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ATTORNEY ANSWERS BOND MAN'S CHARGE

Lee Says He Will Not Desert
Ranks of Citizens at
This Time

Replying to the charge set out by L. Rittenoure in the latter's letter to council last week, Col. J. M. Lee, City Attorney, has submitted the following answer to the city council:

I have listened with interest, also humiliation, to the reading of the threatening communication from the Guarantee Title & Trust Co., a financial institution of Wichita, Kan., signed, presented and read to your body in public meeting on the 26th day of September, 1929, by L. Rittenoure, manager of their bond department, in which they demand my removal as City Attorney under threat to take legal action against your city in both State and Federal Court in the event you should refuse to accede to this demand and remove me from the office to which I have been elected.

It is indeed amusing to note the wonderful change that has come over this gentleman within the past two days and the reason he gives for such. Tuesday he was demanding the resignation of three members of the city council and other officials, because they had not levied an extreme burden of tax upon the citizenship of the town; at that time my services were entirely satisfactory to him, as shown by his answer to the direct question by Mr. DeLaney, conditioned of course, upon my doing just what he demanded of me in the future. This, as you will re-

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LEE WILL PROSECUTE WICHITA BOND HOUSE

To Base Action On Rittenoure's Letter Requesting
Council Fire Attorney

City Attorney J. M. Lee in an interview with The Times at his office last Saturday, announced that "in due course of time" he would prosecute a suit against the Guaranty Title and Trust company, of Wichita.

The action will be based on the letter read to council last week by L. Rittenoure, bond department manager of the Wichita concern, in which Mr. Rittenoure requested the council to discharge the city attorney, Mr. Lee stated.

Mr. Rittenoure asked the councilmen to select other legal assistance because, as he stated in the letter, he considered Col. Lee's ideas on collection of delinquent taxes as unsound, legally, and unfair to the citizenship of Avon Park.

Crowd To Witness Gator-Cadet Game

Avon Park will be well represented at the gridiron struggle between the University of Florida and the V. M. I. at Tampa tomorrow afternoon. Alumni of the U. of F., and their friends will be on hand to cheer the Gators to victory over the Cadets.

The Red Devils of Avon Park High school will attend the game through arrangements made by Coach Carmichael.

Incidentally, it was Mr. Carmichael that gave Cawthon, Clements and Sauls, of the Gators, their first gridiron lessons when they played on the Tallahassee High school squad in 1923 and 1924.

Ott Elected To Council Vacancy

C. N. Ott, prominent business man, has been elected the fifth member of the city council to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Councilman R. A. Stamey. Mr. Ott received the unanimous vote of the four members of the board, which fills the vacancies under the charter.

Mr. Ott is not a novice in the councilmanic game, he having served Avon Park for two terms in previous years. He will be inducted into office at the next meeting of the board.

GRADE SCHOOLS OPEN WITH 386 ENROLLED

Central City School Has 357
and Mill School 29, Prof.
Faurey Reports

School bells rang out in Avon Park Monday morning for the 1929-1930 term for the grade pupils, and enrollment figures given out by Prof. R. T. Faurey, supervising principal of the city's schools, show that 386 responded to the call. The central city school had 357 enrolled and the school in the industrial section had an enrollment of 29.

Despite the fact that the number of pupils is almost as great as last year, the staffs in the high school and the grade school are operating with four teachers less than in 1928-1929 term. There are three teachers less in the grade schools, although one vacancy is to be filled soon, and one less in the high school.

Miss Ann Wise has been appointed to the position of Miss Agatha Baker, resigned, and an

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Funeral of Mrs. Park Was Held Yesterday

Funeral services for Mrs. J. O. Park, aged 53 years, who died Wednesday, after a six months' illness, were held yesterday afternoon. Rev. C. C. Corner, of the Church of Christ, officiated, and burial was made at Bougainvillea cemetery. Lloyd Correll, made the funeral arrangements.

The casket bearers were: F. S. Jordan, B. H. James, H. L. Willford, E. O. Garrett, J. W. White and Thomas Russell.

Mrs. Park was born in Indiana in 1876, and lived in the mid-western state until coming to Avon Park in 1916. She is survived by Mr. Park and the following children: Mrs. Leon Ragsdale, Forest Park and Clair Park, of this city; and Hazel Keiger, of Indiana. Two sisters and a brother also survive.

Will Trim Shrubbbery To Prevent Accidents

Danger points at intersections along the Mall, where the foliage obstructs the views of motorists and pedestrians, came up for discussion at council meeting Wednesday, and as a result many of the plants and shrubbbery will be subjected to a trimming to prevent any accidents in the future. "Safety first for the people, we can plant again," was the statement of President DeLaney on the subject.

Want Road Clayed.

R. F. Sappington, Mrs. Crumley and Mr. Forbes, have asked the city to supervise the claying of a short street on which their property abuts, the owners to pay the expense. The matter has been referred to the city engineer.

THOMAS TAKES OVER REIGNS OF JACARANDA

Michigan Man Succeeds Raab,
Who Goes To St. Petersburg
In Near Future

L. E. Thomas, prominent hotel man of Walloon Lake, Mich., arrived in Avon Park Tuesday night and has taken over the management of The Jacaranda hotel. He was accompanied by Mrs. Thomas and their niece, Miss Catherine Seagraves, of Memphis, Tenn., who will spend the season here.

The new manager was selected by The Industrial Company, of Grand Rapids, Mich., who floated the bonds when the hotel was constructed a few years ago.

Managing Florida hotels is not a new experience to Mr. Thomas, he having operated the Fort Broward at Fort Lauderdale, and the Royal Poinciana fishing camp at Everglades in past years.

Mr. Thomas accompanied Ralph T. Willard, auditor for The Industrial Company, when the latter made a survey of the hotel situation here in June, and at that time it was expected that Mr. Thomas would be selected to take over The Jacaranda.

The Industrial Company has had an attractive prospectus printed setting forth the advantages of the hotel, stressing the steam heat feature, and Avon Park and the Ridge section. The prospectus is being widely circulated, and both the new manager and his company expect excellent patronage during the coming season.

John D. Raab, who has operated

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NEED OF AIRPORT STRESSED IN TALK

City Should Get Air-Minded
and Prepare For Future,
Chapman Suggests

With unlimited opportunities presenting themselves through the establishment of air routes from the United States to Cuba and the Central and South American countries, and with Florida as the hopping-off point, Avon Park should get air-minded and build an airport that will be recognized by the government.

That, in substance, was the suggestion made by J. V. Chapman to the Avon Park Rotary club, of which he is a past president, at the luncheon Wednesday.

Mr. Chapman also addressed the Rotarians on "Universal Peace," the sixth object of Rotary International, of which he has made an intensive study, and told the civic club that peace, like charity, should begin at home, and that factional fights in a community should be tabooed and harmony exist.

A pleasant feature of the meeting was a musical program by Mrs. Neal H. Trent and Mrs. J. V. Chapman, who rendered several duets.

The visitors were Tom V. Conway, of Sebring; and L. E. Talmans, of Grand Rapids, Mich., the new manager of the Jacaranda hotel.

President J. S. Francis was in the chair.

To Trim Trees

E. E. Melton, district superintendent of the Florida Public Service company, appeared before the council Wednesday and requested permission to trim trees in various parts of the city to prevent further wire trouble that has been experienced lately. The matter was turned over to the mayor to work out a plan for the relief sought.

DeAnguera Leaves For Chicago Home

Ferd DeAnguera, for over three years resident manager of the Pine Crest Lakes Winter club, left Avon Park Monday night for Chicago, where he will join Mrs. DeAnguera and their two children and make their future home. A group of Mr. DeAnguera's intimate friends were at the station to bid him farewell.

