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CHAMBER COMMERCE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

Eisele Named President and Donaldson Secretary-Treasurer of Reorganized Body

Reorganization of the board of governors of the Avon Park Chamber of Commerce was effected Tuesday evening. Clifford M. Eisele, acting president, was elected president. Mayor Donaldson, who has been acting secretary, was elected secretary and treasurer. Col. Charles R. Head and E. G. Todd were named first and second vice-presidents, respectively.

Two vacancies on the board of governors were filled at a meeting last Friday morning when H. N. Gump, general manager of Pine Crest Lakes Country club, and Bert Willson were named in place of Ferd deAnguera and J. C. McDonald, resigned.

Other members of the board are Messrs. Eisele, Donaldson, Hobbs, Todd, Head and Miss Mattie Tompkins.

A baseball committee was appointed and will comprise: Col. Head, Mr. Gump, L. E. Thomas, of the Jacaranda hotel, and Miss Tompkins. The committee is exerting every effort to get an International League team here, with the Baltimore team having first choice. Deevlopments were expected this week but nothing definite developed up to press time last night.

J. H. Brightwell, owner of West Beach hotel, offered to give the Chamber the proceeds from the formal opening of the hotel. The time of the opening would depend upon the coramerce body. Plans are being made by the latter to arrange a program of entertainment and a dance to be given, which will attract a large crowd and swell the fund to be donated to the Chamber of Commerce.

REGISTER TO VOTE IN CITY ELECTION

Registration Books Are Open at City Clerk's Office Until November 22

On December 3 Avon Park qualified voters will go to the polls to elect five councilmen and a mayor.

But don't wait until the day of election to ascertain if you are qualified to vote. Too many people have waited until election day to learn from the election officials that they are not registered and, consequently, are not entitled to vote.

The registration books are open now at the city clerk's office where you can learn in a few minutes if you are registered. If not, register and exercise your franchise. The books will be open until Nov. 22, inclusive.

Qualifications to register and vote require one year's residence in the state and six months residence in Avon Park.

Hobbs Qualifies.

T. C. Hobbs, local business man, who was appointed recently by Governor Carlton to fill the chair left by C. H. Moffett on the county board of public instruction, has qualified for his bond and will take his seat at the next meeting of the board.

A shiftless, loafing farmer always works on Sundays and holidays hoping thereby to receive double credit for his effort.

County School Head Addresses Rotarians

Col. F. N. K. Bailey, county superintendent of schools, was the principal speaker at Rotary Wednesday. The county school head told the Rotarians that he has every confidence that the schools of the county will be operated for the full term and does not anticipate, because of financial stringencies, any suspension this year.

A musical program was given by Mrs. J. V. Chapman, of Avon Park, and Leonard Scorgie, of Frostproof, and Mr. Lenfesty, of Tampa.

LOCAL PEOPLE HURT IN AUTO ACCIDENTS

Mrs. J. H. Brightwell Sustains Slight Fracture of Ankle When Car Turns Over

Two accidents on Armistice Day resulted in painful injuries to Mrs. J. H. Brightwell, of West Beach hotel, and slight injuries to Rev. Dr. A. P. Vaughn, J. B. Coen, and H. A. Winter.

Mrs. Brightwell sustained a slight fracture of the right ankle when the car driven by Mr. Brightwell overturned between Zolfo Springs and Arcadia. Mrs. Brightwell was taken to the Arcadia General hospital in a passing car and on Wednesday was removed to her home at West Beach hotel.

Mr. Brightwell and two Avon Park youths, "Dutch" Vandenburg and Tom Matthews, who were enroute to the Arcadia rodeo, escaped uninjured.

The second accident occurred when Mr. Coen crashed into a carload of negroes when their car darted out across State Road 8 from a grove near Lakemont. Mr. Coen attempted to avoid hitting the car but was unable to do so. He sustained slight cuts and bruises, as did Dr. Vaughn and Mr. Winter.

The negroes are said to have been intoxicated. They were arrested and taken to the county jail. Their car was badly smashed in the wreck. Mr. Coen's car was damaged considerably.

Commissioner Speaks To County Sportsmen

Hon. C. C. Woodward, Commissioner of the Florida Game and Fish Department, spoke on game conservation and game laws at the gathering of Highlands county sportsmen at DeSoto City last night. Dr. E. J. Etheredge was chairman of the meeting, which was featured by a barbecue.

Dr. I. N. Kennedy, Deputy Commissioner for this district; Mr. Harrison, representing the DuPont Powder company; Col. J. M. Lee, Judge John U. Bird of St. Petersburg; States Attorney Grady Burton, County Judge Whitehurst, John Graham, of Sebring; Mel Bass, of Avon Park and Mr. Gardner, of Lake Placid, also spoke on various phases of hunting, fishing and the game laws.

A large delegation from Avon Park attended the meeting.

Grass Fire Tuesday.

A grass fire, which threatened several houses on Camphor street, near the homes of Judge Rouse and Jack Head, was extinguished by the fire department Tuesday morning.

Styles may change but we never expect women to go back to cotton stockings.

SMITH ASKS CITY TO DEFEND ACTION

Would Be Amicable Suit To Establish Legality of New City Limits.

While the Chamber of Commerce was making efforts to effect a compromise with the committee seeking the reduction of the new city limits to those of the old city, Norton T. Smith, secretary of the "Committee on the Reduction of City Limits," appeared before the council Wednesday night and asked that that body agree to defend a friendly suit to establish the legality of the present limits of Avon Park.

Assent of the council to defend the action in a friendly way would expedite matters and result in a court decision without much delay. An amicable suit, Mr. Smith stated, would also tend to clear up certain matters now pending, and would also settle the legality of delinquent tax collections on the new city property, which, the speaker intimated, would be contested.

Mr. Smith was asked to reduce his request to writing so that the city could be guided thereby and which would be incorporated in the minutes of the council. This Mr. Smith promised to do.

Col. Lee, when asked by one councilman about the matter, said he would take the matter up with them in executive session.

At the close of the regular session, which was devoted to the receiving of requests for adjustments of taxes and plans for a new negro cemetery, council went into executive session, newspapermen and other citizens were not permitted to attend.

At the executive session it was reported that the matter of Col. Lee's bond as city attorney was discussed. Council recently ordered both the city attorney and fire chief to furnish bond. Chief McCarthy applied for his bond sometime ago, but no application had been made up to Wednesday night by the city attorney, it was said. He was expected to make application yesterday.

Council doesn't feel any too well over the apparent dilatory action of the attorney on the matter of delinquent tax collections, the rolls having been completed and awaiting approval of his bond before they are turned over to him.

Red Devils Meet Punta Gorda Here This Afternoon

The Red Devils of Avon Park High will play at Cardinal Field this afternoon with the Punta Gorda High eleven as their opponents.

Carmichael's boys were beaten 5-0 last week by Mulberry, but they looked like victors in defeat, having given one of the best demonstrations of their ability this season. A couple of "breaks" favored the Mulberry team, and they were keen to take advantage.

The Red Devils outgained their opponents in yardage and their aerial work was superior to that of the visiting eleven, but their splendid work counted for naught.

It was a tough game to lose before the large crowd that attended the game. The net proceeds were turned into the fund for Donaldson Park equipment.

Mayoralty Candidate?

A second candidate for mayoralty honors in the person of T. J. McGinnis was rumored around town yesterday, and it was said that his name would be placed in nomination at Monday's mass meeting.

Nominations To Be Made Monday Night

Inadvertently it was stated in last week's issue that the mass meeting of Avon Park citizens would be held next Monday morning at 8 o'clock. The meeting will be held next Monday evening at 8 o'clock at the city hall, where additional nominations will be made for the municipal offices to be filled at the election on Dec. 3.

The meeting is expected to result in several additional nominations for council and at least one additional candidate for the mayoralty.

ARCADIANS "THERE" AS ENTERTAINERS

Show Shriners Real Time at Ceremonial Tuesday; Rodeo Draws Big Crowds

Arcadians are "there" when it comes to entertaining.

Nate Reece's town sure showed their ability to provide a good time to thousands of people from all parts of the state, and especially to those from Highlands county. Avon Park was well represented at the rodeo on Armistice Day, and everyone returned with words of praise for the DeSoto county seat and its citizens.

The second big day was Tuesday when Egypt Temple, Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, staged their ceremonial. Three novices from Avon Park, Neal Trent, Mel Smith and A. O. Kinsey, were backed on their trek across the hot sands by a large number of nobles from this city. Among those present from Avon Park for the day were: Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Perry; Mr. and Mrs. B. H. James; Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier; Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Smith; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dorminey; Mr. and Mrs. J. V. Chapman; Mr. and Mrs. Neal H. Trent; Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Canfield; Mr. and Mrs. John Francis; Mr. and Mrs. Guy McGiboney; Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gerrard; Mr. and Mrs. Norton Smith; and Mrs. E. P. Loomis.

Also Messrs. William Wooten, O. C. Wilkes, W. R. England, John Hood, Mr. Dison and J. Hayden Williams.

Legionnairs Start Membership Drive

The membership drive of the American Legion started off with an enthusiastic meeting at the fire house Wednesday night, and before the meeting closed nearly 10 new members were added to the roll.

Short talks were given by Commander J. S. Francis and other officers and legionnaires, after which refreshments were served.

There are no special committees on the drive, every Legionnaire constituting a committee of one to get new members.

Buick-Marquette Buyers.

Wooten-DeButts, Buick dealers for Highlands county, report the sale of a five-passenger Buick coupe to J. L. Sullivan, of Avon Park, and a five-passenger Marquette sedan to Lamont E. Wolff, of Sebring.

Bank News Scarce.

Little was said or done locally this week on the charter for the proposed national bank. Two months have gone by, the winter residents are arriving, but no charter has been received. The applicants are hoping the necessary document arrives soon.

Only those who are "indispensable" dare take long vacations, and even they often find they are not seriously missed.

SPECIAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING BANK

Many Venire Men Drawn Discharged; Report Expected Today

At last a special grand jury has been gotten together and yesterday morning they were sworn in and charged by Judge Byrd. The jury finally selected for the Highlands Bank cases were: J. M. Andrews, foreman. Claude A. Cass, clerk, A. E. Austin. E. D. Estes, W. E. Albritton, W. M. Roberts, J. Wesley Williams, P. T. Richards, G. T. Chandler, R. D. Franklin, K. B. Hancock, O. A. Sapp, W. E. Corriher, F. H. Lewis, J. Winston Kelsey, Sam Shepherd, W. P. Myers and L. H. Summeralls.

Venire after venire has been called for service and the great majority of those drawn have been discarded on some technicality, chiefly on account of having money in the bank under investigation or in some bank owing that bank money or to which it owed money. Several of the venire men discovered they had money in some bank that they had forgotten and these facts were brought to light by the probing states attorneys, Messrs. Burton and Fabinsinski. One man had five cents in the First National Bank since 1921. That disqualified him but he drew his $3 for service just the same. Another was found to have 12 cents after he had been considered a good prospect for duty and had been held at the court house four days. He was handed $12 and excused from duty. And so it went.

