town on July 1, and rightly so. The old mercury leaped that day to 97, which is one of the highest temperatures recorded in many moons, according to U. S. Weather Observer Lance. Even the old timers remarked about the torrid weather, and it had to be to make them speak thusly.

But July 1 was a hot day brother, and it stayed hot until after  
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## Woman's Club Project Ends In "Blaze of Glory"

Removal of the old West building, one of the properties of the Woman's club, ended in a blaze of glory yesterday afternoon, when the lumber that remained following razing of the building was set afire by the fire department.

It was chiefly through the Woman's club activities that the unsightly building was condemned and ordered torn down by council.

## INSTALL OFFICIALS OF REBEKAHS, MONDAY

**Ceremony Performed By Mrs. Fannie Reeves, District Deputy President**

With Mrs. Fannie Reeves, district deputy president, in charge, installation services of the recently elected officers of Eleanor Severns Lodge, No. 65, Rebekahs, were held at the I. O. O. F. hall last Monday evening.

Mrs. Reeves was assisted in the ceremony by the following deputies: Mrs. Pearl Spink, marshal; Mrs. Helen Mann, secretary; Mrs. Ada Dilley, warden; Mrs. Lillian Huggaboon, chaplain.

The officers installed were: Mrs. Rachel Wester, noble grand; Mrs. Lucille Daley, vice-noble grand; Miss Florence Mosier, recording secretary. Mrs. Reeves assumed the office of financial secretary made vacant by the resignation of Mrs. Ethel Carrigan.

Officers appointed by the noble grand were: Warden, Mrs. Freda Welch, conductor, Mrs. Pearl Spink; chaplain, Lillian Huggaboon; inside guardian, Mrs. Ella Hargraves; outside guardian, Floyd Huggaboon; right supporter to the noble grand, Mrs. Ada Dilley; left supporter to the noble grand, Miss Creola Fortner; right supporter to the vice-noble grand, Miss Doris Williams; left supporter to the vice-noble grand, Mrs. May Peters, and junior past noble grand, Mrs. Harriet Smith, the retiring noble grand.

## County Starts Drive To Collect '28 Taxes

All unpaid personal taxes for 1928 will be placed in the hands of a deputy for collection, County Tax Collector Canfield announces. An advertisement to that effect appears elsewhere in this issue.

Taxes remaining unpaid after tomorrow will be subject to the usual penalties and costs of enforcing collections. So to avoid the additional costs, it is well for those delinquent to settle either today or tomorrow.

Mr. Canfield will be at his office tomorrow at the county court house to receive collections. The office will be open until noon time, after which the penalty is attached.

## Lights Out.

A limb falling on the electric wires in the South Central avenue section sometime during Tuesday night caused a short-circuiting of the wires and threw the lines out of commission. Employees of the Florida Public Service company were on the job early Wednesday morning and repaired the lines.

## Painting Crossing Signs.

Employees of the city were engaged Wednesday in painting signs on the main street on both sides of the railroads, indicating the motorist's approach to railroad crossings. The signs are similar to those used in larger cities, and are in addition to the railroad crossing signs installed by the railroads.

## TRUSTEES MAKE CUT IN TEACHERS' PAY

**Fairey and Carmichael Reduced \$25 Per Month; No Additional Teachers**

After receiving their commissions as school trustees, which they won at the recent election, Messrs. T. A. McNicholas and F. S. Jordan, after familiarizing themselves with the financial condition of District No. 1, were forced to use the knife on the salaries of several teachers. The knife fell heavily on Supervising Principal Robert T. Fairey and the assistant principal and coach, E. F. Carmichael, the salaries of these two being cut \$25 per month. For the coming year Mr. Fairey will receive \$300 per month and Mr. Carmichael \$200 per month.

Two high school teachers, Misses Leah and Pierson received reductions of \$10 per month in their monthly stipend. None of the other teachers will be affected by salary cuts.

The first meeting of the new trustees was held last Saturday afternoon at the office of Mr. McNicholas, where the board assembled and organized with Mr. Jordan as chairman and Mr. McNicholas as secretary. Clifford M. Eisle, the third member of the board, is in the north at present, and was unable to attend.

Col. F. N. K. Bailey, county superintendent of schools, met with the board and gave them instructions on their duties. The superintendent advised the new trustees regarding the financial conditions of the districts throughout the county and of the advisability of pursuing an economic program during the coming year.

Because of the financial condition existing no additions to the teaching staff are contemplated, board feeling that the present corps of teachers will be adequate to care for the children next season.

Should the financial situation become better by the end of the next term of school the board will reimburse Misses Leah and Pierson for their cut in salary by giving them a bonus, although the trustees do not want it construed that they are obligating themselves legally for the bonus.

All members of the teaching staff will be informed of the board's action, so that they might  
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## DAY FILES SUITS IN THE FEDERAL COURT

**Seeking Payment Of Assessments On Stock Of Defunct First National Bank**

Failure of eight or ten stockholders to pay assessments on their holdings in the defunct First National Bank has resulted in the filing of suits in the federal court at Tampa by Receiver Harold S. Day, it became known yesterday.

Shortly after the bank failed and Mr. Day took charge, the comptroller of the currency assessed the stockholders \$100,000, which represented 100 percent of the capital stock. The assessments were made payable in four installments, and while many of the stockholders have "kicked in" on their holdings, between eight or ten failed to make a single payment. For this reason the suits were filed to enforce collection of the unpaid assessments.

Deputy Marshal Lowe was in Avon Park Wednesday serving the summons on the delinquents.



## AVON'S WATER SUPPLY ANALYZES 'VERY GOOD'

Report Received From State Health Board; Water Comes From Deep Wells

Avon Parkers have every reason to be proud of their water supply. Reports of analyses made on two specimens of water last month show that the water is considered "very good" by the state board of health. The samples submitted were taken from the two wells, one of which is 1170 feet deep and the other 1040 feet in depth. The reports were received here by E. E. Melton, manager of the local office of the Florida Public Service company, which controls the water supply.

The main pumping plant is located near the Atlantic Coast Line tracks, about 150 feet south of Main street. There a 75 horsepower motor, capable of pumping 750 gallons per minute, or one million, eighty thousand gallons per day, may be seen. During the summer months the consumption of water in the city averages 85,000 gallons per day, or 2,550,000 gallons per month. No figures were obtainable on the consumption during the winter months.

An emergency pumping plant, steam operated, is installed at the power plant of the company on Lake Lotela. The pump at that location is designed to produce 350 gallons per minute, or 504,000 gallons every 24 hours.

## GOV. CARLTON SAYS TOO MANY ARE AFTER JOBS

Not Enough State Employment To Supply All, Says Chief Executive

TALLAHASSEE, July 11.—For the second time since he assumed office last January, Governor Carlton issued a warning to "job-seekers" that, in substance, the state government had no employment to offer them.

Although not saying as much, the chief executive indicated that he was being persecuted by his throngs of persons after work. His office is a daily gathering place for many who would place their names upon the state's payroll.

"I am sorry that so many people are deceived as to the possibilities of state employment," the governor said. "We are continually having to reduce the payroll, with little opportunity for those seeking positions."

"I wish it were possible to find employment for everyone. This, however, is out of the question. Many who are depending upon the state for employment should look for private work. I mention this as a kindness to those seeking work that does not exist, to save them from useless efforts."

The governor said his daily mail was crowded with communications from those hunting employment. Shortly after the governor entered office, he issued a similar statement, warning the unemployed that the state had nothing to give them.

## Robbers Enter Home Of Charles Moffett

Some time between Monday night and Tuesday morning robbers broke into the home of Charles Moffett, according to a report received by the police from F. S. Prior, who has been caretaker at the Moffett home, during the absence of its owner, now in Colorado.

Entrance was gained, by breaking a window in the rear of the building. Police were unable to ascertain what the robbers secured for their work.

Pack up the tent and equipment for it and spend the week of August 12-17 at the Florida College of Agriculture. It can be a week of recreation as well as education.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JULY 14, 1929.

SUBJECT: Ezekiel Teaches Personal Responsibility.

GOLDEN TEXT: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." Rom. 14:12.

LESSON TEXT: Ezekiel 18:1-32; 33:1-20.

The Lord said, "Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine; the soul that sinneth, it shall die."

Such a soul dies, not because God desires to kill nor to punish, but because one's sins must produce an effect, and "the wages of sin is death." God declares, "Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live; turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel?" The death of men and of nations is not the result of any desire or declaration of God, but "is the inevitable outcome of conscious acts on the part of men and nations—due to their own choice of deeds."

But each individual is responsible only for his own sins. In Ezek. 18:20 God says, "The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him."

And then God says, "But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes, and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die."

The sinner may turn to God, obey him and forsake his sin and his evil ways, and then "All his transgressions which he has committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him."

But God also adds this warning, "But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and commits iniquity—all his righteousness which he hath done shall not be mentioned."

In his second letter, 2:20, the Apostle Peter says, "If after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning." The same thought was expressed by Jesus in Matt. 12:43-45, where his statement closes with, "And the last state of that man is worse than the first."

God's promises of blessings and warnings of punishment are always conditional, upon obedience to, or violation of, his commandments. In today's lesson God declared, "When I say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his righteousness, and commit iniquity, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but in his iniquity that he hath committed, therein shall he die. Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that which he had taken by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die."

In today's lesson God sends Ezekiel to the Israelites to call their attention to all these things: "So thou, son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die, and thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thy hand. Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he turn not from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul."

If the watchman fails to sound the alarm or to give a true report of the impending danger, and by such neglect some one is lost, then God said, "his blood will I require at thine hand."

Every Christian, whether preacher or teacher, layman, has been commissioned and commanded by Christ to "teach all nations" and "teaching them to observe all

## SPINK IS INJURED IN AUTO ACCIDENT

Breaks Collar Bone When Tire Bursts and Car Overturns Near Highland Lakes

Glenn H. Spink, proprietor of the Highlands Dry Cleaning company, is confined to his home, 28 E. Main street, as a result of an automobile accident near Highland Lakes Saturday evening. Mr. Spink sustained a broken right collarbone and painful body bruises.

Bursting of a rear tire on his Buick coach, while enroute to this city, caused Mr. Spink to lose control of the car and it overturned. A passing motorist placed the victim in his car and brought him to his home in this city. The car was badly damaged in the accident, and later was taken to the Standard garage.

When trouble developed in the machinery in the dry cleaning plant, Saturday afternoon, Mr. Spink went to Frostproof to have the clothing cleaned for his patrons on Saturday night, and it was while returning from the neighboring town that the accident occurred.

## SPECIALISTS TO STUDY MED-FLY ERADICATION

Body Meets At Washington and Will Visit Florida To Plan Recommendations

WASHINGTON, July 11.—A committee of specialists was enroute to Florida to aid the government in its efforts to eradicate the Mediterranean fruit fly from this country.

Secretary Hyde announced the appointments only today, and after a brief organization meeting they departed southward to make an intensive study of the situation. This survey will deal not only with immediate extermination measures but also with future plans to prevent a recurrence of the fly's invasion.

In making the announcement, the secretary said the enormous expenditures now clearly shown to be needed to continue the campaign of eradication and the nation wide concern in the problem had caused him to supplement the department of agriculture's experts with the outside specialists.

Those appointed were Dr. Vernon Kellogg, permanent secretary of the national research council; H. A. Morgan, president of the University of Tennessee; T. P. Cooper, dean of the College of Agriculture and director of extension work at the University of Kentucky; Victor R. Gardner, director of the state experiment station and professor of horticulture, Michigan State college; T. P. Headlee, New Jersey state entomologist and professor of entomology, Rutgers college; G. A. Dean, head of the department of entomology, University of Kansas; H. J. Quayle, professor of entomology, University of California.

Fire in Quarters. Fire totally destroyed a home in the negro quarters about 10 o'clock last Saturday night. The alarm was sent in from the Mutual Grange Mill. The damage was estimated at several hundred dollars by Fire Chief McCarthy.