While resigning his position as manager of the club, Mr. DeAnguera will retain his connections with the organization in Chicago.

SPORTSMEN TO FORM FISH-GAME LEAGUE

To Meet at Jacaranda Hotel
Next Tuesday Night; Takes
In Entire County

At a series of meetings throughout Highlands county next week an effort will be made to organize a fish and game league, organization or club for the conservation of animal life in the county.

The first meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, about 8 o'clock, at the Jacaranda hotel. Attending the meeting to set forth the aims and objects of the organization will be Dr. I. N. Kennedy, Game and Fish Commissioner for this district.

Additional meetings will be held at Sebring the following night and at Lake Placid, for the Lake Placid-Venus district, Thursday evening.

Highlands county is known as the sportsmen's paradise, and only through conservation measures and sportsmanlike tactics can this enviable reputation be maintained.

All sportsmen interested in the preservation of fish and game in the county are invited to attend the meetings.

East End Crossing To Be Protected

Two representatives of the State Road engineering department at Lakeland visited Mayor Donaldson this week and conferred with him about the traffic danger at the East End filling station to which he recently called to their attention. Accidents and near accidents occur there weekly.

The road representatives agreed to place a stop sign at the dangerous intersection, and fix other conspicuous danger signals without expense to the city.

Even with ample precautionary signs, however, all drivers are cautioned to approach the crossing slowly. The State Road men have asked that arrests be made for reckless driving at this point particularly.

Mutual Crate Mill To Increase Force

With about 50 employees on the job at present, the Mutual Crate company expects to add a large number to its payroll next Monday morning, Neal Trent stated yesterday.

The Avon Crate company is working a full crew, and the Big Indian Lumber company is operating its regular force.

Caught With Shine.

Caught with about 20 gallons of moonshine, when his car figured in an accident here last Friday afternoon, Garner Williford, claiming Fort Meade as his home, was arrested by Officer Roberts. Williford was given a hearing before Mayor Donaldson and fined \$150.00 and being unable to pay he was placed in the jail until he raises the money.

MANDAMUS ACTION DELAYED FOR WEEK

City Will Be Able To Finance
Time Warrants, Attorney
Advises City Council

Mandamus proceedings against the city council compelling them to levy a special tax to meet time warrants of \$25,000, due December 1, for which no provision was made in the budget, were not instituted this week, Attorney L. Grady Burton, of Wauchula, advised The Times last night. The action will be started at Arcadia next week before Judge Barker, or the week of the 14th at Sebring, Mr. Burton stated.

The suit against the city will be filed by L. Rittenoure, bond department manager of the Title Guaranty and Trust company, of Wichita, who hold the time warrants and a number of Avon Park municipal bonds. The suit is Mr. Rittenoure's answer to council for their failure to discharge the city attorney.

If the suit is filed the city, it appears, need not worry about the outcome, because financial arrangements will be made to care for the time warrants when they come due. Col. Lee advised the council at Wednesday night's session. The city attorney told the council he could make arrangements to secure \$8,000, which will be added to the \$17,000, representing the balance of the \$115,000 bond issue sold in the spring which the Wichita concern has contracted to buy, and in this manner the time warrants will be paid when they mature.

PINE CREST ORDERS NEW ADDITION BUILT

Davidson Wires Heim To
Rush Work on Building
Costing \$50,000

The proposed addition to the Pine Crest Lakes winter club, costing approximately \$50,000, will be started immediately and be completed for the coming winter season. The foundation will be laid as soon as possible.

Instructions to rush the work were contained in a telegram sent yesterday from Chicago by Col. R. P. Davidson to Architect William Heim. Col. Davidson will return next week, the telegram further advised.

The cheering and important news came as a complete surprise, as several weeks ago the club announced that the project had been abandoned for this year, owing to unforeseen circumstances.

The new addition will have sleeping accommodations for all club members and guests.

Hancock Unhurt In Automobile Accident

Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Hancock and family narrowly escaped serious injury when a car driven by a negro crashed into their car at Sebring last Sunday night. The Hancocks were returning to Avon Park, after having taken Rev. Archer to his home, following the evening service.

Mrs. Hancock and Miss Sarah received slight bruises, but the pastor and his sons escaped without injury. The car was damaged considerably.

The negro was said to have been intoxicated when the accident occurred. He was arrested by the Sebring police.

THE HIDING PLACE

By Tom Curry

A HEAVY-SET man, with broad face and light blue eyes, paced up and down the small ante-room. The smell of an esthetics reached his nostrils but he paid no attention to this, but evidently listened for sounds from the criminal ward nearby.

Soon a door opened and another man, small, slim, dressed in a blue suit, clutching an unlighted and much chewed cigar in his hand, came out.

"Well?" asked the first.

"He's dead."

Detective Flint threw up his hands. "It's the best thing for him and the worst for us, Johnny. Did he come across at the last?"

Detective Morgan shook his head. "No, Fred. Only mumbled about the fireplace."

"Damn that! We've torn the whole house down, but the loot's not in that fireplace."

Both detectives, partners who worked from a district station, looked tired and worn. There were black circles under their eyes, and they were irritable even with one another.

For the past four days they had been taking turns questioning the guerrilla chief, Monk Illswort. Illswort, wounded badly in the battle with the police during his capture, had been delirious most of the time. When lucid, he had refused to speak; but continually, when out of his head, he had muttered one word over and over, and that word had been "fireplace."

When the two partners had first heard it, they had been jubilant, and had hurried off to the room where they had captured Monk, and thoroughly torn to pieces, brick by brick, the fireplace in the room. They had already searched it well, but hoped to find some other nook where the half million dollars' worth of jewels from Monk Illswort's last job was concealed.

Two men had been wounded in the hold-up, a hold daylight affair. One had died and thus the job was a murder case, and Monk, knowing this, had not hesitated to shoot it out with the police when they caught him in the joint.

Monk's gang was still at large. Illswort had not squealed, had not dropped even in delirium any word which would betray the whereabouts of his men, though he sometimes uttered the names of his lieutenant, Don Keeler, and some of his followers.

Flint and Morgan feared that Illswort's mob had the fabulous loot, had it safely salted away. They had been on the lookout for these men, but, as Illswort was leader of the gang, they had been almost sure that he alone would know where the gems were hidden.

"Let's go round and take another look at the fireplace," said Morgan wearily. "Say, are you sure you didn't miss anything, Fred, when you were with him?"

Flint made a gesture of disgust. "Of course not. I look down everything. If you don't believe me, look at my notes."

This suspicion of one another's proficiency was caused by irritation at their failure to solve the case, and the long hours they had been working. Both felt hurt, ashamed: their chief, anxious to locate the loot and clear up the case, had been extremely snappy with them.

In normal circumstances, the two trusted one another implicitly, and even now Flint felt ashamed of himself that he could even entertain a tiny bit of doubt about his partner.

Without speaking again, they reached the apartment where they had captured Monk Illswort. The rooms were torn up, the walls had been tanned, every nook and corner had been searched.

The guerrilla chief had been traced by his car. He had hardly had time to "fence" the jewels. The car had been spotted by a harness bull only a few hours after the stick-up, and Flint and Morgan had rushed in on Illswort. Though covered by two guns, Monk had dropped and reached for his gat. He managed to fire one shot, but already they had sent two bullets through him, and the gang chief's

fire was ineffective.

To the fireplace the two went. They picked up brick after brick, placing them to one side, and tried to find another spot where the loot might be hidden.

