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CARDS ROUT PHILLIES WITH THRILLS GALORE

Take Them Into Camp To
Tune Of 14 To 7; Primed To
Meet Yanks Monday

By BUCK STANSY
The Phillies came to this burg yesterday to give the Cardinals a drubbing. How far they progressed can best be seen by the final count. They wound up on the short end of a 14 to 7 score.

It's really too bad to leave the Phillies thus disillusioned. The Cards aren't partial though; they're out to win ball games whether they play the Yankees or the Millville Tigers.

There was surely plenty of fireworks in the afternoon's play. The game was thrilling from start to finish. The runs were pretty well scattered throughout the game with the exception of the third inning when the Red Birds collected six and the Pennsylvanians two.

Grover Cleveland Alexander worked one inning in the box for the St. Louis team striking out two men. There were also two errors by which a couple of Phillie batsmen got on the sack, following which a timely hit scored them both.

The Phillies used four hurlers, who allowed eleven hits, and passed eight men, while the Red Bird flingers allowed five hits and passed eight men.

In the second inning Wilson with one out and a man on first lined to Hurst, the Keystone's first sacker, who made a spectacular shoestring catch and tagged first to make an unassisted double play.

Three men were on the base in the fourth when Bottomy came up to the bat. Green passed him to get at Hafely, a seemingly less formidable batsman. Hafely drove a long fly to deep left. It was near the foul line and should have been a triple. O'Doul, the Phillies left fielder ran into a wire fence used for batting practice just as he was in the act of catching the ball, and was slightly hurt. The mishap allowed Hafely to make a home run of it, scoring three ahead of him. (Continued on page three)

Pennsylvania Day Observed Locally Thursday Evening

In accordance with custom local residents and winter visitors forming the "Pennsylvania Society" held their annual meeting in the Christian Church at Sebring on Thursday evening of last week.

Prof. J. A. Allison, formerly of Wilkesburg, Pa., made the address welcoming the members. Over a hundred Keystoneers partook of the excellent supper which was served by the ladies of the church.

Those present from Avon Park were: Mrs. H. O. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCalip, Mrs. Wm. Gammon, Mrs. Ida C. Callender, Mrs. J. B. Haynes, Miss Bettie Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coen, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kip, Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Bailey, Mr. and Mrs. F. Willson, and Miss Hilda Willson.

Tampa Rector III; No Exchange Made

Last week's Times stated that there would be an exchange of pulpits by Rev. W. B. Curtis of St. John's Church, Tampa, and Rev. E. E. Madeira, of the Church of the Redeemer, of this city, both of them Protestant Episcopal churches. Owing to the illness of Dr. Curtis a few days prior to the date of exchange, the pulpit of the local church was filled by the local rector.

Avon Ladies Will Hold Easter Sale

SOME good ladies, with a good purpose in mind, will have an Easter sale of good things to eat, holding forth at the store room of the Avon Feed establishment. They will be ready for this sale on Saturday morning, March 30. Colored and decorated eggs already for the Easter table will be yours for a reasonable price. These ladies are proud of their cookery and invite your custom.

DRAMA AT AUDITORIUM BY SOUTHERN COLLEGE

Will Present Three Plays In
Avon Park This
Evening

Once in a great while does the public get a chance to see a good drama at the Auditorium. Southern College "Vagabonds" under direction of Miss Marguerite Willis, Southern instructor will give three one-act plays this evening.

Miss Willis' work is too favorably known to require comment. There will be a drama entitled "Judge Lynch"; a comedy entitled "The Stepmother"; and a farce entitled "The Marriage Proposal."

The Marie Raffo girls are sponsoring these plays. These girls have a definite benevolent purpose in all they attempt and the public stands squarely behind Southern College, located in our neighboring city, Lakeland, in all that it attempts. The prices are fifty cents for adults and twenty-five cents for children.

Child Welfare Council Held At Brickell Hall

A child welfare council in the interest of children of pre-school age was held yesterday afternoon in Brickell Hall, East Main street. This council was under the direction of the Florida State Board of Health. The session was from one to four-thirty. Quite a number of the parents availed themselves of the opportunity to take their children for health inspection, and as late as four o'clock there was still a waiting line of young folks. Much good is done by these welfare councils, and it is felt that by saving the children the longevity of the race is increased.

Will Serve Supper At Latch Key Saturday

The ladies of the Missionary Society will serve another of their famous suppers at the Latch Key tomorrow night. True to the manner born, they will serve no canned vegetables at this supper, but every vegetable served will be grown in this section of Florida.

There will be chicken pot-pie, native string beans, mashed potatoes, cabbage slaw, rolls and butter, pie, tea and coffee. And all this for 50c. Can you beat it?

The Rex Beach Farm Increases Shipments

Warren Atkinson, manager for Rex Beach farm in Avon Park, reports that four carloads of produce from their farm was shipped to points north this week. Avon Park is proud of its farm activities and realizes what diversity of industries means to the welfare of the community.