The jury now formed got busy about 10 o'clock yesterday morning and worked till noon and then recessed till two p. m. Reconvening they worked till about five and then adjourned until this morning. No report had been made and no indictments returned when they ad-

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SEEKING TO AVERT PROPOSED LAWSUIT

Commerce Body Wants "City Limits Reduction Committee To Compromise Matter"

Efforts to avert the proposed lawsuit by the "Committee on the Reduction of City Limits" to have the limits reduced to include the territory prior to 1925 are being made by the Chamber of Commerce. Meetings which have been open only to the committee members and board of governors of the commerce body, have been held the past few days. No newspapermen were allowed to attend.

At the close of their meeting yesterday afternoon the governors announced that the proposed suit would be held in abeyance for a time; and in the meanwhile a compromise would be sought so as to shelve any legal moves that have been broached by the committee.

A plan for the compromise has been advanced, but what it is will not be made known until the compromise is effected. It will mean a change in the present limits, it is understood, but not the reduction of the limits prior to 1925, as sought by the committee from the new city territory.

Crate Mill Operating.

The Avon Manufacturing company resumed operations this week, and the Mutual Crate company expects to start again with a full force during the early part of next week.

THE MENACING GARMENT

By Allen S. Jacobs

WITH an irritated gesture Detective Johnny Barton flung aside the hacked gray coat he had examined for the sixth time. He felt like cussing a blue streak or scratching his head in open perplexity, but he was highly conscious of the quizzical mocking expression in the eyes of Minna, "moll" of the murdered crook, St. Louis Catlin.

In the doorway of this room where the dope addict Catlin had met his death stood Milt Granger, the hotel proprietor, a slightly contemptuous curl to his lips when he thought the young detective was not looking. But Johnny had caught a glimpse of his expression each time he turned toward the mirror in the cheap bureau. Behind Granger was the second-hand clothes dealer, Jan Mordeski, a red-faced little Russian whom he had summoned to buy the murdered crook's clothes to reimburse him for the room rent.

Johnny had delayed the removal of Catlin's effects till the last moment in hope of uncovering some clue he might be overlooking. But today Captain Reardon had ordered their disposal so that Granger might rent the room again. His superior had been none too complimentary regarding Johnny's work on the case to date, the very first one placed in his sole charge. Johnny had been forced to put up a mighty earnest argument to keep him from putting one of the older detectives on the case in his stead.

"Well, you satisfied now to let Jan here have the junk?" Milt Granger demanded impatiently. "I got a man checking into this room at six and it'll take the maid a full hour to put it in order."

Johnny heaved an inward sigh. "Go ahead."

Granger came into the room followed by the little Russian. Together they attacked the pile of clothes on the floor where Johnny had dropped them after examining each.

While the business was being transacted, Johnny was deep in thought. He had a persistent hunch that St. Louis Catlin was murdered for something he had sewed up in his best suit of clothes. Two weeks previous, the night clerk, one Bobby Tittle, had seen Catlin going up to his room about 2 A. M. alone. At three-thirty Tittle noted a signal light from that room on his switchboard. No one answered when he plugged in, yet the receiver was undoubtedly replaced on the hook because the light flashed off again. He rang, thinking Catlin had grown tired of signalling, but still no one answered.

The more he thought of it the more troubled the clerk grew. It had seemed to him that he had heard a strange choking sound in that brief interval before the receiver was replaced.

Finally he had gone upstairs and knocked on Catlin's door. Receiving no answer he tried the door. It was locked from inside and his master key would not throw the lock. Realizing something was indeed wrong, he returned to the office and called police headquarters.

When Johnny and his men Broke open the door they found St. Louis Catlin dead on the floor by the telephone, a knife through his heart. He was in pajamas and his bed showed signs of a struggle. Apparently he had managed to reach the wall telephone and take off the receiver, but his assassin had overtaken him and replaced the receiver on the hook as he fell dead.

But the strange part of the crime was that the gray coat which he probably put on the chair by his bed when he undressed, was practically ripped to ribbons. Much time must have been spent in this procedure, for a search of the room had only been begun when the clerk must have put him to flight by knocking at the door. His means of departure was evident, for a fire escape ran within a few feet of the open window.

Minna, Johnny learned, was not living in the hotel at the time of the murder, though she had been living there until the previous week. He suspected that Minna and Catlin had quarreled and separated, but this Minna brazenly denied, declaring she had taken a room elsewhere to afford Catlin another hiding place.

Their business concluded, Jan Mordeski was spreading a large square of sacking which he had brought with him. He dumped all the suits onto it. Johnny caught his hand as he was dropping the mutilated coat with the rest.

"Not so fast. That is evidence."

Minna laughed shrilly. "Evidence of what, Mister Detective? You've kept harping on that coat and what have you done to find poor Louie's murderer? Nothing but examine and examine that coat."

Johnny felt his cheeks grow red under her scornful eyes. He shrugged and turned aside, but inwardly resolved to go to Jan Mordeski's shop early tomorrow morning and buy back that coat. Of course he could have commanded the garment, but not under Minna's biting sarcasm.

For some reason, he could not shake off the feeling that the clue to the murderer was to be found in that coat. Why had the murderer spent his precious time ripping it up so minutely? Certainly not just for spite. Plainly the murderer had some reason to believe that which he sought was to be found in the lining or seams of Catlin's gray coat. And had he found that which he sought? Johnny believed he had not, or he would never have started to search the room.

Johnny himself had searched every other suit the man had and fine combed his other possessions. But after finding a package of needles and a spool of dark gray thread that matched the torn coat's lining, he came to the conclusion that Catlin had indeed sewed something into his suit or, at least, had intended to do so.

Now, Catlin was suspected of having been the leader in the recent robbery of the Colusa First National Bank up north. It was just possible that he had buried the loot and sewed up a diagram in his coat. If this was so, someone had known this, and the only one in a position to learn this fact was Minna, the dead crook's moll, who took such delight in gibing him with sarcasm for his failure to find the murderer.

Jan Mordeski tied up his bundle, while Milt Granger recounted his money carefully. Johnny turned toward the door none too happily. Minna stepped into his path.

"Good luck, Mister Detective."

For a moment he stared straight into her mocking eyes, then he smiled. Somehow he admired Minna's spirit despite her sharp tongue. Still his reply held an unmistakable threat.

"Thanks. May I return the compliment and wish you the same?"

She turned her glance away nervously.

Johnny was walking down the hall at headquarters to sign off duty for the evening when a detective called after him.

"Say, we've just received a report that Jan Mordeski, the second-hand dealer, has been murdered in his shop. Captain Reardon said you might want to take charge because you wrote him into your report today on the St. Louis Catlin investigation."

Johnny tensed. He was tired after his long day's work, but this new development set his brain churning in a turmoil of supposition. Of course the gray coat might have nothing to do with Mordeski's sudden and violent demise, and yet. . . .

"I'll take the case," he replied and made for the steps leading down to the police garage.

Jan Mordeski's second-hand shop was but one of many over in Howard Street near the employment agencies. It was a mean little place, littered with a conglomeration of old clothes, shoes and hats. In the rear of the shop was a work table. Partly under this table lay the body of the little Russian.

It seemed that Patrolman Walsh had been moved to investigate on finding the store door still open after six o'clock, the usual closing time.

Saluting his youthful superior, Walsh explained: "It looks to me like he was seated here in this chair by the work table." He pointed to the overturned chair a few feet away. "Must have been ripping something, because you'll see a razor blade in his right hand if you look close. Tailors often use them to rip seams. I reckon the guy that done for him entered the front door just before six, sneaked through the racks to that one just a few feet behind his victim, and lunged a knife into his back as Mordeski bent over his work. Mordeski likely leaped up, overturning the chair, and fell headlong beneath the table like you see him."

Johnny nodded thoughtfully. However, his eyes were bent not upon the body but the pile of clothes on the work table. He recognized them as those of the dead crook, St. Louis Catlin. Even before he examined the pile he knew one coat would be missing—the gray coat which the murderer had taken such pains to rip.

In his own mind he reconstructed the case still further. Someone mighty interested in that coat had discovered Mordeski in the act of ripping it. Probably Mordeski had been moved to investigate in hope both the murderer and the police had overlooked something. But his curiosity had proved deadly to the little Russian, in fact it had brought about his murder as surely as St. Louis Catlin's.

Johnny could count just three others besides himself who knew Jan Mordeski had bought that suit; Granger, the hotel proprietor; Bobby Tittle, his room clerk; and Minna, the dead crook's moll.

A commotion in the front of the store jerked Johnny's thoughts up abruptly. One of the detectives on guard at the front door was propelling a girl back to face him. She was trying desperately to jerk from his grasp. Johnny hurried forward to meet them.

"Well, Minna?" he inquired quietly, his keen gray eyes on her snapping blue ones. Their clearness told him the girl was not an addict even though her man had been one.

"She didn't see me behind the door," the detective explained, "and tried to slip in sort of sneakily."

Minna subsided suddenly and recaptured some of her characteristic impudence. Mimicking Johnny, she said pertly, "Well, Mister Detective, is there any law against that?"

Johnny smiled in spite of himself. "I'll tell you in a minute."

He stepped forward and ran expert fingers over her body in search of a weapon, then held out a hand for her handbag, which was rather large. She gave it to him with only a moment's perceptible hesitation. He fumbled with the catch.

"Allow me," she suggested.

He returned the bag and she opened it for him. Inside he found the usual impedimenta carried by every girl these days, a key ring and some change in a small center compartment. He closed the bag and handed it back to her.

"Now open up the secret compartment."

She flashed him a quick look. "I don't understand."

"I think you do. That bag is heavier than those few articles and its own leather would make it ordinarily. Of course I can use my pocket knife on it, but it really is such a nice looking bag."

Her eyes widened slightly, her breath was coming quickly. Then she shrugged resignedly, manipulated the lock and passed the handbag back to him. He thrust his fingers into the secret compartment and drew out a small pearl handle revolver. Johnny looked from the gun to Minna. The finding of a concealed weapon spelled imprisonment for her.

"You're a cool one, all right," he told her admiringly. "I suppose it was the gray coat brought you?"

"And I suppose it's the gray coat brought you, huh?" she retorted.

A man with the professional air of a doctor and bearing a satchel in his hand came down the aisle.

"Hello, doc," Johnny greeted the coroner. "Just keep going till you get to the work table."

The girl's blue eyes darkened behind taut lowered lids. She opened her lips to ask a question, but changed her mind. She could not see the corpse since Johnny deliberately had hurried forward when he saw the officer bringing her back.

"Know what's back there, Minna?"

"It doesn't take two guesses after seeing that buzzard on his way," she replied coolly. "You only call that bird when it's a corpse."

"Any idea whose?"

A look of fear flitted across her face briefly before she composed it again.

"I wouldn't spoil your fun for the world, big boy," she mocked. "You tell me."

"Mordeski."

Relief flooded her face. A little laugh escaped her. "Well, now, ain't that just too bad."

Johnny scowled, wondering who it was she had feared might be dead back there. That the little Russian was slain did not disturb her. But she had been mortally afraid it might be somebody else. Minna was one of the three who knew Mordeski bought the clothes of the murdered Catlin, and it was not impossible that she had told someone. Johnny knew he could gain nothing by questioning her so he did an apparently incomprehensible thing. He handed her back the bag, though he pocketed her little revolver.

"All right, Minna. You can go now."

She stared at him unbelievingly. "You don't mean—you mean you're not going to jug me for the gat?"

"No."

She sucked in an uncertain breath.