The New Zealand labor party has voted to exclude all communists.

things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Are you professed Christians teaching what he taught and spreading his Gospel to others? Are you telling others that Jesus said, "I am the way \* \* no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," and "He that believeth on him is not condemned; but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God?"

## Rust Mites Abound On Citrus; Control Measures Advised

Florida citrus growers in zones 2 and 3 should not neglect their citrus fruits, and let them be ruined by rust mites. This is the advice given by Prof. J. R. Watson, entomologist of the Florida Experiment Station, at Gainesville. Prof. Watson states that on a trip over the citrus belt recently, he saw numerous evidences of serious rust mite infestations nearly everywhere he went.

Sulphur in some form is the cardinal remedy for rust mites, and Prof. Watson urges growers whose groves are troubled with rust mite to either dust or spray immediately. For dusting, one may use finely ground flowers of sulphur, says Prof. Watson. Hydrated lime may be mixed with the sulphur, and usually makes it go through the duster better. From a quarter to a half pound of sulphur dust should be applied to each tree, and it works better when the nights are moist and the days bright and sunny.

Lime-sulphur is the form to use for spraying. Mix about one gallon of the lime-sulphur with about 60 or 65 gallons of water.

Many factories in Norway are operating at capacity, and the busy workmen are buying new homes.

## "EXPOSITOR" CARRYS DR. VAUGHN'S STORY

"Service Overture" Is One Of Leading Articles In Cleveland Publication

As the various lines of business and industry and the professions have their "trade journals" churchmen and church organizations have a similar organ, "The Expositor," published at Cleveland. In the June issue one of the lead articles is by Dr. A. P. Vaughn, of the Union Congregational church of Avon Park, discussing the "Service Overture." Much attention has been paid recently in churches that do not have a prescribed ritual to developing an opening order of service that will be of aid to the worshippers in gaining the greatest benefit from the hour of public devotion. This article presents ideas for the church program, and original hymn invocations, to be used by the congregation, which were thus used first in the local church.

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## NORTHERN MAN FINDS CONDITIONS HERE GOOD

Comments On Medfly and  
Says Fly Forgotten  
In the North

ORLANDO, July 11.—(Special)—Conditions in Florida are better than an outsider expects to find them, according to J. S. Crutchfield, Pittsburgh, president of the American Fruit Growers, Inc., the great national fruit and vegetable marketing agency with operations in many sections of the United States, who is now in Florida upon a visit of inspection of the organization's branches here. The morale of Florida citizens, particularly of those engaged in citrus and vegetable production, is wonderfully good in the face of the quarantine restrictions and other handicaps, he says.

On one score the optimism of Florida people is, in Mr. Crutchfield's opinion, fully justified. He states that prior to coming to Florida he instituted careful inquiry through the more than two hundred sales branches of the American Fruit Growers, Inc., in the United States to ascertain the feeling of the public with respect to Florida citrus fruits. This inquiry failed to reveal one single complaint from retailers or consumers concerning fruit damaged by the fruit fly. When coupled with the high prices now being paid in certain principal markets for Florida grapefruit coming out of cold storage, this is held to argue much for a favorable reception by the consuming of Florida oranges and grapefruit when next season's crop begins to move. The general public in the north, if ever it really took interest in the insect infestation, has been quick to forget, in his opinion.

"From the standpoint of our holdings and interest in Florida, it is most comforting to find the federal government determined to eradicate the fruit fly," he said. "With the government so strongly committed to eradication, and such a great amount of work already accomplished, it seems the only possible bar to complete eradication of the fly can come from failure of the people of Florida to give co-operation. There seems small danger of such failure to co-operate from what I have heard and observed since arriving. In fact, I am strongly impressed by the high degree of co-operation which the people of Florida are according to the fly eradication effort. Of course, there are a few persons who feel compelled to hang back and to register complaints; but apparently they constitute a very small and insignificant part of Florida's population. Equally of course, there has been and will be a certain amount of sensationalism. That is to be expected. Sensationalism is impossible to repress; and is bound to explode upon occasion. In this instance it will be expected under the circumstances."

"Florida's danger, if there be a danger in the present situation, lies in the possibility of its people being satisfied with anything short of complete eradication of the Mediterranean fly from the state. Only one hundred per cent eradication can safeguard properly the great citrus and vegetable producing industries which are the foundation of Florida's business prosperity. Complete eradication is the vital need, and with the large progress which already has been made right now is the time to accomplish it."

"Any program of complete eradication must involve hardships, and many difficulties for individuals; but the government quarantine officers are thoroughly experienced in their work, and are eminently fair. They can be depended upon not to impose a single unnecessary hardship upon growers or business interests. That thought must be borne in mind by Floridians. Those handling the eradication work cannot always pause to explain their actions or give their reasons, any more than commanding officers of an army in battle can be expected to stop and explain their plans to civilians. Time is all precious under present circumstances, and the people of Florida

can greatly aid those in charge of the eradication forces by co-operating first and later obtaining information and explanations through committees which will consume a minimum of the valuable time of those directing this all important work. It has been my privilege to observe closely somewhat similar eradication work in Texas and elsewhere; and I have been deeply impressed with the effectiveness of this branch of the United States Department of Agriculture; and I feel sure that in Dr. Wilmon Newell Florida has a field chief most competent, with the added advantages which come of thorough and understanding knowledge of actual Florida conditions."

"The present program of eradication has been carefully worked out; and I am advised by our people in Florida who have been observing it carefully, that the work to date is proving surprisingly effective. It seems self-evident that the people of Florida should support it whole-heartedly until it is carried to a successful conclusion."

"This is a time when all factors in Florida should submerge individual interests and stand together in face of the emergency. In our humble way the organization of the American Fruit Growers, Inc., is endeavoring to do its part; and we are ready and willing to contribute our best in co-operation with any and all of those other organizations and individuals who likewise are striving to aid."

"My career in the fruit and vegetable business began in Florida 38 years ago, when I worked in the packing house of Nelson & Co., at Oviedo. I saw Florida pass through the vicissitudes of the Big Freeze and emerge triumphant; and I have seen Florida at various times since contend with serious handicaps and not only survive but constantly grow stronger and more important. I am confident, and my associates in the American Fruit Growers, Inc., are equally confident, that Florida not only will triumphantly survive the ravages of this fruit fly; but that Florida will set an example for quickly and completely conquering an insect pest which shall be inspiring to other agricultural and horticultural areas wherever located."

## DAIRY DAY FEATURE OF FARMERS' WEEK

State Dairyman's Association  
To Hold Meeting  
August 15

Every dairyman will have his day at Farmers' and Fruit Growers' Week, which will be held at the College of Agriculture, University of Florida, at Gainesville, during the week of August 12-17. Thursday, August 15, has been set as dairy day. The State Dairyman's association will hold its annual meeting at the College at that time.

An interesting program for the day is being arranged by Hamlin L. Brown, extension dairyman. He has asked a number of excellent speakers on dairy subjects, and is lining up some good talks.

Last year around 400 dairymen were in attendance at the dairy day meeting, and Mr. Brown believes that that number will be greatly exceeded this year. Present economic conditions are causing more attention to be paid to dairying in various parts of the state.

While Thursday, August 15, will be given over to dairying subjects on the livestock program, other programs will be carried right along the same day. Other sections which will be meeting at the same time will be citrus, small fruits, and pecans; truck crops; beekeeping; poultry; and home economics.

Printed preliminary programs concerning the Farmers' Week will be available about August 1 for those who are interested in attending and will write for them.

A jellyfish known as the "Portuguese man-of-war" has such poisonous nettles that if passed over the skin of a human being he may go into spasms and be prostrated for days.

## Aviation Day Will Be Held at DeSoto City On Next Wednesday

WEDNESDAY will be airplane and aviation day at DeSoto City at a field three miles east of that town. The road to the field from state road eight is clayed and ample provision is being made for parking cars. Captain R. W. Maynard is in charge of the program for the afternoon and evening and promises plenty doing all the time.

He is inviting Wesley Raymond, well-known Lakeland aviator, and Captain McMullen, chief of the Tama Flying school and others to be present and stunting and straight flying will be the order of the day. Captain Maynard is an aviator himself having served with Uncle Sam's Air service for a number of years.

Refreshments will be served at the DeSoto City Hotel in the evening and will be followed by dancing.

According to Captain Maynard, the tract of land to be used is an ideal landing field, having no hazards of any kind. He suggests it would be the best place possible for a county airport and that the largest and heaviest planes made can land and take off with safety.

## COMMITTEE OF FIFTY ELECTS J. C. MORTON

Other Officers Chosen and  
Problems Discussed At  
Winter Haven Meet

WINTER HAVEN, July 8.—James C. Morton, citrus grower of Auburndale, who has played an active part in the organization of the Florida Citrus Growers' Clearing House association, was elected chairman of the committee of fifty, at the organization meeting of that body, here today.

Mr. Morton succeeds W. M. Reck of Avon Park, as chairman. The other officers elected are: C. D. Gunn, Haines City, re-elected as secretary and treasurer; J. G. Grossenbacher, Apopka, first vice-chairman and R. K. Thompson of Sarasota, second vice chairman.

F. M. O'Byrne was elected assistant secretary and treasurer and will serve while Mr. Gunn is engaged in fruit fly eradication work, with the State Plant Board.

Problems Are Discussed.

The executive committee to serve for the coming year was elected as follows: John D. Clark, Waverly; J. C. Merrill, Leesburg; Tom S. Carpenter, Crescent City; C. A. Garrett, Kissimmee; A. R. Trafford, Cocoa; and Henry Murphy, Zolfo Springs.

The committee of fifty, in addition to its regular business of organizing, took up a thorough discussion of the problems confronting the growers as a result of the invasion of the state by the Mediterranean fruit fly.

F. M. O'Byrne, who served as an inspector during the citrus canker fight several years ago, made a talk in which he condemned what he termed malicious lies concerning the fruit fly situation. He concluded, by asking growers present to give the State Plant Board every co-operation possible and not only to refrain from circulating stories criticizing or belittling the board's work but to brand such stories as lies and beyond proof by the reteller or anyone else.

Condemn False Reports.

Following the meeting the executive committee passed a resolution condemning the circulating of false and unfair stories about the fly or the eradication work and urging that the State Plant Board's work be given all the support possible.

The death of M. M. Smith of Winter Park, a member of the committee of fifty, which occurred Saturday, was formally noted by passage of a resolution of sympathy to his family.

W. M. Reck, retiring chairman, gave his report of the past year's activities.

A. W. Hanley, in charge of the

clearing house membership drive reported to the committee the progress of the campaign. He announced that more than twelve hundred new growers have been signed up with the association. The next meeting of the committee will be held in Orlando.

Prof. W. L. Floyd, of the Florida College of Agriculture, says, "The future of Florida's forests, especially her cut-over lands, is uncertain. They may be made to produce continuous crops of timber. As the supply decreases and the demand increases, prices will soar, and therein is seen our duty to posterity to protect the future of our lumber industry. There is no better way of doing this than by refraining from 'burning the woods.' Forest fires destroy in a few minutes that which months, years and decades grow, and that which to the farmer is worth many carloads of the very best fertilizers."

Stricken by a sudden heart attack, M. M. Smith, president of the Florida Automobile Association, first chairman of the Florida State Road Department, member of the Orange county school board and well known pioneer of citizen of Orange county, died Saturday morning at his home in Winter Park.

## Rebekah Deputy Busy.

Being an official of the grand lodge of Rebekahs takes a lot of time and energy, as will be shown by the schedule of installations to be attended to by Mrs. Rannie Reeves, district deputy president.

On Monday night Mrs. Reeves installed officers of the local lodge, and tonight will install the officers of Mulberry lodge. On the 19th she goes to Lake Wales, to Lake-land on the 22nd and Ft. Meade on the 26th, at which places she will perform the installation ceremonies.