SHUFFLE BOARD PLAY ATTRACTING VISITORS

Outdoor Pleasure Club Has
Done Much To Revive
Outdoor Sports

The Outdoor Pleasure Club has been attracting many local folks and visitors to its shuffle board course, and interest in horseshoe pitching is being revived.

John D. Ott, recently elected president of the club, has had all benches for spectators and players overhauled and put in first-class condition, and all equipment used has undergone repairs.

George Kohler, an interested member of the club, is assisting Mr. Ott in his excellent work for the club, and is trying to bring the daily attendance of participants up to the hundred mark.

This week's games at shuffle board have been the best of the season. The horseshoe pitchers recently challenged the Sebringites to battle on the local court. The Highlands County News reported that the Sebringites wanted to win or to be "walloped," and the local fans think that fear of the latter has caused the Sebringites to lose their ardor. The challenge still holds good, and The Times repeats it for the local team.

TIMES PRIZE CONTEST IS DRAWING TO CLOSE

Contest Closes On March 27;
Prize Offered To Each
Grade In School

Pupils of Avon Park High School who have not yet signified their intention of competing for The Times prizes will have to get busy at once. The contest closes on the 27th, which is the anniversary of the discovery of Florida by Ponce de Leon. The prizes are worth having. They are suited to either boys or girls.

Parents of the contestants do not have to be subscribers to The Times, as no premium offers for subscriptions are necessary to bring the paper's subscription list up to the maximum. The merits of the paper are the only things essential to its success. Pupils of the seventh, eighth and twelfth grades only are in the competition.

There will be one prize for each grade and special mention of other essays submitted will be made.

Roger W. Babson, the nationally known statistician, who spends his winters in Florida, says: "It is better to buy building materials, labor and other things that go to build a home when the market is dull than when it is booming. This applies to building your own home at the present time."

Eugene Woodruff Stricken Thursday

Eugene Woodruff, whose home is at 802 W. Pleasant street, was stricken with paralysis yesterday morning, and in this writing is lying unconscious at his home. Dr. W. C. Touchton is in attendance.

Mr. Woodruff is about 80 years of age and has been a resident of this section about 15 years. His wife died about 10 years ago. He has two daughters living in Avon Park and a son in Green Bay, Wis. Allen Woodruff, who is only his way to Avon Park, which he is expected to reach next Sunday.

Mr. Woodruff is a grove owner here and has been quite active until recently. He retired from business about five years ago.

Big Easter Sale At Ott & Sons Store

WHEN latest styles are desired Ott & Son are "there with the goods." It is not an unusual thing for those of our folks who have made trips to adjoining cities and spent some of their time in window shopping, to return only to find the same or better styles at Ott's and the prices more reasonable. Years of experience in merchandising have taught this firm the requirements of local residents.

AVON PARKERS SPLIT BASKET BALL GAMES

Boys Win From Bartow While
Girls Defeated At Hands
Of Fort Meade

By BUCK STANSY.
The Avon Park boys basketball team pitted their strength and skill against that of the Bartow cagers at the Armory last night in a fast, hard-fought, rough game. In spots the game very closely resembled a football game, so earnest was the effort of both teams to win.

Jack Head, Avon Park's stellar right forward, led the scoring with six field goals to his credit. Stone, Avon Park's left forward, was tied with Johnson, Bartow's center, for the "silver honors" with four points apiece, Stone's being the result of two field goals, and Johnson's coming from a field goal and two foul shots.

Head and Martin showed up best for the locals, while Joe Drake and Johnson looked the best of the visitors.

The crowd was rather slim because of the rain, but those who (Continued on page three)

Domestic Appliances and Hardware Merger

Smith-McGinnis Co., and the Domestic Appliance Co., have joined interests, and will have conveniences for the housewife that will convert housekeeping into a pleasure, and relieve the busy woman of much that savors of drudgery.

The hardware line of Smith-McGinnis Co., is too well-known to require comment here. The domestic appliances handled should be seen by every woman who wants a tidy home with the least physical labor. The modern home is cared for by modern machinery, all of which is easy and simple of operation. Their advertisement is profitable reading.

Former Resident Dies In Georgia

E. D. Kelly, a winter visitor for the past eight or nine years, whose present home is in Yanketown, arrived in Avon Park Tuesday for a brief visit, leaving his wife in Monticello, Ga.

Shortly after his arrival he received a telegram that his wife was ill, and a few hours thereafter he received another telegram telling him of her death.

Mrs. Kelly is a cousin of Mrs. J. S. Bennett, wife of a local dairyman of Avon Park.

Lake Byrd Lodge Closed For Season

Lake Byrd Lodge, located about three miles from the city center, has closed for the season. This suburban hostelry has had its regular clientele for a number of years and is held in high esteem by those who have regularly enjoyed its hospitality.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER HONORED BY PUPILS

Latin Class Entertain Monday
Evening With Surprise
Party

The Avon Park High School has an energetic lot of boys and girls who at intervals lay aside their conjugations and declinations for the more pleasant observance of social matters.