"Don Keeler must have it, that's all," said Flint sullenly.

"Well, it's up to us to find him, then," snapped Morgan. "Funny, though, for a guy like Monk Illswort to let his lieutenant handle the stuff."

Flint had been the first to search the fireplace; had been alone in the room for half an hour while Morgan was downstairs questioning the janitor of the building. Their chief was aware of this fact.

Finally, well after midnight, they returned to the station house and reported. Already, their chief knew that Illswort had died. They winced as they had to admit, that their search had been unsuccessful.

Men were looking for Don Keeler and two or three of the gangsters who had comprised Illswort's mob.

It had seemed such an easy case, the recovery of the loot, once they found Illswort; here it had developed into a baffling job which threatened to disrupt the partnership and at least make them liable to demotion for inefficient work.

They had been working for sixteen hours without sleep, taking turns questioning the dying Illswort. Now, they were to go off duty for a few hours, for necessary rest.

"Damn funny about that fire-

place, that's all I've got to say," said their superior, Captain Martin. "Well, go ahead. Come down early to-morrow."

Flint nodded shortly to Morgan, and stalked from the room. His face was flushed, he felt that he was unjustly treated. What had happened was scarcely his fault—or Morgan's either, for that matter. In his heart, he realized that it had only been because of a weary brain that Morgan had doubted him.

As he walked along the sidewalk, going west toward the river, the cool air braced him up, and he felt a little better.

Then, as he swung down the avenue, and crossed to go to another deserted side street, instinctively he turned and looked behind him.

He saw nothing; but walking halfway down the block he again glanced over his shoulder. He felt as though he were being followed.

Yes, that was it. Though he had seen nothing, heard nothing, he was so keyed up that his subconscious mind told him that a shadow was on him. He hesitated an instant. Could it be Morgan? He slowed up, not looking about again, then shrugged his shoulders. As he began to gather speed a car came along the block and pulled up a few feet in front of him.

He looked curiously at the car, a large black limousine, interested in the occupants who he could see but dimly. As he paused again, someone leaped on him from behind, and his cry of alarm was drowned

in a voluminous sack thrust over his head. He struggled frantically to free himself from his assailants, but more men laid hands on him and he was forced, still fighting, but unable to cry out, into the nearby limousine, where, on the floor, two husky men sat on him and held him down.

He felt the motion of the car, and for fifteen minutes they drove swiftly in a direction which Flint was unable to identify as his head buzzed and he was confused by the sudden attack.

At last the car drew up, and after a moment Flint heard one of his captors say, "O. K., Don."

His heart leaped. "Don!" That could mean only one person—it was Don Keeler, the lieutenant of Illswort, who had captured him. Probably Illswort's mob.

Yet, he could guess at no motive for the attack in those few moments while they were seeing if the way was clear. He was bundled unceremoniously out of the car, across the sidewalk and down into a cellarway. A door clicked behind him, and then, after a few steps along a passage, the bag was snatched from his head and he blinked at the electric light in a small room in which burned a coal stove.

It was a dingily furnished place, with a few wooden chairs and a kitchen table beside the stove. The shades were drawn, and five men stood about. One of them Flint recognized right away. Though he had never before seen Don Keeler, the rogues' gallery portraits were

good, and it was easy to pick out the lieutenant. Keeler was tall, slim, with a lean face, and deep wrinkles at either side of his thin-lipped mouth. His eyes were green, and shone with the ferocity of a cat's. Two others, Flint thought he knew as members of Illswort's mob, and the rest must belong in the same category.

"Siddown," ordered Keeler. Flint obeyed, seating himself in one of the wooden chairs.

"Well—what's the idea?" he asked.

"Let's talk turkey, kid. We know you, you know us. Why did you kidnap?"

"That suits me," said Flint dryly.

"Aw right. Monk's dead."

Flint, seeing no harm in admitting this, since it had already been given to the papers by headquarters, nodded his head.

"Yeah, Monk's dead," went on Keeler gruffly. "And you haven't got it."

"Got what?"

"Aw, you know. Didn't we say we wouldn't kidnap you?"

"You mean—the loot?"

"Sure. Why stall? What did he say to you?"

Flint's brain reeled. Here, the last chance had suddenly passed by. If Keeler did not know where the loot was, then all was lost. The detectives had been hoping that the lieutenant would be picked up, and the swag located. And now, Keeler had captured him, and was trying to find out where it was!

"What'd he say before he died?" Keeler growled, and seized Flint's shoulder in a grip of iron.

Flint did not reply to the question. "So you fellows have been watchin' us, eh?" he said.

"You're damn right. If Monk squealed, we wanted to know where our diamonds are. You must have got somethin' outa him. Come across."

"I wish I knew where those jewels are," said Flint. "We haven't been able to find 'em."

"I know you ain't found 'em—yet. But you will—or you would have. Now, listen. I ain't got time to fool around. Maybe your partner is diggin' the stuff right now, and I want to be there. Where'd Monk say the stuff was hidden?"

"I don't know, I tell you."

"Go on. Monk must have said somethin'. Come across."

"Hold the bum, boys," growled Keeler at last. "I'll make him squeal."

Keeler raised the poker, raised the lid of the coal stove, and stuck the iron into the red-hot coals. Flint, breathing heavily, decided the time had come to save himself. He had been thinking over the matter while they pummeled him, and had come to the conclusion that no harm could be done by repeating what Morgan and he had heard from the dying Illswort's lips. If they tortured the words out of him, he would lose prestige; better to talk of his own free will.

"Look here, Keeler," he growled, "why be a damn fool? Illswort told

to get away."

They hoisted Flint to his feet and set his hat on his head. The detective was somewhat disheveled, there were bruises on him and his lip was bleeding where Keeler had struck him. But he was in complete control of his faculties and intended taking the first chance which offered him of escape.

Keeler turned on him before they left the house, and asked him if there were any guards at Illswort's.

"No," lied Flint, shaking his head. "It's clear."

"Well, we'll soon see. An' if dere's a trap, you'll be sorry, Dickie."

The limousine was waiting for them. Closely guarded by the gangsters, and given no opportunity for even the most desperate chance of escape, Flint was again bundled into the car and they drove off across town.

Now the detective could see where they were taking him. He kept silent for some time, but was surprised at the direction the car turned, for it was away from the immediate neighborhood of the place they had captured Monk Illswort.

According to all accounts, the janitor's and neighbors', Illswort had been living regularly in the flat for over a year.

But now, Keeler and his men went to an entirely different street, and drew up before a darkened brownstone house which was divided into small apartments.

"Flint, wondering what the game was, waited.

"Here we are," said Keeler. "We bin through here once, but we had no luck and not much time. Afraid youse guys would get back and grab us."

The detective's brain spun in his head. Why, this was not anywhere near the place where they had taken Monk Illswort!

"Sure there's no dick's around?" growled Keeler.

Already, the crooks had begun to spread out, looking for signs of police shadows. Flint shook his head. He was positive that there were no spies watching this house. If only they had gone to the other—they'd find a shadow awaiting them who would give the alarm.

The explanation began to offer itself to him, as Keeler, talking in his gruff voice, led him to the street entrance of the brownstone front and opened the door with a pass key.

"Monk was a wise guy, aw right," said Keeler. "He never trusted nobody much, even me. Always handled the swag himself. He was out a lot, too; you never could find him here unless you told him you was comin'."

Yes, thought Flint, that was it. This place was Illswort's criminal hangout, where his men met him, where he hid his swag. The guerrilla chieftain had had two homes.

Only a faint ray of hope remained. He recalled Keeler's statement that there was no fireplace in this hangout of Illswort's.