Passenger motorbuses in Missouri are limited to a speed of 40 miles an hour.

## Legal Advertisement.

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED.

Notice is hereby given that R. W. Greenleaf, purchaser of tax certificate No. 586, dated the 4th day of July, A. D. 1927, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue thereon in accordance with law.

Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

"That part of the SE 1/4, lying south of the Avon Park, Wausau Highway in Section 20, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, containing 18 acres, known as West Avon Park. The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of said certificate in the name of West Avon Park."

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 15th day of August, A. D. 1929.

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## ENTERTAINMENT!

Recently we published an editorial stressing the importance of preparing for the coming of the winter tourists, and since its appearance we have had several requests from prominent citizens to continue our efforts towards securing entertainment for our winter residents, the tourists who bide with us as they journey along, and last, but not least, for our own citizens.

We do not advocate the spending of a huge sum for this purpose, but we do feel that the city should appropriate enough to provide for the less expensive sports, such as roque, croquet, quoits, shuffleboard.

We feel sure that the council will set aside the required amount if the members are requested to do so, and the request is backed by the personal appearance of some of the leading citizens, who are familiar with the needs of the city and the wishes of its citizenry in the matter of entertainment.

Let us hear from the Rotarians, the Women's Club, the Avon Club, and other civic and fraternal organizations.

He hitched his horse to the Washington Post.—Times-Union. He cut his hand on the Toledo Blade.—Leesburg Commercial. He took a telescope and looked at the Washington Star.—DeLand News. He got stung by the Omaha Bee.—Tallahassee Democrat. Next.—Times-Union. While atop the Oil City Derrick he was caught in an Oil City Blizzard. His wife was crazy, and having The Grit he had the San Francisco Examiner.

"Don't let the Medfly keep you from planting," says a South Florida weekly, and gives a list of things immune from the Medfly. Chickens are mentioned. Since when have they commenced to pick chickens from bushes?—Times-Union. There's the eggplant, Avery, and eggs come from chickens, you know.

The paraGraphers are restless, and so the call goes out for another of the series of "annual meetings" to be held at Winter Garden on July 27. Only a few annual sessions have been held so far this year. Many a good show has been staged at the Winter Garden, and its nameake in all probability will live up to its reputation as a fun center.

A Connecticut girl used a bright red strawberry as bait and landed a fine pickerel.—Associated Press. A Pennsylvania lady used bright red strawberry jam and caught herself a husband.

Manchester, N. Y., has a woman tax collector, and every dollar on the tax roll has been collected for the first time in 20 years. That lady can have a job in 100 Florida towns right now.

According to the Bowling Green Exponent, the races conducted there July Fourth were won by the following horses: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Horn, Eston Revels and Miss Renninger.

Of Washington, whose portrait appears on the new \$1 bills, we say: First in war, first in peace, more often in the pockets of his countrymen.

Since the adjournment of the legislature paragraphs now have to dig for their material.—Times-Union. And the lawmakers have to work for a living.

The Fourth of July is gradually becoming safer. Only 159 lives were lost this year, a decrease of 46 over 1928.

## AN ODE TO EVENING.

In the cold still hours past midnight,  
When the world is asleep in its bed  
Of mist and mystery of starlight,  
My memory walks with the dead.

In the full bright glare of noon-day,  
When the light of the sun is life-giving,  
I have no thought of the dooms-day  
But live and love with the living.

Now comes the moth hour of evening,  
When the day's light is fading away,  
And the Gods are tenderly sheathing  
The sunbeams from this dying day.

Ah! This is the best hour of all,  
This soft hour—evening's brief rest time,  
When sweet notes like rare jewels fall  
From nature's invisible chimes.  
—Jack Cleaver.

To create better feeling co-eds are to discard fur coats, says College Humor. From our experience we'd say no ill-feeling existed.

Canada's banning of Florida fruit might be considered a retaliatory measure against the United States prohibition law.

For sale: A good Spanish title. Abstract furnished. \$200,000 per year. Apply Don Luis d'Orleans-Bourbon.

A reprieve wouldn't prove so sensational to the public if granted a week before the execution date. Hence, the last hour stunts.

The Glorious Fourth. Hip hip, hurrah!—Frostproof News. The Glorious Fourth, hic, hic, hiccup!

Mary calls her beau Prince Albert. (Send self-addressed envelope for explanation).

PEB asks what is missing from Sunday's Gulfstream? Kleawatha.

The country's getting better. Only two dry killings last week.

DePriest wants his rights. Down our way they'll give him rights—and lefts, too.

An 18-karat optimist is "Ma" Ruhl of the Frostproof News.

Two "sixes" produced in Florida: Gas tax and legislators' pay.

## Echoes of the State Press

### A NEW LIGHT ON FLORIDA.

The key to Florida's progress lies in cheap transportation and not in the establishment of factories, according to Major General Thomas Q. Ashburn, U. S. A., who last week completed a tour of Florida on the request and invitation of the Florida Inland and Coastal Waterways association.

Thus it has remained for an army engineer to throw some new light on the situation in Florida. At the banquet tendered the distinguished guest on his visit to Tampa, General Ashburn told many things of vital interest to those present which should be of paramount interest to all citizens of the state. He pointed out that the state has in its agricultural possibilities great potential wealth. Florida can now produce three times as much citrus fruit as she now produces, in his opinion, if it can be sold cheaply enough to the North. The people of the North pay too much for oranges and grapefruit in comparison to what is received by the growers and the people of Florida pay too much for the things which they are under necessity of buying which are produced in other states.

"Florida does not need factories to bring prosperity to the state," he tells us, "so long as the state can grow the necessities of life that the factory workers of other states must have." The solution of Florida's problem, therefore, lies in the creation of means of cheap transportation.

"There scarcely is a part of Florida where a canal could not be created," in the opinion of General Ashburn. According to figures compiled, water transportation is much cheaper than rail transportation. While it costs eight and eight-tenths mills per ton mile to operate a railroad, freight is hauled on the New York canal at three mills per ton mile; on the Mississippi river at one and seven-tenths mills per ton mile and along the Atlantic coast at one mill per ton mile. This is why manufacturers looking for factory sites usually locate in cities with water transportation. Indianapolis is the only city in the country not on a waterway. With navigable canals from interior to coast towns and quick refrigerator steamer service to important northern markets, it will readily be seen Florida's chief economic problem will be solved.

"When these problems are solved," General Ashburn said, "I am sure that the rehabilitation of Florida will be fully accomplished and Florida will grow so fast that you will be amazed."—Florida Commercial.

## STATE'S AGRICULTURE PROSPECTS LOOK GOOD

### State Chamber of Commerce Reports General Conditions Much Improved

JACKSONVILLE, July 11.—"Florida passed through the first six months of 1929 in excellent condition," says the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, "according to reports carried in the state press from all sections, and all indications point to the fact that Florida, as a State, is enjoying a sound substantial growth which argues greater activity than ever witnessed before."

"Municipalities and counties are cutting expense budgets and making their program fit the funds anticipated from taxes during the year. Most lines of endeavor show a healthy condition of such proportion as to create a feeling of satisfaction."

"The people of Florida are meeting their problems with an understanding of highest type," says the State Chamber of Commerce, and the result is being evidenced through coordination of effort and co-operation out of which is being created in Florida a spirit of optimism and a greater faith in the true worth of the natural resources which abound here.

"Each day brings reports of new activities being launched in the state. Chambers of Commerce, municipalities, hotel owners and managers and the railroads are preparing to carry on campaigns designed to make the 1929-30 tourist season an excellent one. Expansion programs of civic and industrial nature indicate a material upward trend at this time throughout the state."

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"Agriculture in the state from the standpoint of marketing has been normal," continues the State Chamber of Commerce, "and figures compiled by the Florida State Marketing Bureau show that the fruit and vegetable shipments for 1928-29 season will approximate \$80,000,000. With more effort being directed toward agricultural pursuits than in past years and more thought being given to poultry raising, dairying and specialized crops the foundation of Florida's back country is on a more solid and substantial basis than ever before."

## Farm Week Visitors Learn Much of Value

That Florida farmers and farm women appreciate Farmers' and Fruit Growers' Week, and learn something by attending, is evidenced by letters received by the Agricultural Extension Division after the week is over. Just after the week last year, a Homestead farmer wrote to N. R. Mehrhof, extension poultryman, and stated that "I never learned so much about chickens in my life as I learned at Gainesville during Farmer's Week, and I want to express my appreciation of your efforts in our behalf."

Another good poultry program is being planned for this year. The 1929 Farmers' Week will be held during the week of August 12-17.

Experiments are now being conducted by the Florida Experiment Station to determine the feeding value of a number of pasture grasses. The tests will also compare different breeds of beef animals.

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## WANTS AVON POSTER FOR NEW YORK CAMP

C. F. Richardson Says Thousands Would See It At Cabin; More Booster News

C. F. Richardson was on the roll of the Avon Park Booster Club before leaving for his annual trip to New York state. He has now responded to the Chamber of Commerce letter asking his efforts towards getting more folks for our city. He is keeping a list of such persons at his summer camp at Armonk, which is just 30 miles from Grand Central Station, New York City, on a good cement road connecting with the Bronx Parkway. This causes heavy traffic, and in week-ends they usually have two thousand or more people stopping at the camp for lunches. Mr. Richardson adds: "I have often thought what a help it would be to Avon Park if I could get hold of a nice large poster of some fine view around Avon Park and hang it up in the camp cabin. Thousands would see it." An additional supply of Avon Park literature has been sent to Mr. Richardson.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Luthy who were listed as members of the Summer Traveling Booster Club before leaving on their vacation write from Marshall, Oklahoma. They drove through 1,665 miles from Avon Park in 5 1/2 days. They have been visiting the oil fields, and could count 125 oil rigs from one point. They ask that some literature on Avon Park be sent them at Silver Lake, Kan., their headquarters, saying: "We will be glad to give it out where it will do the most good."

Mrs. A. E. Hollingsworth, who has been visiting in Saranac Lake, N. Y., for some months, made a trip to Avon Park, going on to Detroit Monday. After a couple months stay there, she will return to Saranac Lake. While here Mrs. Hollingsworth was supplied with Avon Park literature for distribution, supplementing that sent to her previously.

T. R. C. Crowell, a realtor who handled the sale of the original town site of Sebring and other big South Florida developments, was in Avon Park last Saturday looking over real estate for prospective buyers. He called at the Chamber of Commerce for civ literature for distribution among his clients.

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Palmer have started on an auto tour to Kentucky, Detroit and Canada, and were supplied with Chamber of Commerce literature to use along with their own powers of inducement toward getting more residents for Avon Park.

W. L. Winchester, of the West End filling station, has furnished the Chamber of Commerce with addresses of two dozen business acquaintances in Kentucky, West Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia who he regards as good prospects for winter visitors or Avon Park home makers. Mr. Winchester has just returned from a motor trip through these states and in talking with these folks learned that many of them had visited Florida. The next step is to interest them in Avon Park by a special invitation. Mr. Winchester was accompanied by his wife and three children who are remaining at Williamsburg, Ky., on a several months' visit to her relatives. Williamsburg is a beautiful old town with fine homes and Mrs. Winchester has also undertaken to distribute Avon Park literature there.

Mrs. Virginia H. Cloud, teacher in our Public schools, is doing some boosting for Avon Park through Georgia. She writes to the Chamber of Commerce. "Replying to your letter I wish to say you may always enlist me in anything that will help along my home town. If you will have a small amount of advertising matter sent me I shall be glad to use it wherever I go. Wish I could have had some of this material with me while attending the National Educational association in Atlanta."

J. Harris of Avon Park sought auto route information on roads to Detroit, Mich., and agreed to join the Traveling Booster Club, taking

## Rail Birds



## SUMMER COURSE FOR STATE CIVIC LEADERS

Short Course For Chamber of Commerce Secretaries and Other Civic Leaders

GAINESVILLE, July 11.—The University of Florida will establish a precedent in the South this month when the first annual Southern School for Commercial Secretaries and other community leaders opens here on Monday, July 22nd to continue through Friday of the week.