One of these occasions was last Monday evening when they tendered a surprise party to their instructor, Miss Millie Pearson, in honor of her birthday anniversary. The party was held at the home of Miss Genevieve McClelland, of 917 West Hill street.

The guests on arrival were quietly welcomed by the hostess, Miss McClelland, awaiting the advent of the honor guest, Miss Millie Pearson. After Miss Pearson had joined the party a number of interesting games were played.

An unique feature of the party was the telling of a story. Some one began the narrative with the usual "Once upon a time," and as the story grew each guest added some humorous phrase, sad, serious, sapient or scintillant, as the mood of the suggestor might intimate.

Proms were staged by the young couples and contests were held. Best among contests was the "Pat," which proved to be a winner. Prizes went to Miss Helen Schweigart and Miss Mary Vilkaitis. Miss Anna Mae Adams and Carol Belin drew the consolation.

Miss Shirley Page Shepherd sang a solo, with accompaniment by Miss Genevieve McClelland. Miss Pauline Willford and Miss Catherine Sagus entertained. Miss Shepherd, in a few well-chosen words presented to Miss Pearson the gift of the Latin class, a token of love and appreciation for services in class room, it being her pleasure to compel interest only by creating interest in what to many students appears a dull and prosaic subject.

The time-honored game of "spin" (Continued on page three)

Health Food Store Finds That It Pays To Run Ad In Times

B. H. James, sole representative for Battle Creek Health Foods, realizes the importance of advertising, and finds The Times an excellent medium for reaching the people of the entire community. In addition to his well-known line of health foods he carries the best of everything in the grocery line. His advertisement gives a range of prices that appeal to the economical housewife who does her own shopping and buys to the best advantage.

Dr. Herman Kurz, professor in the Florida State College for Women at Tallahassee has a collection of Indian arrow heads gathered in 30 different states, including fine samples made by early Florida Indians from limestone and flint.

Avon Park Girl Is Married Tuesday

Tuesday morning witnessed the marriage of Lee E. Lane of Clearwater to Miss Myrtle Lassiter of Avon Park at the court house in Sebring. Following the issuing of the marriage licence, the happy couple were married by Mrs. Eva Babcock, clerk to County Judge M. C. Whitehurst.

Mr. and Mrs. Lane will make their home at Clearwater where Mr. Lane is foreman of a grapefruit canning factory.

Florida's Large Tax Emergency and the Press of the State

Speech By Grosvenor Dawe Of
Tallahassee Before State
Press Association In Lake
Wales Saturday.

STATE RESEARCH MADE

If Tax Emergency Not Met,
It Might Ruin State Credit
For Generation, Says Dawe
In His Speech.

[Editor's Note.—Following is the speech given by Grosvenor Dawe of Tallahassee before the Florida Press Association at Lake Wales last Saturday afternoon. Mr. Dawe's address pertained to Florida's tax emergency and although rather lengthy, we hope the readers of The Avon Park Times will take time to read every word herein printed. Florida's tax problems are quite vital at this time and we feel much knowledge can be gotten from the following speech, as to our present situation].

Some of you will remember that at the meeting of the Florida Press Association in Cocoa in 1924 I there bore testimony to you men and women. From a broad knowledge of the press of the United States, I stated that no group of newspapers could equal the papers of Florida in their willingness to open their columns to every feature of constructive advance in Florida. Five years afterwards, and with more complete knowledge, I can again testify to the same effect. Some of you even go so far in recording state-wide and local events that you actually advertise different enterprises in your reading columns, if those enterprises in anyway reflect advance. As a student of public thought I again compliment you.

The subject assigned to me today is "Florida's Tax Emergency and the Press." I hold up before you one volume of clippings—I have five such. By April second, the date when the Legislature assembles, I shall probably have eight. These volumes represent, as nearly as possible, all that every paper in Florida has said regarding local tax and financial matters in the way of news, and local or general taxation in editorial comment since the summer of 1923. Furthermore, these volumes of clippings have been analyzed, line by line, so that on any fiscal or financial subject touched upon by the Florida press the next Legislature can be posted on opinion from Alachua to Washington. The type of card index is held up for you to see.

This study of the press is only a fraction of the research or accumulation that has gone on since last summer, and which will continue until the Legislature needs it no more. Every financial fact regarding every county, every district, and every municipality has, as far as possible, been brought together. Every condition of tax payment, climbing millage or non-payment in every county, every district, and every municipality has also been brought together as far as possible. Every interfering district leading to pyramided taxes has been outlined on county maps. Each highway in every county has been mapped to show why it was undertaken, how it was financed, who built it, whether it is a through road, etc. It has taken eight months and at times as many as nine people were employed to accumulate and classify these facts.

