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VISITATION OF GRAND MATRON BRINGS LARGEST FRATERNAL GATHERING TO CITY

Nearly 300 Eastern Stars From All Parts of Florida Attend Home-Coming of Mrs. Mamie Lander, of Lakeland, To Leigh Chapter.

The biggest meeting of Eastern Stars or Masonic members to be held on the Ridge section was staged here last Saturday night, the occasion being the annual visitation of the Grand Matron of Florida Eastern Stars, Mrs. Mamie Lander, of Lakeland, to her home chapter, Leigh, of which she is a past worthy matron. The visitation took place at the Highland Lakes club house.

It was a wonderful homecoming for Mrs. Lander. Nearly 300 Stars from the east and west coasts and northern and central parts of the state were present to assist her home chapter in doing her honor. And in the afternoon an informal reception was held for the Grand Matron at Highland Lakes hotel, where a large number of her friends, not affiliated with the Eastern Star, renewed acquaintances.

Prior to the visitation the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron of Leigh chapter entertained at dinner at Lake Byrd Lodge for Mrs. Lander, and her husband and mother; the Worthy Grand Patron Robert M. Brandon, of Bowling Green, and Mrs. Brandon; Past Grand Matron Claudia Christian, of Miami; Mrs. Emma Saunders of Fort Pierce, Grand Marshal, and Mayor C. S. Donaldson, of Avon Park.

The Highland Lakes club house, scene of the visitation, was attractively decorated with Spanish moss, palmettoes, yellow mums, daisies, potted palms and plants. The Decoration Committee consisted of Mrs. Charlotte Leigh, Mrs. Lulu Able, Mrs. Mattie Booth and Mrs. Louise Dorminey.

After the introduction of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron to the assembled Stars the officers retired and returned in march formation to the strain of "Home, Sweet Home," and executed a drill forming a message of love. Following the drill Master Jack Head and Little Jeannette Chapman, attired as Cupid and a heart and carrying hearts of golden color, brought to the Grand Matron and Grand Patron the gifts of Leigh chapter. The gifts, pieces of gold, were presented by the youngsters, who recited short verses expressing the love and affection of the chapter. Little Gene Chance then entered the chapter room greeting the Grand Matron with a song that had been written for her in honor of the occasion, and presented Mrs. Lander with a bouquet of roses.

The charming daughter of Mrs. Lander, Miss Ella Maud, attired in a ballet frock of yellow tulle, delighted the members with an aesthetic dance. Mrs. Neal Trent, accompanied by Mrs. J. V. Chapman at the piano, sang "All For You." Mrs. Claudia Christian and Henry Lander provided the accompaniment for Miss Lander's encore number, a dog dance. Miss Lander's numbers were enthusiastically received and she was presented with a bouquet of rose buds.

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron expressed their appreciation of the gifts and the special features. The delegation from the East Coast, composed of members from Miami, West Palm Beach and Fort Pierce, asked to be heard. When permission was granted they sang a beautiful tribute of love and affection to the Grand Matron. Mrs. Christian was at the piano.

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Rotarians Hear Talk On Citrus Marketing

Rupert Smith, of Arcadia, was the principal speaker at Wednesday's luncheon of the Rotary club. Mr. Smith spoke on co-operative marketing of citrus products.

A special musical program was presented by Little Gene Chance, with Mrs. J. V. Chapman at the piano. The youngsters' renditions were greeted with rounds of applause by the club members.

The visitors were: Dr. W. G. Clinton, of Sebring; R. W. A. Dunclan, Arthur Cody and Gussie Sullivan, of Frostproof; L. R. Cameron, of Orlando, and W. T. Hall, of Avon Park.

MERWINS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

Hundreds Felicitate City's Pioneer Residents on Happy Occasion Last Monday

The golden wedding anniversary, the goal of all happily married couples, was attained last Sunday by Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Merwin, winter residents of Avon Park for the past 40 years.

While the anniversary occurred on Sunday—they were married November 24, 1879—the celebration did not take place until Monday, when the aged couple received hundreds of friends at their home on Pleasant avenue. In the receiving line with Mr. and Mrs. Merwin were: Mrs. G. H. Schulte, of Glendale, Cal., their daughter; and their son M. H. Merwin and his wife.

During the day a constant stream of people visited the Merwin home to felicitate the happy people on the occasion. Nearly 25 telegrams and a large number of letters and cards were also received. Many beautiful gifts, including gold pieces, flowers, a lamp, wedding cakes from a daughter and a friend in Washington, and a mammoth post card bearing 50 golden wish bones, the token from Mrs. H.

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Census Supervisor Seeking Applicants

A. F. Pickard, census supervisor for the Sixth District of Florida, with headquarters at Lakeland, advises The Times that a number of the enumerators that will be used in the work next April will be given some other duties in January and February in connection with the Census of Distribution.

Anyone wishing to serve in capacity of enumerator should now send their application to the Bureau of Census, Department of Commerce, Washington, D. C., or give their name to Mr. Pickard, who will send it into Washington. The proper application blanks and test schedule to be used in way of examination will be sent direct from Washington.

The Bureau of Census will then send the name of all persons passing this examination to Mr. Pickard for selection.

Baldwins On Visit

Rev. and Mrs. T. O. Baldwin and family, of Vero Beach, enjoyed the Thanksgiving holiday with relatives in town. Rev. Baldwin is pastor of the Vero Beach Baptist church, one of the largest on the east coast.

BANK FUTURE RESTS ON COUNTY OFFICERS

Commissioners To Meet Monday To Decide on Capital Stock Levy

On the outcome of the county commissioners' meeting next Monday will depend the future action of the Barnett Bank of Jacksonville towards the establishment of an affiliated bank here, for which a charter has been applied for since the middle of last September. J. N. Greening, representative of the Jacksonville bank stated Wednesday.

At that meeting the commissioners, it is expected, will make their decision on a county tax levy on bank capital stock, which at present is the bone of contention with the Barnett people and which is holding up the proposed bank here.

The supreme court, Mr. Greening said, has ruled that levying on the capital stock of the bank is illegal, because the stock is not owned by the bank but by individual stockholders. Mr. Greening also stated that his interests are not seeking exemption from taxes, being willing to pay what is legally due the county.

The Jacksonville bank will retain 51 per cent of the capital stock, Mr. Greening stated, and the balance, if possible, will be sold to residents in Avon Park. Asked if the present bank insisted on local people taking \$30,000 in stock, Mr. Greening replied in an emphatic

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FISH FRY PROVES A HUGE SUCCESS

Nearly 75 Attend Affair of Avon Club; Curry and Walker Speakers

Fish fries may come, and fish fries may go, but the one staged by the Avon Club, under the direction of Chef O. R. Perry, will linger in the memories of approximately 60 members of the club, the members of the Boys' Band and their leader, C. R. Nichols.

For those afflicted with dyspepsia, loss of appetite or its kindred diseases, the fry would have worked greater wonders than the prescriptions of all the medicos. The only remains of the feed were the fish bones, if there were any in the fish, and the coffee grounds. Not even a wart on a pickle or a crust of pie, to say nothing of a drop of coffee, was left after the hungry ones gathered at the Scout House on Lake Lotela. The raid on the larder was complete.

Between bites and sips the young musicians, who were the guests of the club, delighted with several numbers. They played like veterans and for good measure they played several difficult pieces backwards, which is a feat that's a feat. The only sour note struck was the one by the youngster with a pickle in his mouth when the said pickle lodged in the mouthpiece of his piccolo.

Instead of the story-telling hour, as originally planned, the committee presented J. Reed Curry, of the Florida Citrus Exchange, who impressed his audience with his talk on the marketing problem of the citrus industry. Mr. Curry was followed by C. H. Walker, of the Avon-Florida Citrus corporation, who spoke on the citrus condition as it affects the local growers.

Col. Charles R. Head, president of the club, presided.

RED DEVILS ROMP ALL OVER COUNTY SEAT PLAYERS WITH FINAL SCORE 20-7

Municipal Election Takes Place Tuesday

Next Tuesday the qualified voters, about 600 according to the city clerk, will go to the polls to elect a mayor and five councilmen. Nine candidates are in the race, with efforts being made to have at least two withdraw their names so as to develop strength for other candidates. Attorney T. A. McNicholas and Bert Willson, who were nominated recently, withdrew shortly after the caucus at the city hall.

At least five or six slates have been drawn up, and with the alignments shown it appears that the election will be a free-for-all. Several of the candidates appear on two or three tickets, but what will happen in the eleventh hour is hard to forecast at this time.

GUMPS RECOVERING FROM AUTO INJURIES

Bakers Say They Were Not Parked On Highway When Triple Crash Occurred

Encouraging reports of the condition of Mrs. H. N. Gump, wife of the Pine Crest Lakes Country club manager, who was seriously injured last Thursday evening in the automobile crash on State Road 8 near Lake Byrd Lodge, have been received from the Gump home.

While he sustained a severe laceration of the skull Mr. Gump has been able to be on the job daily. His injury is healing nicely, he said.

In connection with the accident, Mr. and Mrs. Loren Baker, whose car was sideswiped before the Gump car crashed into Walter Maddock's truck, stated to The Times that they were not parked along side of the truck when the crash occurred. They said they were passing the truck enroute to their home when their car was struck.

Mr. Maddock said that it was his employee, S. B. Cochran, and not his son, who was on the truck when it experienced trouble on the road.

Thanksgiving Service Is Largely Attended

Avon Park citizens celebrated Thanksgiving Day with a community service at the high school auditorium yesterday morning with a large number in attendance. Rev. Thomas Murrish presided.

The services opened with a hymn by the assembly. Rev. C. C. Corner, minister of the Church of Christ, then offered the invocation, after which Rev. Dr. A. P. Vaughn, pastor of the Congregational church, who read the Scripture.

Mayor C. S. Donaldson read a portion of Governor Carlton's Thanksgiving Day proclamation. Also excerpts of the proclamation of George Washington. Prof. R. T. Fairley also made a short address.

Because of illness Rev. A. H. Hancock, pastor of the Methodist church, was unable to deliver an address as scheduled.

Special music was rendered by the members of the Methodist church choir, under the direction of Attorney S. C. Pardee.

A Thanksgiving offering was taken and the proceeds will be used for charity cases throughout the city.

Wild Banished From Game; Coach Carmichael Charges That Fullback Was Victim of a Frame-up By Sebring To Handicap Red Devils.

Avon Park 20; Sebring 7. Those are the figures that go down in the record book for the annual embroglio between the Red Devils and the county seaters at Cardinal field before hundreds of fans from both cities.

And what a game! From the start of the game to the final whistle those Devils swished their tails in the faces of the Sebring boys until they didn't know if they were coming or going. Carmichael's "Crimson Demons," when they weren't making touchdowns via Rodney Durrance, they were throwing the eleven from the S. H. S. for losses or spoiling their aerial work. The pigskin was in the local squad's hands the greater part of the game, although on few occasions they relinquished their hold temporarily, only to regain it time after time.

The outstanding star was Captain Rodney Durrance. He plunged through the line, made long end runs and tackled his opponents with ease. And when the game was ended Rodney was credited with Avon Park's three touchdowns and an extra point on a beautiful drop kick. The second extra point was scored by "Pot" Roberts, who played a brilliant game.