Inside he saw that the downstairs flat consisted of three rooms, a living room, bedroom and kitchen, dingly furnished. Keeler had turned on the light, when his men had failed to see any signs of police shadows about the place.

"You an' Augie watch the door, Mike," ordered Keeler.

Augie and Mike took up their stations at the street entrance, one at either side. But they kept glancing around, to see what was transpiring inside the room.

"Yeah, we bin through here before, on'y we didn't dare stay long," growled Keeler, and took swift steps toward the mantelpiece, which consisted of three wide boards, two vertical and one placed horizontally to form the shelf. Inside this was plaster with paper over it. That was the nearest thing of a fireplace which the room boasted.

Without doubt, Keeler and the others were excited by the anticipation of finding the loot. So was Flint, but unpleasantly so. Once they found the swag—if it was here—they would probably kill him.

Keeler drew his pistol, and began tapping the inside panel of the mantel.

"That's solid enough," he murmured.

Then Keeler seized the wooden side of the mantel and pulled at it but the boards were securely fastened.

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The Clue the Dying Gangster Gave as to the Location of the Loot Was a Baffling Lead

MANY BOOKS ADDED TO THE CITY LIBRARY

Committee Acknowledges Donations of Juvenile and Adult Stories

The Library committee of the Woman's Club desires to express its thanks and appreciation to the following donors of books to the library during the month of September: Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Raab; Mrs. Thomason, C. H. Pardee, Mrs. Carrie Collins and E. N. Griffith.

Through the generosity of the foregoing citizens the following books have been added to the library:

Adult books: Alcohol and The Human Race, Richmond Pearson Hobson; Initial Studies In American Letters, Henry A. Beers; College Course In French, Jean Gustave Keetels; Studies In German Literature, Richard Hochdorfer; Queen Of The Air, John Ruskin; Katherine, J. G. Holland; War-Brides, Marian Craig-Wentworth; World Beautiful, Lillian Whiting; Tales From Shakespeare, Charles and Mary Lamb; Tapestries, George DeLand Hunter; Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson; Madame Sans Gene, translated by Isaac Reed, Jr.; Sign Of The Four, Conan Doyle; Just David, Eleanor H. Porter; Villette, Charlotte Bronte; The Weavers, Gilbert Parker; May Iverson-Her Book, Elizabeth Jordan; The Crossing, Winston Churchill; Laddie, Gene Stratton Porter; Green Mansions, W. H. Hudson; Don Orsino, Sant Ilario and Saracinesca, F. Marion Crawford; Travels in the Holy Land; Religious Anecdotes, W. M. Thompson, D. D.; Somewhere In France, Richard Harding Davis; Dope and The Golden Scorpion, Sax Rohmer; Sir Johnny Deringford, Jeffrey Farnol; Aloma Of The South Seas, MacBurney Gates; John Barleycorn, Jack London; Moon-Maid, E. B. Burroughs; and The Children, Edith Wharton.

Juvenile books: A Dear Little Girl, Amy Blanchard; The Going Of The White Swan, Gilbert Parker; Silent Call, Edwin Milton Royle; Colonel Carter's Christmas, F. Hopkinson Smith; Handbook Of The Boy Scouts Of America; Lives Of The Presidents (in one syllable); Harriet Putnam; Life Of Washington (in one syllable); Josephine Pollard; Chandra, in India, Edda B. McDonald; Treasure Island, Robert Louis Stevenson; Rich and Humble, Oliver Optic; Moving-Picture Boys, Victor Appleton; Brave and Bold, The Young Adventurer, and Wait and Hope, Horatio Alger, Jr.; Tom Brown at Oxford, Thomas Hughes; Pony Rider Boys In New Mexico, and Boy Scouts On The Trail, Herbert Carter; Boy Aviators In Africa, Captain Wilber Lawton; David Copperfield, and Oliver Twist, Dickens (simplified by Annie Douglas Severance); High School Left End, H. J. Hancock; Black Beauty, Anna Sewall; Helen's Babies, John Habberton; Last Cruise Of The Spitfire, Edw. Stratemeyer; 20,000 Leagues Under The Sea, Jules Verne.

Manure Removed From Medfly Rules By Latest Ruling

Orlando, Oct. 3.—Chairman P. K. Yonge of the State Plant Board has authorized an exception to the present regulations which will permit movement through the eradication area of manure in solid car loads when such movement is made by "Red Ball" fast freight. Railway companies desiring to handle such movement may secure special permits therefor from the State Plant Board office at Orlando.

This exception has been made at the request of truck growers in Dade county and elsewhere and is to allow them to secure adequate supplies of manure for use in connection with coming truck crops. Most of the fertilizer material thus transported will come from other states.

Manure originating within the eradication area will not be permitted to move to points in Florida outside the eradication area, or to points in other states.

Lake Placid To Erect Sign For Airplanes

Tallahassee, Oct. 3.—Continuing his efforts to aid aviation development in Florida, Governor Doyle E. Carlton this week dispatched letters to officials of every city in the state, asking that action be taken either by civic bodies or by municipal enterprise to establish landing fields and mark roofs with signs. The governor recently also called attention to the fact that Florida has every natural advantage for landing of amphibian planes.

Since his first statement asking that roofs be marked, practically every city in the state which is served by the Standard Oil company is to have signs placed, word received from this firm stated. Action has been taken at Lake Placid where a large sign is to be erected through the efforts of the chamber of commerce there.

EGG LAYING CONTEST TO OPEN NOVEMBER 1

Seventy-Seven Entries From Seventeen States and Canada Now In

Seventy-seven pens, from 17 states and Canada, are already listed to enter the fourth Florida National Egg Laying Contest which begins at Chipley, November 1, according to E. F. Stanton, supervisor of the contest.

Among the list entering pens are Geo. B. Ferris, Marshall Farms, E. H. Rucker, Pratt Poultry Experiment Farm, Lukert Leghorn Farm, Pinebreeze Poultry Farm, White Feather Farm, Lathwood Poultry Farm, and other nationally known poultry breeders.

Entries are already listed from Florida, Michigan, Iowa, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Indiana, Washington, Georgia, Illinois, Alabama, New York, Kentucky, Delaware, Missouri, Kansas, Ohio, Maryland, and Canada. Florida poultrymen have 27 pens entered; Michigan comes second with nine. Two pens are entered from Canada.

The following eight breeds and varieties are represented: White Leghorns; Rhode Island Reds; White Wyandottes; Barred, White, and Buff Plymouth Rocks; White Minorcas; and White Orpingtons. Fifty-seven of the entries are White Leghorns.

"No artificial lights will be used in the contest," says Mr. Stanton, "and the following home mixed feeds will be used: 100 pounds each, of wheat bran, wheat middlings, yellow corn meal, whole ground white oats, and meat scrap (55 percent protein). Three pounds of salt, and three pounds of sulphur will be added. The winter scratch will be equal parts of cracked yellow corn, and wheat. In summer the amount of wheat will be doubled.

There are only 33 pens not already taken, and Mr. Stanton urges that Florida poultrymen enter before all the pens are taken. He states that birds in the present contest are in good condition, and that egg sizes are good.

From contest reports issued in September Lathwood Poultry Farm owned the leading pen with a record of 2,361 eggs, and the leading hen with 282 eggs in the 322 days of the present contest.

Hotel Licenses Are Being Paid Promptly

Tallahassee, Oct. 3.—Following announcement last week that the smaller rooming houses of the state would be exempt in the future from payment of inspection license, and the announcement that licenses for operation of hotels and restaurants are due and payable, the office of Commissioner of Hotels Ben H. Bostain has been a busy one. From all parts of the state prompt payments are being made, and Mr. Bostain declares that the department is securing the utmost co-operation on the part of hotel and restaurant operators.