Now what is it all about? Just this: From the taxation point of view, Florida is confronted by an emergency which, if not met, will become a calamity, ruining our credit for a generation. Here I remind you that this research has

nothing to do with any man or corporation's individual prosperity, it has to do with the survival of government. There are many prosperous people in Florida who are willing to evade taxes even if they endanger the State.

Why the haste? Because if no definite research were undertaken before April, 1929, nothing comprehensive could be done by the Legislature of 1929, and by 1931 present sliding into defaults and possible repudiations would be an avalanche. What prompted research along this line? It grew out of the Industrial Survey, which I was permitted to make on behalf of the State of Florida. When the gathering of material was ended for the volume entitled "Florida, an Advancing State," I informed Nathan Mayo, Commissioner of Agriculture, under whose direction it had been compiled, that I was in possession of a great deal of information that was not safe to print in a state document; material so damaging in its possible effect upon the State, that it ought not to be made public before the then unknown Governor of the State chose to present the problem to Florida, in association with a proposed remedy.

Who is paying for this work? Patriotic men who, after learning from me of the danger to the State, made gifts to the cause in order that truth might prevail before error destroyed us. The whole plan was laid out from the beginning, and just enough daily bread has come to meet the daily needs.

As the truth regarding Florida's condition had nothing to do with Democratic or Republican politics, yet showed a condition of extreme danger, personal calls were made upon the Democratic and Republican candidates, Doyle E. Carlton and W. J. Howey. An explanation was made to each that the greatest single question affecting Florida's future as a government would come up in the next gubernatorial term, and that the question was not suitable material for use in the campaign that ended in November. It was made clear that it was a question of saving the State, and not merely one of achieving a personal victory. Our present Governor has been in constant touch with this research, knew why it was undertaken, knew its every feature of progress and through his office in Tampa made helpful suggestions. On February 27th and 28th the accumulation of facts was placed before the Cabinet, leading to the press release which all of you received directly from Governor Carlton on March 4th. Facts are now ready to be placed before the Legislature. Action depends upon your chosen leaders and your stimulation of those leaders.

To go back a little in my story: After meeting the gubernatorial candidates, I re-visited nearly all the counties of the State in order to tell the truth so as many as possible of the editors, and to explain to them that I was in the county for a confidential conference to bring out opinion regarding tax conditions. At this moment, by personal research and by assistance of others who have visited counties that I could not visit myself, it is a fact that everything is assembled, proving the following truths:

1. That the load of obligation in Florida is now the highest per capita of any state in the Union, while in 1913 Florida was 33rd in rank.
2. That the obligation of Florida as represented by counties, has risen more than one thousand percent in 10 years without a corresponding increase in productive value; that the obligations of counties, districts and cities (omitting drainage totals) now represent \$496,000,000 chiefly in bonds, whose interest and ultimate retirement must come out of taxation in some form; and that 66 percent of all our county indebtedness comes from road bridges, which, except for "dead-end," benefit all highway travelers.

3. That concurrently with the increase in financial responsibility there has been an accelerated increase in the disappearance of land from tax payments to counties and to the State. Here I may mention that whereas the reverted lands after the sales of 1927 were about four million acres, the reverted lands from the 1927 tax rolls, were over seven million acres, or just about 23 percent of the entire area of Florida. Every year shows an increased load on tax payers, corresponding to a certain extent with the percent of lands removed from taxation.

May I again emphasize that the thanks of the entire public is due to the Press of Florida; for the Press, after learning these facts still held their peace and said nothing—or almost nothing—during the recent campaign; and up to the present moment have not burst forth on the subject because of the possible damage to the State of an announcement of these facts in advance of some action by the cabinet, looking towards a remedy of conditions. This action was made public March 1st in an A. P. story.

I doubt if any state in the Union can show such reserve of the press in the face of a possible governmental calamity. Your editorial silence was due also in part to the full understanding that this subject had nothing to do with partisan politics and must be handled in a statesman-like way—statesmen looking ahead over the coming years of Florida and desirous that all should live under a safer condition, produced by a changed body of tax law. I personally have shown equal reserve. Nowhere have I expressed an opinion as to what is the cure, but opinions have been gathered literally by the hundreds and these also have all been analyzed and carded. Again a card is held up for you to see. I shall, however, indulge in some opinion here, as we are within two weeks of the assembling of the Legislature of 1929. My personal opinion is that the facts of the case point to the following as a part of the cure:

1. Taxes to be light as possible, but spread over all taxable property in keeping with the authority of the constitution, original and as amended.
2. Suspension of the State ad valorem tax on land, except the Constitutional one mill for schools; the right to levy being retained in principle.
3. Removal of county reasons for keeping values depressed, which depression now embraces school funds through low valuations and a fixed millage.
4. Actual State guidance and a strong measure of control in meeting present emergencies in county debts, particularly as to sinking funds, which have been maltreated—worse than mismanaged in some cases.
5. Moves toward consolidating responsibility, financial and otherwise, in the counties.
6. Accomplishing all possible by statute, particularly as to tax needs and holding Constitutional changes to the lowest possible limit, since Constitutional changes mean delay.