Fred Wild, one of the greatest backs to wear the Blue and White, played a bang-up game until he was retired for "slugging" in the second quarter. And there lieth a story. Charges were made that Pickett, Sebring end, was instructed to slug Wild and provoke a fight that would result in the banishment of both players. Coach Carmichael was indignant and full of wrath when the stunt was pulled and Wild ordered off the field. He didn't hesitate in telling the umpire, a Sebring man, about cheating and robbing of Avon Park in past games with the Orange Blossom eleven, and he also told him that the Pickett-Wild affair was simply a frame-up to get rid of Wild, one of the biggest threats to Sebring. A fight between the coach and the umpire seemed imminent, but the officials were parted before a blow was struck.

If the Sebring team had visions of a victory with Wild out, they were badly mistaken. The locals had blood in their eyes after that and they fought, and how. They ripped the Sebring line to pieces and wore down their opponents rapidly, causing Coach Ferguson's men to know they had been in a game after the Red Devils finished with them and romped away with the Sebring pigskin as a memento of the battle.

While Sebring made numerous substitutions the only one made by Avon Park was Jordon for Simpson who replaced Wild at fullback.

Avon Park scored twice in the first quarter. The Red Devils won the toss and Young, Sebring tackle, kicked off. And soon thereafter they ran the ball down the field and Rodney on a right end run put the ball over Sebring's goal line. "Pot" Roberts took the ball over the line for the extra point.

Again after a series of plunges and end runs the pigskin was over Sebring's goal for the second touchdown. And again it was Captain Rodney that performed the act. A forward pass from Durrance to Daley failed to net the extra point when the left end fumbled the ball.

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A Complete Story

THE SUGAR

By Tom Curry

Not a Continued Story

LARRY SULLIVAN, the veteran, and young Tim Durham, his partner, made one of the finest pairs working from Headquarters. Sullivan was tall and blond; and Durham, dark hair and eyes, was just as husky as his pal.

They were looking over the scene of a hold-up. The jewelry store was on Third Avenue, in the Forties, and Sullivan had locked the front door so that he would not be disturbed as he questioned the proprietor, who had been in the store at the time of the robbery.

There were two long counters filled with various trinkets; the owner of the store, a small, dark man, was wringing his hands, and his forehead was deeply creased with lines of worry.

"No insurance?" repeated Sullivan, amazed.

"Oh, heavens! It was a technical error, do you see? My secretary forgot to carry out my instructions, and the loss is mine—unless the insurance company will allow my intention to stand. But I'm afraid they won't; and I can't bear the loss at present. A month from now—yes. But at the time, this will bankrupt me. Or it will if it becomes known."

The proprietor turned beseeching eyes on the police detective. Sullivan hesitated. "How much?" he asked.

"Only one man came in; I had just taken out that tray of fine diamonds. Forty thousand dollars they cost me, and would retail for sixty. The fellow was masked; he pointed automatics at my head and I put up my hands. He emptied the tray of gems into a felt bag, rang open the cash register, and took out one hundred and fifty dollars in small bills which I had drawn from the bank for business purposes. Then he left, for my clerk was coming from the back rooms, whistling. I called you at once; but I'm afraid they're gone. A month from now—I could tie it over. But—"

The proprietor made a gesture of despair. Sullivan shifted his cigar from one corner of his mouth to the other. "Give me a list of your gems," he said. "We'll keep it quiet as long as possible. The reporters will be here in a few minutes; just tell them that all the crooks got was one hundred and fifty dollars, and that they were frightened away by your clerk."

"Thank you," said the proprietor. "I appreciate it. The loss will not be known by my creditors, and I will be able to recover. Thank you. It will be a hard blow for me."

"We'll get your diamonds back for you," promised Sullivan.

Stevens, the proprietor, could give but a vague description of the masked man who had stuck a gun under his nose an hour before. "Tall, slim, wore dark clothes and a gray hat."

It was little enough to go on. The diamonds were unset, and easily negotiable.

The reporters, came before the two detectives left. "All they got was one hundred and fifty dollars in cash," Stevens said genially. Sullivan only nodded, and Durham kept quiet.

It was not the first time the amount of a job had been hushed by the detectives. Sometimes policy required it, sometimes they did it for the sake of the victim.

That afternoon, the papers carried the story of the robbery. "Lone Wolf Holds Up Jeweler. Alarmed By Clerk." It was a short item on the third page, and told how the stick-up man had just extracted one hundred and fifty dollars in bills from the register and was preparing to take the jewels in the display cases when the approach of the clerk from the rear rooms frightened him away.

In the meantime, Sullivan and Durham stepped outside, leaving the reporters questioning the owner of the store. The older man looked at his partner. "Well—what do you think?"

Durham shrugged. "A fat lot of clues," he said. "And a fine description! Just like all the rest of 'em. The fences might help us."

Sullivan chewed his cigar for a

moment. "We'd better go back to the station," he said, "and see if there's any more new ones on the list. Not much chance of findin' 'em through the Fagins. However, that's all there is to it."

At Headquarters, they began a perusal of secret files describing suspected receivers of stolen goods. "If we only had a good description," sighed Durham.

"There's a report waiting for you," said the lieutenant to Sullivan, as they passed by the desk, on their way out to lunch.

The report proved to be from the officer who had been on the beat about the time the robbery occurred. The cop had been relieved soon after, and had gone home. He had heard of the stick-up, of course; however, Stevens had not called him in, but had phoned Headquarters at once.

Evidently O'Brien, the cop, had been thinking things over. He had called in to H.Q. that he thought he had a tip for the men working on the Stevens' stick-up.

Sullivan and Durham at once hurried up to his home, and found him in bed. But he rose, and told them what he had seen.

O'Brien had sharp black eyes, and a pleasant face; he was evidently a good observer, and Sullivan complimented him on the fact, when the harness bull finished his tale.

"I was patrolin' me beat," said O'Brien, "and I noticed a lad across the street, standin' a door or so from Stevens'. I thought nothin' certain. Yes, you'd better take this one, find him and maybe I can tell better when I see him in the flesh."

"Two years in Sing Sing for robbery? Out last June." A likely bird!

The name on the record of the man they were looking for was "James Saggerty." His age was twenty-three. He had spent two years in prison for robbery of a grocer's store, and had faded away out of the ken of the police. They must locate him, if possible, and let O'Brien have a look at him.

Of course, there was nothing but his proximity to the neighborhood of the stick-up to connect him with the crime; but it was on such things that the sleuths often hung their first investigations and suspicions. Evidence would come later, if Saggerty was their man.

They went about it in a systematic way, sending out a call for the whereabouts of their man. Stool pigeons were notified and detectives studied the features of Saggerty so that they could report his presence in any dive they happened to go into on business. They also sent out a bulletin for Joe Harris, the second suspect.

It was three days later that the secret report came in from a stoolie. For five dollars, and a little consideration, the whistle guy had tipped the police off that James Saggerty was frequenting a liquor dive on lower First Avenue.

Sullivan and Durham went down, and looked the place over; they

gerty let himself in with a key. He seemed to be living alone.

They went home to sleep, leaving two shadows outside; but Saggerty did not budge during the morning. Not until late afternoon did he come out and go to a barber's for a shave after eating at a white-tiled restaurant.

"He hasn't fenced 'em yet—if he's the one," said Sullivan.

Durham agreed. "But we'd better go through his rooms," he said. "I'll do it while you keep guard, Larry."

Durham hurried back to the furnished room, went up the stairs three at a time, knocked—to make sure the place was empty—and began to work on the lock with a skeleton key. It was a plain lock, and the detective had little trouble in opening the door. He went inside, placed his gun in his side pocket so that he could easily get it, and then made a quick search of the single room. He looked in all the regular hiding places, such as mattresses, behind pictures, and in the single closet. There was no fireplace, no concealed nook. Only two dirty rag rugs graced the bare floor, and the boards were all solid.

Durham left, replacing everything with care, so that his search would not be noticed by Saggerty. He returned to Sullivan, locking the door behind him. Half an hour later, the suspected man, dragging along slowly with sulky face, came back to his room, where he remained until midnight. The sleuths followed him once more to Fritz's,

Durham, alone, sat near Saggerty, twirling his whiskey glass in his dirty hands, assuming as nervous an air as possible. And the young detective was rather on edge, for he wondered if the trick would take.

There was an exit door handy, in back of Durham and close enough so that Saggerty could avail himself of it; they counted on panic and a guilty conscience to send the suspect out of the joint along with Durham.

About one-thirty, the front door was pushed in, with the man who usually stood guard there protesting at the forcible entrance. Before Sullivan and Durham had entered with the password, quietly, like customers. Now, Sullivan, accompanied by a harness bull from the beat, strode in noisily, and the cop had drawn his club.

The big fair-haired sleuth stood at the door, lordly in his authority and might, and glanced over the whole room with a frown on his face.

Suddenly, he pointed in Durham's direction—also in Saggerty's, as Durham had chosen his seat so that just this would happen.

"There he is, Johnny," shouted Sullivan. "Collar him!"

Several men in the place had frozen at the sight of the cop; now, they relaxed visibly on seeing it was someone else wanted. Saggerty's eyes had opened wide; he sat, still as death.

But Durham acted; with a curse and shout of rage, he ducked under his table and drawing his gun, fired twice at the brass buttons of the harness bull.

Well coached, the cop threw up his hands, yelled in pain, and crashed to the floor. Of course, every man who had a guilty conscience tried to make a getaway, for the shooting would mean investigation of everybody caught in the place. Among those who rushed for the exits was Saggerty, and Durham, dueling all the way out with Sullivan—they were firing blanks—kept close to Saggerty.

Saggerty ran through a back court and cleared a four-foot fence into another yard; Durham, tossing his empty pistol away, hurried after him. Sullivan, with a shout, took the wrong trail when he came out of the door, and sped toward the street after a false scent. Saggerty heard Durham close behind him, but did not turn, for he thought he was being pursued; finally the husky young sleuth came up with the other man, and they passed out onto a side street together.

"What yagge runnin' fer?" growled Durham.

"I—I was just scared," admitted Saggerty. "I didn't do nuthin', but I don't like to git mixed up wid de cops."

Durham laughed. "Well, if I hadn't 'a' give de folks to dat bull we'd all been in de jug. So thank me. Damn him; dat Sullivan dick's a loud ape. He beat hell outa me de other day, jus' fer fun."

"Yeh?"

"Yeh. He was tryin' to collar me again tonight, but no thanks."

They were walking rapidly east, and then they turned downtown, towards Saggerty's room. "I got to fin' a place to hide in," went on Durham. "Maybe dat harness bull 'll croak."

Still, Saggerty did not answer; but he seemed to feel friendly enough toward Durham. He listened to all the big fellow said.

"I guess you're O. K.," growled Durham, looking into Saggerty's eyes. "Else you wouldn't 'a' run. Dat Sullivan's a rotten bold. He slapped me all over H.Q., but he couldn't prove nuthin' on me and I give him the slip. Now he wants to pick me up and slap de life outa me; but I couldn't stan' it, an' I won't. A man's a man."

Saggerty hesitated. He seemed interested in Durham, and he stopped near his furnished room. "Why don't yuh come up and have a drink?" he said at last.

"Well—I oughta be on me way; but I guess I can spare a minute or two."

Saggerty led Durham up the stairs to his room, and let his new acquaintance into the place. He pulled down the curtains, switched on a lamp, and then brought out a bottle of whiskey.