"Well, either you've got a sudden attack of enlargement of the heart or there's a catch to it. Going to trail me for a while, I suppose, before you hand me the jolt for toting the gat, huh?"

"Don't worry about the gun, Minna. We'll sort of forget about that," he returned quietly.

Turning on his heel Johnny left her and went back to join the coroner and the fingerprint expert who was examining the death weapon.

"No prints on the knife," the expert reported.

Johnny had not expected any. There were none on the similar knife that had struck down St. Louis Catlin, and Johnny was gambling his reputation that the two crimes were committed by the same hand. Could that hand have been the slim white one of Minna?

Somehow, it struck him, there was something game and just a bit gallant to the underworld moll. Minna did not appear to be the type who struck from behind. It was this conviction which had counseled him to let her go, as much as the desire to learn her subsequent movements, for Minna had been shadowed from the day her man's body was discovered. Without doubt his man had followed her to Mordeski's door and had taken up her trail again when she left. He would know, too, if Minna had the opportunity to strike down the Russian.

But if Minna had been here before six o'clock, why had she returned? Perhaps to pick up some clue she feared she had left behind, though he could discover nothing anywhere about that might implicate her.

Certainly there was more than what appeared on the surface behind these two murders and the mysterious part played by the mutilated gray coat. Maybe it was a diagram which the relentless murderer sought, and then again may be not, for the diagram part had been mere supposition.

Perhaps, Johnny told himself, he was off on the wrong track entirely. He asked himself where the late dope addict, St. Louis Catlin, would be likely to cache loot.

One thing Johnny had noted in his career was that a crook almost inevitably planted his loot closeby for a quick getaway in case the police closed in on him. Now, the hotel, which was evidently Catlin's headquarters at the time of his murder, was in the heart of an apartment house section. Certainly he would need no diagrams if he cached his loot around there.

Johnny brought his fist crashing into the palm of his hand. He was beginning to wonder if he had not foolishly allowed a hunch to mislead him.

With a word to his detectives he hurried out to the police car, which was parked halfway down the block. Johnny made a practice of never parking in front of the scene of a crime. That way it did not attract the crowds and often bagged him an interesting suspect, as in the case of Minna.

"The Montrose Hotel," he told the driver.

The police car was turning the corner by the hotel when Johnny caught the hasty signal of Detective Vanleer, the man shadowing Minna.

Springing to the running board he reported, "On leaving the hotel this afternoon she went to a movie, but when she comes out at six she makes a break for Mordeski's."

Inexplicably, Johnny was relieved to learn it could not have been Minna who knifed the Russian.

"Leaving Mordeski's she hurries straight to the Montrose Hotel. Through the plate glass front I saw her go straight up to Tittle, the clerk behind the desk. They talked

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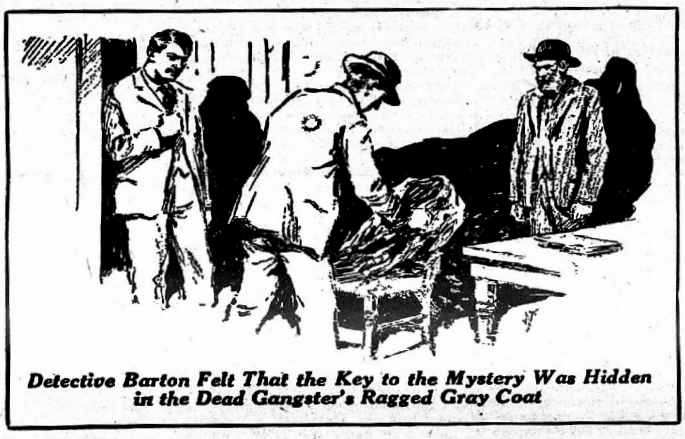

Detective Barton Felt That the Key to the Mystery Was Hidden in the Dead Gangster's Ragged Gray Coat

SPORTSMEN'S NEEDS ARE TO BE PROVIDED

Commerce Body Arranges To Supply Boats and Guides For Hunters-Fishermen

A long felt need for the benefit of sportsmen visiting Avon Park will be provided by the Chamber of Commerce through arrangements made by that body with Carl Williams, of Avon Park, one of the best hunters and fishermen in this section.

What the Chamber of Commerce is doing to assist the sportsmen is told in the following bulletin which is being sent to prospective winter residents:

Our sportsmen have organized a Game Protective Club by which we expect to conserve our wonderful hunting and fishing advantages in this region. Measures are being taken to prevent the violation of the state game laws and further restocking any lakes, and consideration is given to the adding of new kinds of game for colonization.

We find great aid in all of these endeavors through the new game preserves established by the State of Florida, and consisting of many thousands of acres nearby where game may multiply.

The club likewise has fraternal features and we are planning to hold frequent fish fries and venison bakes, together with evening campfires at pleasant spots on lakes and streams in the surrounding country. Like the omnibus, "there is always room for a few more," and we invite you to participate.

Complaint has been made that many of the one hundred or more lakes in our fishing area have had no boating facilities, hence we have taken measures to establish a depot of automobile trailers with boats and gear, by which means parties may fish on any one of these lakes or even a half dozen or more in the same day, as the fisherman's fancy may dictate.

At this depot there will be available fully qualified guides, whose services are obtainable at any time. Trained dogs are also available. In other words, we have organized on behalf of visiting sportsmen complete arrangements for them to make use of all our hunting and fishing facilities without the trouble of hunting up somebody to aid them. Any sportsmen wishing to go out on their own will be given complete information, both at the depot and at our Chamber of Commerce, and advised where they may find the best hunting and fishing grounds.

At this sportsmen's depot, arrangements can also be made for cooking and camp equipment, should parties want to be out over night. We also have charted, at the Chamber of Commerce, the location of five fishing camps from 15 to 60 miles distant, where there are cottage accommodations and boats available for fishing, where sportsmen may make headquarters for several days or more as a basis of operations for fish, for ducks and and snipe, although we are frank to say that our last mentioned birds are somewhat skinny. The quail, however, are unusually plump and tasty this year, and are very abundant.

Please send us word as to when we may expect you and what accommodation you would like us to arrange for at one of our many hotels, boarding houses, or apartments, all of which we have to your liking, and to fit your pocketbook. Most of all, do not forget to bring the family, because there will be ample entertainment for them in all kinds of park games, golf, music and city amusements. We already have folks here from your own "Neck-of-the-Woods," and we are quite sure you will find a wholesome, friendly companionship.

Purina Demonstrator Here.

Miss Ray H. Shearer, of St. Louis, Mo., poultry demonstrator of the Purina products, left Wednesday for Lake Wales after giving demonstration through this territory for the past week under the direction of the Main Street Service Station, distributors of the famous feeds.

Churchmen Ask Support Of Red Cross Roll Call

Leading churchmen of the nation have joined in asking public support of the annual Roll Call of the American Red Cross. Two distinguished leaders who have sent messages to their congregations all over the country are quoted, as follows:

"I plead for an extension of our Red Cross membership until we can call a roll of every adult American," stated the Most Reverend Michael J. Curley, Archbishop of Baltimore. "I would like to see the children listed in the organization by their parents. I plead for it because of the spiritual reaction I visualize in our millions of contributing members."

"As president of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, I bespeak for the Roll Call of the American Red Cross the fullest cooperation of all the churches in the constituency of the Council," writes Francis J. McConnell, president of the Federal Council. "I cannot imagine that there is any minister who will not be grateful for the opportunity to call the attention of his people to the work of the Red Cross and to urge them to enroll in its membership."

BROADCAST "STATE PRESS SCRAP BOOK"

Every Friday Evening WDAE Has Clippings and Comments

Radio listeners in search of a unique program will find it worth while to tune in on WDAE, the Tampa Daily Times each Friday evening at 8:45 when Russell Kay of the Florida Clipping Service opens his "State Press Scrap Book" and reads numerous interesting, entertaining and amusing items taken at random from the 238 newspapers regularly reviewed by his service.

Among the papers quoted last Friday were the St. Augustine Record, American Eagle, Estero, Florida Gator, Gainesville, Deland Sun-News, "This Week in Sarasota," Miami Life, Jacksonville American, Ft. Myers Tropical News, New Port Richey Press, Lake Wales Highlander, Clemont Press, Leesburg Commercial, Clay County Times, Ft. Pierce News-Tribune, Ocala Star, Arcadia Arcadian and Jacksonville Times-Union.

Mr. Kay supplements his readings from the SCRAP BOOK with sparkling comment, newspapermen got a kick from the closing quotation and subsequent remarks on the last broadcast which follows:

"The editor of the Washington County News, published at Chipley, Florida did a little advertising on his own account last week with this squib:

"Overcoats and wraps are in vogue again. Some of us poor editors will freeze unless a few kind readers come in and pay up two to three years back subscriptions."

And I'll bet there's more truth than poetry to that little item. Say listen, folks. Your home town newspaper is the best little asset the town has got. A good newspaper is of more value to a community than the Chamber of Commerce, or civic club or any other organization; don't forget that.

If you want to get your name in the paper, take my tip, walk into the editor's office, slap the poor old work-horse on the back, slip him the cash you been owin' him for the last few years and tell him how much you enjoyed his last issue; if he don't drop dead of heart-failure I'll bet he gives you a three column head on the front page. Try it.

An exceptionally good program is being arranged for this Friday evening and you are invited to tune in at 8:45 on WDAE, Tampa.

It's fortunate that the women who are worried about the wrinkles in their face can't see the wedges in their neck.

CHEVROLET ENDOWS APPRENTICE SHOP

Young Men Given Chance To Become Good All Round Mechanics at Flint.

At Flint, Mich., 50 picked youths between the ages of 16 and 19 years will soon begin an educational course in which books will be conspicuous because of their total absence. They will attend class in overalls, and drafting boards, micrometers, wrenches and screw drivers will take the place of fountain pens, blackboards and note books. Salaries will supplant credits in this the world's most novel educational plant.

It will be an institution endowed by Chevrolet Motor company, and its faculty will be composed of hard-headed production men with years of factory experience. At the head of the school will be C. F. Barth, vice-president in charge of manufacturing, one of whose life dreams will be realized when the first class is held.

Here it might be well to explain that this unique training place is not a school. The word "school" is one which Mr. Barth wants permanently dissociated from this newest Chevrolet undertaking. It is definitely a shop, operated under shop discipline, and maintaining shop hours. It is to be known officially as the Chevrolet Apprentice Shop.

There will be many features to this novel training place, but it is doubtful if any are more interesting or more significant than the reason for its conception. And no one can make this more clear than Mr. Barth, himself.

"The Apprentice Shop is actually a necessity," he told his visitor last week. "Chevrolet Motor company, like all other large manufacturers has for several years past noted a decrease in good all around mechanics. When the automobile industry started there was no such shortage. The founders of the industry were themselves super mechanics, and in every instance they surrounded themselves with competent all around men.

"The opportunities for training men in the early days were relatively easy. Shop forces were much smaller and every ambitious worker had the opportunity of working at as many jobs as he chose.

"Then volume production came along and specialists were developed. In order to get sufficient cars to the public each man had to be master of one operation. Changes about were dangerous because precision workmanship such as Chevrolet employs can take no chances with the novice.

"Because of the scores of good mechanics who got their training in the pioneer days of the industry no shortage was actually felt until recently. Now it has grown quite apparent throughout the industry at large.