At the outset of our attempt to get at the facts, it was realized by Mr. Mayo and by me that facts were not a cure in any disease—physical, fiscal, or financial—but that as we live under Florida tax laws, no matter how confusing, ineffective and archaic, it will be through law that the cure for the future must come into sight. So in the direction of law, after careful consideration, the Constitution of 1885, and the large number of laws, general and special; and amendments of those laws, general and special; and the amendments on amendments, general and special, etc. His decision was unerring as to the simple way to approach the law problem. It was to lay down certain axioms regarding an ideal of law as affecting Florida's taxation. These axioms I now make public.

"A due consideration of existing conditions relating to the subject of taxation in Florida and dangers to be avoided in remedial legislation seems to justify the following axiomatic summary:

Axiom 1.
The burden of taxation is not equally borne by all property (money, credits, and all intangibles and much tangible personal property entirely escapes taxation).

Axiom 2.
To assess certain classes of property, such as moneys and credits, at prevailing rates of taxation would be ruinous, and since moneys and solvent credits cannot be valued at an arbitrary figure (as can real estate) they are purposely not found by the tax assessor.

Axiom 3.
Property which may be given an arbitrary value for assessment purposes is not assessed at the full value, as required by law, chiefly because the State levies a uniform millage on valuations fixed by the several counties. Therefore, in proportion as one county values its property higher than another it pays more to the State. Therefore, the counties to protect themselves against paying an undue proportion of state taxes hold down their valuations and then of necessity levy a high millage for county purposes.

Axiom 4.
Much real estate is now taxed so high that taxes are not being paid thereon, and as a result such property is being sold to the State and ceases to be revenue producing.

Axiom 5.
If real or personal property be taxed out of proportion to its producing value, the owner will not (or cannot) pay the tax, and such property ceases to be revenue producing.

Axiom 6.
If credits be taxed too high money cannot be had for development purposes and/or the borrower will be required to pay the tax.

Axiom 7.
If money be taxed too high it will be concealed and often deposited in banks in other states.

Axiom 8.
Long time redemption periods, tax titles made proverbially bad by cumbersome tax laws and the privilege of continuing to use property after it is sold for taxes (as in the case of timber land, chiefly valuable for timber) all give aid and comfort to one who finds it not convenient to pay his taxes regularly, or perhaps not profitable to pay them at all.

Axiom 9.
Separate assessment rolls made up for county and State purposes, on the one hand, and municipal purposes on the other, and separate collecting officers multiplies costs of administration, and confuses tax payers, especially those from other states which have one collecting officer for all purposes.

I submit to the Press of Florida this one all-embracing statement: The tax emergency of Florida cannot be met by guess work, nor by partisanship, nor by personal bias, nor by personal selfishness. It can only be met by facing facts and making correct deductions from those facts. A false premise must always lead to a false conclusion. A correct premise, considered apart from personal bias, will lead to a correct conclusion. The Press needs to be on watch against false premises and false conclusions. Pitiless logic is our only safety.

I must, therefore, remind you of certain actions of the past year as tending to mislead the mind and outlook of our citizens. Understand I speak for myself alone and

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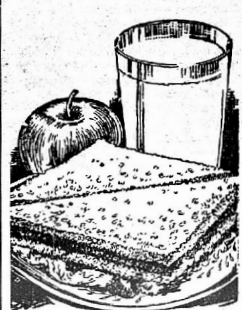
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SOCIAL and Personal News

Bridge Party At Yates' Home.

Mrs. W. H. Yates entertained informally at bridge at her home, 15 East Durranee street, last Monday afternoon. The color decorations were in yellow and brown. Flower decorations were snapdragons, nasturtiums and Marachel Neil roses.

A particularly interesting feature of the occasion was the Chinaware, the silverware and the cut-glass used, these being wedding gifts presented to Mrs. Yates on her wedding day, in Glasgow, Scotland. Afternoon tea was served.

Among the 40 guests whose names The Times reporter secured were: Mesdames Ten. Eyck, Abel, C. P. Anderson, Rouse, Rumpas, S. C. Pardee, C. H. Pardee, and their guest Miss Mary Sprigg, McKalip, Gammon, H. O. Smith, J. O. Haynes and daughter, little Betty, Chard, Hobbs, Carpenter, Tim, W. M. Reck, H. F. R. Reck, Brick, Smith (of Washington, D. C.), Landers, Fred Smith, Noland, Lawrence, A. R. Pringle, Charles Pringle, Wayne Smith, Katherine Dickinson, Nichols, Donaldson, Truan, Raab, Douglas, Ammons, and Misses Clara Hundertmark, and Oxborough; and others.

Mrs. McKalip Honors Friends With Party.

In honor of Miss Helen de Anguera, who will shortly leave for Chicago, and also in honor of the birthday anniversary of her friend Miss Millie Pearson, a pleasant social was tendered by Mrs. H. W. McKalip, at her home last Monday night.