Saggerty loosened up quick enough under the influence of the liquor. He seemed anxious to talk

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"Sugar" Is Especially Sweet to Those Who Buy It at the Point of a Gun; Too Sweet to Sell Without a Fight

of it at the time, for he was not tin' suspicious in any way and there were lots of people on the avenue. I saw nothin' wrong, and went on."

"Too bad you didn't cross and look in the store," said Sullivan. "You'd have been a hero now."

O'Brien shrugged. "There was nothin' to catch hold of, you might say," he said. "Not then, anyway. Maybe I'm all wrong now, but I can give you a good description of this lad that was hangin' around there. I noticed him particular at the time, because he seemed to be waitin' for somebody. He was about five-feet-seven, with black hair and a thick, crooked nose. He was thin, and dressed in a blue suit with a blue cap on the side of his head."

"Would you know him again if you saw him?" asked Sullivan. O'Brien nodded. "I think so."

The harness bull supplied several more details which might assist the two in their search for the man who had been standing outside the store. If the fellow had a record, then they ought to be able to locate him.

The two spent an exhausting afternoon looking through the record files. After three hours, they had come across two cards and pictures which fitted their man. They called O'Brien in before he went on duty, and asked him to pick out which fellow he thought it was.

The cop shook his head. "They're alike enough," he said. "I'd say it was the first one but I couldn't be

were screened behind a large plant, and could watch the comings and goings of the patrons. The second night they were there, about midnight, along came the slim youth.

"I'm going to bring O'Brien down here and see if he can identify the lad," whispered Sullivan. "You stay here, Timmy, and keep your eye on him."

An hour later, Sullivan returned with O'Brien in tow, and sat down at a table with the cop, now in plainclothes. It had taken some time to have O'Brien relieved and get him changed into street dress so that he could make the trip to the dive.

"What do you think?" asked Sullivan.

O'Brien had been looking at the young man covertly; he knitted his brows as he made answer. "I believe that's the one," he said slowly.

"Good. We'll work him, then."

Until four o'clock in the morning, Sullivan and Durham sat and watched Saggerty. The young fellow was drinking heavily, looking neither to right nor left; he seemed downcast, not like a crook who had just done a successful job.

For this reason, and because they wanted to locate his pal and the swag, the two sleuths waited for him to move.

They had little difficulty in following Saggerty, for he was wrapped up in his thoughts, and moved slowly when finally he paid his bill and left for home. The two trailed him to a furnished room and up to the third floor rear, where Sag-

the dive he seemed to prefer, and sat out a boring evening. Saggerty did not connect with anybody.

"We'll have to rope him," said Sullivan at last.

Durham agreed. The quickest way would be for one of the detectives to ingratiate himself with Saggerty, and try to pump him for information.

Word had come in on the other suspect, who looked much like Saggerty. Harris was located in Chicago. The police there had been holding him for a shooting affray in which he had got mixed up; there was no chance that it was Harris who had done the Stevens' job. Saggerty seemed to be their man; yet what had happened to the swag?

The stage was laid for the "rope-ing." Durham was to be the man who was to ingratiate himself with Saggerty, and to this end the younger sleuth donned a worn blue suit, a cap and a colored shirt, and repaired to the joint wherein Saggerty took his usual nightly drinks.

It was about one o'clock; Saggerty was already there when Durham slunk in, this time making no attempt to conceal himself from the eyes of the prey. Saggerty was hardly interested in the newcomer; Durham, a scowl on his face, sat down close to the fellow.

Of course, to strike up a conversation with Saggerty for no reason at all or on some trumped-up excuse, would make the man suspicious at once; the sleuths were too wise to attempt any such thing.

SIMPLEX SYSTEM IS INSTALLED BY W. U.

Business Warrants Installation of Latest Automatic Telegraphy

The Western Union Telegraph company has completed the installation of the Simplex Printing Telegraph system, the latest innovation in modern automatic telegraphy. Since last Monday messages have been received in the Avon Park office through the new system.

The local manager is Tim W. Collins, who returned Saturday from Rome, Ga., where for the past three months he has been training at the Simplex school.

The Simplex Printer is a sort of long-distance typewriting machine. The new system replaces the old-time Morse method, which required many months of training in the mysteries of the clicking sounder, and substitutes a typewriter-like apparatus easily operated by anyone familiar with ordinary typewriting.

The Simplex Printer conducts greatly to both speed and accuracy, as well as to ease of operation. It has been adopted for general use by the Western Union company on all circuits of certain specified classes. Machines are being installed as rapidly as they can be manufactured. The apparatus is compact, being little larger than an ordinary typewriter and weighing complete about 70 pounds.

In a majority of instances, the

as is best adapted to the Simplex Printer service.

The Simplex Printer system was designed to meet the needs of wires which formerly were served by one or two operators. It is especially adapted to circuits requiring maximum speed and accuracy, combined with simplicity of operation, and for this reason it is coming into wide use in the financial district of New York, where great banking institutions need to be in quick and constant communication with the central cable office or the central telegraph office. Some 6000 Simplex Printers are now in use in various parts of the Western Union system, and it is expected that during the next four years this number will be increased to approximately 18,000.

In the Simplex Printer system, no perforated tape is required for sending as in the case of the Multiplex. The action is direct. As the letter of the typewriter keyboard is depressed, electrical impulses are sent direct to the telegraph line, and instantaneously the corresponding typebar registers at the distant end. Letters are hurled across the continent in a fraction of a second, and a message of 75 words is sent the same distance in a minute. It is faster than the telephone and more accurate. It has almost the speed of light.

The fact that telegraph printers are replacing or paralleling interstation and precinct telephones of police departments in many large cities is evidence of the speed and accuracy of automatic telegraphy. An evidence of its efficiency is the fact that the Western Union is installing many Simplex Printers between its main offices and large



operators of the Simplex Printers are young women. The operator sits before this super-typewriter, which has everything but its keyboard housed in a glass and metal jacket, and taps out a word on the keys. Letter by letter the electric impulses of that word slip out over the wire to a distant city, setting up impulses in another super-typewriter at that end in such a manner that the corresponding typebars are pulled down and the message is typewritten on the dry side of a gummed paper tape. Another girl seated before the super-typewriter at the distant end picks up the tape as it flows from the machine and with the aid of a small gumming instrument, glues it rapidly to a telegraph or cable message blank, after which the message is ready for delivery.

The girl may be typewriting over a distance of several hundred miles. It is as if the keys she depresses were attached to typebars several hundred miles long, each typebar registering on the distant tape practically instantaneously despite the great distance. As she types the message which is recorded by the distant machine, the same message likewise is printed on a paper tape emerging from her own machine, so that the sending office has a perfect record of what has been transmitted. When the distant office wishes to send, the home operator merely stops typewriting and the original process is reversed.

Theoretically there is no limit to the distance over which this novel form of long-distance typewriting can be operated. Actually, the only limitations are those imposed by traffic conditions. For practical considerations the Simplex Printers are installed only between cities whose volume of telegraph traffic

banking houses or industrial concerns, replacing the old system of private telephone, or Morse telegraph lines. Most of the cablegrams dealing with financial transactions are in code, and if transmitted by telephone, must be spelled out letter by letter and repeated back in the same manner. Telephone operators who take these messages are highly skilled in the work, but the Simplex Printer to a very large extent eliminates the human element. Automatics have been speeded up to 60 words a minute. And they are as accurate at that clip as the Morse telegrapher at 30 words.

Some electrical engineers predict that the Simplex Printer or some similar machine eventually will be found in every business concern in the country of any magnitude, and they foresee the day when there will be telegraph exchanges, similar to the present telephone exchanges, which will permit a connection with its branch in Chicago, after which stenographers seated at the Printer keyboards will carry on business correspondence between officials of the concern, transmit reports, receive comments or exchange any other communications that may be necessary. It is even predicted that directors' meetings may be held in this manner, even though the directors are in half a dozen different cities, and it is pointed out that each director would have a complete set of the minutes of the meeting immediately at hand.

More than 80 percent of the 200,000,000 messages handled annually by the Western Union are transmitted and received automatically. Despite these advances in telegraphy, the automatic systems have not driven out the old-time

USING CHEVROLETS IN MOTORING INFANTRY

United States Army Is Conducting First Experiment at Camp Eustis, Virginia

Motorization of infantry is being effected generally at this time in the armies of the world and the United States army is at present conducting its first experiment along this line at Camp Eustis, Lee Hall, Va.

It is the 34th infantry that no longer has to hike with the slow military tread, riding instead in a fleet of 56 Chevrolet passenger cars and trucks. Extensive maneuvers which have been conducted since last August have proved so successful that indications point to complete motorization of the army within the next few years.

It is a far cry from modern days to the time when Hannibal led his army over the Alps, and yet a comparison seems appropriate at this time. The chief handicap that Hannibal and all the other great military leaders had to overcome was the lack of speed in moving their forces. Formerly an army on the march considered two miles an hour a good average speed. The Camp Eustis experiments with the Chevrolet caravan have shown that it is possible to move a regiment with all its necessary supplies at an average speed of 15 miles an hour.

Another advantage that has been discovered is that cross country travel has been found practical anywhere that the ground is hard. A tractor, included in the equipment carries a lead horse for emergency purposes.

Today several regiments of British troops are being moved by motor cars. Through the British and American experiments it has been definitely learned that completely motorized units can transport 800 men eight times more swiftly than they can travel afoot.

Aside from the slow speed of animals there is the added inefficiency of mules and horses carrying heavy loads of feed for the other animals and themselves. One truck can carry 900 gallons of gasoline, an adequate reserve supply for the entire motor force.

Included in the present motor equipment of the Camp Eustis unit are 18 Chevrolet touring cars, 15 standard one and a half ton Chevrolet trucks, 14 Chevrolet trucks modified with two additional wheels in the rear and nine Chevrolet pick-up trucks.

Malvaviscus Arboreus Is Constant Bloomer

Turk's Cap, Hobbleskirt and a few other common names are applied to the Malvaviscus Arboreus, that constantly blooming shrub now so popular about Avon Park and which is in the Mallick plot just east of the Atlantic Coast Line railroad. It has existed in only one color, rich red.

However, a sport has developed on a red flowered bush in Frost-proof that bears light pink bloom. The commercial propagation rights to it have been sold to a florist at Orlando, but Mayor Donaldson has obtained a few cuttings and will have them growing into fine bushes by next summer. The flowers may best be described as shell pink, and are borne as freely as the red variety. No one will be able to purchase plants for some time, but in a year or two they will become abundant.

Mr. Donaldson thinks that from this new pink Malvaviscus a snow white blooming variety can be developed later.

Man Injures Leg.
An old Ford with all the qualities of a stubborn mule refused to be cranked last Friday noon and Clare Mann is now nursing a painfully hurt left leg as a result of said Ford's objections. When Henry's product cut loose the crank struck Mr. Mann's knee and tore the ligaments in the leg.

Morse operator, who still is indispensable under certain conditions.

VISITATION OF GRAND MATRON BRINGS LARG- EST GATHERING HERE

(Continued from page one)

Following the opening of the chapter and the presentation of the flag, the distinguished guests were introduced. They were: Past Grand Matrons Claudia Christian, of Miami, and Lulu M. Scott, of Sebring; Past Grand Patrons Edwin Jackson, of West Palm Beach, and Walter Scott, of Sebring; in the Grand Matron's party were: Grand Marshal Emma Saunders, of Fort Pierce; Grand Ada, Naomi Duke, of Arcadia; Grand Warden Sarah Duggan, of Lakeland, and Grand Ruth, Letta Reck, of Avon Park.