MALL GIVES TOURIST LASTING IMPRESSION

Havana Agent Tells Avon Parkers It Was Prettiest In Florida

Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy and daughter, of South Central avenue, have been back in Avon Park for a short time, after a couple years sojourn in Cuba, where Mr. Murphy was overseeing the construction of new hard roads. After a short stay here they have gone on to Texas, where Mr. Murphy will superintend building new roads.

Mr. and Mrs. Murphy related an incident down in Cuba which shows the spreading knowledge of Avon Park. When buying their steamship tickets in Havana for Tampa, the agent asked them if they lived in Tampa. "No," they replied, "We live in Avon Park." The ticket seller replied, "I remember driving through Avon Park. It was such a pretty place. In fact the Mall in Avon Park was the prettiest thing I saw in all Florida."

While vacationing in Illinois last month J. L. Masters was invited by a wealthy farmer and wife to tell them about Florida. Mr. Masters told them about the beauties of the Ridge Section and left Avon Park literature with them. The impression made by Mr. Masters was such that the Illinois folks expect to visit here this season.

Weekly Weather Report by Observer

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Sept. 22	80	71	1.50
Sept. 22	88	71	.57
Sept. 24	91	72	.03
Sept. 25	92	74	...
Sept. 26	91	68	.02
Sept. 27	91	75	.01
Sept. 28	86	75	...
Average	88.7	76.6	2.13

Dr. W. M. Neal of the Florida Experiment Station, and Dr. R. C. Goodwin and B. J. H. Otte of the University of Florida attended the meeting of the American Chemical Society at Minneapolis, September 9-13. Over 1,200 chemists from over the United States were at the meeting.

Legal Advertisement.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED.

Notice is hereby given that D. D. DeBitts, purchaser of tax certificate No. 381, dated the 4th day of July, A. D. 1927 has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue thereon in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit:

Lot 5 of Block 5, Prizell Sub-Division of Lot 3, Block 5, Price & Gorman's Subdivision, in Section 27, Township 23, South, Range 28, East.

The said land being assessed at the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 25th day of October, A. D. 1929.

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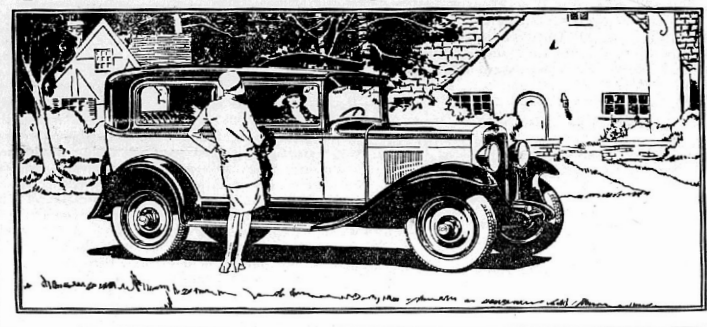
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THE DeANGUERAS.

Avon Park has suffered a distinct loss in the departure of Mr. and Mrs. Ferd DeAnguera, for Chicago, where they will make their future home. They have been among the leading citizens of our city. Since their arrival here over three years ago, they have taken most active parts in the social and civic life of the community, and ever had the welfare of Avon Park at heart.

Mrs. DeAnguera always took a prominent part in the activities of the Woman's Club, and in the Spring of this year was elected President of that body and was to take office this month. Her leaving at this time when the club resumes its sessions for the winter has deprived the organization of a wonderful leader, and the deprivation is keenly felt.

Through the medium of the Pine Crest Lakes Winter Club, Mr. DeAnguera promptly became one of Avon Park's greatest boosters. Possessed of a likeable disposition, Mr. DeAnguera made rapid and lasting friendships, and his decision to return to his former home in Chicago is regretted by the citizenship at large.

The Times feels that it expresses the sentiment of the people of Avon Park in wishing Mr. and Mrs. DeAnguera happiness and success in their new and old home, and trusts that they will visit Avon Park in the future.

SOUNDS ZOOISH.

Avon Park has among its citizens: Mr. Bass, Mr. Trout and Mrs. Fisher; Mr. Hunter, Mr. Wolf, Mr. Beaver, Mr. Lamb, Mrs. Hart and Mr. Staggs.

Newspapers sure get into a jam when storms are brewing. If they warn the public a storm is coming, and it plays antics and fails to show up, the public feels it has been unduly alarmed. BUT if no warning is given and a storm strikes and causes damage, the newspapers get — for failing to do their duty.

In the battle between the Universal Kid and Kid Half Pint, Tampons naturally favored the latter, because he is the Universal Kid.

Senator Brookhart says there was "liquor for every guest" at a dinner in Washington three years ago. Then nobody was slighted.

The recent "cyonic perturbation" (who wouldn't be scared of a thing like that) played hide and seek with the forecasters.

Fort Meade has a new blacksmith shop, according to The Leader. Wonder if it is built under a spreading chestnut tree?

Bill for champagne intrigues grand jury, says Times-Union. It does more than that to the imbibers—it stuns them.

Radio is going to the dogs. KDKA recently broadcast the yelpings of some canines to their brothers in Little America.

"From Barn to Bath Tub" is the subject of a General Motors advertisement. Sounds like Saturday night on the farm.

Floods in Arizona and Georgia and Massachusetts. Florida is not alone in its battle with the elements.

Party lines may cross over the tariff issue, but out in the country they get crossed over the scandal issues.

Love may laugh at locksmiths but not the Department of State in the Ordeneiz-Lupton elopement act.

Having failed to show up last Wednesday or Thursday, we cancelled our order for the hurricane.

Soon the millionaires arriving in Palm Beach from New York will say: "I just 'DO-Xed'."

"Home-coming day at Homeland," is the home-like announcement in the Fort Meade Leader.

Washington's social lobby may be investigated. Congressional cloakrooms will be next.

Highlands County had H. Prosperity last week. The H represents Hurricane.

Rare disease makes man grow shorter. Must be suffering from criscoitis.

Radio sets have been installed at Sing Sing. The prison is well named.

P. E. B. stands for Phil E. Barney and Papayas Et Buttons.

Ocala stock yards were opened yesterday. That's "smell" news.

Florida University student must be "mugged" on registering.

Peacock got twenty years for being "kind" to his wife.

We're not worried about a state inheritance tax.

Just used a Scotch cue and lost a game of billiards.

Sharkey won from Loughran by a nose.

It's now Col. Will Rogers.

Echoes of the State Press

ABOUT HASTY GROVE SELLING.

"Don't Sell Groves In Haste" was the heading of a front page editorial in our issue of September 6. Florida Commercial felt that in issuing such a warning it was offering sound advice. We have received a number of compliments on the editorial and also a letter from one of our readers which in a way condemned us. The gentleman seemed to feel that new capital brought into the state at this time was very essential and that such a warning might have a tendency to cause some grove owners to feel that an offer to buy at this time should be disregarded.

We do not believe that anyone wishing to sell should turn down a reasonable offer for property. What we were getting at was the fact that owners should not allow themselves to be frightened into selling their groves at a sacrifice because of a temporary lull in real estate transfers.

In a recent conversation with J. Edgar Wall of Tampa, we found that he was thoroughly in accord with our stand in the matter, and he asserted that he had been called on a number of times to quote prices on his extensive grove properties, and, in each case, he turned the offers down with the statement that his property was not for sale under the present market conditions.