After tables of bridge the prizes were awarded and gifts presented. High score prize went to Miss Margaret Pardee, a guest towel; partying address was made by H. W. McKalip, who presented to Miss Helen de Anguera a fine box of social stationery; birthday address was made by J. D. Raab, who presented to Miss Millie Pearson two fine handkerchiefs. The guests at refreshment period were J. D. Raab, L. E. Hagood and H. W. McKalip. Others present were: Mesdames M. A. Smith, L. E. Smith, L. E. Hagood, J. D. Raab, H. R. Fossum, P. L. Rumpas, T. Farrel, J. Haynes, E. L. Gammon, H. O. Smith and Misses H. Hundertmark, C. Whaley, M. Myers, M. Lear, M. Pardee, and the honorees, Miss Millie Pearson and Miss Helen de Anguera. Homemade cake and punch were served.

New Yorker Honored At Pine Crest Party.

A delightful bridge party was given last Wednesday afternoon at Pine Crest Lakes Country Club in honor of Mrs. Wayne Smith, of New York, the honorees being Mrs. A. R. Pringle, Mrs. Charles Pringle and their friend, Mrs. Dickinson.

There were nine tables, made up of friends from Avon Park and Sebring. Dainty refreshments were served.

Among those present were: Mesdames Abel, Rouse, Gregory, C. P. Anderson, C. P. Anderson, Jr., S. C. Pardee, C. H. Pardee, McKalip, Haynes, Yates, McDonald, Chapman, Fred Smith, Dorminey, MacAuley, A. C. West, de Anguera and Madame de Anguera, Chard, Perham, Brick, Mann, Nannery, Mitchell, Freeman, Booth, Hughes, Gammon, and Miss Mary Sprigg, and the honoree Mrs. Wayne Smith, all of Avon Park; and Mesdames Lane, Marker, Melvin, Baker, Kansinger and Gardner, of Sebring.

Woman's Club Cards and Dance At Pine Crest.

The Woman's Club held a card party and dance at Pine Crest Lakes Country Club last night. Cards were played from 8 to 9:30, and dancing was from 9:30 to midnight.

About 55 members and friends enjoyed the evening.

Refreshments were served. Dancing was in the beautiful ballroom of the clubhouse which

was decorated for the occasion.

Miss Mary Perham, of Worcester, Mass., who has been a visitor in Avon Park for some weeks this winter, left last Thursday for her home in the Bay State.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pringle and their daughter, Mrs. Wayne Smith, who have been winter visitors, left for their respective homes, the former for Lawrence, Mass., and the latter for New York City.

Miss Ellen Cook, who has lived in Avon Park for several years, left last week for her home at Sharon Grove, Ky.

Mrs. A. W. Hammond, of Washington, D. C., will spend the winter with her sisters, Misses Kate and Mattie Tompkins, at Highland Lakes. Mrs. Hammond has her little son and daughter with her.

Dr. D. G. Perry, head pharmacist at the Avon Park Drug company store, will occupy the property of Mr. Charles Pringle, 117 Verona avenue.

A. C. West, who has been ill at his home at 33 LaGrande street, has made slight improvement.

Robert Roberts Meets With Accident

Robert Roberts, of the Avon Park schools, met with an accident while playing ball on the school grounds last Tuesday, he having had two upper incisors broken off and one lower tooth loosened, besides a deep cut in his lower lip.

The eighth grade ball team was playing against the ninth grade team. Roberts was catching for the eighth grade, when a pitched ball slipped through his hands striking him in the mouth, and causing the injuries stated.

Plant food almost always costs more in low grade fertilizers than in the higher grades, due to the saving of transportation charges for the filler.

AVON PARKERS SPLIT BASKET BALL GAMES

(Continued from page one) turing out were well-rewarded. They had plenty of excitement. Avon Park held a six point lead at the end of the first half, but Bartow crawled up a little until at the end the score stood 16 to 12 in Avon Park's favor.

The local play Sebring in their town on Friday night and again here on Monday night. The boys deserve support from the public. They play good ball.

The starting line-up for the teams was:

Avon Park: Head, rf; Stone, lf; Reynolds, c; D. Martin, rf; Jett, lg.

Bartow: Hayes, rf; Bob Drake, lg; Johnson, c; Ja Drake, rg; Holt, lg.

Girl's Game.

Close on the heels of the boy's victory over Bartow the girl's trotted out on the court to battle with a girl's team from Fort Meade. After a few minutes of warming up the following Avon Park girls took the floor. Brunson rf, Clark lf, H. Overstreet jumping center, T. Dillely running center, D. Durranee rg, D. Guerdn lg, against C. Hammond rf, M. Pine lf, M. Keller jc, A. Scaggs rc, R. Clements rg and Kilpatrick lg, of Fort Meade.