Sickness prevented other grand officers from attending the meeting, and their messages of regret were read.

Other past grand officers present were: Past Grand Martha, Beatrice Brandon, of Bowling Green; Past Grand Esther, and Grand Instructor of District 18, Ethel Turner, of Palmetto; Grand Representative of Quebec, Mrs. Charlotte Leigh, of Avon Park; and Grand Representative of Connecticut, and Worthy Matron of Leigh chapter, Mrs. Ola Head.

Mrs. Florence Bechard, of Miami, Grand Instructor of District 26; Mrs. Gertrude Nicholas, of St. Petersburg; Grand Instructor of District 19; Mrs. Marian Neel, of Miami; Past Grand Marshal, and Mrs. Jewel F. Parker, Miami, Grand Representative of Minnesota.

Twenty-six worthy matrons or past Worthy Matrons and 16 Worthy Patrons or Past Worthy Patrons were introduced and welcomed.

E. O. Williams, of Avon Park, who has served as Past Patron in Florida and Massachusetts, was introduced and escorted to the rostrum. Mayor C. S. Donaldson, of Avon Park, a charter member of Leigh, was also introduced and welcomed. The introduction of Mrs. Beatrice Brandon, wife of the Grand Patron; Mrs. Susan Stubbs, mother of the Grand Matron, and Henry Lander, husband of the Grand Matron, then followed.

Mr. Lander in a very pleasing manner presented the Grand Matron with a certificate of life membership in Leigh chapter. The card was enclosed in a tooled leather case made by Mrs. Ola Head. Grand Patron Brandon was then presented with a framed certificate of honorary membership in Leigh by Col. Charles R. Head, the Worthy Patron.

At the conclusion of the presentation of gifts and the introductions, Leigh's degree team conferred the degrees of the order on Mrs. Hazel Luthy, Mrs. Madeline Lance, Mrs. Lillian Dean Crews, and Mrs. Juanita McCabe. During the initiatory service appropriate and impressive music was rendered by Mesdames Irma Shephard, Anna James, Zora Trent, Lucille Daly, Letta Reck, J. W. C. Boone, and Messrs. Herbert F. R. Reck and J. V. Chapman, with Mrs. Lola Skipper at the piano.

A silver offering was taken after the degree work and given to the Grand Matron for her special educational fund which is used to purchase supplies for the pupils of the manual training department at the Masonic Home.

Mrs. Lander delivered a very impressive address on Ruth, this being her first station in the Grand Chapter, which station she held while a member of Leigh, and the station by which she honored her home chapter in the appointment of

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR EASTERN STARS

Departed Members Paid Tribute at Impressive Services; Place Flowers on Graves

Tribute to eight members of Leigh Chapter who have passed away since the institution of the chapter was paid at the annual memorial Sunday afternoon at the Congregational church.

The impressive meeting was opened with a hymn by the assembly, after which the invocation was offered by Rev. Dr. McClure, of Bunnell, who preached at the First Baptist church last Sunday. Mrs. Neal Trent, accompanied on the organ by Mrs. J. V. Chapman, then sang "Sometime We'll Understand." The roll call of the deceased members followed.

Following the roll call Mrs. Ola Head, Worthy Matron of Leigh chapter, paid a special tribute to Philip Leigh, founder of the chapter, who died shortly after the chapter was instituted and before the transfer of his membership to Leigh chapter was completed.

Rev. Dr. A. P. Vaughn, pastor of the Congregational church, delivered the eulogy. Another hymn was sung and the services ended with the benediction by Rev. A. H. Hancock, pastor of the Methodist church.

At the conclusion of the services the Stars visited Bougainvillea cemetery, where flowers were placed on the graves of the chapter members who were buried there.

Mrs. Letta Reck.

Short talks were also given by the Grand Patron, visiting Past Grand Matrons and Patrons, and members of the visiting chapters, and Mrs. Ethel Turner, Chairman of the Masonic Home Fund, made a special plea for the home. Before closing the chapter the delegations from the East Coast again sang a special song, set to the tune of "Smiles," and dedicated to the Grand Matron. The East Coasters and the West Coast delegation from Tampa and St. Petersburg were given hearty cheers for their numbers.

After the chapter closed refreshments were served by the following committee: Mesdames Frances Clark, Alice Lee, Anna Lawton and Mary Marsh. The refreshments consisted of chicken salad, saltines, beet pickles, coffee and mints.

Because of the added local significance attached to the visitation of the Grand Matron and her party, Leigh chapter members devoted all of their energies and spared no expense in making the visitation a huge success. The large number of Stars that visited the city is proof of that success, and great credit is given to Mrs. Head and her co-workers.

The chapter extends its thanks to the following concerns who so kindly co-operated in making the visitation one that will be remembered for years to come: The management of Highland Lakes, Inc.; L. M. Orr for flowers; the Jacaranda Hotel, Highland Lakes hotel, Woman's Club and Avon Furniture company for chairs; Smith-Dorminey company and Davis' Five and Ten Cent store for dishes, and the friends of the chapter who so willingly aided in the work.

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CAST YOUR BALLOT.

Tuesday the voters of Avon Park will go to the polls to select a mayor and five councilmen to guide the destiny of the city for the next two years. All of the candidates in the race for the offices are prominent citizens and all are capable.

The present council will end its labors within a few weeks and those that are elected to succeed them will be faced with the responsibility of carrying on the work. The present body often has been the object of criticism—it may be warranted and it may be unwarranted. The members are not infallible; they are liable to err, but we don't think they have done willfully anything that would hurt the city. What they have been criticized for may be deeds of omission rather than deeds of commission. They have exercised their judgment and have done what they believed to be for the best interests of the city. Time alone will put the stamp of approval or disapproval on their acts.

But regardless of their actions, we feel that they are entitled to the thanks of the community. The depression that followed the boom presented great problems to the present councilmen, and they have done what they deemed best—their action was from the heart.

As to the new council. There are about ten men in the running; five will be elected. It behooves the losers and their following to get behind the winners and co-operate. Being at loggerheads will accomplish no good. The future of Avon Park rests on the council-elect. Steps must be taken—they may of necessity be drastic ones—to place the city on a firm financial foundation. The financial structure is not such that it cannot be remedied. But CO-OPERATION must be the shibboleth by which the transcendence over the present financial affairs will be effected for the city to take its place among the leaders in Florida.

In all probability the new council will be subjected to criticism. It's the unfortunate price that is paid by those in office—and criticism, the carping kind, is one thing that is found in all cities. To paraphrase the quotation from Shakespeare's "Julius Caesar": "The evil that councilmen do lives after them; the good if oft interred with their bones."

But the criticism is often directed and hurled by those who have failed to vote; those citizens that sit idly by on election day and refuse to do their duty to elect their leaders. It is unfair for such a person or such persons to vent their spleen on the men that the majority have elected, if the critic himself or herself has failed to vote.

And now to the point: Get out Tuesday and vote; urge your friends who are qualified to vote to visit the polls and cast their ballots, too. The right to vote is your privilege—your duty as a loyal American citizen. Exercise that privilege.

SO CAST YOUR BALLOT TUESDAY, THEN BOOST AND CO-OPERATE FOR AVON PARK.

Public whippings as proper punishment for "northern reformers" are advocated by a South Carolina Baptist preacher. Why confine the movement just to northerners?

Besides giving its electoral votes to President Hoover the Republican party in Florida is awakening the Democratic party in the state.

Double O McIntyre quotes from Shaw's writings: "Most people who think they are hated, are merely being ignored."

P. E. B. wants his papas fritas and mammas hot. Others want their wine strong and their women weak.

With contrite spirit we offer our apologies to Uncle Ben. Bright was the word, Uncle, bright.

Everybody and everything but the Medfly has been charged with the stock market crash.

Birth of a baby in an airplane over Miami proves that babies come from heaven.

The country shed no tears over the adjournment of congress.

To Cupid we apologize for changing his sex last week.

Drinking congressmen should get non-leaking valises.

Avon Park citizens go to the polls Tuesday.

KLIPS AND KRACKS

By RUSSELL KAY

Caution to Nimrods: Play safe, don't come home with a hare on your shoulder unless you're a bachelor.

Headlines in the Lakeland Ledger say Prof. Bugb talked to the Garden Club. There's an example of courage for you.

The DeFuniak Springs Breeze says: "Friends of Mr. Eddie Shelly will be sorry to know that he is quite sick at his home in the east end."

And now for no reason at all I might remark that many a woman would like to kill the fatted calf.

One dispatch informs us that the Chinese army is EN ROUTE somewhere and the next states that they are in rout somewhere else.

Where the old fashioned girl was all bustle, the modern girl is all MUSCLE.

If the new Mexican President is wise, he'll take out TERM insurance.

Little Bo-peep has lost some sleep
Tuning and trying to find them,
But they'll come in, with plenty of din,
And a crash of static behind them.

The Public Forum

TO THE VOTERS.

Do not be deceived by ghost stories that may be circulated as to what a new Council will or will not do.

If we, as individuals, become run-down physically, weak and nervous, sick and discouraged, our physician advises a complete change. Is not Avon Park today in a seriously weak financial condition, its citizens depressed, low spirited, and almost discouraged? Would not a change of its governing body, the Council, go far towards reviving our hopes, rekindling civic interest, and inviting outside confidence? Could a new Council make matters much worse than they would find them?

If an elephant knew its strength do you think its trainer could make it docile, or keep it so? Well if the taxpayers of Avon Park knew their strength, and every voter who has groaned and complained about a ring having run things to suit themselves would go to the poll on Tuesday and vote for five men for Councilmen who are unquestionably unfettered by any ring, then "government of the people, by the people and for the people" may be enjoyed for the next two years.

What is needed, quite as much as dollars are needed, is the manifestation of moral courage—the courage to live up to our honest convictions in matters of principle.

Exercise your privilege to vote on Tuesday. Vote for five men for Councilmen who will work for the interests of the citizens as a whole without fear or favor. Vote for men who have made a success of business in spite of hard blows, and in whom you have faith. Vote for men who will manage the city's affairs in a strictly businesslike manner, and who do not treat lightly "irregularities" in business.

Vote, and vote early. Bear in mind that when you enter the booth to fill out your ballot you are alone with your conscience, THAT HOW YOU VOTE IS YOUR SECRET IF YOU DESIRE TO KEEP IT SO, and that in voting you may exercise your unbiased judgment without fear of friend or foe.

Investigate carefully all nominees and the interests they represent. The sleek politician oftentimes is able to accomplish more by not seeking office, but getting elected his faithful follower.

The politician's behavior just before an election is quite like that of the small boy just before Christmas. Follies are politics the country over, but the people are awakening to the fact that after all "the people are the government" IF THEY FUNCTION. Rings, or political machines, have no more power than the people, the majority taxpayers, permit them to have.