This innovation in summer courses at the University is being launched in co-operation with the Florida State Chamber of Commerce with a view to establishing a uniform course of instruction for those active in the Chamber of Commerce and other civic fields and the course is being opened to community leaders and chamber of commerce secretaries of all Southern states.

The curriculum of the school will embrace 49 subjects of kindred importance to civic leaders of the South and the subjects will be presented during the five-day school by three general groups of leaders composed of members of the faculty of the University of Florida and affiliated departments, active commercial secretaries and prominent business men of the state. There will be three sessions of the school each day devoted to presentation and discussions of the comprehensive programs prepared by the University and State Chamber of Commerce for the occasion.

In the group of subjects to be presented and discussed by members of the University and Department Staff are included the following:

Chambers of Commerce to Civic and Other Community Organizations, Walter J. Matherly, Dean, College of Commerce and Journalism.

Budgeting Natural Resources, Harry Lee Baker, State Forester.

New Uses and More Money for Natural Resources, Townes R. Leigh, Head, Department of Chemistry and Dean, College of Pharmacy.

Industrial Surveys, Walter J. Matherly, Dean, College of Commerce and Journalism.

Trained Leadership in Developing the State, Dr. John J. Tigert, President, University of Florida.

Some Sociological Factors in

Community and Commercial Development, Dr. L. M. Bristol, Head, Department of Sociology.

Trends in Business Education, Walter J. Matherly, Dean, College of Commerce and Journalism.

Some Current Governmental fallacies in Florida, J. Miller Leake, Head, Department of History and Political Science.

City Planning from the Engineer's Viewpoint, J. R. Benton, Dean College of Engineering.

Zoning in Florida Cities, W. G. Carlton, Instructor, Department of Sociology.

Taxation for Community Advertising and Promotion, W. T. Hicks, Instructor in Economics, College of Commerce and Journalism.

Using the Radio in State Advertising, B. C. Riley, Director Station WRUF.

In addition to the foregoing one entire morning session of the school has been assigned to a study of the service functions of state institutions in the development of Florida. This session of the school will be handled by Sam. T. Fleming, Director of the Florida State Agricultural Experiment Station; W. L. Floyd, Assistant Dean of the University of Florida Agriculture College; A. P. Spencer, Assistant Director of agricultural extension work; B. C. Riley, Dean of the Extension Department; J. R. Benton, Dean of the College of Engineering and Dr. Thomas R. Leigh, Dean of the College of Pharmacy who will discuss Medicinal Gardens.

Registrations for the school are being rapidly received, according to the Florida State Chamber of Commerce, Jacksonville, which organization is handling the applications and mailing out the necessary instructions for the school. It is hoped that every Chamber of Commerce Secretary in the state will attend the school and they are being urged to see that their community has other representatives present during the week.

Bulletin Explains Meat Canning

It sometimes happens that farm homes have a surplus of fresh meat, when later on there will be a shortage of the same product. Miss Isabelle S. Thurbay suggests that the surplus meat be canned and held until later, when it will be needed on the family table.

Miss Thurbay has written a bulletin on the home canning of meat, and this bulletin has been published by the Agricultural Extension Division. Copies of the bulletin may be obtained free by writing to the State Home Demonstration Department at Tallahassee and asking for Bulletin 51.

## LAUNCH THRIFT PROJECT IN HIGHLANDS COUNTY

To Compete With Useful Articles Made From Feed Bags

Highlands county sets the pace for making the most of the little bit we have, by launching a Thrift Project, inspired by the Home Demonstration Agent in her work among the 4-H Clubs. Anyone over 10 years old may enter this contest, for a contest it certainly is.

Making useful articles out of discarded feed or flour bags is the keynote of the program, and the designs will be kept exceedingly simple because of the nature of the material used.

There will be two competitive classes, one for girls under 18 and one for women over 18, with two types of articles entered, Utility and Novelty. This makes the judging a little easier.

Some of the suggested work is as follows: hot pad covers, knicker

## CHRISTIAN CHURCH IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

Operations Started On Site Of Building Destroyed In Hurricane Last Year

Construction of a new house of worship for members of the Church of Christ was started Monday morning on the site of the former structure South Forest avenue and Walnut street. The old building was destroyed by the hurricane of last year.

The church will be of Gothic design with flying buttresses, and will be finished in stucco. The plans were drawn and presented without charge by the architect, W. J. Heim, of this city. The building will be 35x58, and the ceiling nearly 21 feet high, and the seating capacity will be from 175 to 200. Flanking the rostrum will be two rooms for Bible classes. The main entrance is on Forest avenue, another on Walnut street, and another in the rear of the building.

The foundation was laid sometime ago, but owing to the bank failures no work on the completion of the structure was started until this week. For some time services have been held in the Brickell building.

## Women Voters League Disbands For Summer

Due to the absence of a large number of members from the city, officials of the League of Women Voters have decided to disband for the summer months. The meeting scheduled for last Friday evening in the parlors of the Union Congregational church was called off, because of the small number of members remaining in the city during the summer.

Plans are being made now for a series of meetings during the winter season, and efforts will be made to secure prominent speakers to address the league. Mrs. C. S. James is president.

Suits, quilts, clothes pin bags, aprons, dresses, pajamas, gowns, rompers, middies, table covers, tray cloths, table runners, garment cases, beach coats, kimono, sunsuits, pillows, beanbags, stuffed animals, collar and cuff sets, scrap books, hooked rugs, braided rugs, etc.

There will be an exhibit in each community to determine the winners for the county, and there is offered a community prize as well as a prize for the county winner.

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# JEWELS FOR THREE

By Cyril J. Conrad

THE spruce and natty Val Duroe, whom the police departments of various cities had sought in vain without knowing precisely whom they were seeking, lounged lazily in the huge veranda, and let his gaze roam idly about the vast terrace that surrounded the hotel. No light of interest rose to his eyes, for he saw no one there he knew, but he was probably just as well pleased. At the moment he preferred to be alone, for various reasons. His lids closed drowsily.

But he was not to have his wish. The chair on his left creaked with the weight of a new and heavy occupant and a low but clear voice fell on his resentful consciousness.

"Beautiful view, nice day, and all that, isn't it, Val?"

Duroe's lids parted quickly. The voice was familiar. He turned his head.

"Oh, hello, Billy," he said with a little sigh but without warmth. "And how is Mr. Parson? You really shouldn't take a chap by surprise like that."

Parson grinned. "What's wrong, have got something nailed on you at last?"

"You always were indiscreet in your remarks, Billy. I suppose I shall have to stop sitting on hotel verandas. One cannot be wary and innocent looking at the same time. What was your purpose in taking me unaware?"

Parson's grin widened. "Naturally you'd be wise that I did it on purpose. I wanted to hand you a shock."

Duroe shook his handsome head. "Won't wash, Billy. Try again."

Billy Parson crossed his knees and leaned closer. "It's true enough in a way. If you're on the up-and-up here, I might have something to interest you. If not, you wouldn't be much help. I was just trying you out."

"Satisfied?"

"Yes, I guess there is nobody in this neighborhood you are afraid of. Same old Val. You always were smooth. Never did a bit of time, did you?"

Duroe took a cigarette from his case, offered one to Parson, and then lighted his own and inhaled deeply.

"You appear to be wasting some of it," he said after awhile. "I am a trifle curious."

"Well, I've got to feel you out some, you know. I think I have a line on you, but I never can be sure. I told you I might be able to put something good in your way."

"Yes? Am I to believe or understand that you have forgotten and forgiven our former unpleasantness?"

Duroe was gazing intently into the big man's eyes as he asked the question and Parson laughed disarmingly.

"Oh, if you are thinking about that Matlack affair, forget it. Of course I was sore when you beat me to the junk—that's only natural—but I got over it. Not holding a thing against you now. You're clever. We can go farther working together than on opposite sides of the fence."

"Just what fence do you imagine I might be on—now?" Val asked easily.

"Why—how do you mean?"

"Do I seem to be interfering?" Duroe persisted.

Parson's face got red. "You know too damn much. Of course I'm wise to what you are after, and you know now that I'm after the same thing—but neither of us can get it alone," he added significantly.

Val Duroe smiled into the big man's eyes. "It isn't possible that you might be—warning me, is it, Billy?"

"I am not crazy yet. I know you, so I tell you plainly. We can split the Bullard haul—or we can lose it entirely. Working alone, we would only get under each other's feet. I have some information that you don't have, I'll bet."

"And that?"

"The combination of the wall safe."

"What?"

Duroe's exclamation drew a laugh from Parson. "I thought that

would get a rise out of you. You're the society boy, and you've hooked the eyes of the lovely lady, but you and Ed Lumley together haven't been able to line up that combination, I'm sure. How about it?"

The young man had regained his composure and smiled sweetly on Parson. "You make the loveliest allusions and emit the most beautiful generalities, Billy, but you shy at details. Are you expecting me to become confidential?"

Parson regarded him with lowering eyes for a minute. "I never can tell when you are kidding me or when you are in earnest, but I guess that's your style. If I wanted to pump anyone, I wouldn't begin with you. Not after the Matlack affair."

"So it still bothers a bit?"

"It cost me twenty-five grand, but I'm not holding that against you. You beat me to it. This one is worth twice as much, I think. I'm not afraid to trust you with some of the details."

"Do. You haven't even begun."

"And I'd never start now except that I know the combination and you don't. Lumley's with you, but he don't know it either. You've

"Yes, Mrs. Bullard leaves her jewels in the house safe during the day. I think you did not know that one. But if you have been around long enough to learn my actions, why the delay? You could have got some sort of help."

"With you on the job?" Parson shook his head. "Anyhow, I didn't know the combination till to-day, and don't go asking how I got it. Shall we make it to-night?"

"Might as well. I dine with the lady at eight. Afterward I shall bring her out here on the veranda. I would suggest about nine, if you can make it. You know Lumley. His room is 411. Drop in there at eight."

"Very well. We better not talk any longer now and attract attention."

"No, run along. See you later."

Val Duroe let his placid eyes roam once more about the terrace until he knew Parson would be inside the hotel; then he turned and watched through the open window as the big man ascended to the balcony, where he nodded in passing to a scrawny little man who was writing a letter. Duroe's lips twitched and curled into a faint smile.

ing about his lips when the troubled light would disappear from his blue eyes. It was time to dress for his dinner engagement with Mrs. Bullard when he returned to the hotel.

He dressed carefully as was his custom, for Val Duroe made a point of always appearing sartorially correct, but he hastened, nevertheless, and descended to the lobby before eight. At the desk he asked for mail. There was none, as he well knew.

"By the way," he said carelessly, "has Mr. Parson come down yet?"

"Mr. Parson?" The clerk wrinkled his brow. "Is that the large gentleman? He has checked out. Or rather, I should say he is going on the 10:15. We have orders to get his baggage without fail at 9:30. Urgent, he said."

Duroe nodded and turned away. His own brow was none too smooth now. Hastily he sought a telephone and in a moment was talking to Ed Lumley. Parson had not yet called for him.

"Give him ten minutes past eight," Duroe instructed, "and if he has not come then, I shall be in the dining room. Understand?"



In Gem Stealing Two Thieves Can Be Company, and Three—A Danger for All Concerned

horned in with the widow and I guess she thinks you're a millionaire or something, for you're pretty thick. That's why I decided we could do this thing together. She keeps the rocks in that safe, but in this place I don't stand much of a chance because there's doors to get by before I can reach the safe, and I'm no good on that kind of thing. Lumley is. You keep the lady down here tonight, and Lumley and I will cop the stuff. That's my idea. How do you like it?"

Duroe blew smoke rings for a time before he answered. "I recall your weakness for locks, but I don't imagine, of course, that your anxiety is due to a desire to get a split rather than nothing."