The first half was rather sluggish, both teams seemingly feeling out the weak points of the other. The score at the end of the first half was 2-0 in Ft. Meade's favor.

The game improved materially during the second half. Several changes were made in Avon Park's line-up which seemed to help. The last half was nip and tuck all the way through, first one team and then the other holding the lead.

It was a rough period with quite a few of the girls being warned for fouls. The game came to a close with Ft. Meade on the long end of an 8 to 7 score. Both teams want a return game.

Dr. Boone Moves.

Dr. J. W. Boone, has moved his office from the First National Bank building to the Arcade in the Jacaranda Hotel building, where he will have superior accommodations. Dr. Boone, who was graduated from the University of Missouri, Medical College, a Grade A institution, located in Kansas City, Mo., moved to Avon Park some time last year. His offices will be in room 12.

Avolon Theatre Features 'Cheyenne'

The Avolon Theatre will tomorrow night present Ken Maynard in "Cheyenne." This is a First National picture. Ken, the all around, All-American star in one of his most exciting pictures, will delight those who enjoy western pictures. "He will ride the bucking bronchos, bulldog the racing steers, and ride to victory and love in one of the most thrilling races ever staged," says the announcement of the film producers.

HIGH SCHOOL TEACHER HONORED BY PUPILS

(Continued from page one) ning the pan" drew forth much applause, the unfortunate after each spin being condemned to serve sentence by performing some ludicrous act.

After the games refreshments were served. These consisted of fruit juices and cookies.

These constituted the assembled guests:

Miss Millie Pearson, honoree; Latin class members, Virginia Chandler, Helen Schweigart, Catherine Saggus, Hazel Cameron, Mary Vilkaitis, Wava Godwin, Charlotte Shepherd, Genevieve McClelland, Agnes Vilkaitis, Anna Mae Adams, Shirley Page Shepherd, Pauline Willeford, Carroll Belin, Carol Bailey, J. T. Willeford, Gordon Lee, Cameron Epperson, Alvin Overstreet, Clifton McClelland, Colquitt Pardee, S. P. Durranee, Reaves Crews, and Rudolph Conoley.

CARDS ROUTE PHILLIES WITH THRILLS GALORE

(Continued from page one) The fans surely got their money's worth between the game and a dialogue carried on by the Phillies' second sacker and the Cardinal's trainer.

The Cardinals are now ready for the Yankees, who with Ruth, Gehrig and company, come to town Monday. That game promises thrills a-plenty. The world's greatest baseball stars will be competing—the Cards and the Yankees at Cardinal Field at 3 p. m.

Mrs. Trent Home From Hospital

The many friends of Mrs. N. H. Trent are highly gratified at her home-coming after an operation for appendicitis at the Municipal hospital, Tampa. Mrs. Trent looks very much unlike an invalid and greeted her friends with her usual smile.

Neal H. Trent, who has been suffering much pain from poisoned flesh on his feet after a recent hunting trip, is convalescing and welcomed his invalid wife much more cheerfully than he could have done during the painful ordeal he passed through the past week.

Mrs. Francis Shockley, who was formerly Miss Lucile Able, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Able, of this city, writes from Milwaukee, Wis., that she is enjoying her trip North. She does not mention the well-known product that made that city famous.



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Application now pending at the Post Office at Avon Park, Fla., for the second-class mail privileges.

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THE LOCAL FREIGHT PROBLEM.

Only a few years have elapsed since rail lines were built through this city after earnest efforts of certain of its influential citizens. Much pressure was exerted to induce the roads to construct their lines through the city instead of four or more miles distant.

These roads pay considerable money into our State and county treasury, thus aiding in the support of everything that is maintained out of taxes. They are, however, at a disadvantage in competition with long-haul motor lines.

In the Act of 1920, Congress gave the Interstate Commerce Commission a mandate "to provide the country with adequate transportation facilities and to secure to the railroads for the accomplishment of this a fair return upon the value of their property."

The volume of business offered the railroads has much to do with the rates adopted, and these rates are based upon the value of their property—not upon the amount of stock issued.

Local motor transfer men are practically driven out of business in the matter of local freight hauling on account of long-distance motor delivery and unfair competition, the latter scarcely even buying in this city gas for the return trip.

The American railway system has a mileage 10 times greater than the circumference of the earth at the equator, and is adding an average of 2,000 miles a year.

A vigorous and economical management is required to give the public what it has a right to expect. Public opinion must recognize the necessity of just treatment of the capital employed.

WONDERS NEVER CEASE.

The American dairy has no fear of competition from the strange discovery made by Prof. Samuel J. Record, of the Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago.

Prof. Record has placed on exhibition in the museum a sample of the wood of the Guatemala cow-tree, found in a district of that county. He has milked the cow-tree, and found the milk very good.

He placed a quart of the milk on exhibition in the museum the day following last Christmas, and discoursed upon its merits. The professor has drunk the milk of the cow-tree in his coffee, but has not been weaned from the better-known article.