After conversing with a number of the representative citrus men of the state, we found that the preponderance of opinion coincides with that of Mr. Wall. All of us want to see new capital come into the state, but a financial loss caused by selling groves at reduced prices would more than offset the value of such new capital.—Florida Commercial.

SOLVING ITSELF.

Although nobody denies the existence of a race problem in the South, it is admittedly becoming less acute as times goes on.

Noting this fact, the Commission on Interracial Co-operation believes the problem is tending to solve itself through the simple process of a decline in the proportion of negro population.

The commission's assumption that the proportion of negro population is decreasing in the Southern states is supported by an examination of census returns for more than 100 years.

"These figures," its statement says, "reveal the fact that there are today but half as many negroes in the United States in proportion to the total population as there were in 1790."

But what will be more surprising is the finding that the proportion of colored population has declined more rapidly in the South than in any other part of the country. As late as 1880 there were 300 Southern counties having a predominance of negro population but by 1920 the number had dropped to 219. In the decade from 1910 to 1920 the negro population showed not only a proportional decrease but an actual loss of 829 of the South's 1364 counties.

There is no question but that racial antagonism has always manifested itself to a greater extent in those sections with a large proportion of colored population. It seems a reasonable conclusion that as the population margin between the whites and blacks grows wider the tendency will be toward greater racial harmony.—Fort Pierce News-Tribune.

ASPIRATIONS

First must you dream your dream, and it should be
Higher than stardust, deeper than the sea;
No flick'ring flame, no changeable desire,
Instead, it should be unrelenting fire,
That sears and burns the heart, that lights the soul.
Unquenchable, yet, kept within control.

Then feed it. Not with doubts and hopes and fears,
Not with weak-hearted, useless human tears;
Feed it determination, strength of will, and fight
To keep it at its lofty, sacred height.
Nor strive to draw it nearer. Climb above
Temptation's plane; then feed it joy and love.

You have your dream, as even such have I,
Higher than stardust . . . lofty as the sky.
No human hand pollutes it's brilliant fire,
Man cannot reach to that which you aspire.
Dissuasion counts for naught, with that in sight
Which draws us on, through Shadow to the Light.

—By K. Dorothy Longfield-Smith.

HAVE GREEN LAWNS IN WINTER IN FLORIDA

Adds To Beauty and Easily Done If Properly Managed

Having a nice green lawn in the fall and winter, in Florida, is largely a matter of finding out that it can be done, declare G. E. Ritchie, assistant agronomist, forage crops office of the United States Department of Agriculture, who is located at the Florida Experiment Station at Gainesville. Mr. Ritchie stresses the fact that a well kept lawn adds to the beauty and value of a home.

Mr. Ritchie says that any regular lawn can be made green in a few weeks if properly managed. He says that the way to do it is to seed a winter grass on the present sod, and that the most popular for this purpose is Italian rye grass; although Kentucky blue, or red top may be used. Seed can be secured from any reliable seed company. Italian rye grass is recommended, says Mr. Ritchie, because it comes up in two or three days, makes a vigorous growth, stands trampling, has a pleasant color, and remains green until spring.

According to Mr. Ritchie four to six pounds of Italian rye grass is enough for 1,000 square feet of lawn space. This is seeded directly on the lawn, without any preparation. Then a light top dressing of soil should be added to insure germination. The ground should be kept moist until the seed have germinated, and then should be watered during dry spells, says Mr. Ritchie.

Mr. Ritchie recommends an application of 8-4-4 fertilizer at the rate of 10 pounds per 1,000 square feet, if the lawn has not been fertilized lately. He states that it may be put on just before or after the grass is seeded, but it is very important to have the grass dry when fertilizer is applied, to prevent burning. He further states that an application of two or three pounds of sulphate of ammonia per 1,000 square feet about once a month will keep the grass in a beautiful dark green color and vigorous growing condition.

Martin County Tax Cut Commended

Tallahassee, Oct. 3. — While Governor Carlton is continuing his campaign to cut expenses in the administrative affairs of the state, in those counties which are taking part in the work of reducing public expense, are being declared by the executive as the "genuine leaders" in tax reduction endeavors. Following notice in the Okeechobee News, that Martin county had succeeded in paring its budget to a point which now represents a tax rate less than before the boom, the executive expressed his appreciation of this work, and declared that while many counties and cities were decreasing taxation, "Martin county had completed the work in a most outstanding manner."

GAS COLORING CITRUS MAY LEAD TO ROT LOSS

Investigations Made and Suggestions Offered On Coloring

Gainesville, Oct. 3.—The use of gases in the coloring of citrus fruits may lead to serious losses from stem-end rot, or surface blemishes unless the process is properly handled. H. R. Fulton and H. E. Stevens, senior pathologists of the United States Citrus Disease Field Laboratory, Orlando, have made extensive investigations along this line, and offer the following suggestions.

Fruits from certain groves decay more readily, thus making it advisable to run coloring test on fruits from unknown groves. If a large percentage of rot appears in any grove the fruit in that grove should be allowed to color on the trees. The fruit to be colored should be well along toward full maturity. Green fruit colors slowly and poorly, and the longer the fruit is in the coloring room the more likely it is to develop rot.

The room should be ventilated so that the air completely changes during the period of an hour before each dosage is applied. Fruit should not be crowded in the room for treatment; at least four inches should be allowed between each row of boxes.

Do not exceed the standard dosage of one cubic foot of ethylene gas per 5,000 cubic feet of room space.

Ninety to 95 degrees is the most favorable temperature for stem-end rot development, and if the fruit is gassed at this temperature, rot is greatly increased. The temperature should be even throughout the room, and kept down to 80 or 85 degrees. A humidity of about 85 percent should be maintained throughout the process.

As soon as possible after coloring the fruit should be packed and well cooled. The fruit should be moved to the consumer as rapidly as possible after cooling, as the warm weather of the early shipping season is very favorable to stem-end development.

Kelly and McQuaid Confer About Bank

W. J. Kelly, of the Consolidated Land company, and through whom the Barnett National bank became interested in securing a charter for an affiliated bank here, was in the city recently. He was accompanied by W. R. McQuaid, president of the Barnett bank.

The visitors conferred with local business men about the banking situation and the selection of a bank site, but no announcement was made as to the results of the conference, one business man stated.

Spuds Johnson says that the 4-H club gives farm boys and girls an opportunity to meet together, play together, and work together.

SOCIAL and Personal News

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Society Editor
Telephone 37

Mrs. M. E. Covington Elected Woman's Club President.

At a special meeting of the Woman's Club last Friday Mrs. M. E. Covington was elected president to fill the unexpired term left vacant by the removal of Mrs. F. DeAnguera to Chicago.

New members elected were Mesdames L. M. Orr, W. B. Wingate, J. B. Hart, E. F. Carichael, E. E. Melton and J. S. Pendleton.

At a meeting this afternoon the club will have several presidents of other clubs in this section as guests. These ladies will come in response to a special invitation and it is hoped there will be a full attendance of members to greet the visitors. The club will meet at 3 o'clock for business session of half an hour, to be followed by a program and social hour at 3:30 o'clock.

Never before have conditions in Avon Park offered such a challenge to every civic organization in the city. If the Woman's Club is to do its share toward bringing to pass the better days for which we all hope it must be made possible by a larger membership than at present.

It is suggested by the new president that each member of the club try to secure at least one new member as early as possible. It is important that new members come in early in the club year, thereby getting the benefit of the full year's privileges and being in line to contribute a full share toward the important work of the club.

B. P. W. C. To Start Drive For Members.

The regular business meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club was held Tuesday evening, in the club rooms, Brickell building, and was preceded by a 15 minute session of the executive board.