"Oh, well," said Parson, "I'll admit I'd rather work with you than against you. You might beat me to it."

"And of course," Duroe remarked, "I'd wish I am to be in the neighborhood. Not that I think you would sink me. My, no! Just to help you out. But you intrigue me a bit."

"Yes?"

"It seems that you have been scrutinizing my actions rather closely. You've been here some time."

"Yes, but I haven't been stopping in this hotel. I moved in last night so I could get to you safely and because I wanted to spring this before Mrs. Bullard moved on. Certainly I've had an eye on you. My memory is not so bad," he reminded Duroe.

"And you offer to work with me because you can't get by alone and think we can?"

"Exactly," Parson asserted. "I'm not telling you I'd cut in on it if I could make it alone. You wouldn't do that for me. But I can't get by the locks, and anyhow, I wouldn't risk it if I had to watch the woman, too. Lum works the locks, you keep the woman away, and I open the safe. That's fair enough. And it better be done tonight."

"Now, I wonder, Billy," he murmured quizzically, "just how much of that yarn I am to believe. Somehow, parts of it do not seem to get under my skin. The lock part sounded a bit fishy, and you did not even mention where we would plant the beauties when the search is made, as it might be very quickly. Is it possible you still harbor resentment over that Matlack affair?" One eye closed and he scratched his chin thoughtfully.

"Yes, quite possible, old chap, and therefore you will hear watching. Revenge would tickle you, I'm sure."

He sat buried in thought for a time and then arose, making his way slowly across the terrace to the edge of a lake, where he stopped. A young man who had sauntered along behind now approached and asked him for a match.

"No one can hear, I am sure," said Val, "unless he is under the water there. Did you see me in conversation with the large man?"

Ed Lumley grinned. "I guess yes. You could have knocked me flat. What's Parson trying to horn in on?"

"The gentleman made a proposition. How does it sound?" He outlined the plan Parson had suggested. "Any holes in it?"

"Looks all right to me, especially since we couldn't make the combination on that thing. But what do we do with the stuff?"

"Billy probably overlooked the detail, since he did not mention it," Duroe smiled, "therefore you will do the usual thing—but stay with him."

"Right. He won't lose me."

"And we can't be strangers any longer," said Val, "since some of the guests have noticed us here. Let I had to give you the sign. Don't forget to speak as we pass. Be in your room at eight. Parson will come for you."

Without waiting for a reply he strolled away, his head bowed in thought, a smile occasionally creep-

"Yes, indeed. The high sign at 8:10 if he doesn't show up."

Promptly at eight Val Duroe met Mrs. Bullard at the elevator. The young widow was wearing little jewelry, but Duroe did not notice at once. He was feasting his eyes on her beauty and her bright smile of welcome. His heart skipped a beat. He had a fondness for beautiful ladies, but Mrs. Bullard was the most attractive bit of femininity who had ever crossed his devious path. His own smile warmed.

At 8:10 and again at 8:15 he glanced at his watch and then at the door, but Ed Lumley did not appear. Everything, then, was going along as planned. Somehow he felt a twinge of conscience as he looked into the beautiful eyes opposite him, but he tried to strangle it.

They chatted lightly over dinner, after which Duroe led her to the semi-dark veranda and found chairs. It was comfortably warm. As he sat down he looked again at his watch. It was exactly nine o'clock. Parson and Lumley were in action now.

For half an hour the man and woman talked in low tones, heads close together, and the remarkable attraction of the girl was beginning to cast a spell over him when he was rudely brought back to earth. A bellboy was at his side.

"Mr. Edward Lumley wishes to see Mr. Duroe in his room at once, if possible," he said respectfully. "It is No. 411."

A fear clutched Duroe then. Something must have gone wrong. With all the suave courtesy he could summon, he made his excuses to Mrs. Bullard and sought the elevator.

Room 411 was toward the rear, past Mrs. Bullard's suite. He knew that; but not knowing the reason for Ed's message he decided that caution was necessary, so he de-

Almost at the same moment a maid emerged from a room on the left, took a few steps forward, then suddenly came to a halt near him, caught at her throat with one hand and swayed toward him with a little moan. He could do nothing but catch her as she fell. Softly cursing under his breath, he brought her upright, but found she was a deadweight in his arms.

"Ah, Monsieur," she breathed with difficulty, "if you will be but so kind. Help me back to the suite. I am so sorry. If you would be so good."

She appeared to be gasping for breath, and Duroe helped her to the room and stepped inside. The door closed mysteriously behind them.

Duroe noticed. He also saw that a window was open, that a picture had been removed from the wall and that a small safe door was wide open. He did a peculiar thing then. The girl had clutched him tightly around the neck, and he bent her back over a couch and whisked a small automatic out of his pocket.

"Let go," he whispered, holding the gun where she could see it. "I saw you kick the door shut, and I get the idea. If you open your mouth to say a word, I'll send you to kingdom come. Remember, I am in dead earnest."

The hands fell away from his neck and the girl's eyes opened wide with fright. Duroe appeared to be deadly serious. She made no effort to speak.

"That's right," said Val, "and you better not think I am bluffing. Lie still and you won't be hurt."

Keeping an eye on her, he tore down the portiere cords and quickly bound the girl hand and foot; then he gagged her.

"Now I am sure you will not scream," he said grimly, "and I am sure, too, that your friend Parson will probably do a lot of it soon. I see now how he got the combination. If you give them my name or describe me as the burglar, I shall return and kill you as sure as you now live. Remember that. I wish you luck. You will probably not have long to wait for assistance."

Hastily then he dashed for the window and out upon the fire escape, descending rapidly. The night was dark. He kept the gun in his hand, wondering at each step what might be awaiting him at the bottom, but there was no one there. Once he felt the gravel beneath his feet he knew he was safe. Parson's scheme was suddenly very clear to him. Or at least he thought it was.

His watch showed 9:40. In ten minutes he had learned all that his brain had been struggling with since Parson had spoken to him, and now he knew there were things to be done. Safety first, though in case of a general search—so he wiped his pistol with his handkerchief and thrust it into a hedge; then he hurried out onto the road. A taxi was handy.

"To the depot," he said, quite calmly now, as he dropped into the cab, "and hurry."

The car shot away. It had progressed but a short distance when he saw what he was after. A hand-truck loaded with baggage was being trundled along by two negroes in hotel uniforms.

"Stop here," Val directed the chauffeur, "I shall not want to go on after all. Sorry." He paid the man and watched him turn around and go back to the hotel. Then he strode after the truck, which had not stopped.

"Just a second, Sambo," he said to the porter in the rear. "My friend Mr. Parson has decided to remain over, so I will take his bags back and save you the trouble. He wishes them at once." Both negroes recognized him, and with a double tip he was soon in possession of Billy Parson's two bags.

Back in the hotel things were happening. The manager, the house detective, Mrs. Bullard, and a small, scrawny man were hastening to the door of Mrs. Bullard's suite. It was not locked and they entered quickly.

"Emily!" Mrs. Bullard shrieked as she saw her trusted maid.

The manager and detective, who had not had much faith in the story told them, were round-eyed for a moment. Then they removed the gag and ropes from the girl. She sat up.

"What ever happened?" Mrs. Bullard cried, trembling with excitement and fear. "Who was it? Did you?"

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## A WANDERING STUDENT VISUALIZES AVON PARK

Gives Impressions While Wandering Around the City Last Saturday

[Editor's Note.—Drifting about the world and taking the wind in all its moods, Lawrence E. Gichner, student of Washington, D. C., visited Avon Park. In the following article he presents some of his impressions, as he walked around the city last Saturday afternoon].

By LAWRENCE E. GICHNER

Barber Jarrette playing with the golden locks of an Avon Park Diana. Sign in glaring red letters: Cash Talks Loud. Group of crackers in Correll's Music Emporium listen to Brahms composition of symphony No. 1, Concerto in D Major.

Skull and cross bones tattooed on a boy's arm. Soda shaker, done up cleanly in white, tasting his own mixture of a new blend of synthetic syrups. Wow. Down it goes in one gulp. Wipes his lips, "Ah! That's what I call good."

Striped orange and lavender men's underwear at Epperson's. Columbus Washington Atkins looking the town over. Ott's.

Post Office. Announcements of houses of worship. Church of Christ, Redeemer and Nazarene. Folks getting their mail. Some leave with hands full, others with disappointment.

Tall gentleman in black suspenders, gold rim glasses, goatie and mustache. Looks like a doctor. Must be Wray, the photographer.

Verbatim report of interview with Mrs. F. P. Reeves' Isle of Pines parrot. "Good Morning mother! Time to get up. Mickey wants his breakfast. It is nice to get up in the morning when the sunshines. (Quote Harry Lauder).

"Hello Honey. What are you doing? (Dirty. Dirty) Come on. Let mother scratch your head."

List of the Reeves' menagerie: eight canaries, two dogs, two parrots, a cat and a gold fish. "Everything but a monkey."

Red, silver capped fire plugs. A very sick lady waiting for Doc Boone. Sign: This Entrance Closed. Use next door. Three dreams sipping sundaes. All flossed up in brightly colored ginghams.

The shelves upon shelves of books in Attorney J. Martin Lee's office. Buzzing sound in the telephone office. Another polly: white head, red throat, green body and blue tail feathers.

Operators taking care of the 331 local lines. Manager J. L. Delegal says "You can get California just as easy as you can your neighbor across the street." (Adv. Charge Inter-County Telephone Co.)

That leathery smell of a shoe shop. Tim Collins receiving hot messages in Morse.

Woman in negligee. Whoa. Wow. Hanging out stockings. Call the fire dept, Kiwanis and Band Director Nickols. No. (87ue \$5T Ue\* F-Feg 78. Wait. Hold everything. It's only a movie poster.

Moss hanging from wires. Blond headed little Carl Visel having the best time paddling in a pool of muddy water.

Bakery Shop. Ummmmmmmm. Ummmmmm. How the sweet smell of fresh cakes makes you feel empty in the regions below the heart.

Poster: Did you ever see "Such a girl?" Gold eagle on top of the towering flag pole.

Important notice in Depot. "Spitting is Unlawful." Call out the

law. The green water cooler. Row of sprightly covered time tables. Brilliant red, green, brown, blue, orange, pink and yellow.

Some with alluring pictures of boats, mountains, hunting, camping, snow, ice skating, polo, et al. Take a look for yourself. Mighty interesting reading. The Rock Island Special gets to Haileyville, Ark at 11:35.

Mayor Donaldson's colorful mall rich in gay flowers and rare plants. Sahl! The finest in the south. We pledge the last button on our underwear against a hoop skirt that there isn't another like it from here to Broadway.

It shows the efforts of care, patience and loving hands.

"Oh! Miss Melton. Don't you think the Cocos Plumous are beautiful?"

"Yes! But aren't these Ixora Chimensis delightful?"

"Lady. You can have your Oleo Europaea but give me these Virtum Odoratissimum any time."

"You've done your worst now call Chiropractor Morgan our thirty second vertebra needs tickling."

## Disaster Follow-Up Activities Will Be Kept Up By R. C.

FORT PIERCE, July 11.—The

American Red Cross disaster follow-up program which was inaugurated in St. Lucie county the first of the year for a six months' period, is to be continued the rest of the year, national headquarters having granted the request of the county chapter to that effect. The co-operative arrangement which was entered into between the Red Cross and the St. Lucie County Welfare association at the inauguration of the program, whereby the Red Cross provided a trained worker and took over many expenditures of the association for disaster follow-up relief, will thus be continued. Mrs. Florence C. Draper, the worker, will be retained.

In authorizing continuance of the work for another six months, the national organization also authorized an appropriation of \$1,050 for the executive's salary. This will bring the total Red Cross expenditures in the county during the year to more than \$3,000 releasing an equal amount of welfare association funds, for actual relief work.

Bass Stream Stocked.

Arcadia, Fla.—A committee from K Post No. 11, the American Legion, recently placed 8,000 fingerling black bass in Peace river and Joshua creek.