"Chevrolet by taking this step, has taken the bull by the horns. Because of the growth of aviation and the inspiration of Lindbergh the country has thousands of youths who have become intensely interested in mechanics.

"Our shop is seeking just this type of youth, and will co-operate with him in every way to make him a finished workman. Naturally Chevrolet expects to benefit by the move, yet there are no strings attached to the course. If the youngster graduating from our shop feels that he wants to go elsewhere, the company will put no obstacles in his path.

"We feel, however, that we will be able to make a position with Chevrolet sufficiently attractive to keep the majority of these young men with us. But this is solely up to us.

No requirements other than the apprentice have mechanical ability are necessary. Whether or not applicant has a high school education does not affect his chances for getting into the apprentice shop. It makes this difference, however, on the length of the course. Men who are not high school graduates will be required to complete 10,029 hours, approximately four years of training. High school graduates will be expected to complete the training in two thirds this time.

The apprentice will work 50 hours a week and will be paid from the outset with regular increases in salary until the course is completed. A new building is being constructed to house the undertaking. It is to be one story and to be 60 by 160 feet in dimensions. Inasmuch as all the first applicants are Flint youths they will reside at their own homes.

In calf production, the influence of a good bull is of major importance.

Buys Chevrolet Sedan.

L. M. Kent has purchased a Chevrolet sedan from the Avon Motors company, local Chevrolet agents.

NOTICE:
REGISTRATION BOOKS OPEN

Notice is hereby given that the registration books of the City of Avon Park, Florida, are open at my office in the City Hall, for the registration of the qualified electors of said city, and will remain open from day to day, except Sunday, until the 22nd day of November, A. D. 1929, at which time they will be closed.

This the 6th day of November, A. D. 1929.

LOUISE BROWNE,
City Clerk and Collector.

Nov.8-15-22

If You are a Builder

The specific fire risks incurred during the course of construction of a building are fairly obvious.

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AN OUTRAGE.

One of the most damnable outrages perpetrated in the name of the prohibition law took place last week at Sebring, where a federal officer shot through the back a man suspected of bootlegging. The victim now is fighting for his life, the result of giving one "man" a badge and a gun.

The facts as given to us are substantially: A car, suspected of carrying liquor, passed through Okeechobee headed for points north. The federal officer in a high-powered car gave chase for over fifty miles and cornered the suspect at the end of a blind street in the neighboring city. The alleged bootlegger abandoned his car and fled. But the federal officer's aim was too good, and he brought his man down with a bullet through the back, the bullet tearing through the intestines.

There was no fight shown on the part of the suspect; he left his car and the liquor, it is said to have contained, and started to run away. But Mr. Federal Gunman wasn't satisfied with the car and contraband; he wanted his man—and he got him.

The United States Government has never sentenced anyone to be hanged, electrocuted or shot at sunrise for violating the liquor laws, and the officer in question had no right under the law in this case to shoot a man he suspected of committing a misdeameanor.

His cowardly act has done more to hurt the cause of prohibition than help it.

REGISTER FOR ELECTION.

On December 3 the qualified voters of Avon Park will go to the polls to cast their ballot for a Mayor and five Councilmen to serve for the next two years.

If you are not registered already, by all means go to the city hall and qualify for the election. It is your duty to yourself and your city to help select those you wish to guide the destinies of Avon Park for the ensuing two years.

Not only is it your duty to cast your ballot, but a privilege. In the voting booth there is no distinction between the rich and the poor or the man with the common school education and his more fortunate college-bred neighbor. The poor man's vote is on a par with the rich. So we urge you to qualify to vote; then vote for the men of your choice. Be up and doing; don't just let George do it.

REGISTER, THEN VOTE!

Depositors in the defunct Highlands Bank and Trust company had a big laugh when they read in one Sebring paper that the State Comptroller sent a state's attorney to investigate the bank's failure.

Most politicians are afflicted with handshaking at election time, but it was left to New York's Jimmy Walker to tell a gathering of negroes that he was color blind.

If Uncle Ben scorches you with his paragraphs it's a bad case of Sun-burn; if he makes you happy with his trite sayings call them Sun-beams.

Armistice Day in Florida is designated Liberty Day by the legislature. It is not expected that the law will be attacked as unconstitutional.

"Glass Would Prevent Stock Panics By Law" says Tampa Tribune headline. At least one could see what was coming.

If the end justified the means, Harry Thaw should be satisfied to pay $25,000 for the hairbrush spanking act.

The "jackasses" appellation won't help Moses in leading the Republicans out of the political wilderness.

Do your Christmas mailing early and give the postal employees a chance to enjoy the holiday.

North Carolina church says you may belong to the Baptist Union but not the textile union.

You may punch, slap, bump, slam or strike the body, but there's only one place to spank.

To prevent further "inadvertencies" President Hoover should get a new secretary.

Parking space for memories should be provided for future booze parties.

Clermont Kiwanis club will not sink with its future resting on a Cork.

Dave Myers' rest last Saturday probably did him a lot of good.

Judge Lynch held court at Quincy last Saturday night.

A billiard player never wins a game with a Scotch cue.

The Lake case is like water over the dam.

Turkey Day next, then Christmas.

Tampans are tired of elections.

The Public Forum

During the past week The Times has received several communications from some of its readers to be published in this column. But owing to the fact that the communications are unsigned, except in two cases where initials are used, we will be unable to publish them. The Times welcomes the public opinion on matters and the columns are open for that purpose, provided the letters are signed in the bottom left hand corner. The name of the writer will not appear in the paper, a nome de plume being sufficient. But for our own protection the letters must be signed by the correspondents.

If the writers of the letters received will call at The Times office and sign their communications we shall be glad to publish them in our next issue.

THE EDITOR.

Echoes of the State Press

PRO-RATING SHIPMENTS.

This is a suggestion to citrus fruit shippers who are still operating independently of the Florida Citrus Growers Clearing House Association. Under present regulations, about seventy percent of Florida's crop this year will be restricted to the northeastern states. This means that there will be approximately as much fruit to be disposed of in that area as was sold there last year, despite the smaller total crop. With the release of fruit from all but eight districts, the northeastern markets are faced with a deluge of grapefruit and early oranges, and a consequent price drop.

It is inconceivable that the government will not modify the regulations still further, and allow the shipment of Florida fruit to points in at least some of the eighteen states now quarantined. That would greatly relieve the situation, but in the meantime an effort is being made to divert some of the California product into the states so restricted. Unquestionably such a plan, if practical, would add material relief, but it is doubtful if consumers in these areas, especially in the southern states, will pay the high prices which California fruit is sure to bring.

Pending whatever further modification the government may see fit to allow, growers are being urged to cut their offerings twenty percent, and the Clearing House is doing a splendid job of pro-rating. It has about 85 percent of the crop directly under its control, and can handle that part of the transaction without difficulty. However, it is a possibility that the other 15 percent, which is under the control of shippers outside of the Clearing House, may become the straw that will break the camel's back. If these shippers should rush any large volume of fruit to the eastern market at any one time, it is difficult to say what might happen.

If they could be induced to work with the Clearing House in pro-rating their shipments, it might prove the salvation of themselves as well as the industry in this time of impending stress. Pro-rating appears to be the only sure guarantee of stabilized prices under present conditions, and the Clearing House is the obvious agency to direct such pro-rating. We feel sure that the independent shippers will be only too glad to co-operate.—Plant City Courier.

There is encouragement in the thought that in a number of recent trials, where the defendants were famous and influential, convictions were secured, even if justice had been long delayed by resort to technicalities. Mr. Fall, Mr. Manley and Mr. Pantages got theirs in one-two-three order, even as poorer men get it all the time.—Arcadia Arcadian.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR NOVEMBER 17, 1929.

SUBJECT: Living With People of Other Races.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Of a truth I perceive that God is no respector of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him." Acts 10:34,35.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 10:9-15; 30-35; Gal. 3:28, 29.

One of the books on today's lesson names about 45 different races of people composing the population of America. The question for today is, Does the duty of Christians require the people of all races to consider and place themselves as equals religiously, and with respect to laws and civil rights, and socially?

The Bible clearly teaches that in religion and before God all peoples are equal. "Of a truth * * God is no respector of persons; but in every nation he that feareth him and worketh righteousness is accepted with him." And God said unto Peter, "What God hath cleansed, that call not thou common?"

And Paul wrote to the Gallatians, "There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither bond nor free."

The Holy Spirit came equally to Cornelius the Gentile and to Paul the Hebrew.

Then, common honesty and justice teach us that all persons should respect, obey and be protected by the law of the land. The life, liberty and property of every individual should be equally protected. The American Constitution recognizes that principle.

But what is the Christian requirement as to social equality of all individuals, casts and races, including, of course, the intermingling and association of individuals, young and old, of all nations and classes? An extreme, but necessary and reasonable, consequence of this "Social equality," would be inter-marriages between the Causcasian and Mangolian; Jew and Gentile; the white and the black races. It is easier to consider and discuss these things at a distance, than to accept and practise them in our homes, in our own families and communities. The Works on Sunday School Lessons are divided on this question. One of the books says, "In the United States the race problem is ever with us, and especially the negro problem. That the negro and the white man can ever live together on a plane of complete social equality, seems out of the question. Perhaps it is not desired by either race, and certainly it is not necessary to Christian fellowship. How professed followers of Jesus Christ can refuse to fellowship and welcome into their church services a Christian representative of any race, is beyond understanding. Both the example and teaching of our Lord and Master place the stamp of condemnation upon any such attitude."

Another illustration of the question is thus given. On one occasion the Duke of Wellington knelt at the communion table in his parish church and an old and poor man came in and knelt close by him. An usher asked the old man to move further away, but the duke took the old man's hand and said, "Do not move; we are all equal here." That statement is handed down to us as showing a right Christian spirit. But, do you notice that it says, "We are all equal HERE"? That must imply that there are places and conditions at and under which the Duke of Wellington and the old man would not be considered equal, at least, in social rights.

A commentator says, "For our purpose we may think of a race as a group of people having in a general way certain common characteristics of color, culture, social standards, language, and religion."

Of course Christians of one race should act toward people of other races as Christ would have them act. The difficulty come in knowing just what Christ would have us do. In Deut. 7:1-3, Johsua 23, and other parts of the Scripture God forbade the mingling or marriage of the Hebrews with other nations. And in Ezra 10, that prophet caused the Isralites who had married wives from other nations to send them away. When Jesus sent out the twelve disciples to preach (Matt. 10) he said, "God not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But Christ's last command was to go to all nations, teaching them all his commandments.

As a whole the Scriptures teach that all followers of God and Christ are equal before God, and should be equal among themselves. People of all ranks and races should stand equal under the requirements and protection of all laws.

But the social relations of different classes, casts and races of people are a perplexing question.

AID FOR VETERANS IS RED CROSS PLEDGE

Service and Ex-Service Men Are Helped in All Problems.

Service to World War veterans in hospitals, for able-bodied veterans, and for dependent families of both called for expenditures of $738,000 by the American Red Cross during the year just ended. In addition, Red Cross Chapters spent $1,963,000 in veteran relief, and also for men still in service.

Although eleven years have passed since the Armistice, there remain 25,500 disabled and sick veterans of the World War in hospitals, and the peak of the number who will require hospitalization is not expected by Veterans' Bureau authorities to be reached until 1947. For these men, the Red Cross must continue its service of providing recreation and comforts, according to James L. Fieser, vice chairman of the Red Cross.