Mrs. Bristol tendered her resignation as vice-president of the club on account of the fact that she is leaving soon to accept employment in St. Petersburg, Fla. Her resignation was accepted and Miss Souri Lee Kemp was elected to fill this vacancy.

Article I, Section VII, of the By-Laws was suspended for a period of six months, in order to permit new members to come into the club without the payment of initiation fees during this period.

The club was divided into two groups, with a captain of each, to devise ways and means of raising money for the club. Mrs. Frances Clark and Miss Hettie Hundertmark were chosen as captains, with Miss Millie Pierson as a substitute.

Four new members were voted into the club and initiated. They are: Misses Margaret Pardee, Eura Lee Durrance, Millie Pierson and Verta Bradley.

The next meeting of the club will be a social meeting, to be held Tuesday evening, October 15, with Miss Jennie Waychoff as hostess.

Junior Music Club Plans Busy Season.

The Junior Music Club of Avon Park has planned a busy season for its members, according to the program arranged for the coming months by the counsellor, Miss Martha Marsh and directors, Mrs. J. V. Chapman, Mrs. C. H. Paydee, Mrs. John D. Raab and Miss Furlow Anderson.

The program follows:
October 26: At home of Mrs. I. W. Chandler, with Miss Mary Turner in charge of program. Topic: "My Favorite Music."

November 30: At Woman's Club rooms, with Miss Helen Schweigert chairman. Topic: "Hymn Music."

December (date and place to be announced later): "Christmas Music" by Senior and Junior Music clubs.

January 25: At home of Mrs. C. E. Lanier. The day will be observed as "Junior Guest Day," with Mrs. J. V. Chapman in charge.

February 22: At home of Mrs.

M. A. Smith. Program on "Bach Music" in charge of Miss Furlow Anderson.

March 29: At home of Miss Wava Godwin, with Miss Genevieve McClelland, chairman. Topic: "McDowell Music."

April 26: At Congregational church, Miss Martha Marsh, chairman. Topic: "Orchestra Music."

May 31: At Woman's Club room, with Miss Edith Ginn, chairman. Topic: "Miscellaneous Music."

Shower Given For Recent Bride.

Misses Lora Lee and Marguerite Sheffield were joint hostesses Saturday afternoon at the home of Mrs. C. E. Lanier, at a shower given in honor of Mrs. Roy Felkin, a recent bride. Roses and ferns were the beautiful decorations used in the rooms, and many lively gifts were given to the bride.

A musical program was rendered by the following guests: Misses Wava Godwin, Virginia Chandler, Shirley Page Shepard, Elizabeth Chandler, Annie May Adams and Genevieve McClelland.

Refreshments of cake and punch were served. The guests were: Misses Millie Pearson, Wilma Lear, Verta Bradley, Lois Rish, Lois Williams, Mertice Coker, Kittie Martin, Cathryn Saggus, Virginia Reddick, Pauline Willford, Edna Overstreet, Shirley Page Shepard, Wava Godwin, Virginia and Elizabeth Chandler, Genevieve McClelland, Annie May Adams, and Mesdames C. R. Ginn, Jr., W. A. Sheffield, J. M. Lee, E. N. Brown, W. D. Dorminey, C. E. Lanier and the donor guest.

Woman's Club Begins Work Today.

President's Day will be observed at the opening meeting of the Woman's Club this afternoon at 3 o'clock in the club rooms at the city hall. The meeting will mark the beginning of an active season for the members.

In honor of the occasion the presidents of the various clubs in District Nine, of the Florida Federation of Woman's Clubs, which includes Highlands and Polk county, have been invited to attend. An invitation has also been extended to the president of the Wauchula club, which is in District Eleven, and also to the presidents of the Women's Voters League and the Business and Professional Women's Club of Avon Park.

Mrs. M. E. Covington, who was elected to the presidency last week, will preside. Mrs. Henry Stevenson, first president of the club, will be chairman of the day.

Birthday Party For Mildred Lee.

Miss Mildred Lee entertained at her home in honor of her fourteenth birthday Monday night.

The house was prettily decorated with roses and ferns, music and proms furnished entertainment.

Late in the evening refreshments of punch and cake were served.

Those attending the party were: Misses Honey Roberts, Reba West, Bill Saggus, Zella Langford, Myrtle Turner, Gwendolyn Weaver, Frances Lane, and Messrs. Bill and Phil Lacy, Walton Touchton, Nelson Smith, Harrison James, Junior Stebbins, Cornelious Vandenberg, Alvin Ebl, G. A. Christopher, Fred Reddick, G. D. Godwin, Otto Foster and W. A. Maddox.

Honored With Party On Birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Schwegart entertained on Friday night for their daughter, Miss Helen, celebrating her seventeenth birthday.

Those present enjoying the occasion, which was marked by proms, games and contests, were the Misses Charlotte Shepard, Oleta Bigbee, Mary Turner, Bonnie Lee Douglas, Virginia Chandler, Nellie Connell, Eulalia Melton, Dorothy Carol Bailey, and Messrs. Claude Daly, S. P. Durrance, Jr., Raymond Vickery, Alvin Overstreet, J. T. Willford, Carol Belin, Cleo James, Carol Bailey and James Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dorminey, motored to Tampa, Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Abrams were guests of friends in Lakeland Sunday.

Miss Letta Reek has returned to Avon Park after a visit in Baltimore.

Mrs. F. B. Reeves has returned from a short visit to West Palm Beach.

Miss Evelyn Clements, who has been visiting in Alabama, returned Sunday.

Dr. Boone and family motored to Lakeland Sunday night to attend the theater.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Loomis have returned to Avon Park after a visit in Tennessee.

Mr. and Mrs. D. G. Skipper have taken up their residence in the Anderson apartments.

Miss Rubye Hargraves has as her guest this week, Mrs. J. C. Nash, of Lakeland.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Head attended a house party in Lake Wales over the week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dorminey have returned to Avon Park from a summer visit in Georgia.

Mrs. C. H. Moffett and three children left Monday for their future home in Kansas City.

Mrs. E. E. Hume and son have returned to Georgia, where they will join Major Hume at Fort Benning.

Mrs. S. Mae Ratliff and daughter, Mae Ella, arrived home Sunday from an extensive visit in Georgia.

Misses Alice Davidson, Miss Doris Oxborrow and Mable Lee, left Monday night on a trip to New York.

Mrs. R. P. Davidson of Lake Geneva, Wis., has been the guest of Mrs. H. P. Davison for the past few weeks.

Miss Edna McFarland left Saturday night for Philadelphia, where she will continue with her course in nursing.

Dr. Louise Eastman, who has been vacationing in Ohio and other northern points, has returned to Avon Park for the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Smith who have been visiting Mrs. Smith's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Martin, have returned to their home in Clewiston.

Miss Loula Chesser and Miss Alma Harrell of Quitman, Ga., arrived Saturday and have begun work as teachers in the elementary grades.

Miss Lillian Smith of Fort Meade, was visiting her sister, Mrs. Jack Head, last week. Mrs. Head and Mrs. Mel Bass returned home with her to Fort Meade, for a few days' visit.

Dr. Vaughn's Text On Shark River

"The Ten Thousand Islands and Shark River," will be the text of a Sunday evening sermon October 6, at 7:30, at the Congregational church, the minister's vacation memories of the region that is America's last frontier.

The morning theme will be a study of the International Sunday school lesson for the day: "What separates us from the Kingdom."

Chandler's Mother Dies.