Fourteen Counties Make Report On Tax Collections

Tallahassee, Nov. 27.—Tate taxes are being paid at an average increase of 50 percent more than last year, figures obtained from county tax collectors show, it was learned at the governor's office this week. Each of the counties were queried as to collections, the above estimate being based on the returns from 14 counties for payments up to November 13. From the following counties a total of \$521,657 has been collected in 13 days of business and represents an actual increase of \$262,296 over 1928: Escambia (West Florida) \$40,000; Manatee (East Central) \$33,000; Hernando (central) \$7566; Palm Beach (Southwest) \$38,000; Glades (South), \$15,000; Pinellas (East Central) \$118,843; Gulf (West) \$2193; Madison (West) \$5,000; Orange (Central) \$76,965; Volusia (Central) \$11,344; Brevard (West Central) \$6500; Marion (Central) \$25,000; Other smaller counties reported small increases.

The consensus of opinion among the counties was that the last few days of this month would see record collections as the four percent discount allowed by the legislature will be dropped to three during December. Through this discount, taxpayers saved more than \$23,000 during the first 13 days of this month.

With health, everything is a source of pleasure; without it, nothing else, whatever it may be, is enjoyable.

—Schopenhauer.
Build early for Good Health.
—Birdseye.

To know that I have achieved is my award.—A Florida Club Member.

Get your vitamins from the garden—in your food—and not at the drug store.

FIVE FLORIDA BOYS WIN TRIP TO CHICAGO

Leave Tonight To Attend the Boys and Girls Congress

The five boys who have won free trips to the Boys' and Girls' Club Congress to be held in Chicago, November 30 to December 2, will meet J. Lee Smith, district agent of the Florida Agricultural Extension Service, in Jacksonville tonight and take the Dixie Flyer for Chicago. They should arrive at their destination before noon Sunday, and will make headquarters at the Hotel LaSalle.

Vernon Simmons, Hillsborough county, will make the trip given by the Synthetic Nitrogen Products corporation to the boy having the best corn club record in the state, using calcium nitrate fertilizer. He produced 112½ bushels on one acre. Dillworth Carter, Jefferson county, made the trip for showing the grand champion fat barrow at the State Pig Club Show. The trip was given by the Farm and Live Stock Record.

Cleveland Armstrong, Nassau county, showed the reserve champion fat barrow, and won the trip offered by Armour & Company.

Ralph Arant, Santa Rosa county, will make the trip given by the L. & N. Railway company, to the champion club boy on their route.

O. C. Brown, Leon county, will make the trip given by the banks of Tallahassee to the best club boy in Leon county.

Books that are worn and yet are not to be thrown away, can be lacquered and made to look like new. Even though the backs need to be repaired, they can be gone over with the lacquer and detection will not be possible.

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SOCIAL and Personal News

Reception Given For Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mamie Lander, Grand Matron of Florida Eastern Stars, was the guest of honor at a reception given Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 o'clock at Highland Lakes hotel. The reception was given by Leigh chapter.

Other honor guests in the receiving line with Mrs. Lander were: Mrs. Letta Reck, of Avon Park, Grand Ruth; Mrs. Emma Saunders, of Fort Pierce, Grand Marshal; Mrs. Lulu Scott, of Sebring, Past Grand Matron; Walter Scott, of Sebring, Past Grand Patron, and Mrs. Ola Head, Worthy Matron of Leigh chapter.

The reception room was decorated with yellow chrysanthemums, ferns and palms, and during the afternoon punch was served by Mrs. Jack Head and Mrs. Mel Bass.

Those attending the reception were: Mesdames Mamie Lander, Ola Head, Letta Reck, Emma Saunders, H. J. Chance, Dave Skipper, W. W. McFarland, Mel Bass, Jack Head, L. M. Orr, Demos Mandis, Anna Lawhorn, G. A. Stebbins, A. C. West, H. A. Latham, W. D. Dorminey, S. E. Booth, R. Pringle, G. C. Daly, C. S. James, P. L. Rumpsa and William Dart; Misses Furlow Anderson and Mabel Seibert and Miss Hazel Mayes, of Fitzgerald, Ga.; Mayor C. S. Donaldson and Fred Stevens.

The out-of-town guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott, of Sebring; Claudia Christian, and Mrs. Effie G. Treadway, of Tavares; Mrs. Susan Stubbs, of Lakeland; Mrs. Nellie Webster, of Brookline, Mass.; Mrs. Jessie Harrison, of College Park, Ga., and Henry Lander, of Lakeland.

Many Attend Church-At-Home Meeting.

Many members of the Congregational church attended the "Church-At-Home" meeting in the church parlors last Tuesday evening. The program was in charge of the Covenant Circle, with Mrs. E. L. Thomson presiding.

Mrs. C. H. Schulte, of Glendale, Cal., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Merwin, and a member of the Pacific Board of Missions of the Congregational churches of the west coast, spoke very interestingly of the work of the missions on the west coast of Mexico. Miss Alice Davidson and Mrs. Max Will addressed the gathering on mission schools in Ceylon.

An interesting feature of the meeting was the "missionary clock" drill by 12 youngsters, each of whom represented an hour of the clock and recited a verse with missionary significance, each verse containing an invitation of Christ. The verses were written by Miss Davidson.

At the conclusion of the meeting refreshments were served and a social hour enjoyed.

Bridge Party For Miss Durrance.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jett entertained at bridge Wednesday evening, honoring Miss Mamie Lee Durrance, of Detroit, Mich. Bridge and 500 were enjoyed until a late hour, when refreshments were served to the following:

Mr. and Mrs. Durrah Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Roland Drott, Mr. and Mrs. Harris Muff, of Sebring; Misses Mamie Lee Durrance, Grace Reddick, Ethel Clark, Jerry Heim, and Lois Hart; Messrs. George Norman, Rodney Durrance, Check Grace, Stewart Thayer and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jett.

Mrs. Loomis Entertains Bridge Club.

Mrs. E. F. Loomis was hostess to the Wednesday Bridge club which met at her home Wednesday afternoon. The rooms were decorated with baskets of Fall flowers and after the game the hostess served refreshments. Club members present were: Mesdames; H. E. Godwin, Fred Head, P. L. Rumpsa, and C.

E. Lanier, T. A. McNicholas. The invited guests were: Mesdames Henry Tamm, Norton Smith, A. H. Able, C. P. Anderson and W. A. Marshall, and the hostess, Mrs. E. P. Loomis.

Dinner Party At Abrams Home.

At their Highland Lakes home last Sunday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Phil Abrams entertained a number of relatives at a dinner party. The guests were: Mrs. Rose Abrams, of Frostproof; Mr. and Mrs. H. Brodes, Miss Evelyn Brodes and Joe Brodes, of Fort Meade, and Mr. and Mrs. M. Weiner, of Bowling Green.

Mrs. George Harvey has as her guest Mrs. Herchel Allen of Monticello.

Mrs. J. J. Upchurch of Williston, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Epperson.

Missouri Lee Kemp spent Thanksgiving as the guest of her sister, in Lakeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Durrah Martin and Mrs. Roland Drott were visiting in Tampa, Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harris Muff, of Sebring, were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Drott.

R. T. Johnston, of Chicago, Ill., is spending the winter in Avon Park as the home of his sister, Mrs. J. S. Francis.

Mrs. Effie G. Treadway and family of Tavares were the week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Reck.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Williams, who have been visiting in Avon Park for the past week, have returned to their home in Perry, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. George Hearn and children, of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., have arrived in Avon Park and have leased the Pringle home in Highland Lakes for the winter.

Mrs. Letta Reck is spending the week with Mrs. Mamie Lander, Grand Matron of the Order of Eastern Stars, and attending the Grand Matron's official visits on the West Coast.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Haskins, of Tavares, spent the week-end visiting their daughter, Mrs. H. F. Reck, and attended the official visit of Mrs. Lander to Leigh Chapter, O. E. S.

The members of the Episcopal Guild met Wednesday afternoon at the Parish house. The ladies spent the afternoon sewing for their bazaar which will be held next Thursday, Dec. 5th. After the meeting refreshments were served.

Rev. Hancock Ill.

Stricken with illness a short time before the commencement of the Thanksgiving Day exercises at the high school auditorium, Rev. A. H. Hancock, pastor of the Methodist church, was unable to appear on the program. His condition was improved last night and the clergyman is expected to occupy his pulpit on Sunday.

DeAnguera in Town.

Ferd DeAnguera, former manager of the Pine Crest Lakes Country club, and now connected with the Chicago office of the Pine Crest company, arrived in this city last Saturday to inspect the progress made on the new addition to the club house.

Demonstration Club Meeting.

Avon Park women who are interested in making candied orange peel, jellies and marmalades, are invited to attend the meeting of the Senior Home Demonstration club next Thursday afternoon at the Masonic Temple. The meeting will start at 2 o'clock.

GENERAL NEWS OVER FLORIDA THIS WEEK

Industrial, Financial and Agricultural News Of Interest

With the first refrigerator movement of strawberries for the current season being forwarded from Plant City Saturday night, the opening salvo has been fired in a berry-production season which is expected to eclipse all former records. The shipment of 24 quarts yesterday by Mayor Commissioner E. W. Wiggins, who paid growers \$1.50 per quart, is one of the heaviest initial forwardings in recent years.

Approximately 300,000 of the new green and white Florida automobile license tags for 1930 will be distributed among the various tag agencies of the state this week and will be placed on sale Dec. 15. An act of the 1929 legislature authorized the manufacture of smaller tags for 1930 than in past years. The smaller tags will eliminate much disfigurement that has been inflicted on the larger tags and they will be harder to alter.

Two carloads of pure bred cattle to be used in the breeding of high-grade beef herds will arrive in Tallahassee from Tennessee, the first of the week for distribution among farmers of West Florida. The live stock board has been assisting the farmers in the importing of good animals and the grading up of range cattle. The 58 bulls and heifers in this shipment have been purchased for farmers in Levy, Suwannee, Columbia and the more western counties of the state.

Frozen orange juice in solid form and put up in a package like a carton of butter, is among the probabilities of the future merchandising program of the ice cream manufacturer. Extracted and solidified by a continuous freezing process at plants located in the orange growing centers, it will be shipped under solidified dioxide refrigeration, held in cold rooms by ice cream manufacturers and distributed by them through their dealers. Orange growers in Florida are stated to have already carried the project beyond the experimental stage and to be prepared to begin large scale production at an early date.

Forty-seven percent of Florida's homes are wired and receive daily electrical service, according to a report issued by the National Electric Light association in the October number of Domestic Commerce, a monthly bulletin issued by the United States Department of Commerce. In commenting upon the statement, the Florida State Chamber of Commerce says this places Florida second among the group of southern states in the use of electric lights based upon the ratio of meters installed in homes.

Sale of the Leesburg Grass Fibre Pulp company of Leesburg to the Serviced Products corporation of Chicago for \$50,000 was announced at Leesburg Saturday by some of the stockholders. The plant has been idle for several years, but Serviced company plans call for early operation of the mill in the manufacture of paper and other products.

Inauguration of a county-wide movement looking to the establishing in Lake county of a fish hatchery was one of the principal items of business which featured the November session of the board of directors of Lake county chamber of commerce at Tavares last Friday.

Some people go through life touching red hot poker to see if they will get burned.

"I forget" may go in court but it won't when a woman is cross-examining her husband.

Trees should be planted so as not to hide desirable views, but rather to frame them.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR DECEMBER 1, 1929.
SUBJECT: The Christian Home in a Modern World.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Honor thy father and mother." Eph. 6:2.

LESSON TEXTS: Luke 2:40-52. Individual homes are the foundation of our communities, states and nation. In Deut. 6, God said, "These words, which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart: and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children." The following are said to be good definitions of a home:

"The place where the small are great and the great are small"; "The father's kingdom, the mother's world, and the child's paradise"; "The place where our faults are hidden under a mantle of charity."