"Under its Charter from Congress, the Red Cross is required to maintain service for veterans of wars and for the men still in the service," Mr. Fieser said. "The funds for this work come from the annual roll call membership fees. In addition to the sum spent in maintaining contact with the veterans, the Red Cross expended $308,000 in its service to the men still in the regular Army, Navy and Marine Corps. The society and a majority of its 3,500 chapters handle claims for these men for insurance, compensation and other benefits they are entitled to under the law, and also where necessary arranges to provide for dependents of the men.

"Red Cross workers are maintained in forty-eight Veterans' Bureau Hospitals, as well as in all regular Army and Navy hospitals, whose duty it is to supervise recreational facilities for the patients, and to provide small comforts. In the Army and Navy hospitals, the workers also do special service for the patients. These tasks also are performed at all Army Posts and Navy Ports by Red Cross workers, and in addition Red Cross representatives to handle claims are established at the majority of Veterans' Bureau regional offices."

Mr. Fieser urged that all citizens enroll in the Roll Call, from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day, November 11 to 28, in order to aid in supporting this work.

Governor Wrote One Article; All Others Were Interviews

Tallahassee, Nov. 14.—An investigation into the facts concerning reports that Governor Carlton had either written 17 articles on Florida or employed a "ghost writer" to write them for him, brings out the following facts. Governor Carlton wrote one article—that for Nature Magazine to be published next month. All others were interviews with the governor and were written by Jack Lacey and published in out of state newspapers and periodicals, and for which Mr. Lacey was paid by the publishers. A story was given the press stating that Florida had received much publicity through the work of the governor and listed the newspapers and magazines in which articles were published. It was erroneously stated in editorials thereafter that the chief executive had personally prepared all the articles, and since then considerable pro and con editorial comment has been published.

SOCIAL and Personal News

Marguerite Sheffield
Society Editor
Telephone 37

Garden Club Meets This Afternoon.

The Garden Club will meet at the home of J. M. Lee today at three o'clock. Mrs. P. L. Rumpsa will act as chairman of the afternoon.

The topic for discussion will be "Native Plants in Our Gardens."

Ladies' Aid Has Meeting.

A meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational Church was held recently at the home of Mrs. W. H. Yates. The members spent the day sewing for their bazaar which will be held early in December. At noon a delicious luncheon was served to the members and their families.

Garden Club Meets This Afternoon.

The Avon Park Garden club will meet this afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. M. Lee. Mrs. P. L. Rumpsa is chairman of today's session which starts promptly at 3 o'clock. "How and Where To Grow Native Plants" will be the topic for discussion.

An invitation is extended to all lovers of flowers to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Droit Honor Guests.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland Droit entertained with an informal dinner party Monday with Mr. and Mrs. Durah Martin of Detroit, Mich., as guests of honor. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Martin, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Latham, Miss Hazel Overstreet and Mr. and Mrs. Droit.

Benefit Card Party Tonight.

The Business and Professional Women's Club will hold a benefit bridge party at the Jacaranda Hotel tonight at 8 o'clock. The funds will be used to buy equipment for Donaldson Park on Lake Verona. There will be prizes and do[illegible]eshments. Admission 35 cents. her[illegible] public is asked to co-operate alive[illegible]oming and bringing others. to fin[illegible] ing g[illegible]

[illegible]Hobbs Hostess at [illegible]ner Roast.

Su[illegible] build[illegible] the [illegible]ss Dorothy Hobbs entertained [illegible]ra a Weiner Roast on Lake [illegible]tela Saturday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock. Games were the main feature of the afternoon.

Those present at the merry occasion were: Misses Mildred Lee, Marie McFarland, Francis Lane, Zelda Lengford, Virginia Baldwin, and Marcia Weisheyer.

Give House Party On Lake Buffon.

Miss Reba West entertained a few guests with a House Party on Lake Buffon last week-end. The guests motored out to the Lake Saturday evening and returned to their homes Monday night.

Those attending the party were: Misses Gwendolyn Wever, Bill Saggus, Cloie West, Reba West and the chaperone, Mrs. Ellis West.

Baptist Missionary Society Meets.

The Baptist Missionary Society met Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. S. J. Pendleton. After the business meeting an interesting study course talk was given by Mrs. Otto Skipper. Those present were: Mesdames Epperson, Collins, Coen, Davidson, Johnson, Vickery, Lander, Demorest, Skipper and the hostess, Mrs. Pendleton. At the close of the meeting refreshments were served.

Form Junior Department of Woman's Club.

A Junior Department of the Woman's Club of Avon Park was organized Saturday afternoon in the Club Room at the City Hall by Mrs. L. V. Pringle, Jr., and Mrs. P. L. Rumpsa. The Club held an election and the following were elected to office: Wava Godwin, president; Kathryn Saggus, vice-president; Kitty Martin, secretary; Barabara Weaver, treasurer; Mrs. L. V. Pringle. Charter members of the club are: Wava Godwin, Edith McFarland, Kitty Martin, Kathryn Saggus, Cleta Bigbe, Genevieve McClelland.

Preparing For Grand Matron's Visit.

Preparations are being made by Leigh chapter, Order of Eastern Star, to entertain about 100 visiting Stars on Nov. 23, when Mrs. Mamie Lander, Grand Matron of the Florida Grand Chapter, will make her annual visitation. Invitations have been extended to various chapters throughout the state, and acceptance are being received daily by Mrs. Lola Head, Worthy Matron of Leigh chapter.

An informal reception will be held in the afternoon at the Jacaranda hotel, while the ceremonies will take place at Highland Lakes Club house.

Mr. Hughes Honored On Birthday.

Mrs. T. H. Hughes entertained a number of friends at bridge recently, complimenting Mr. Hughes on his birthday anniversary.

The rooms were prettily decorated with quantities of fall flowers. At the conclusion of the games a tempting salad course was served.

Prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. M. R. McDonald, Sebring, and Mrs. Harry Chance.

Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Able, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Pardee, Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Chance, Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gerrard and Mr. and Mrs. M. R. McDonald, Sebring.

Bridge Club Entertained By Mrs. Hartt.

Mrs. Earl Hartt entertained her bridge club at her home Monday night. The house was prettily decorated in roses and ferns.

Prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Pringle for high score and Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton for low score.

At a late hour refreshments were served to: Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton, Mr. and Mrs. M. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Skipper, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Reck, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McNicholas, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Trent, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hartt.

Mrs. Godwin Host To Bridge Club.

Mrs. H. E. Godwin entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club Wednesday afternoon at her home, 14 West Pleasant street.

Fall flowers in pastel shades were used to decorate the rooms where the tables were spread and tallies and table markers carried out the color scheme.

The invited guests were: Mesdames W. A. Dormany, A. H. Able, DeForest Canfield, J. R. Rogers, M. A. Smith and Miss Hazel Mayes, of Forsythe, Ga.

Club members playing were: Mesdames C. E. Lanier, Paul Rumpsa, Percy Loomis, Earl Hart, T. A. McNicholas, H. E. Godwin.

After the game the hostess served pumpkin pie and coffee.

Honors Daughter On Birthday.

Mrs. Earl Hartt entertained in honor of her daughter Jane last Saturday, in celebration of her eighth birthday.

Games featured the afternoon. Refreshments of ice cream and birthday cake were served.

Those attending were: Betty Jane Eisele, Dorothy, Mary and Martha McNicholas, Francis Brown, Marguerite Loomis, Betty Touchton, Gloria Tarpley, Peggy Lacy, Evelyn, Martin and Fay Dordon, Muriel Graham, Edward Touchton, Mary Lydia Stebbins, Payton Covington, Neal Trent, Jr., Jane Lance, Dorothy Hughes, Francis Cloud, Mary Smith, Francis Dorminey, Helen Delaney, Jane Clements, Dorothy Skipper and Sybil Bigbie.

Gerrards Entertain On Anniversary.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gerrard entertained last Thursday evening at a lovely bridge party. This being their wedding anniversary much interest was centered upon the wedding cake, decorated with a miniature bridal party. The gown and veil of the small bride, having been fashioned from a part of Mrs. Gerrard's wedding dress.

After a number of interesting games, a tempting sweet course was served.

Prizes for the evening were awarded to Miss Bradley and M. R. McDonald, Sebring.

Those present were: Dr. and Mrs. Able, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hughes, Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Pardee, Mr. and Mrs. W. Tarpley, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. McDonald, Sebring, Miss Verta Bradley, Miss Margaret Pardee, and Messrs. C. R. Smith, Harry McFarrin.

Dr. and Mrs. Perry spent Monday in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jett spent the week-end in Lakeland.

Mrs. M. E. Covington is spending the week in Orlando.

Aubrey Roberts and Cliff Houtin spent Monday in Lakeland.

W. A. Sheffield was a business visitor in Wauchula, Tuesday.

C. E. Lanier motored to Lake Wales and Lakeland, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Gerrard motored to Arcadia Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Neal Trent and family spent Monday in Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheffield motored to Lake Wales, Monday.

Ferney Reeves has accepted a position with the Texaco Oil company.

George Norman returned to Avon Park from Detroit, Mich., Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Davis and family spent the week-end at West Palm Beach.

Mrs. C. A. Crews and family and Miss Mertice Coker spent Monday in Lakeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Hayden Williams motored to Arcadia Monday to attend the Rodeo.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Baldwin, of Meriden, Conn., have arrived for the winter season.

Rev. W. E. Melton and Mrs. Melton were the guest of friends in Lakeland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jett spent the week-end in Lakeland the guest of Mr. Jett's parents.

Miss Eura Lee Durrance spent the week-end in Wauchula as the guest of her parents.

Miss Grace Reddick and Stewart Thayer motored to Lake Wales for dinner, Sunday night.

Miss Grace Reddick and Stewart Thayer attended the football game in Lakeland Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. H. F.-R. Reck spent the week-end in Taveres the guest of Mrs. Reck's sister.

Dr. W. A. Davidson has left for Burlington, Vt., and will return to Avon Park in three weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Merwin, of Blue Mountain, N. Y., have arrived here for the winter season.

Francis Roberts returned to Avon Park Monday night after a summer spent in Detroit, Mich.

Dr. and Mrs. Perry and Miss Seagraves and Mr. Crabtree attended the dance in Arcadia Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Kirkland of Avon Park, have returned from Akron, where they spent the summer.

J. P. Garrison and Curt Lawhorn motored to Arcadia Monday night, where they attended the evening performance of the Armistice Day program.

Mrs. T. J. McGinnis and son T. J. Jr., arrived Wednesday from Cartersville, Ga., where they spent the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slaughter motored to Arcadia Monday, where they attended the Armistice Day celebration.

Mrs. G. D. Godwin and daughter Wava and Miss Kitty Martin attended a play at Lemon Grove Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. James and family spent Monday in Arcadia, where they attended the Armistice Day program.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Wilson and daughter Hilda and Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Bailey and family, spent Monday in Lakeland.

Miss Souri Lee Kemp and her father, R. E. Kemp, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Carlson of Arcadia.

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Lofton and Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Winchester motored to Arcadia Tuesday night and attended the theatre.

Miss Inez Dawson and Ferney Reeves attended the evening performance of the Armistice Day program in Arcadia Monday night.

Messrs. Lloyd Hargraves, Rodney Durrance, Fredric Wild, motored to Lakeland Saturday, where they attended the football game.