West Building Gone West.

The West building, near the postoffice on Main street, has gone west. Razing of the eyecore was started a short time ago, after members of the Women's club started a movement to obtain its removal.

## REVIVAL SERVICES AT THE HOLINESS CHURCH

Mrs. W. E. Jones, Clearwater Evangelist, Preaches Nightly; Music a Feature

Mrs. W. E. Jones, of Clearwater, well-known in the evangelistic field, is conducting a series of revival meetings at the Church of God, Fairfield avenue. The revival started July 4, and will continue each evening until July 18, inclusive. Rev. W. H. Yates is pastor of the church.

The meetings are well attended and much interest is being shown. Mrs. Jones is a forceful speaker and her gospel messages are timely. Since the revival started several additional have been made to the church roster.

A feature of the services is the music rendered by the choir, under the direction of Miss Alice Stephens, and an orchestra composed of the following: Mrs. W. E. Jones, and Miss Stephens, violinists, W. E. Jones, guitarist; T. J. Jones, mandolinist and Rommie Eddenfield, of Wanchula, pianist.

A cordial invitation to all church members and non-church members is extended.

WRUF Farm Program.

GAINESVILLE, July 11.—Following is the farm program for Station WRUF, state and University radio station here, for the week ending July 19. The farm program is given daily at 1 p. m. The wave length is 204 meters.

July 12—Agricultural news hour. July 13—Crops That Have Proven Profitable in My County This Year—E. P. Scott, county agent, Escambia county.

July 16—U. S. D. A. radio farm talk.

July 17—Pastures for Dairy Cows—Dr. R. B. Becker, associate in dairy husbandry, Experiment Station.

July 18—U. S. D. A. radio farm talk.

July 19—Programs Planned for the Women During Farmers' Week—Miss Flavia Gleason, state home demonstration agent.

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## Church Notes

BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. T. O. Baldwin, Minister.

Morning:

Sunday school at 9:45. J. H. McClelland, Supt. Pianist, Mrs. R. C. Epperson.

Men's Bible Class at same hour.

Sermon at 11:00.

Evening:

B. Y. P. U. at 7:00.

Evening sermon at 8:00.

Mid-week Prayer service, Wednesday at 8:00.

The public is cordially invited.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Arthur P. Vaughn, D. D. Minister.

Morning:

Bible school for adults and children at 9:45. J. P. Garber, Superintendent and Miss Shirley Page Shepherd, pianist.

Sermon by the pastor at 11:00.

Evening:

Christian Endeavor Society at 6:30.

Sermon by the pastor at 7:30.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER (Episcopal)

Mark Lance, Lay-reader.

Mrs. A. E. Gregory, Organist.

Morning prayer at 11.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. A. H. Hancock, Pastor.

Morning:

Sunday school at 9:45. John D. Raab, Superintendent. Miss Virginia Chandler, Pianist.

Morning worship at 11.

Evening:

Junior Epworthians, at 4. John Jackson, president.

Epworth League at 6:30. Miss Mildred Roberts, president.

Evening worship at 7:30. Special music by the choir at both services.

Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:30.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Rev. Spanogle, Pastor.

Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock.

Evening service, 7:30 o'clock.

Mid-week Prayer, Thursday evening.

CHURCH OF GOD (Fairfield Avenue).

Rev. W. H. Yates, Pastor.

Sunday school, 10:00 o'clock.

Morning worship, 11 o'clock.

Evening service, 7:45 o'clock.

Mid-week prayer service each Thursday evening.

A cordial welcome awaits you.

## Steal Field Glasses and Receive Tanning

Two youths of this city will have occasion to obey the commandment, "Thou Shall Not Steal," if the tannings they received from their parents have any effect. The youngsters entered the home of Norton Smith Tuesday and stole a pair of field glasses, which they hid in a culvert at Highland Lakes.

Mr. Smith notified the police, and shortly afterward Chief Prescott took the youngsters into custody, and after a severe reprimand turned them over to their parents, who finished the job.

The glasses were recovered.

In the last 12 months \$400,000,000 was spent in London for bread, and \$42,500,000 for milk.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Rev. Clyde C. Corner, Pastor.

Morning:

Sunday school, 10 o'clock.

Worship, 11 o'clock.

Evening:

Worship, 8 o'clock.

Wednesday:

Mid-week prayer service 8:00 o'clock.

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# SOCIAL and Personal News

## Legion Auxiliary Officers Are Installed.

At a special meeting at the residence of Mrs. J. S. Francis Monday afternoon the newly elected officers of Highlands Unit No. 69, American Legion Auxiliary were installed.

Mrs. Rupert Smith of Arcadia, vice-president of District No. 6, Department of Florida, conducted the installation ceremonies and instructed the Unit in the work of the Auxiliary.

Other out of town visitors were: Mrs. Francis' mother, Mrs. J. S. Johnson of Wauchula, also Mrs. S. C. Smith and Mrs. C. H. Caddagan of Arcadia.

At the close of the meeting Mrs. Francis served dainty refreshments and a social hour was enjoyed by those present.

## Methodist Teachers Meet.

The regular monthly council of the teachers of the Methodist Sunday school was held Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. R. A. Gerard. After the regular business meeting a pleasant social hour was enjoyed, during which a tempting sweet course was served by the hostess.

Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Steve Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Raab, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Hancock, Mrs. John Jackson, Mrs. Mary Skipper, Mrs. Henry Hughes, Miss Naomi Gibson, C. H. Pardee, Hayes Maxwell and the hostess.

## Woman's Club Preparing Winter Program.

Preparations for the winter sessions of the Woman's club are now being made by the program committee, of which Miss E. B. Ewing is the head. The committee met yesterday afternoon at Miss Ewing's home, Tulane Circle, and although no details of the future programs were given, it was stated that some fine speakers will be secured for the meetings which start in October.

Comprising the program committee are: Miss Ewing, chairman, and Mesdames C. S. Donaldson, Neal Trent, H. A. Latham and C. A. Stebbins.

## Mrs. Norton Smith Honors Miami Visitor.

The home of Mrs. Norton Smith was the scene of a delightful bridge party yesterday afternoon, given in the honor of Mrs. Frederick Ambrose, of Miami, the house guest of Mrs. D. V. Rouse.

Three tables were in play, after which refreshments were served.

The guests were: Mesdames D. F. Canfield, Herbert Reck, L. V. Pringle, Demos Mandis, A. E. Gregory, J. C. McDonald, H. E. Godwin, William Hylton, D. V. Rouse and the honoree.

## Dr. Touchton Entertains Medical Society.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton were hosts to the members of the Tri-County Medical society, composed of medical doctors of Highlands, Hardee and DeSoto counties, at their home Tuesday evening.

Following a delicious chicken dinner, the regular monthly meeting of the society was held. Dr. George Crook, of Tampa, was the principal speaker.

In addition to the membership of the society, the following visitors were present: Dr. Corbes, of Frostproof, and Dr. Hopkins, of Tampa.

The next monthly meeting will be held at Sebring.

## Bridge Party Given For Mrs. Ambrose.

A bridge party was held Saturday evening at the home of Mrs. D. V. Rouse, honoring the latter's guest, Mrs. Frederick Ambrose, of Miami. The Rouse home was attractively decorated, yellow and green flowers being used in abundance.

Three tables were in play.

## Mrs. Skipper Entertains Bridge Club.

Mrs. Carlos Skipper entertained members of her bridge club recently. The Skipper home was attractively decorated with flowers. Following cards refreshments were served.

C. L. Johnson motored to Tampa Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. M. Reck leaves today for Baltimore and Pittsburgh.

Miss Eloise Hayden spent yesterday in Tampa.

Miss Ethel Sawyer, of Tampa, is the guest of Mr. Carlos Skipper.

G. C. Daley, postoffice attaché, is enjoying his annual vacation.

"Buck" Pardee has returned from a trip to Bradenton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dorminey have left for a visit to Fitzgerald, Ga.

Fernier Reeves has returned from a trip to Thomasville and Macon, Ga.

J. R. Osborne, insurance adjuster of Jacksonville and Tampa, is in town this week.

Mrs. John Luke, who has been visiting relatives at Macon, Ga., has returned home.

E. D. DeLaney and Neal Trent made a business trip to Titusville yesterday afternoon.

Miss Dixie Martin, Mrs. R. V. Tinney and Mrs. L. N. Smith are Tampa visitors today.

C. Smith and W. H. Phillips went to Tampa and St. Petersburg on a business trip yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Campbell, of Mountain Lake Estates, Lake Wales, were Avon Park visitors Wednesday.

L. W. Dorman, Highland Lakes, and family moving north this month.

W. H. Yates and party spent Thursday on a fishing trip below Fort Myers.

W. T. Hall, secretary of the Citrus exchange, suffering severely from gall stones since July 4th.

Sto. Weisheyer left Sunday for St. Louis, his former home, in search of a position. His family remains in their Avon Park home.

Col. and Mrs. R. P. Davidson are expected the middle of this month to spend some time at their family home, Hollyhurst, on Lake Lotela.

Mrs. Anna E. Hollingsworth spent a week here looking after her home and grove properties, and left Monday to summer in Michigan.

Mrs. I. H. Ford has as her guest this week Miss Rosa Lee McCowan, of Fitzgerald, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. M. G. Langford and daughter, Zelda, are visiting relatives at Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Daley, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Boone and Son, Dickey, spent the week-end at Miami.

Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd and family will leave today for Baltimore, where they will visit Mr. Todd's parents. They will be away for the summer.

J. P. Garber expects to leave the middle of the month for a three weeks' vacation with his parents at his former home, Washington, D. C. He will join Mrs. Garber and their young son at Atlanta, driving north from there.

## RURAL COMMON SENSE

By Spuds Johnson

### BARIUM CARBONATE PLAYS PIED PIPER TO THE RATS OF OUR FARM COMMUNITY

We don't have a Pied Piper of Hamelin in our community to blow on his bagpipe and induce all of the rats to jump into the river, but barium carbonate has come to our rescue and relieved us of this pest.

I got tired of this constant boarder eating up my corn, beans, oats, chickens and other things that had been so much trouble to produce. I don't mind feeding horses, cows, hogs and animals that pay for their keep in work or meat or milk, but this rat horde is always taking out and bringing in nothing in return.

Gus Weeks, Si Smith, Ben Strickland, Ed Williams, Old Slim Timmons, Bill Hankins, Abe Larkins and I happened to be all together out in the yard one Sunday afternoon not long ago whittling, talking and doing nothing in general when Gus up and said, "By the way, Spuds, what would you say to us all going in together and getting rid of rats—have a regular rat-killing time around here? The pests are sure eating up a lot of dollars for us, and one of us cannot get rid of them effectively by himself. It takes community co-operation, so that there will be none at the neighbors' houses to come over and infect my place again when I get rid of mine, and so on."

For a wonder, the last man of us joined right in and said, "Yes sir, that suits me." We all realized that the old saying, "Tend to your own rat killing," might be all right when applied to some things but not to killing rats.

"How're you going to get rid of the critters?" asked Old Slim Timmons. "These here traps are pretty good, but they won't catch all of the rats in this community in 10 years. Of course now we could pizen 'em."

The upshot of it was that I agreed to go over to see the county agent the next day and get him to help us out. As usual, he was more than willing, and he advised us to put all possible food for the rats in tight bins and then feed them on barium carbonate. The barium carbonate should be mixed with meal or flour in the proportions of about 1 to 4, he told me. This should be moistened to about the consistency of dough.

He said for us to place this bait where the rats could get to it easily, and keep other feed away from them. He also said to keep water out of the houses where they could get to it, and they would go outside in search of water and thus die outside rather than inside the house.

I wrote his instructions down and took them back with me, after I had purchased a good supply of barium carbonate. We all decided to start our campaign the same night, and to keep the bait out for one week.

Well, sir, you should have seen the rats that died. The community is now free of them, and we estimate that we are better off by \$2 a head for every one of them.