A real home does not consist of the house, nor the furnishings, nor the amount of worldly pleasure it affords. A home, whether large or small, rich or poor, should be a place of mutual self denial, sympathy, forbearance and love among its members. In a home there must be government and obedience. Discipline and observance of proper rules are as important as love and forbearance. A good set of rules on this subject is contained in Col. 3:20-21, "Children, obey your parents in all things: for this is well pleasing unto the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children to anger, lest they be discouraged." In every home there should be love and loyalty among the children, between the children and the parents, and between the parents themselves; and no home can be complete without love, loyalty and obedience to God's laws.

Therefore the study of God's word in the home is essential to its completeness. Our lesson today tells of the childhood and home life of Jesus. Luke 2:40 says, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him." This was the first twelve years of Christ's life. Under the law of Israel a boy became "A son of law" at the age of twelve years, and began attending the annual feasts.

Our lesson continues, "Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year to the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast." This passover feast was the first that Jesus had attended. "And when they fulfilled the (7) days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem."

They traveled in large caravans, the men and the women and the children in separate companies. At the end of the first day they missed Jesus, "And they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back to Jerusalem, seeking him." After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking questions." Just when the child Jesus began to know that he was the Son of God and was to represent Him on earth we do not know; but often parents do not understand their children.

Children are often wiser than their parents think, and their information is often got from bad sources, because the parent will not take the time nor the trouble to inform them.

Mary said, "Son, why hast thou dealt thus with us? And he said, 'Wist ye not that I must be about my father's business?'" "Father" here means God, and "business" probably refers to his work on earth as Son of God, preparation of the plan of salvation, and teaching the word of God and the means of redemption. Then Jesus went down with Mary and Joseph to Nazareth "And was subject unto them."

For the next eighteen years the boy Jesus was obedient to his parents, and appears to have worked as a carpenter in their home. After this visit to the temple we hear no more of Joseph. Just how Jesus spent these 18 years from his first visit to the temple until he began his three years ministry, at 30 of thirty, we are not told.

that he was subject unto his earthly parents.

Doubtless time was found for studying the Scripture and for worship of God. One of the books asks this question, "What would be the 'fathers business' for boys and girls today?"

"And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man." Do the parents who read this, conduct their homes so that their sons will increase in the wisdom or favor of God? Do the children in your home obey the command, "Honor thy father and thy mother?" If not, whose is the fault?

HINTS TO HOUSEWIVES

Weekly from Home Demonstration Specialists, Tallahassee

TO REMOVE GREASE FROM CARPETS.

Substances recommended for taking grease out of a carpet are ammonia, saltpeter, ox gall, chloroform, ether, gasoline, fuller's earth, potter's clay, and various combinations of these.

To Remove Paint.

To remove paint spots from windows, soften them with hot, strong vinegar, and rub a copper or silver coin over them to loosen the paint.

To Remove Putty.

To remove putty, go over it with a red-hot poker or other hot iron, taking care not to touch the paint on the window sashes. When the putty is hot, slip a dull knife blade between it and the woodwork and it will readily come off. Any other method that will remove putty is likely to injure the paint on the sashes.

Or apply two or three coats of paraffin oil by means of a small brush, allowing each coat a half-hour or more to penetrate before the next one is applied.

Of apply soft soap freely by means of a brush. In a short time the hardened linseed oil is dissolved, making the putty plastic, so that it can be readily removed.

To Polish Windows.

Polish windows with dry chamolis or tissue paper or an old newspaper slightly moistened.

Of apply with a moistened rag powdered indigo, pumice stone, or fuller's earth, and polish.

Or fold a piece of cheesecloth and put a quantity of pulverized pumice stone between the folds, stitching around the edge to keep the powder from spilling. Polish chimneys and window panes with this prepared cloth. It give a high polish instantly and will last a long time.

WRUF Farm Program.

Gainesville, Nov. 30.—A new farm program for next week Radio Station WRUF, state station at the University of Florida, has just been announced. Florida Agricultural Experiment Station. The program will run from 1 to 1:30 Eastern Time each week day, an station's new frequency: kilocycles—about the most radio dials.

A brief outline follows: Nov. 30—Agriculture.

Dec. 2—Diseases on the Adult Bee—R. E. T. inspector, State Plan.

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Dec. 3—Chats from U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Department of Agriculture Replies To Medfly Criticism

Answers Letter Regarding
Publicity on Last Infestation Found

Orlando, Nov. 27.—(Special)—Fly eradication headquarters has made public without comment reply to a prominent orange grower in the vicinity of Mount Dora who wrote objecting to news made public concerning a new fruit fly infestation found on Nov. 16. Full knowledge of the facts makes this occurrence a cause for confidence on the part of growers and the public rather than cause for alarm, in the opinion of the fly eradication workers. The letter written to T. S. Hufford, citrus grower of Mount Dora, by L. R. Warner, agent, United States Department of Agriculture, follows:

"Your letter of Nov. 18 to Dr. Wilmon Newell has been referred to the writer to answer during Dr. Newell's absence. He is at present in Washington. Your complaint concerning publication by some newspapers of the finding of a Mediterranean fruit fly infestation on Nov. 16 is noted carefully.

"However, there is evidence that many citrus growers who have followed the eradication work closely since its beginning in order that they might keep thoroughly posted, will not agree with you that this news item reciting simply the precise facts was 'adverse publicity,' as you characterized it. Nor will they agree that the publication of a truthful statement of fact is under the circumstances unfavorable to the best interests of the citrus industry of Florida.

"As a matter of fact, you will find some very intelligent growers who consider this particular occurrence a real cause for confidence. The discovery of the new fruit fly infestation near Minerville in Orange county last Saturday should not create the disturbance which such discoveries caused last spring. On the contrary, growers and others and others well posted concerning the true situation should go about their business undisturbed, secure in the confidence that this new infestation will be handled promptly and properly.

"By coincidence this was the one place the original discovery of the infestation of this fruit fly in Florida is for April. The last previous infestation to be discovered, the 'The one' was in a distant county and the ground on August 27. That was But pks ago.

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tations would not be discovered. No thinking person for a moment felt that absolutely all the flies had been killed off. Where there had been such a large fly population it was only reasonable to believe that here or there a few flies must have survived unobserved by even the sharpest eyes which sought them. It is one thing to destroy flies where literally thousands are all about; and it is quite another thing to seek for four or five flies in, say, a 50-acre grove. Of course, four or five flies left to their own devices before long would breed into an uncomfortably large fly population. That is precisely why the quarantine regulations have continued and trained searchers have been continued in fields and groves.

"This particular discovery, therefore, only goes to prove that there is in commission an inspection service capable of detecting the presence of the flies when they begin to breed. There is also reason to hope that with the infestation located the flies in that immediate vicinity will be eliminated shortly.

"Last Spring when the eradication methods were unproven, when many were uncertain whether these eradication methods were or were not really accomplishing results, there may have been cause for public alarm. Now, in view of the records of accomplishment, a few additional infestations, beyond spreading growers and the public to a closer observance of the quarantine regulations, are only what the better posted citrus men expected and should not cause undue alarm.

"By this time you have noted that in face of the finding of this new infestation the Plant Quarantine and Control Administration at Washington has since relaxed the quarantine regulations to permit the shipment of citrus fruits from both within and without the eradication area to a number of southern and western states which previously were closed to them. It is thus self-evident that the Plant Quarantine and Control Administration was not alarmed at this discovery, nor were the entomological authorities of other states.

"The owner of this particular orange grove and the owners of adjacent grove properties have given no indication of alarm.

"Instead, it has been to some of them a justification of the quarantine regulations, particularly of that regulation concerning the picking up of drops. This particular grove was in good condition. Dropped fruit had been kept picked up carefully. As a result when on this day the tree from which the infested fruit came began to shed fruit freely, it attracted prompt attention of the inspectors. The result was the quick location of an infestation, and while it was quite light. As a consequence only 121 boxes of fruit from adjacent trees were destroyed; and the grove owner is able to ship the balance of his crop, under sterilization, to any but the 18 southern and western states.

"It is true, Mr. Hufford, that a complete suppression of all news concerning fruit fly eradication work as you suggest, might build some confidence on the part of growers and the public; but it would be the false confidence borne of ignorance. It would be the sort of confidence which would go to pieces utterly in the face of rumors circulated by word of mouth. And our experience here in Florida has shown that these same rumors are the one thing most to be feared. People will talk; and in the absence of definite printed statements of truthful fact there is no curb upon imagination or inaccuracy.

"In this particular instance, before the newspaper item of which you complain made its appearance, this office was called upon to answer telephone calls from various places over the peninsula, some at quite a distance. Word of mouth transportation of the news even corrupted Minerville to 'Miami' and caused considerable alarm in places. Again this particular infestation was found in ripe Homocassas oranges but before any newspaper mention was made of the fact the word had spread wide. It had been found in green

intention on the part of any one in these offices to spread news of alarming nature. On the contrary the best efforts have for months have been directed toward curbing as far as possible false alarms which were being carelessly spread. The most effective method yet found to accomplish this is to give out brief, accurate and clear statements of fact, eliminating opinions or comment.

"Generally speaking the newspapers and agricultural publications of Florida have realized the situation and have made an effort to co-operate. However, these mediums have their limitations. It has been manifestly impossible for them to print all of the news and details concerning the eradication work. Therefore, they have not been asked to do so. Yet it would seem that if it had been possible to acquaint each and every resident of the state with all these details accurately and truthfully, the citrus industry of Florida today might be in a better position than it is. For confidence borne of full knowledge of the facts is a firm confidence, and has not the weakness of that false confidence and sense of security which comes of ignorance.

"The frank and outspoken nature of your letter is appreciated. It is to be hoped that it excuses the length of this reply. Your careful consideration of the foregoing facts and conclusions is urged. If, following your consideration of these, you find yourself still in disagreement it will be a pleasure to hear from you at your later convenience."

Cases Filed In Office Clerk Circuit Court

Cases filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court during the past week include the following:

Florence H. Crews vs. Estate of William King, Mary A. King, executrix.

Susan Peterbaugh, survivor and heir at law of Levi Peterbaugh, vs. Henry B. Lane et al. (2 suits).

For Results Use The Avon Park Times.

FIRST REPORTS FROM PERSONAL TAX LAW

Collections Show Big Increase Over Those of Last Year

By F. JACK LACEY.

Tallahassee, Nov. 27.—Up to November 13th, 18 Florida counties had replied to queries sent them regarding payment of personal taxes in order that 1930 automobile tags might be issued. Two thousand five hundred and eighty receipts had been issued for a total collection of \$17,575, not including a discount of 5 per cent. As it will not be necessary to secure the new tags for a few weeks to come, effect of the amendment to this law cannot be accurately estimated, although each county making a report showed that the collections were well over the amounts paid in by this time last year. Two incentives are given the payer of personal taxes: One is the large discount and the other is because of the fact that without a personal tax receipt, no automobile tags will be issued. Regardless of which reason is causing the increase in payments the reports prove that Florida citizens are in better financial shape than last year and in positions to take advantage of the new discounts. There is no question in the minds of officials and private citizens alike, however, but that the amendments to the license tag law will result in many thousands of dollars paid into the tax fund which did not reach there last year when but five percent of automobile owners paid personal taxes. This money together with the money received from the delinquent tax boards and the million cut off from the actual operating expense of government administration, will be "new money" and will go towards placing the state of Florida on a better financial basis and is a favorable factor towards the continual reduction of the burden of government expenses as carried by each individual property owner. A number of other counties made reports but did not include amounts they had been paid. With but two exceptions, out of a total of 26 replies, all stated that tax payments, both real and personal, were being met at a rate at least 25 percent better than last year. Reports are to be obtained from the balance of the 67 counties will give an accurate account of the situation. As an example, Dade county reported that while it could not give the amount of payments as yet, a total of 103,000 receipts had been issued, as against 33,000 last year.