Mr. and Mrs. Roland X. Droit, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Latham and Miss Maxine Tillison, were the guest of friends in Ft. Myers, Sunday.

C. D. Ordway and his niece, Mrs. Nettie Fox of Burlington, Vt., have arrived this week to spend the winter season at their home at Highland Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ragsdale and Clair Parks and Miss Lois Rish and Forrest Park, spent Monday in Tampa, where they attended the Tampa theater.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Jr., and Miss Geraldyne Heim and Mr. Hartwell Ginn motored to Lake Wales Monday night to attend the Diamond ball game.

A. W. Forbes, of Stanton, Neb., has arrived here for the winter season with Mrs. Forbes. This will be the fifth season the Forbes have spent in Avon Park.

Misses Barbara Wever, Nadine Swan, Mary Burns, Mary Burns, Mary Turner, Ruth Smith, Conelia Reynolds, Blossom Wells, Honey Roberts, motored to Lake Wales Monday night.

Mrs. L. V. Pringle and Misses Wava Godwin, Barbara Wever, Kitty Martin and Kathryne Saggus attended the Florida Junior Woman's Club Federation at St. Petersburg, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Gerrard motored to Sebring Monday evening where they attended a dinner party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. R. McDonald.

Mrs. Louis W. Des Prez and two children, Louis, Jr., and Roger, of Chicago, have arrived in Avon Park to spend some time as the guest of Mrs. Des Prez's sister, Mrs. Arthur E. Gregory.

Former Resident Dies.

Word has been received here of the recent death of William Arthur Hughes, aged 71 years, at Dade City. Burial was made at Washington, D. C. The deceased was a resident of Avon Park for several years, and was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Off To Havana.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Freeman, and E. A. DeLaney left yesterday for Havana, where they will join the Florida Rotarians good-will tour of the Pearl of the Antilles. The party expects to return next Thursday.

More Coffee-Dougnuts.

Another bake sale of the Ladies' Aid of the Congregational Church will take place on the Mall tomorrow at 2 o'clock. Pies, cakes, sandwiches and coffee and doughnuts will be sold.

Goes To Texas.

Walter Lenz, employed for several years at the Pine Crest Lakes Country club, has left for Austin, Tex., where he has accepted a position with the park commission of that city.

Institute Pahokee Chapter.

Several members of Leigh chapter accompanied Mrs. Letta Reck, Grand Ruth of the Florida Grand Chapter, O. E. S., to Pahokee, where the Pahokee chapter was instituted Wednesday.

It's slightly amusing when a fourteen-year-old girl indulgently refers to her thirty-seven-year-old father as "old timer."

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR.
(For Final Discharge)

IN COURT OF COUNTY JUDGE, HIGHLANDS COUNTY, STATE OF FLORIDA.

In re Estate of A. A. ROBERTSON.

Notice is hereby given, to all whom it may concern, that on the 15th day of January, A. D. 1930, shall apply to the Honorable M. C. Whitehurst, Judge of said Court, as Judge of Probate, for final discharge as Administrator of the estate of A. A. Robertson, deceased, and that at the same time I will present to said Court my final accounts as Administrator of said estate, and ask for their approval.

Dated Nov. 13, A. D. 1929.

J. L. MASTER,
Nov.15-Jan.10-incl. Administrator.

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SECTION NINE OF STATE WOMAN'S CLUBS HERE

Annual Meeting Is Held At Highland Lakes Casino Saturday

The annual meeting of Section Nine of Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, with the Woman's Club of Avon Park acting as Hostess met Saturday at the Highland Lakes Casino with the following state officers present: Mrs. W. L. Wilson, presiding vice-president; Mrs. M. L. Stanley, state president; and Mrs. George Chute, secretary of Section Nine. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. M. E. Covington, president of the Woman's Club of Avon Park, who also delivered the address of welcome.

Mayor Donaldson gave an address of welcome to which Mrs. Jack Pryor of Haines City graciously responded. Invocation was asked by the Rev. A. P. Vaughn.

Miss Thela Perry and Miss Martha Marsh of Avon Park gave a piano and violin solo. After this came the roll call, appointment of committees, and report of officers. Mrs. George M. Chute, secretary of Section Nine, introduced the state officers, who were Mrs. M. L. Stanley, state president, and Mrs. W. L. Wilson, of Panama, presiding vice-president. Many interesting reports were read of local club work, with Mrs. Wilson presiding.

An address "Our Next Step Forward," by the state president, Mrs. M. L. Stanley, was one of interest and enjoyed by the many visitors from Bartow, Babson Park, Ft. Meade, Frostproof, Haines City, Lake Wales, Lakeland, Winter Haven, Auburndale and Avon Park. The state officers, Mesdames Stanley, Wilson and Chute were presented corsage boquets by the Woman's Club of Avon Park. At noon the visitors motored to the Parish house where a delicious luncheon was served. The afternoon session convened at 1:30 and the members enjoyed a piano solo by Miss Edith Gum which was followed by the secretary's report.

Greetings and best wishes were extended by Mrs. C. B. Stokes, president of Polk County Federation of Winter Haven. An address "How and Why Beautify" was given by Mrs. Lee Gibson of Tampa State Chairman of Beautification. At the close of the afternoon session a special meeting of the Woman's Club of Avon Park was called to discuss a proposed change in the charter.

Illustrated Sermon At Congregational

In the Sunday evening studies of the great paintings from the life of Christ at the Congregational church, the picture to be shown next Sunday at 7:30 o'clock is "The Temptation of Christ," by Cornicelius. There will be special music morning and evening.

At the morning service, 11 o'clock, the sermon theme will be: "We Believe in a Christ-like World." There will also be a report of the union of the Congregational and Christian church organizations throughout the United States.

Plane Owners Inquire About Flying Fields

Two owners of private planes, Arthur Rose, of Zanesville, O., and C. A. Griffith, of Pruden, Tenn., have decided to tour Florida this winter and expect to include Avon Park in their itinerary. Both gentlemen have written regarding hotels, etc., and also about landing fields.

The Chamber of Commerce has given them information about the field at Lake Angelo, and it will not be surprising to see one or both planes swooping down on the field in the near future.

Catches Big Bass.

J. E. Clacking, an employee of the Florida Public Service company's plant, displayed his fishing prowess to his wife and a friend on Lake Lotela a few days ago by catching a seven pound black bass.

PRESIDENT ENROLLS IN RED CROSS

President Hoover, who is also president of the American Red Cross, enrolls in the annual Roll Call of the society, which occurs from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day, November 11 to 28.

LONGEST PAPER ROUTE IN YELLOWSTONE PARK

Chevrolet Coupe Used By Carrier In Traveling 160 Mile Stretch Daily

Believe it or not—

The world's longest newspaper route is in Yellowstone Park, is 160 miles long and absorbs between 600 and 800 pounds of newspapers daily between June and September.

It is a full day's work that confronts the driver, Bird Newell, when he steps on the starter of his Chevrolet Coupe, and sets about the day's business. Fast driving and knowledge of short cuts are necessary to complete the task before dusk.

Newell's subscribers number several hundred persons who reside each summer in the isolated camps and resort hotels of America's greatest natural park. Until 1928 these vacationists had no means of getting their home town newspapers. Since the route opened the Chevrolet coupe has been in constant service, never missing a day.

The car has already travelled 42,000 miles and has never undergone any major repairs. Thus far the total cost of servicing the car has been only $58.50.

Newell receives his papers at the Gardiner entrance each day at 10:20 a. m. He makes four stops, about 45 minutes each, at the major camps, and returns to the bunk house at Mammoth Lodge at 6:20 p. m. To do this he must average 32 miles to the hour. His actual driving time is five hours.

L. E. Flint, publicity director of the park recently invited a reporter to accompany Newell over the route. It afforded the writer a splendid view of the park from trails forbidden the average tourist.

When the reporter got back to his office he wrote an enthusiastic description of the enchanting vistas that had been revealed to him. Nor did he forget the ability of the car which swept him through the alluring landscape.

"I never enjoyed a more comfortable ride in a motor car," he wrote. "We travelled through this wonderland leisurely, despite the consistent speed that was maintained up-grade and down. The Chevrolet took hair pin turns without a perceptible slackening of speed, and the rutty roads never stopped the driver for a second."

Charter Granted To Avon Park Company

A charter for the Avon Park Sales, Inc., was granted last week by the Secretary of State. The corporation will sell motor vehicles and accessories. It is capitalized at $10,000, divided into 100 shares, with par value of $100 each.

The incorporators are: T. C. Hobbs, W. J. Head and B. K. Hall, directors.

Avon Park May Go On State Air Map

Inquiries as to landing fields within the city limits or adjacent thereto have been received from Capt. Karl B. Squires, of Miami, a consulting airport engineer. The information is requested for the state air map that will be gotten up and distributed. The information has been given by Mayor Donaldson.

Avon Park is fortunate in having two emergency fields, the American Legion airport just off State Road 8 near Bee Villa, and another at Lake Angelo. The latter has a hangar, which can be used in cases of emergency. Both fields have been leveled and are ideally situated for taking off and landing.

Clean ground is the most important item in raising chicks successfully.

Red Cross Volunteers Print Books for Blind

One of the most appealing services that is carried forward by women volunteers under the American Red Cross is that of transcribing popular and scientific books into Braille for reading by the blind. This work was started at Evergreen hospital, where blind veterans were formerly sent.

The Red Cross now has 1,155 volunteer Braille transcribers, and last year they produced 442 titles in 1,849 volumes, or 175,000 pages of Braille. The majority of the books go to the Library of Congress and public libraries throughout the country, although some of the books go to schools for the blind and, in a few instances, text books are transcribed for some individual scholar in order to help him complete his course in some study.

The work is supported from the Red Cross Roll Call for members which occurs each year from Armistice Day to Thanksgiving Day.

Advertise City In State Publication

"Florida Woods and Waters," the new magazine being published by the Florida Game and Fish Department, will contain a half-page advertisement of Avon Park, Mayor Donaldson stated this week.

The advertisement will be illustrated with photographs of hunting and fishing around the city.

NOTICE OF MASS MEETING OF QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK.

Whereas, it has been customary in the past in the City of Avon Park to hold mass meetings for the purpose of nominating officers for the various City offices, and

Whereas, there is no provision made by the Charter for the holding of a primary for the nomination of said officers.

Now, therefore, I, C. S. Donaldson, Mayor of the City of Avon Park, Florida, do hereby call a meeting of all qualified electors of said City to meet in the City Hall, Monday, November 18, at 8 P. M., for the purpose of nominating for the ensuing two years the following officers, to-wit:

One Mayor.
Five Councilmen.

Given under my hand this the 6th day of November, A. D. 1929.

C. S. DONALDSON,
Mayor of the City of Avon Park.
Nov.8-15-22

JACARANDA ADDING TWO NEW FEATURES

Ben Fussell Awarded Contract on Lobby Skylight and Double Fireplace Installation

With the awarding of the contract to Ben Fussell, of Avon Park, work was started this week on the skylight and fireplace for the Jacaranda hotel lobby, two features that will enhance the beauty and coziness of the hotel.

The skylight will be placed near the end of the lobby and adjoining the ladies parlor, more familiarly known to local patrons as the "palm room." Its dimensions are 8 by 14 feet.