## Dollar Day Specials Starting at Abrams

Keeping up with the times, and offering his patrons the best at the lowest prices, Phil Abrams starts another of his series of Dollar Day Specials today, as will be seen by a perusal of his advertisements in another section of today's issue of The Times.

Mrs. Fred M. Smith is confined to her home by illness.

A Fourth of July temperature of 55 degrees is reported from the Barrett resort at Old Forge, N. Y., by Miss Stella Mitchell, who, with Mrs. Charlotte Leigh and Mrs. Henry Timm, is spending the summer there in the mountains.

Miss Hazel Overstreet spent the week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Overstreet. Miss Overstreet is principal of the Carey school, and Miss Katie Stuart of Frostproof is assistant. Their many friends wish them success in their work.

## VALUABLE BULLETINS ON FARM AND HOME

### Many Bulletins Published By State Experiment Station

The time is rapidly approaching when those farmers and farm women of Florida who are not fully informed on agricultural and home subjects will have only themselves to thank. During the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, the Experiment Station and Agricultural Extension Division printed 150,000 copies of 15 bulletins, three circulars and a calendar, according to a report just issued by J. Francis Cooper, editor for the two institutions. Mr. Cooper estimates that during the year nearly 100,000 copies of various bulletins left the mailing room for Florida farms and homes.

The Experiment Station, which printed eight bulletins during the last fiscal year, now has published a total of 206 bulletins since it was founded. Among its bulletins issued last year which are likely to prove of most public interest are the following:

Bul. 200. The Climate of Florida.

Bul. 201. Variety Tests With White Potatoes.

Bul. 202. A Study of the Cost of Handling Citrus Fruit From Tree to Car.

Bul. 204. Strawberries in Florida.

Bul. 205. The Japanese Persimmon.

The Agricultural Extension Division published during the year seven bulletins, three circulars, and a farm and home calendar. Among those of general interest are:

Bul. 50. Save the Surplus (by Canning).

Bul. 51. Home Canning of Meat.

Bul. 53. Feeding the Dairy Cow.

Bul. 54. Vetch and Austrian Peas for Soil Improvement.

Bul. 55. Rejuvenating Furniture. Florida residents may obtain copies of any or all of these bulletins by writing to the Experiment Station at Gainesville and asking for them by number or by title.

That the Florida bulletins are informative is evidenced by a letter just received from a resident of another Southern state. He says: "Some time ago I requested you to send me several bulletins relative to truck and garden growing. I received them and found them to be the most helpful of any I have ever read from any source."

## AVON BAPTISTS WIN EFFICIENCY BANNER

### Award Made For 98% Average at Ridge Federation Meeting

The Baptist Young People's Union of the Avon Park church was awarded the efficiency banner at last Friday's meeting of the Ridge Federation of Baptist Young People's Unions at Wauchula. The local society had an average of 98 percent.

With 13 of the 14 members of the society present at the conference, the Avon Baptists just missed the attendance banner, which was awarded to the Wauchula society.

Sebring was selected for the next quarterly meeting to be held in October. C. S. Martin, of that city, is president of the Federation, and he and Rev. T. O. Baldwin, of this city, were the principal speakers at the Wauchula meeting.

Avon Parkers attending the conference were: Misses Kitty Lou Martin, Inez Helm, Myrtle Coker, Bonnie Lee Douglas, Edna and Hazel Overstreet, Genevieve McClelland and Virginia Reddick, and Messrs. Paul and Thomas Baldwin, Clifton McClelland, Devon Reddick and Rev. Baldwin.

F. de Anguera left Sunday for Chicago on business connected with the Pine Crest Lakes development, and to visit his son and daughter, employed in one of the Chicago banks.

## The Public Forum

### "WHERE IS THE BOND?"

To the Editor,  
Avon Park Times.

Dear Sir: As an interested citizen I read the story of the Fourth of July celebration in 1918 with much interest. It occurs to me to ask what became of the bond?

I know how hard Mrs. Marsh worked, with the aid of others, to raise that money for the bond, which was bought in the name of the Town of Avon Park. The money came in dribbles, each time harder than the time before, as the whole country was busy going to war just then. It was a burst of patriotism which inspired the efforts of Mrs. Marsh and her co-workers, and they have never received the credit due them. They should at least have been rewarded in knowing that this bond was used for what they intended—some benefit to the townspeople. Why has it never been used? Where is it? Search at the bank where it was supposed to be deposited fails to reveal its whereabouts. Who was responsible for it?

Again I ask, Where is the bond?

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# JEWELS FOR THREE

By CYRIL J. CONRAD

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"Wait a minute, please." The detective stood over the girl.

"Who tied you up and what did he or they do?" No one had noticed the yawning wall safe.

The girl was pale with fright. Duroe had completely subdued her. She turned on the men when she could at last speak.

"Someone knocked at the door. I thought it was Madame. It was a man who pushed in, with a gun in his hand, and he tied me up like that. I could do nothing but submit. He robbed—the safe—"

"My God!" the young widow cried in anguish. "My jewels! Where did he go? Emily, how did he get out?"

The girl pointed to the window. "That way. It wasn't long ago. He can't be far—"

"What did he look like?" the detective asked.

"He—why, he—" The girl hesitated. The scrawny man performed some gymnastics with his eyes and the girl continued: "He was tall and thin—he seemed stoop-shouldered—he had little mustache—I think he was about fifty, and he was dressed in a blue suit—"

She was quick now with her detailed description, picking up the various points from the men before her as her tongue rattled on. The detective again interrupted. He turned to the scrawny man.

"How about that, Mr. Dirks? Does it tally?"

"So far as I know. I only saw his back. It looked as if he was pushing the girl into the room, but I wasn't sure it would be of any importance. Perhaps a mistake on my part; yet I thought I should report it—"

"I should say so!" the manager sniffed. "Look in the safe," he directed the detective.

"A lot of good that will do," the house man muttered, and he was right. It had been cleaned out.

"What was in there?" he asked the distracted widow.

"My jewel case, and it had nearly all my jewels in it, fully fifty thousand dollars worth. Oh, what shall I do! What shall I do!"

"Leave it to us," the detective informed her, but as he went toward the window he muttered under his breath: "These fool women never will learn anything."

Both he and the manager descended the fire escape, but they encountered no one. They had not expected to be so fortunate. The ground at the bottom was shale and left no footprints. The only man they saw was of average height, smooth-faced, square-shouldered, and about thirty years of age. He was approaching from the road.

"Good evening, Mr. Duroe," the manager greeted him. "Yes, a bit of trouble," he answered in response to a question, "but it's all right. Please do not mention it to the guests as you go in."

Duroe took the hint and went on into the hotel, proceeding at once to the elevator. A minute later he was in Ed Lumley's room. Ed was lying on the bed, bound tightly and very thoroughly gagged. Duroe released him.

"Parson went through with it and then stuck you up I suppose?" he asked when his companion was free.

"That's exactly what he did," Lumley exclaimed vindictively. "We came back here after grabbing the stuff and he shoved a gun in my stomach. What the devil could I do?"

"Nothing. And please remember to act as if you never heard of the affair unless someone tells you. Remember that."

"But Parson has the junk, and he beat it!"

"I hardly think friend Billy will go far. You have trusted me in the past and you can trust me now. I'll do the right thing by you. Don't mention the jewels even to Parson if you see him. Can I depend on that?"

"I should say so. You can always depend on me doing just what you say is the right thing. I know brains when I see them."

"Thanks," Duroe smiled ruefully. "I need some such assurance that I really have brains after nearly falling for his cute little trap—though I managed to wiggle out. Must go now. Tell you more to-

morrow. You better go to bed and catch innocent."

And that is what Lumley did.

Duroe spent some time consoling Mrs. Bullard and she seemed to appreciate his efforts. With the promises of the house detective and the manager that something would certainly be accomplished, she finally decided to retire and try to drown her sorrow in sleep. Duroe sighed profoundly as she disappeared; then he went out and salvaged his gun.

Aware that the hotel authorities would conduct a quiet investigation for a while at least unless Mrs. Bullard herself called in the police, and secure in his belief that no suspicion attached to him, Val Duroe sauntered across the lobby in his usual languid manner and stepped into an elevator. Careless as he appeared to be, however, he had noted the face of everyone he had passed and seemed satisfied with his casual scrutiny.

Once in his own room the languid manner was cast aside. Donning a dressing gown, he dropped his pistol into one of the pockets, then moved a chair against the wall to a point but a few feet from the door. He sat down, his right hand on the pistol, and appeared to be listening. The lights were burning brightly.

At a slight sound both of his feet were planted firmly on the floor and an instant later he arose noiselessly. The knob was turning. The door was suddenly thrust open and a man stepped quickly inside, kicking the door shut behind him. Before he could turn a soft but well-known voice was speaking behind him.

"Don't turn, Billy-boy," it said serenely, "and don't pull that thing from your pocket. I have a fairly dangerous weapon against your weak spot." He thrust the gun into Parson's back as proof of his statement. "I thought you would be along soon. Just be a good child and remove the hand from that pocket. Afraid to display it in the hall, weren't you? I was sure you would be." Val removed the heavy automatic from Parson's pocket and tossed it on the davenport. "I am astonished that such a clever man who prefers smooth methods should possess such a cannon."

"You ought to preach," Parson scowled blackly, "with that thing in your hand. Where do you have any sarcasm coming? But I might have known you'd be up to some trick when the door wasn't locked," he muttered savagely.

Duroe smiled and moved around in front of the big man, at the same time dropping the pistol into his pocket.

"Personal protection, Billy. I leave the thuggery to you. But one must be prepared—"

"Cut that!" Parson snapped. "You said you were expecting me. You knew why I came then."

"Numerous reasons," Duroe informed him with a light shrug. "One of which was that I wished for you—hard. Things to straighten out, you know."

"I guess there are! You got me into a stew and you have to get me out of it. I can't stand any close investigation and you know it. Where the hell did you put my baggage?"

"Ah! I thought that would interest you, Billy. You went out with two bags, and in case they flagged you on the 10-15 for a frisk, it would look bad to have none at all. Just as bad, too, if you registered here again without them. Scared stiff, no? I don't blame you. But how about the little double-crossing? You stuck up Lumley, and you arranged very nicely to send me up. The old affair is still sticking in the craw, isn't it?"

Parson scowled deepened and his eyes roamed to the gun on the davenport, but Duroe caught the glance and gave the hand on his own pistol a significant thrust. "Oh, I knew you would wiggle out of that," Parson said lamely. "You never got caught yet, and you like to think you're clever. Anyway, I only wanted to get you out of the way awhile. I admit that. I wanted a chance—"

"Billy, you don't lie half well," Duroe interrupted. "I was in the room with an apparently fainting girl, the door was closed, and both the safe and window open. Do I appear to be so dumb? One of your

gang, perhaps the little fellow, sits the house detective on me, they catch me the girl says I tossed the jewel casket out the window to a confederate—and I am nicely planted for ten years or so. But revenge is sweet, Billy, and I won't hold that against you. I can hardly do anything about it can I? I am truly astonished though that such a clever man should rush in upon me with a gatting gun. Pistol shots would get you into trouble, you know, even if you did manage to ventilate me."

"Aw, I wasn't going to use it—unless you acted up," Parson explained. "Even if you beat me to the junk, I've got to have that baggage. I thought you might plant it where it would finish me."

"No desire at all, Billy-boy. I hold no more animosity toward you than—fear," he added blandly. Then Parson blurted out the thing he wanted most to know. "How the hell did you get wise? That's what gets me."