\$20,000 Now Available By Hotel Department For Advertising State

Tallahassee, Nov. 27.—For the first time in the history of the state of Florida's hotel department, substantial aid is to be given the hotel and restaurant owners of the state in an advertising campaign to be started next month. Through a surplus made possible through the management of Commissioner Ben H. Bostain, approximately \$20,000 is available for advertising purposes. Governor Doyle E. Carlton this week sanctioned the first of the expenditures and authorized the location in Chicago and New York, of large bill boards inviting through attractive illustrations of the Florida climate and pastime features, visitors to the state this winter. The boards will be located on Broadway in New York and at Michigan and Randolph avenues in Chicago. They will remain as a part of Florida's invitation to the north, for the next three months, according to a contract entered into with the agents for the locations.

When putting up strawberry preserves this spring, save the small inferior berries for strawberry juice. It may be canned for use during the year in beverages, sauces or gelatin desserts.

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THE SUGAR

By TOM CURRY

(Continued from page two)

to someone, and have a friendly reply given him. Durham flattered him as much as possible, without being too clumsy about it.

"Yes, I'm gonna lie low fer a while," said Durham at last, in reply to a question. "See, I'll git a little sugar an' den take it easy till Sullivan's busy on somethin' else."

Saggerty was rather close-mouthed about himself, but he finally asked Durham to sleep on his couch for the night. The sleuth consented, after a show of indecision.

In the morning, Saggerty went out and brought in some food and the papers. "See if dey say anyt'ing about dat bull," he said.

Like most crooks of his kind, Saggerty read the papers to see his own exploits glorified; of course, he was interested in the shooting affray of the previous night and knew that Durham would want to know what happened to his victim.

"Well, he ain't dead yet," said Durham finally, and handed over the paper to his new friend. Carefully, Sullivan had called an ambulance the moment he returned to the side of the supposedly wounded cop; he had bundled the officer into it and rushed him to the hospital. Then he had given out the story, claiming the cop was badly wounded.

The glorification of Durham in print seemed to snap the bonds of Saggerty's tongue; he talked much more freely, hinting that he was no slouch at crime himself.

They played cards most of the day, and grew very friendly over their liquor. On the second night Durham spent with Saggerty, the latter tentatively suggested that they do a "job" together.

"Aw, right," agreed Durham. "Shake."

They shook hands on the new partnership. "I'll have to be careful," said Durham. "Don't wanna be seen. But we kin do a stick-up easy enough."

"Sure," said Saggerty eagerly. "I need money bad. What d'you say to a small jeweler's?"

"Well, dat'd be O. K. On'y we'd have to fence what we got. D'you know any Fagins? I had a beauty, on'y he went an' got hisself caught; dat's how Sullivan picked me off, see? Nabbed me when I was goin' in fer orders. Luckily I didn't have no swag on me, an' dey couldn't make me squeal. Levy didn't, either."

"Don't worry; I got a good fence," said Saggerty. "Cohen'll take all de sparklers we kin give him."

Durham whistled. "Cohen?" he said. "Which one?"

"Yippy, Yippy Cohen. Why?"

"I use to know him. Where is he now? He's a good guy. I t'ought dey got him a couple years ago."

The sleuth was ferreting for information. He noted the address which the unsuspecting Saggerty, anxious to show he was as well versed in crookdom as his new-found friend, told him.

"Yuh done much bus'ness wid Yippy? Is he O. K.?" asked Durham.

"Sure. Me an' me ol' partner—"

Saggerty paused. "Yer partner?" Durham rose. "Say, I didn't know youse already had a pal!" Durham acted as though he were about to leave.

"Siddown, kid, siddown. He ain't me pal any more. Youse are. Him and me split. Or he did. We done a hold-up not long ago; after dat, Simmy quit me. He fought over nuttin' at all, an' it hurt me feelin'."

"Yeh? Simmy, did yuh say? Simmy who?"

Saggerty shot a glance of suspicion at Durham. "What d' yuh—" he began.

"I'll tell yuh why. I heard Sullivan talkin' with anudder dick about a guy name Simmy—Simmy—what the hell was his name—"

Again, Saggerty was disarmed. "Simmy Urther?" he supplied.

"Dat's it!" cried Durham. "Urther, Simmy Urther!"

The sleuth shut his lips, and tried to change the subject. But Saggerty was intensely interested. "What'd de bulls say about Simmy?" he asked.

"Oh, I didn't listen much. Somethin' about how dis Urther had got

forty grand in diamond's, an' dey was lookin' fer him. De jeweler describes Urther, an' de dicks foun' him in de records."

"What?"

Saggerty began to curse; Durham looked at him in well simulated surprise, as Saggerty, springing to his feet, went to a bureau drawer and took out an automatic pistol. Unprepared for this, Durham's blood ran cold for an instant; he thought he had gone too far in his false tales and had really aroused Saggerty's suspicions, perhaps confirmed them.

But Saggerty, with a black brow slipped the automatic pistol in his pocket, and covered the butt with the flap.

"Where yuh goin', kid?" asked Durham surprised.

"Never min'. Youse wait here. I'll be back pretty soon. Don't leave dis room, understand? I'll see youse later."

Durham shrugged. "Oh, aw right, kid. But yuh better lemme help yuh."

"I can ten' to dis meself. S'long."

It was about eleven o'clock, and the streets downtown were deserted, so that Durham, who had slipped out a few moments after Saggerty, was forced to shadow his man quite a distance. Saggerty seemed to know where he was going, and to be very intent on it; he walked straight on with long strides, and Durham on the opposite side of the street, to the rear, had little difficulty.

Saggerty first entered an apartment house not three blocks from his own room; Durham, hesitating about following the fellow into this place, was glad of his fears, for Saggerty came out almost immediately and started off again.

For hours, Durham tailed Saggerty from joint to joint. Saggerty would enter a saloon or dive, look about, question the proprietor, and then stalk out.

Finally, about three in the morning, Saggerty entered a joint down a side alleyway, and after looking around and speaking to the proprietor, he sat down. Durham, who had only been able to see what went on in one or two of the more open places, waited outside for half an hour.

Saggerty had evidently tired of his quest, for he did not appear; probably he was drinking and resting. Durham was wondering if he should return to the suspect's room in his quest, or if he should try to get into the place unobserved by Saggerty to see what the fellow was up to.

Durham was across the street from the alleyway which led to the entrance of the joint; one or two customers had come along and gone in, and a cab drew up and a couple of men whom Durham could not identify or even see clearly, got out, said the driver, and went down the alley.

A minute later, the sounds of shots had come clearly to him. Men were pouring out of the place, running up or down the alleyway; Durham bumped into several and they impeded his progress. "Cheese it," gasped one of them. "De joint's ruined, a guy was shot!"

Durham finally made his way into the place, and there, lying on the floor with two shots in him, one of which had passed neatly through his brain and another into his breast, lay Saggerty, still warm, but dead as a doornail.

Durham grabbed the proprietor, who was cowering behind the bar. "Who did this?" he said sternly.

"God help us, I dunno," wailed the man. "Dis boy was sittin' here, scowlin' an' drinkin', when somebody fired through the window dere and killed him."

Durham returned to Sullivan, after speaking with the officer on the beat, who was soon at hand.

The young sleuth told his partner of all that had transpired.

"Now we are stuck," said Durham.

"Seems to me the only thing to do is to go get this Yippy Cohen," said Sullivan.

Durham agreed. It was four A. M. before they came to the dingy room where the fence had his home and office. They knocked quietly; there was no answer.

But finally, after five minutes of

waiting, someone inside asked them who was there. It was a quavering, frightened voice, and full of sleep.

"Open the door or we'll break it in," said Sullivan gruffly. He kicked the panel viciously.

The door was opened; a small man, with large, scared eyes stood quaking before them.

"What yuh want, huh?"

"You're Cohen, eh?" said Sullivan, pushing inside and laying hand on the fence.

"I ain't done nuttin'!"

The two sleuths were pleased at Cohen's aspect; they knew they could frighten him into telling what they wanted to know. They set about a systematic bullying and questioning which drove the fence to the depths of despair and fear.

"We want this Simmy Urther," said Sullivan at last. "Give us Simmy. Where's the stones he sold you from the Stevens' robbery?"

"Stones? Was dey from Stevens? My God, mister, I didn't know. He on'y has brung me a few. I swear it."

They ransacked the place, and found several lots of jewels in cunningly chosen hiding places. Cohen wailed and whined; but he pointed out the stones which he said Urther had brought to him. There were but a few thousand dollars' worth of them, and they seemed, as near as the two sleuths could tell, to fit the description of Stevens' stolen diamonds.

"Well, he'll probably come back with more," said Sullivan at last. "Now, we're going to let you go, Cohen. You stay here and carry on business as usual. Understand?"

"Yes, sir. Yes, sir."

The two were very weary, and they sent for shadows to hold the fort while they rested. It was unlikely that Urther, whom Cohen had described minutely for them, would appear during the day.

Sullivan and Durham took up their stand the next evening about ten o'clock. Only one man had gone in to see the fence in the intervening time, and it was not Urther.

For hours the two detectives loitered about across the street from the receiver's, talking and smoking to while away the time.

Three o'clock sounded, a sedan drew up at Cohen's door, and a man, carrying a small black bag, got out and hurried inside.

They watched the windows of Cohen's apartment, for the agreed-on signal. Five minutes later the shades were pulled down, and the lights blinked on and off, then on again.

The two drew their guns, and hurried across the street. They tiptoed up the stairs; Cohen's door was slightly ajar, as they had ordered, and they listened for a moment to the voices within.

"I gotta beat it. How much fer de lot?"

"Twenty is the best I can do," said Cohen.

"What? You robber! Dey's worth thirty-five grand any day, whoseals."

"Twenty is the price," said Cohen coldly, for in bargaining he was without fear.

With a signal of the eye to Durham, Sullivan led the way into the receiver's, and with drawn guns the two sleuths confronted the fence and the slim, brown-haired youth who turned on them with a curse, only to raise his hands as he saw their ready guns.

"Simmy Urther, yuh're under arrest," said Sullivan, and the cuffs clinked. They took away a pistol, and a pair of brass knuckles from the prisoner, who scowlingly submitted to arrest.

Urther, the man who had done the actual stick-up in the Stevens job, was not talkative at first; but the possession of the swag was enough to convict him. Then Mr. Stevens thought he could identify the youth, now that he saw him.

"You and your pal, Saggerty, did that job," said Durham, as they questioned their prisoner at Headquarters. "What did you kill Saggerty for? Heard he was gunning for you, I suppose, and got him first. Is that right?"

"I didn't kill Saggerty."

Nor could the detectives ever gather enough evidence to indict Urther for the shooting. He had been too careful about it, and even the caliber and his gun was different from the bullets which had shot the other thief.