The fireplace will also be built at the end of the lobby and will have two openings, one to the lobby and the other to the ladies parlor. It will be a seven-foot fireplace.

Ralph D. Ballou, of the Owen, Ames and Kimball Construction company, of Grand Rapids, Mich., has been here this week inspecting the installation of the steamheating system and has given the work his okeh. Steam heat can be gotten up in 35 minutes with the system.

Many New Blooms Appear In Mall

New bloom in the Mall includes some rare and pretty flowering effects. The "butter color" or annato tree (Bixa Crellano) is massed in pink recemes in Park facing the Seaboard filling station. Every bit of butter eaten contains golden coloring matter from the seeds of this tree. Another handsome fall and winter blooming tree is the Bauhinia Trianda, at the northeast corner of Park 4, or near the Buick agency. This also has pink bloom, very fragrant. The flowers are not conspicuous as the purple flowered Bauhinia or orchid tree, but are very pleasing at that, and the only one of this species with high fragrance.

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The Menacing Garment

By Allen S. Jacobs

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excitedly for a few moments. The girl was apparently trying to argue him out of something, for she held him back by the arm when he came out from behind the counter. Finally they went upstairs together."

"Are they up there now?"

"Yeah, but that ain't all. Granger, the proprietor, come up the steps from the basement in time to see them going up, and if I can read that guy's face he doesn't love one or both of them. He sneaked right after them, too. There's trouble brewing or I don't know my onions."

"Then the front lobby is deserted?"

"Yeah. And here's the guy covering Tittle to make his report."

A second man approached the car. "I'm West, sir, the man covering Tittle, but he hasn't left the hotel all afternoon."

Jumping out of the car, Johnny entered the hotel and made for the stairs behind the automatic elevator. He mounted the floors quickly to the roof. Stepping lightly on the gravel, he went from one air vent to the other, examining them. The last one to the rear held his attention because it was larger than the rest.

On his knees he plunged a hand between the tin cap and the rim of the flue and felt inside. His groping fingers closed on a suspended string. He experienced a thrill as he reeled it up, for at the end he felt a thick narrow package.

With a surge of elation Johnny realized he had found St. Louis Catlin's bank loot. Judging from the denominations there was at least fifteen thousand dollars in the package.

Upon an impulse he ripped into the package further. A folded sheet of paper on top attracted his attention. He tugged it out.

Unfolding it he read in the hand of St. Louis Catlin: "Here is a list of all the jobs in which Minna, my girl, has helped. She's been wanting to double-cross me since she found out I got a new girl, so I'm fixing her by putting in this list and telling her about it. From now on it's going to be to her benefit to see I don't get nabbed, because if I do she goes to the Big House for her own part. I'll never be taken alive, but I'll tell the dicks where to find this confession with my dying gasp."

Suddenly a shot rang out in the building below him. Johnny thrust the confession into his pocket and raced for the stairs, leaving the package of loot still attached to the string.

In the hall he hesitated, listening intently, uncertain from which room the shot had issued. The thump of a chair overturned sent him down the hall to the rear. He tugged at the door. It was locked. Stepping back, he crashed his shoulder against it, but it held fast. A woman's shrill scream echoed in the room. Minna's, Johnny recognized.

His searching eyes turned hopefully toward the end fire escape. Heaving up the window, he stepped out onto the balcony. To his good fortune he saw he was only a few feet from the window in the rear room, though it was closed tight. Producing his revolver, he leaned over and crashed it through the glass, breaking a wide opening.

As he fell into the room, Johnny glimpsed Tittle and Granger locked in mortal combat. In Granger's right hand he clutched a revolver which he was straining to force down against Tittle's desperately braced body.

Realizing help had arrived, Tittle, much the smaller and fast losing strength, partially relaxed his hold on the other's wrist. Before Johnny could gain his feet and drag out his own gun, Granger broke Tittle's hold, pressed the gun to his chest and fired.

Minna screamed, and in that moment Johnny realized her cry held more than ordinary fear.

His face contorted with rage, the man leveled his gun at Johnny. The detective dropped and plunged for the man's legs, bringing him down with a crash. Granger's gun flew from his hand as he struck the floor with a breath-taking thump. Cursing he closed iron fingers on Johnny's wrist before the detective could bring his gun into play. Wrenching his left hand free, he sent his fist crashing toward Johnny's jaw.

The misplaced blow threw the man off balance. Jerking himself from beneath the other, Johnny fell upon him and brought the revolver crashing to his skull. The man went suddenly limp.

Johnny dragged out a pair of manacles and snapped them on his wrists before the stunned man's brain could clear.

Staggering a bit, Johnny stepped back and surveyed the strange company. Tears were streaming down Minna's face as she tried vainly to staunch with her handkerchief the flow of blood oozing from the bosom of Bobby Tittle. With a visible effort Granger shook the mist from his eyes and struggled to his feet, tugging like a madman, at his manacles. He caught sight of his revolver on the floor, where he had dropped it, but Johnny swooped it up as he reached for it. A stream of vituperation burst from the man.

"Shut up!" the detective commanded, swinging his revolver threateningly, and Granger subsided to glare malevolently.

Johnny's roving eye fell upon the bed. He almost shouted in surprise. There lay the mutilated gray coat!

"Well, well. How did that get here?" he demanded.

Dead silence answered him.

Straightening, he went to the window and blew his police whistle. In a moment Detective Vanleer came running around the corner in the rear alley below.

Keeping a watchful eye on Granger, he called down: "Summon an ambulance and come up to this room on the top floor."

Turning back he remarked: "I'm still waiting to know how the coat got here."

The wounded man opened his eyes. Painfully he said: "I'll tell you. This is Granger's room. He had it hidden in his closet. I came to steal it from him and he caught me. Minna had nothing to do with all this."

"It's a lie!" Granger fumed. "They brought it here to plant on me."

"Shut up!" Johnny snapped. "Go on, Tittle."

"No, he's too weak. I'll tell," Minna volunteered. "You know I was St. Louis Catlin's girl. Then one day—well, I just fell in love with Bobby here. He's not a crook and I knew it was crazy. I told him I could only bring him trouble—like I did." She bent a wistful apologetic look on the clerk.

Tittle spoke up. "I told Catlin about it myself."

"And he was furious," the girl went on. "He threatened me—beat me up. He'd robbed a bank up in Colusa and you cops were after him hot and heavy. He got the idea I was going to turn stool and put the finger on him. You know I'd never have done that, nor would I have double-crossed him if he hadn't double-crossed me first with the confession."

"What confession?"

"A confession telling every job I'd ever helped in. He said he'd put it with the loot in some secret hiding place. He boasted that if I turned him up now you cops would send me away for a stiff rap because one of those jobs was—" She caught herself up short with a sharp breath.

Johnny knew she was thinking of the job during which the night-watchman was killed. "I know all about that one. Go on," he urged.

"Louie and I had connecting rooms in this hotel. After Bobby told him about us I packed and opened the door into his room to say good-by. I was surprised to see him break a thread with which he'd been sewing and set down a needle. Some men might sew a rip in their suit, but not Louie. And the suit was brand-new, too. I won't tell you about the scene he made. It—it wasn't pleasant."

Johnny had noted that one of her eyes was black when he was questioning her the day St. Louis Catlin's body was discovered.

"Bobby wanted me to marry him at once," she hurried on as if to blot out the other memory. "But I couldn't with Louis' threat hanging over me. I couldn't get out of my head the idea of Louie sewing on his suit. The more I thought about it, the surer I became that he had planted a diagram of where he'd ditched his bank loot. I didn't care about the bank loot. I didn't care about the money, Bobby wouldn't have let me touch it. It was the confession he said he'd planted along with it. Louie was determined never to be taken alive, but he swore he'd tell you cops with his dying breath where to find the loot and confession."

"I still don't understand where Granger comes into this."

"I don't come in at all!" the hotel man exploded.

Minna sighed heavily. "Unfortunately I brought him into it. The day we came to this hotel Louie recognized him as a crook he'd known back in Chicago. When I became determined to obtain that confession I thought of him."

Tittle interjected reproachfully: "You should have come to me, Minna."

"Mix up in crook stuff!" she exclaimed. "Never. And I was eaten by a strange premonition that Louie was going to be caught in the next few days."

"And you weren't far from wrong," he told her. "We'd had a tip he was living in a hotel here in town and we were checking them systematically."

"In desperation I made a deal with Granger. He was to get the coat, bring it to me in the room below where I'd be waiting, and he could have the loot if he'd only give me that confession. Though I hadn't been able to see just where Louie was sewing, I thought I could feel the paper in the lining, rip it out and sew up a blank one in its place. I didn't dream Granger would kill Louie, when Louie woke up and caught him in his room!"

Like a maniac Granger sprang at the girl's throat with his manacled hands. Johnny caught him and flung him back against the wall.

Johnny experienced some small satisfaction that his hunch had not been entirely wrong. The coat had been the motive of the crime after all.

"And Mordeski, what about him?" Johnny urged the girl on.

"Honest, I don't know any more about that than you do. But I could guess easy enough who must have done in the Russian and what for. When you let me go I beat it back here and told Bobby the whole story. He insisted we should search Granger's room for the coat we thought contained the diagram. He had seen Granger come in an hour before and go upstairs to his room with a bundle which might contain the gray coat. But a little later he hurried down into the basement. Bobby thought he must have gone out that way, but it seems he only went down to set the furnace, for he caught us just as we'd found the gray coat there under a pile of shoes in the back of his closet. When he saw the coat on the bed he locked the door behind him and attacked Bobby like a maniac. You know the rest."

Johnny surveyed the hotel man, who was calmer now. "Well, we've just heard pretty conclusive evidence that you're guilty of two murders."

"I'll fight that evidence!" he snarled. "Those two planted that coat, I tell you. It was one of them killed Mordeski."

Johnny smiled pityingly. "We've had them shadowed since the day Catlin was murdered, Tittle being the man who raised the alaram and Minna being his moll. Neither was near Mordeski's until after six. You alone could have brought the coat here. Can you offer an alibi up to six o'clock? No? Well, Granger, with Minna's evidence and the coat here I've an air-tight case against you."

Johnny picked up the coat about which so much tragedy and death had revolved.

"By heck!" he cried. "The collar. No one's ripped the collar."

With growing excitement he handed his pocket knife to Minna.

"Rip it while I keep Granger covered."

Minna applied the blade to the stitches. She gave a little cry. She held up three strips of paper containing a whitish powder.

"Heroin! He'd sewed up heroin to tide him over if the cops took him alive against his will. He often spoke about how the dicks break down a dope fiend and make him talk by withholding dope from him, and he meant to be prepared. That's all. There never was a diagram. I was wrong and Granger killed two men for nothing. Maybe the loot containing his confession never will be found!"

A heavy rap sounded on the door. "It's me—Vanleer, sir," the detective called from the hall. "I've got the stretcher bearers with me."

"One minute," Johnny called back and turned to Minna. "You're mistaken. I found the loot just before I heard the shot."

Stark terror dilated Minna's eyes.

"But there was no confession that I could see," he told her levelly, "and unless you tell the court yourself what you feared was in that confession I don't see how we, one of you has the key to this can ever prosecute you. Now, which door?" he added gruffly to stem the flow of understanding gratitude he saw trembling on her lips.

Legal Advertisement.

MAYOR'S PROCLAMATION CALLING CITY ELECTION.