Duroe smiled sweetly and there was an almost benign look in his blue eyes. "Should I trust you completely, Billy? Were you expecting me to be utterly innocent? You were after my scalp, you know. I'll admit that until your feminine accomplice led me into that room I did not know precisely what your active mind had contrived. I wonder how you managed to plant the lady with Mrs. Bullard. Good, but crude, too. The clerk had informed me that you were leaving at 9:30 to catch the 10-15—ah, yes, I looked you up a bit—and once in the room with the lady, it came to me in something of a flash. I've been in tight situations before, old chap, and my brain works swiftly at times. Don't sneer. It is really true. I had to trust up your lady at the point of this little weapon, and you gave me some cause for haste then, Billy. But I did some thinking, too. You had stuck up Lum, bound him, and then sent a bellboy after me so the girl could get in her work. It was no part of your plan that I should actually reach Ed's room. I was very sure you would not risk carrying out that oversize jewel casket in your pocket, just as I was sure the lady would not give me away if I escaped. I gave her a bit of warning, but I was also sure you had instructed her well. In the event of my escape you had no desire to assume any undue risks." He winked and glanced at his pistol pocket. "I was quite certain you would not overcook my reputation with the little bullet-spitter, and the lady was scared purple, I'm sure. Isn't it plain?"

"Oh, I get you," Parson replied sullenly; "you had the thing mapped out right—but the junk?"

"If you did not take it with you, then it must be in one of your bags, I judged, and easy for you to obtain. You could have had someone at the station to get the jewels and plant them, you could have done it yourself, or you could have worked the old game of a highwayman with a car sticking up the colored lads and stealing most of the baggage—including the one containing the casket, of course. It made no difference which idea you had tried. But I knew you would not risk leaving the jewels in the bag long. I just set sail for the black boys and beat you to it. That's all."

"Aw, hell!" Parson barked. "You got the stuff out of the bag, but where the devil are the bags? The people downstairs know I went out of here with two of them. I can't register here now without them, and I can't take a train without them. Somebody is going to dig mighty deep into this thing, and if I couldn't show two bags where would I be? You got the jewels, but you don't need to get me. You said you had no animosity."

Duroe appeared to be highly amused. "It is a stew, isn't it? You better remember that I told the black boys you were not leaving, in case they report it, and you may take this bag of mine to replace one of yours which now lies at the bottom of the lake, heavily laden with sundry rocks which I thrust into it through the hole I had to cut in order to reach the casket. Fortunately I guessed right the first time, so the other is intact under some shrubbery about fifty feet west of the boathouse. You can spot it by the newspaper I placed over it, knowing how terribly anxious you would be to recover it."

Parson's teeth showed in a snarl as the cool voice taunted him. "All

right, you've got me in a corner and you've licked me, but we'll meet again and don't forget that! You've got to help me out of this to save notoriety yourself, and I know it, but in the future you are going to find me something to worry about."

Val Duroe pushed the big man gently toward the door, prodding him meanwhile with the gun and smiling mockingly. "As you say, I must help you for my own sake a bit, so I shall drop the bag out the window to you, but as I remarked, my fear of you is not precisely astounding. Anyhow, you should not take it too hard. Financially I am not gaining any more than yourself in this little affair."

"Not over twenty grand they'll bring," Parson sneered.

"Not even a dollar," Duroe assured him. "The lady is more subtle than either you or I, Billy, and her fascination has quite encompassed me. As a result, I am having the casket returned to her in a manner that will allay suspicion. Good night. I trust you will sleep well after your walk."

It was necessary for him to push the astounded Parson through the now open door, which he quickly closed again, turning the key in the lock.

"Sad, but true," he murmured, "and I shall have to square Lum. What fools we mortals be."

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## "Dollar and Darrow" Dr. Vaughn's Subject

"Honesty, with self, with men, with God," will be the topic of the morning sermon at the Congregational church next Sunday at 11 a. m. In the evening at 7:30 o'clock Dr. Vaughn will discuss the "Life Values of Dollar and Darrow," two men much before the public, whose biographies have recently been published in the Saturday Evening Post, and with whose affairs the preacher has had personal contact.

## Avocado Ripening Investigations Are Being Conducted

GAINESVILLE, Fla., July 11.—Dr. A. L. Stahl has been appointed assistant horticulturist of the Florida Experiment Station. He will study the process of ripening in avocados and develop methods for testing maturity with reference to all three species of avocados and their hybrids, giving especial attention to the fat content.

Dr. Stahl is a graduate of the Michigan State College of Agriculture. He took post graduate work at Rutgers University, from which institution he received his Ph. D. degree. He began his work in Florida on July 1.

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## TO ORGANIZE SEBRING 4-H CLUB NEXT MONDAY

All Girls From Ten To Fourteen Years Invited To Join

SEBRING, July 11.—(Special)—On Monday, July 15th at 2:30 p. m., a 4-H club will be organized in Sebring, in the office of the Home Demonstration Agent, Miss May Winfield, at the Courthouse here. All girls from 10 to 20 years old are invited to join this club which is a link in a circle of similar clubs throughout the United States.

It is expected that the club will be divided into two sections, according to the ages and interests of the girls, and a very special invitation has been sent out to the Girl Scout organization here, as through the medium of the 4-H Club 22 special badges can be worked for in the regular club work.

With school closed during the summer, this club-information offers a delightful way to interest the young girl, and the interest and knowledge that are brought out of the club work are of inestimable value. Because of the limitations known in a rural community, the 4-H Clubs have been primarily formed in those out-lying sections, but so popular have they become that the larger towns are seeking to affiliate.

Real enthusiasm in the 4-H club formation, has been shown by the Girl Scout organization of this city, that has been sponsored by the Business and Professional Womens club of which the Home Demonstration Agent is a member, and it would seem to lie in her direct path as chairman of Personnel Research. Miss Winfield is an indefatigable worker, and her success in this county has been because she loves her work, and delights in passing on her knowledge to those she serves in her various communities, and she has expressed her appreciation of the splendid co-operation and response she has received from the people of Highlands and Charlotte counties.

### DISCUSS ORDINANCES AT SPECIAL SESSION

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approximately six months after the passing of the ordinances and the re-survey of the Underwriters.

Another ordinance, having as its object the future welfare of the citizens, is one designed for the inspection of native meat brought into the city. Final passage will provide an inspector whose duties will be the inspecting of the purity of the meat, and registration of the brand, which will be a check on the source of supply.

Although it is reported that huge quantities of stolen native meat is being brought into Avon Park, no evidence is available to link the alleged thieves, but with an inspector on the job the palming off of pilfered beef, etc., will be made extremely hard.

Florida's strawberry industry, reputed to bring returns of several million dollars yearly to the state, is free from Mediterranean fruit fly quarantine regulations imposed by the federal government, according to Dr. Wilmon Newell, who is in command of the state quarantine.

## COUNTY TAXES CAN BE LOWER SAYS CARLTON

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figures do not take into consideration the very probable payment of a considerable amount of tax sale certificates together with the omitted taxes. This payment has been made possible by legislation providing for adjustment and reduction of penalties if paid during 1929 with provision for sale and issuance of tax deeds conveying indefeasible title if not paid.

Neither does this statement take into consideration the amount of personal property taxes which under the 1929 acts will necessarily be paid on motor vehicles before issuance of tags. In some counties the taxes on motor vehicles charged off each year on insolvent list amounts to about one-fourth of the total personal property taxes.

The revenues from these two sources will probably obviate the necessity of any increase in any of the county levies made for any purpose for 1929 and with economical management of the county affairs it is probable that the levies for all funds aided by this legislation may be reduced, resulting in a lowering in the county levy of approximately 11.3 mills, the report says.

Concerning the state road department, the governor says, it should be borne in mind that this program leaves two cents of the gasoline taxes and 75 percent of the motor vehicle licence fees for the state road department. On the basis of revenue for 1928, this will amount to \$5,386,426 which will enable the road department to maintain state roads and carry on their road building program. In addition thereto the road department will receive Florida's share of Federal road aid funds.

What action the county authorities will take with regard to the governor's recommendations is not known at present. One county official expressed the idea that nothing should be done until the constitutionality of the new laws had been determined by the supreme court. Action is being taken now to test this. If the millage is set without taking into consideration the governor's recommendations and the supreme court upholds the laws, the millage can easily be reduced, it was pointed out by this official. It would be hard to raise if the court ruled against the state after the millage had been set by the county.

### REVIVAL INCREASES BAPTIST MEMBERSHIP

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truth of the statement. Assisting Mr. Butler is his wife, a talented singer, and his daughter, Miss Lillian, an accomplished pianist.

Under the direction of Mr. Butler the juvenile choir and the adult choir render special selections at every meeting, which is interdenominational. The revival will come to a close Sunday evening with sermons by the pastor. There will be no service tomorrow evening.

On Wednesday evening the congregation were delighted with a duet by Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Russell Campbell, of Lake Wales.

The express movement of perishables from Plant City during the first six months of this year totalled the equivalent of approximately 257 carlots, exclusive of the strawberry movement. Beans led in the spring movement of vegetables by express, totalling 31,439 hampers.

## DISTRIBUTING RULES FOURTH EGG CONTEST

New Rules Adopted By the Southern Egg Laying Contests

CHIPLEY, Fla., July 11.—Rules and regulations governing the Fourth Florida National Egg-Laying Contest have been printed and are being distributed by E. F. Stanton, supervisor. The appropriation for continuing the contest was made by the extra session of the State Legislature.

One of the principal changes in the contest this year will be the shortening of it to 11 months instead of 51 weeks. The contest will start on November 1, 1929, and will close on September 30, 1930. This change is in line with the policy adopted by all of the Southern egg-laying contests in which, beginning in 1930, the contests will start on October 1 instead of November 1. The shorter period for the fourth contest is made necessary because the fifth contest will be starting early. The fifth contest will run for the full 51 weeks.

The Florida contest has always ranked well up towards the top of all the contests in the United States. The plant has a capacity to care for 100 pens, of 13 pullets each.

Another change in the rules this year regulates the alternates. In

## TRUSTEES MAKE CUT IN TEACHERS' PAY

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advise the board of their feelings in the matter. Should any of the appointees be dissatisfied with the conditions, they will be privileged to submit their resignation so that other appointments can be made before the opening of the school term.

The trustees will visit the Fort Kissimmee school in the near future regarding the appointment of a teacher there. Col. Bailey advised the board that the patrons of the school are desirous of having Miss Smith appointed as teacher, and in all probability their wishes will be respected.

DeLand Gas Service company reports that keeping up with orders for installation of gas is taxing their service department to its capacity. They have just completed a contract with R. F. Sherman, piping five of his houses. Another recent installation was for Miss Ida

the first three contests, the contestants sent in 13 birds, three specific ones of which he had entered as alternates whose records would be counted only in case of death or disqualification of one of the main entrants. In the fourth contest, each contestant will enter 13 pullets, and at all times the 10 which have laid the most eggs will be classed as the entrants, while the other three will be alternates.

Those desiring to enter pens can secure copies of the regulations, and application blanks, from Mr. Stanton.

Erhart in her apartments on West Michigan avenue. Work is now in progress on the Alabama apartments, which Miss Erhart is having renovated and equipped with gas in preparation for the fall. Since gas was offered to the people of DeLand about six months ago, 242 installations have been made and many more are in order, says the DeLand News.

According to the report given at the annual meeting of the Hastings Potato Growers association, held at the association building in Hastings, the net worth of the association is \$373,109.84. Cash paid the last year to the growers totaled \$1,143,023.33. The annual meeting was presided over by President H. O. Hamm of Palatka. Mr. Hamm, J. W. Parrish of Elkton and C. E. Ryman of Spuds, were elected directors to serve three years each.

## JULY FIRST HOTTEST DAY IN MANY YEARS

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midnight. The soda fountains did a rushing business, and many of the lakes had increased patronage.

Mr. Lance's complete report for the week ending July 6 follows:

|         | Max. | Min. | Rain |
|---------|------|------|------|
| June 30 | 95   | 74   | .87  |
| July 1  | 97   | 71   | .... |
| July 2  | 93   | 77   | .03  |
| July 3  | 94   | 75   | .03  |
| July 4  | 92   | 67   | .72  |
| July 5  | 94   | 70   | .... |
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