Prof. Record says: "Half a liter of it taken straight produced the same effect in me as a good square meal. Cow-tree milk, like cow's milk, sours very quickly. While the cow-tree milk is palatable and one might imagine a cow-tree dairy, the tree presents greater possibilities for the manufacturers of chewing gum."

We thank the professor for the closing statement. The home-town article is good enough for us.

AIR MAIL SERVICE?

Air mail service for Avon Park is a matter of importance to your commercial and industrial interests. There is no direct air mail service out of Avon Park, as there are not facilities for this service.

Given a good service, the time required for delivery of mail in New York City of a letter mailed in Avon Park would be cut in half as compared with the present all-rail service.

Tennyson in "Locksley Hall," written in 1842, had a wonderful vision of the air service when he wrote:

"For I dived into the future, far as human eye could see
Saw the vision of the world, and all the wonder that could be
Saw the heavens filled with commerce, argosies of magic sails
Pilots of the purple twilight, dropping down their costly bales."

STRAIGHT FROM THE SHOULDER.

It is a well-known fact that no newspaper is supported by the money the subscriber pays for his paper. The main source of revenue is the advertising.

Any newspaper is on the road to success whose subscribers patronize its advertisers. The Times is a clean "sheet" and its advertisers stand back of what they offer. They help to maintain you financially, socially and religiously. When you deal with them you help make Avon Park a good place in which to live.

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The Third Degree

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Sir Knight K. E. Ating is the Camel Hump Brusher of an asylum way up in Fond du Lac, Wis. He is a member of the United Order of Nimrods, the Glad-to-Meet-You Chapter of Isaac Waltons, and poet laureate to the Fond du Lac Humorist Club.

He has been known to substitute a dressed quail for the one shot by a fellow-hunter, and he is also said to have placed a salt herring on the hook of a first-degree member of the Isaac Waltons, while the amateur fisherman's attention was temporarily called to another matter.

Recently our editor had to go bail for the valiant and magnanimous Sir Knight for giving a swimming lesson to a worm on the end of his hook while fishing in Lake Verona. The ever-vigilant George, after lawful information and strict examination, had decided that said worm must not swim in Lake Verona without a bathing suit.

The favorite of the adjourning frater is the "buzzard-egg" story. Upon a certain occasion while returning from a hunting trip in the Everglades he was inveigled by a local youth into buying a dozen buzzard eggs for a nickel.

These he decided to take home with him and have the home folks place them under one of Nature's feathered incubators, as a choice variety of turkey. When the fullness of time had arrived he inquired of the servant de cuisine about the baby turkeys. "Oui, oui," said the maid, "zee agy, I make him into your sandwich."

Councilman Stamey: "Hood, I understand you have a good job with the Seaboard Air Line. What is it?"

Councilman Hood: "I'm their haberdasher."

C. S.: "What service?"

C. H.: "I look after their ties."

Col. J. Emlee recently had a lengthy interview with the Acting Mayor regarding a negro whom he had defended in a case involving the larceny of a ham some time before, and for whom a release was sought.

The acting mayor reminded the corpulent colonel that the convict was doing valiant service in the highway maintenance department, but he was a good "nigger" and he, the acting mayor, would be glad to do anything possible to favor him.

Said hizzonner: "Why are you so anxious to secure this man's release?"

"If it please your honor," responded the gallant colonel, "My wife informs me that the pantry is plumb out of ham."

Needless to state the negro was released.

Captain Emmell has some job on his hands instructing the "rookies" of the battalion. One of them recently attempted, without summons, to enter the colonel's tent. The captain halted the "rookie," and informed him that he could not go in there. "Why not," rejoined the rookie, "It's marked PRIVATE over the entrance?"

C. Argin: "I think that Times proof-reader is all 'balloon juice' again."

Koerelle: "How so, Misplaced Eyebrow?"

C. Argin: "In a local item he referred to a member of the American Legion as a 'battle-scarred veteran.'"

Koerelle: "He meant a battle-scarred veteran, I suppose. Did he correct it?"

C. Argin: "Tune in on this: The Times apologizes to the American Legion for referring to a member as a 'battle-scarred' veteran. We intended to say that he was a 'bottle-scarred' veteran."

WISE AND OTHERWISE

By S. F. T.

"Our only regret," said the editor of a new paper, "is that we did not start a sewing circle instead of a newspaper. It would have supplied the people of the town with all the facilities for the dissemination of news they appear to need, and would have saved us several weeks of hard work and \$327.68 in hard cash."

If a Romanist is elected president does he have to renounce his religion? We'll say he does. So does a Protestant. Any man renounces his religion when he enters politics.

A colored man was seen leaving the cemetery. "Is anybody dead?" asked a man on the street. "Yes suh, all of 'em."

"You send me violets every morning," said the young lady to her admirer. "Now, why not send up a bunch of asparagus tomorrow, instead. The expense is the same, and it would make a big hit with papa."

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