Whereas, the first Tuesday in December of each year is fixed by the City Charter of the City of Avon Park, Florida, for the holding of the general election of the city officers for the City of Avon Park, Florida.

Now, therefore, I, C. S. Donaldson, Mayor of the City of Avon Park, Florida, do hereby proclaim that on December 3rd, A. D. 1929, the same being the first Tuesday in said month, between the hours of 9:00 A. M. and sundown, a general election will be held in the City of Avon Park, Florida, for the purpose of electing the following officers, to-wit:

One Mayor.

Five Councilmen, each for a period of two years.

At said election all qualified electors of the City of Avon Park shall be allowed to vote.

Done in the City of Avon Park, Florida, this the 6th day of November, A. D. 1929.

C. S. DONALDSON,
Mayor of City of Avon Park.

Attest: LOUISE BROWNE,
City Clerk.

Nov.8-15-22-29

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINETEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS AND STATE OF FLORIDA.—IN CHANCERY.

W. T. HEAD, Complainant, vs. SCENIC HIGHLANDS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY, ET AL, Defendants.

Notice is hereby given pursuant to a certain decree dated the 7th day of November, A. D. 1929, rendered by the Honorable W. J. Barker, judge of the above styled Court, in the above entitled cause, that I will offer for sale between the legal hours of sale on the 2nd day of December, A. D. 1929, before the Court house door in the City of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, the following described real estate, to-wit:

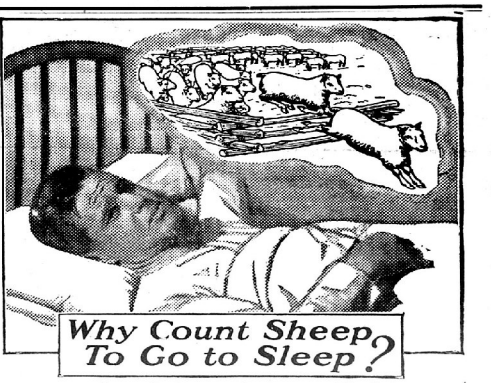
Lot Three (3), Block One (1), Section Eleven (11), Township 33 South and Range 28 East.

Also, the NW¼ of the NW¼ of the NE¼ and the NE¼ of the NE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 13, Township 33 South and Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida;

Said sale shall be held in conformity with said Final Decree, and it shall be to the highest and best bidder for cash.

D. V. ROUSE,
Special Master.

Nov.8-15-22-28



Why Count Sheep To Go to Sleep?

TOO much work, too much worry. Tired but too nervous to sleep. Counting imaginary sheep, relaxing your muscles, making your mind a blank, all no use. You'll feel "all in" tomorrow.

Just dissolve a Dr. Miles' Effervescent Nervine Tablet in a half glass of water. Drink the clear sparkling beverage.

Drift off into deep dreamless sleep and get up in the morning refreshed in mind and body, and ready for the day's duties or pleasures.

Dr. Miles' Nervine is now made in two forms—Liquid and Effervescent Tablet. Both are the same therapeutically.

Get them at your drug store

Large Package $1.00

For Sale at the Jacaranda Drug Co.

NOTICE TO HUNTERS AND TRESPASSERS

Pine Crest Lake having been set aside as a bird and game sanctuary, it will be the unhappy duty of the management to prosecute hunters or trespassers on this property other than those having business there.

Pine Crest Lakes Country Club

By H. N. Gump, General Manager.

PLANNED OCEAN TRIP BUT IS COMING HERE

Gump's Description of Avon Park Changes Wisconsin's Lawyer's Plans

By his wonderful description of Avon Park and environs, General Manager Gump of Pine Crest Lakes, has succeeded in switching a prominent Delavan, Wis., lawyer from a proposed cruise to Honolulu and Australia to a season at the local club.

E. L. Von Suessmiich is a personal friend of Mr. Gump, and the former had about concluded arrangements for the cruise when he received a letter from the club manager. And now the lawyer is planning to stay at Pine Crest Lakes Country club.

J. W. Moir, of Halifax, N. S., will also winter at Pine Crest Lakes Country club, according to a letter received from him this week by Mr. Gump. Mr. Moir will be accompanied by his wife.

The Nova Scotian is one of the largest candy manufacturers in the Canadian province, having stores in the largest cities of the Canadian dominion. He was induced to come to Avon Park by Mr. Gump, who was former manager of the Mt. Plymouth, Fla., club, where Mr. and Mrs. Moir have stopped on previous visits to this state.

Frank M. Baumgartner, a retired capitalist of Detroit, has also signified his intention of spending some time at the club.

SPECIAL GRAND JURY INVESTIGATING BANK

journed yesterday evening.

The jury box had been exhausted Wednesday evening and Judge Bird ordered the county commissioners to meet "instanter" and proceed to fill the box anew. This was completed at a late hour that evening but the new list of names was not necessary as 18 men were finally found and the panel completed from the last venire out of the old box.

This new grand jury is costing the county quite a sum of money, according to figures obtained from the court house yesterday afternoon. The bill owing to the sheriff's office to date for service of subpoenas and mileage totals $680.98. Money paid out by the county clerk to those summoned for jury service and discharged, including their mileage, totals $472.70. This makes a total of $1,153.68, of which the sheriff's fees come from the fine and forfeiture fund which is already in a precarious condition. Irony entered into the proceedings when State Comptroller Amos was requisitioned on for funds to pay the jurors to investigate a bank which he was supposed to "control," these funds being needed to pay the prospective jurors as they were discharged and are paid by the state, as are state witness fees.

It is expected this jury will make their presentments some time today. The shooting of Bob Hall by Customs Border Patrol officer last week is also expected to come up for investigation. The wounded man, who is in Weem's hospital is on the road to recovery unless unforeseen complications set in, it was stated this week.

Five Red Cross Camps House Flood Refugees

A total of 27,791 persons were maintained by the American Red Cross in camps or in their own homes in the three States of Alabama, Georgia and Florida, following the disastrous floods of early last spring. Five camps were organized, of which four were in Alabama and one in Florida. Small temporary camps were set up in various places in addition to these, but the persons not sheltered in the five main camps soon were able to return home or to friends and relatives.

Red Cross nurses were at all five camps, assisting the State health authorities in care of the sick and in inoculating against epidemics.

WOMEN KNIT AND SEW FOR RED CROSS RELIEF

Volunteers Aid Through Motor and Canteen Corps—Send Gifts to Service Men.

Recalling the days of the World War, many women still make pajamas and other hospital garments, many knit sweaters, and more than 2,500,000 surgical dressings were rolled by volunteer workers for the American Red Cross Chapters all over the nation, in the year just closed.

The hospital garments are given to veterans and the surgical dressings go to civilian or Veterans' Bureau hospitals, or wherever needed. Many Chapters also maintain well stocked closets of surgical dressings and garments, in order to be prepared should a disaster strike their communities.

Volunteer workers make children's clothing and layettes which are distributed in time of major catastrophes. The Motor Corps of Red Cross women and the Canteen Service, also first created during the World War, still are maintained by many Red Cross Chapters. Last year the various Motor Corps, some with ambulances, answered about 30,000 calls, and the Canteens served more than 20,000 persons. They were especially active where floods or forest fires or other catastrophes called for feeding refugees or firemen engaged in active work fighting disaster.

Another activity of women volunteers is that of filling Christmas bags—small cretonne ditty bags—to send to soldiers and sailors who are stationed at posts or ports abroad. More than 40,000 of these are sent each year for distribution to the Americans at Christmas time.

One nice thing about being quiet and dumb is that you escape a lot of disagreeable committee work.

Work Progressing On Pine Crest Addition

With the new addition to the Pine Crest Lakes Country club house under roof, the work is progressing nicely. The frames are in and the plumbing installation is being made this week.

To the present pier will be added another 40 feet, according to Manager H. N. Gump, which will provide much better facilities for bathing and fishing.

Good potatoes never grow from poor seed.

Leave Your Orders Early

For Turkeys, Chickens, Ducks and Hams for

Thanksgiving

Lane's Cash Market

Next To A. & P.

Lake Byrd Lodge

Open under new management.

An ideal spot for your Bridge Parties, Luncheons and Dinners.

C. M. ROGERS, Manager

Phone 31 Avon Park, Fla.

CLUB WOMEN HONOR AVON PARK MEMBER

Mrs. P. L. Rumpsa Nominated For Vice-Presidency of District 9, F. F. W. C.

Mrs. P. L. Rumpsa was signally honored last Saturday when the members of District No. 9, Florida Federation of Women's Clubs, nominated her for the district vice-presidency. Mrs. Rumpsa was the only nominee, and that is tantamount to election by the state federation at its biennial meeting at Winter Haven, next March.

Mrs. Rumpsa is a past president of the Avon Park club.

Six Million Children In Junior Red Cross

The year 1929 marks the tenth anniversary of the founding of the American Junior Red Cross. There are now Junior Red Cross societies in forty-one nations, all pledged in the common cause of service to their fellows.

Membership in the American Junior Red Cross in the United States and insular possessions is 6,878,000, and is largely through grade and high schools and private schools. The organization is governed by the boys and girls. One of its chief features is conduct of international correspondence with schools of other nations, through exchange of albums and small gifts. The American Juniors sent 85,000 Christmas boxes of small gifts to children of many nations last year.

The American Junior Red Cross gained 349,171 in membership last year.

Fifty-one nations belong to the League of Red Cross Societies, and are prepared to carry on health, disaster relief and life saving programs all around the world.

Lake Byrd Lodge Open For Season

Lake Byrd Lodge, the attractive club-hotel on Lake Byrd, is now open for the 1929-1930 season under the management of C. M. Rogers, who operates a hotel at Sayville, L. I., during the summer. This is the first season for Mr. Rogers as a Florida hotel man. After touring the state looking for a winter hotelry Mr. Rogers decided on Avon Park and the Lodge.

Mr. Rogers has stated that Lake Byrd Lodge is available for luncheons, dinners, card parties or dances, and that he will be glad to furnish any club, society, or organization with rates for their functions.

Form Dipping Association.

Bunnell, Fla., Nov. 14.—Farmers in Flagler county, co-operating with L. T. Neiland, county agent, are forming local group associations and dipping their cattle in advance of the government tick eradication campaign.

Want Ads

FOR SALE—Batten fed friers, Fat Hens, Fresh Yard Eggs at Market Prices. We will dress chickens on Saturdays. Gibson's Poultry Yards, East Cornell street. 36-4t

FARM WANTED—Located near Avon Park, suitable for general farming and dairying. If a bargain write me full description and price. John Baker, Mena, Ark. 36-3tp

WANTED—White waitresses. Apply H. N. Gump, Pine Crest Lakes Country Club. tf

WANTED — Position as general housekeeper; have had experience and well qualified; have had experience in care of children. Write Box 803, City. 37-4tp

FOR SALE — Refrigerator, 50 pound capacity. Priced right. Call at 107 East Fourth St. 38-4t

Have you heard of the special offer for Cash being made by the

HIGHLANDS DRY CLEANING CO.

Until November 30

If you take your clothes to their office and call for them when ready, they will clean and press:

Two men's suits for.... $1.50
Ladies' Coats for..... $1.00
White Coats for..... $1.25

And they have special prices on Dresses.

They are at 28 East Main Street, you know, next to the Post Office.