But at last, since he saw he would be convicted on the hold-up charge, Urther consented to talk

about that.

"Yeh, I got de diamonds dat day. I had 'em in me pocket when I walked out an' went up de street. See, Saggerty an' me were too careful to hurry off together an' be seen. Makes it less dangerous to split."

"If I got any jewels, I was to take 'em to Cohen dat night an' fence 'em, den split de sugar wid Saggerty. I was gonna do it, was on me way, in fac', when I bought a paper to see what it said 'bout de stick-up. Well, I coulda dropped dead when I see I hadn't got nuttin' but a hundred and fifty bucks! I couldn't believe me eyes—"

—was the gems fake? I buy all de papers, an' sure enough all of 'em say we got a hundred and fifty on'y. Well, what would youse do? Or any bright guy? I held off, an' showed Saggerty de papers an' split de cash wid him, sayin' nuttin' about de gems. A day or so later, I pretended to fight wid him, see, an' den I tol' him to go hell. But I went right to Cohen's, an' fenced a few of the sparklers, jus' to see if dey was good. Yeh, dey was! So I knew I had enough cash to live wid me bimbo fer quite a while. On'y I hadda be sure Saggerty didn't realize what I'd done. I heard he was gunnin' fer me—"

"You heard he was gunning for you," finished Durham, "and you went right out with a pal and shot him dead through that window. Then you took the remainder of the Stevens' gems to Cohen, with the idea of leaving the city for a while. And that cleans it up!"

Will Plant Tomatoes.

Stuart, Fla.—Over 600 acres of tomatoes will probably be planted in Martin county this season, C. P. Heuck, county agent, believes.

Early spring, before the first flies have arrived, is the best time to screen the house.

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Legal Advertisement.

APPOINTMENT OF ELECTION OFFICIALS

I, C. S. Donaldson, by authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Avon Park, Florida, do hereby appoint as Inspectors and Clerk of a General Election to be held in the Council Chambers of the City of Avon Park, on December 3rd, 1929, the following to-wit:

Inspectors:
W. M. RECK
S. E. BOOTH

G. E. WRAY
F. S. PRIOR, Clerk.
Given under my hand this 19th day of November, 1929.
C. S. DONALDSON,
Mayor.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE NINTH 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 23 East, of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 13, Township 33 South and Range 23 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.

Nov. 8-15-22-29 D. V. ROUSE, Special Master.

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 8:00 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.

Said election all qualified electors of the City of Avon Park shall be allowed to vote at the polls. Done in the City of Avon Park, Florida, this 6th day of November, A. D. 1929.

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

Attest: LOUISE BROWNE, City Clerk.

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NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATOR.

(For Final Decree) 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, I, J. L. MASTER, 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, Administrator.

Nov. 15-Jan. 10-Incl. Administrator.

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CIRCUIT COURT TO HEAR CIVIL CASES NEXT WEEK

Bank and Other Criminal
Cases Are Set For Week
December 9

Circuit court reconvenes Monday morning with the civil cases set for trial for that day and the succeeding days during the week. Nothing of any great importance appears on the docket and it is expected that the cases will be disposed of in short order. The jury names drawn for next week are as follows: C. L. Johnson, Wm. J. Weiner, H. D. Keen, W. B. Zimmerman, L. Prescott, Geo. W. Boney, J. A. Jackson, Henry Taylor, P. S. Heath, C. H. Rhyne, F. S. Jordan, A. M. Godwin, C. C. Cobb, Lewis Williams, B. L. Adams, W. B. Parker, Paul L. Rumpsa and Neal Summeralls.

For the criminal trials which have been set for the week of December 9, 100 names have been drawn for the jury list. These names have not been made public as yet and probably the persons drawn will not be served until some time next week. The trials of the officials of the defunct Highlands Bank and Trust company are set for that week and hearing of these cases is set for Tuesday, December 10. Eighteen indictments were returned at the recent sitting of a special grand jury and charged officers of the closed bank with various offenses against the banking laws of the state.

Other indictments brought in by the regular grand jury are also set for this week and these cases will be heard by Judge W. J. Barker while the bank cases will be heard by Judge John U. Bird. The bank cases are expected to be handled by Attorneys L. L. Fabisinski and L. Grady Burton for the state and by Attorneys E. D. Treadwell and W. D. Bell of Arcadia and Guy A. Andrews for the defense, the latter representing Walter I. Moyer.

MERWINS CELEBRATE GOLDEN WEDDING DAY

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P. Davidson and Miss Alice S. Davidson. A poem, written especially for the golden anniversary by Rev. A. P. Vaughn, pastor of the Congregational church, was also recited.

The Merwin home was attractively decorated with baskets of roses, mums and ferns. Serving refreshments to the visitors were Mrs. C. H. Shepard and Mrs. Frances Clark.

The out-of-town guests were: Mrs. D. H. Hall, of Glen Falls, N. Y.; Miss Doris Austin, of Orlando, and Miss Norma Roco, of Rochester, N. Y.

At Lake Byrd Lodge on Sunday the Merwins were entertained at dinner. The guests were: Mr. and Mrs. M. T. Merwin; Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Merwin; Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Vaughn; Mrs. G. H. Schulte and Mrs. Van Wie.

Fudge To Begin Disease Work at Citrus Station

The appointment of Dr. B. R. Fudge as assistant chemist at the Citrus Experiment Station at Lake Alfred is announced by Dr. R. W. Ruprecht, Station chemist. He will investigate dieback and chlorosis of citrus, principally.

Dr. Fudge, who is a graduate of Clemson College, S. C., and Rutgers University, N. J., succeeds Dr. J. Franklin Fudge, who resigned recently. The two are no relation.

Poultry Men Will Meet on Wednesday

A caponizing demonstration will be the feature of the regular monthly meeting of the Highlands County Poultry Association next Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The meeting will be held at Sebring.

Discussion of exhibits for the county fair next year will be held, and all members are urged to be present at the meeting.

X-Rays Now Sent Cross Continent by Telegraph



TELEPHOTOGRAPH RECEIVING MACHINE: Electrical impulses control beam of light playing on sensitized film.

If you were to sustain a serious injury of an unusual character in Los Angeles or Atlanta and your doctor was somewhat dubious about the character of the injury and its proper treatment it is not at all unlikely that he would have an x-ray taken of the injury and send the x-ray to a specialist in New York for diagnosis. You might be injured in the morning and by early afternoon the specialist's opinion would be in your doctor's hands. This is just another instance of the manner in which telephotographs are employed. The medical and dental professions, ever alert to seize new opportunities and to employ modern inventions for the benefit of their patients and humanity as a whole, have been quick to take advantage of this newest and most rapid means of transmitting pictures between distant cities.

It is not unusual for a doctor to turn over to the Western Union in St. Louis, Atlanta, Chicago or Boston an x-ray picture, upon which is written a short explanation of the case, covered by

the picture, with instructions that it be transmitted over the telephotograph wires to a specialist in New York. Nor is it uncommon for a dental surgeon to telegraph a distant city for x-ray pictures of the teeth of a patient who has had the x-ray taken in the distant city. In this case the x-ray of the teeth is sent by telephotograph and is in the dentist's hands in a few hours after he has filed his telegraphic request.

Doctors and dentists are not the only users of this new scientific service which is at present available between New York, Chicago, Atlanta, St. Louis, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Cleveland. Style experts who wish to rush pictures of the latest styles to inland points in as short a time as possible after they have been received in New York on trans-Atlantic greyhounds also send the pictures by wire. Many business men employ telephotographs in a variety of ways to their own particular advantage. The illustrations show several ways in which the medical profession has successfully employed this new service.

Thanksgiving Day At Church of God

Thanksgiving Day was observed at the Church of God, South Fairfield avenue and Fourth street, with a special service on last evening at 7:15 o'clock. The following program was given by members of the Sunday school:

Recitation, "Why We Keep Thanksgiving," Monette Crutchfield; drill, "Thanksgiving," Cradle Roll department; vocal duet, "Give Thanks and Sing," Lucille and Alice Greensmyre; recitation, "Give Thanks," Ruby Landers; recitation, "Thanksgiving," Irene Elland; vocal duet, "Praise Is a Comely Thing," Iva Smith and Nerise Williams; exercise, "For What To Give Thanks," by nine small children; recitation, "This Is My Father's World," Ruthie DeLaney; recitation, "This Happy Festival Day," Nerise Williams; recitation, "Dost Thou," Ruthie DeLaney, Louise Simpson and Margaret Langston; song, "Thanksgiving," six boys; recitation, "Freely Ye Have Received, Freely Give," Myrtle Godwin; recitation, "Today," Evelyn Hammond.

Railroad Man Coming.

F. A. Truan, freight auditor of the Southern Railway at Atlanta, who recently bought the Nicholas place on Lake Damon, writes Mayor Donaldson that he is about to ship some furniture down from Atlanta, and his family will occupy the cottage during the winter months. In the party will be his daughter, Mrs. Gray, and children, of Prince Frederick, Md., and other relatives from time to time. Judge Gray, Sr., also expects to come down and stop at Highland Lakes Hotel.

RED DEVILS ROMP ALL OVER COUNTY SEAT PLAYERS, 20-7

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came in the final quarter when Durrance romped across the goal line. And the extra point was made by the captain on a beautiful drop kick that cleared the bar by a big margin.

Sebring scored their lone touchdown on a "break." Durrance punted while near his own goal post and the ball dropped about eight yards from the Avon Park goal line. Pickett, of Sebring, was the only player near the ball and he picked it up and with ease set it over Avon Park's line. Young then kicked for the extra point and made it.

The Red Devils played the greatest game of the season, ending it with four games won, four lost and a tie for a 500 percentage. The total number of points scored against them was 90 while the points scored by the men of Carmichael was 133.

Along with Durrance, "Pot" Roberts and Wild great credit is given in yesterday's game to Cleo James, M. Roberts, J. Roberts, Epperson, Daley, Simpson, McClelland and Wilcox. They performed like veterans, giving perfect interference at all times and taking care of the visitors.

White, Mayo and Muff were the big guns of the Sebring boys.

The officials were: Referee, Bradley (Stetson), of Lake Wales; umpire, Hicks (Southern), of Sebring; head linesman, Anderson (Florida), of Avon Park; assistant head linesman, Melton (Mercer), of Avon Park.

Even the egg shell has its little yolk.

BANK FUTURE RESTS ON COUNTY OFFICERS

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manner that the \$12,000 figure suggested by the local bank committee would be acceptable. He said it was the distribution of stock among Avon Park people to inspire confidence in the proposed bank that the Jacksonville bank was interested in. They would be pleased if a sufficient number of people would take one share each of the remaining 49 per cent of the stock so as to assure the distribution they desired.

The housing proposition is still pending. Mr. Greening replied to the question as to where they will be located. In all probability the present national bank building will be utilized.

If the tax question is settled to the satisfaction of the Barnett interests on Monday the machinery will be set in motion immediately for the charter and a bank by Christmas or shortly thereafter looms as a possibility, Mr. Greening told The Times.

Another Grass Fire.

Another grass fire near the homes of Col. R. P. Davidson and J. L. Master was extinguished by the fire department Tuesday afternoon.

Want Ads

WANTED—Women, good wages, Avon Canning Co., next to Lake Byrd Packing Co. 39-1f

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. 1f

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

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