Mrs. D. F. Chandler, aged 78 years, mother of Dr. I. W. Chandler, of Avon Park, and Dr. J. C. Chandler, of Tampa, died last Sunday morning at Athens, Ga. Her sons were present when she passed away.

Mrs. McKalip Improving.

The many friends of Mrs. H. W. McKalip will be pleased to learn that she is recovering from an operation performed September 3,

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Jordon are in Jacksonville for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheffield motored to Tampa, Saturday.

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

Dr. and Mrs. G. P. Thayer motored to Winter Haven, Tuesday.

Mrs. R. C. Baldrice of McClenney, Fla., is the guest of Mrs. Guy McGiboney for a few days.

Church Notes

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UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

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

Sermon by the pastor at 11:00. Evening: Christian Endeavor Society at 6:30.

Sermon by the pastor at 7:30.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER (Episcopal)

Mark Lance, Lay-reader. Mrs. A. E. Gregory, Organist. Sunday school at 9:30.

Morning prayer at 11.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (Adjoining B. & B. Grocery)

Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Sermon, 11:00 a. m., by Rev. W. D. Turnley, D.D.

Evening services, 7:30 p. m. Mid-week prayer service, 7:30 p. m.

Increase surely gratifying. We cordially invite the public.

(Signed) C. M. HILL.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Rev. Spanogle, Pastor. Sunday school, 10:00 a. m. Morning service, 11 o'clock.

Evening service, 7:30 o'clock. Mid-week Prayer, Thursday evening.

A cordial welcome awaits you.

CHURCH OF GOD (Fairfield Avenue)

Rev. W. H. Yates, Pastor. Sunday school, 10 o'clock. Morning worship, 11 o'clock.

Evening worship, 7:45 o'clock. Mid-week prayer service each Thursday evening.

A cordial welcome awaits you.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Clyde C. Corner, Minister. Morning: Sunday school, 10 o'clock. Worship, 11 o'clock.

Evening: Worship, 7:30 o'clock. Wednesday: Mid-week prayer service 7:30 o'clock.

SOUTH SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

J. H. McClelland, Leader. J. D. DeLaney, Superintendent. Mrs. Robert Landers, Pianist.

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Morning worship at 11. Evening: Junior Epworthians, at 4. John Jackson, president.

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

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

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

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Mr. and Mrs. McKalip expect to return to Avon Park as soon as Mrs. McKalip's condition permits.

BANKERS TO LEARN FATE IN NOVEMBER

Judge Bird To Rule at That
Time On Motions To
Quash Indictments

Rulings on motions to quash the indictments pending against six officers and directors of the defunct Highlands Bank and Trust company, of Sebring, will be made next month, Judge John U. Bird, of St. Petersburg, announced after hearing arguments by defense counsel at Sebring last Friday.

Judge Bird was appointed to preside by Governor Carlton in place of Judge W. J. Barker, who disqualifies himself on the grounds that he was both a debtor and depositor in the bank, and whose self-disqualification was upheld subsequently by the state supreme court.

State's Attorney L. Grady Burton represented the commonwealth, and he handled the state's case in a splendid manner, despite the fact that he had very little time to prepare himself. Because of prior arrangements, State's Attorney L. L. Fabianski, of Pensacola, who conducted the grand jury investigation of the bank's failure and secured the indictments, was to represent the state at last week's hearing. But a switch was made at practically the last minute and the burden fell upon Mr. Burton.

Judge Bell and Douglas Treadwell, of Arcadia, and Attorneys Andrews and Chason, of Sebring, represented the defense. In asking that the indictments be quashed, they argued that the indictments were duplicitous, vague and uncertain.

At the conclusion of the arguments, and just as the defendants and their counsel started to leave the court room, Judge Bird halted the exodus by asking about a trial date should he overrule the motions. Counsel for the state and defense quickly gathered before the bench and agreed upon the November term, should the motions be overruled.

If the state's contention is sustained by Judge Bird, defense counsel, it is understood, will have another important motion to make to quash any and all indictments that are sustained by the court.

Boys' State Pig Club Show Will Be Held In Jacksonville Nov. 19

The Boys' state pig club show will be held at the National Stockyards in Jacksonville, November 19, according to an announcement by R. W. Blacklock, of Gainesville, state boys' club agent. Winners of various prize trips and club scholarships will be determined at this time.

The pig club competition formerly has been a part of the Florida State Fair. Arrangements were made by Mr. Blacklock and Frank E. Dennis of the National Stockyards to hold it in the stockyards this year. It is expected that 100 pigs will be exhibited.

Among the prizes to be awarded at the show will be the trip to the International Club Congress and Live Stock Show, Chicago, given by Armour & Company to the boy showing the champion fat barrow; and the \$250 scholarship to the University of Florida, given by Frank E. Dennis to the boy showing the champion breeding pig.

Gross receipts of the Tampa Electric company, considered a reliable barometer of city progress, showed an increase of \$6,000 for last month, compared with receipts for August of last year, T. J. Hanlon, Jr., manager states. An encouraging feature of the showing he added, was that a considerable part of it was in receipts from residential service. It is many months since residential receipts showed definite improvement, compared with the preceding year, and it indicates that considerable progress may be expected during the latter part of the year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR OCTOBER 6, 1929.

SUBJECT: Recognizing our Debt to Others.
GOLDEN TEXT: "Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others." Phil. 2:4.

LESSON TEXT: Mark 12:28-34; James 2:14-17.

In one of God's first statements He said (Gen. 2:18), "It is not good that the man should be alone." There is a natural inclination in all normal persons to associate together. Such associations create rights and obligations which we must respect, or we do our neighbors wrong. God has proclaimed laws regulating our relations with other people and showing the duties of individuals toward each other. But our obligations to obey these regulations are primarily to God. King David committed a great wrong against his neighbor, Uriah, but in 2nd Sam'l 12:13, "I have sinned against the Lord," and in 51 Psalm 1. David said, "Against thee, thou only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight." When we do wrong to, or act unkindly toward, those around us, we injure them, but we sin against God by violating his laws. When one man kills or injures another, or takes his property, he does that man an injury, but the crime he commits is against the government which makes the laws he violates.

One writer says the aim of the lessons of this quarter is, "To guide the pupil into an understanding of Bible teachings on some social relationships with a view to establish right habits and attitudes in dealing with others."

But we must remember that "Social betterment is not the gospel. It is not even its first and principal result. The gospel is something more fundamental. It is radical in the sense that it goes down to the very roots of the social order. Instead of trying to reach the individual through the masses, it works with the individual first and then on up to the masses." And the same writer says, "If men would only apply the high ideals of the Bible to home life, government, commerce, manufacturing, labor, capital, amusements, international questions, and personal habits so far as they affect others, class distinctions would fade and the vast chasms that divide men as to opportunity and privilege in our present order would disappear."

Our duties to our fellow men are, in part, strength to the weak, sympathy to those in trouble, help to the destitute, kindness and justice and charitable love toward all. But at the bottom of all this is duty, faith and love toward God and Christ.

Our lesson text says a scribe asked Jesus, "Which is the first Commandment of all?" "And Jesus answered him, the first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord: And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

Love to God and love for our fellow man should control our thoughts and our conduct. Our duties toward God and mankind are well set out in this statement, "Salvation, and all grace, and the best we can do will never pay interest on the obligation. But it is a recognition of the debt which is fully acceptable to our great Creditor. Since God needs nothing we can render, save love and worship, further payments must be made through our fellow men. If this obligation includes, even man's physical needs, how much more must our love minister to his spiritual and eternal welfare."

Do we recognize our debt to God and Christ? Do we render them love and worship in payment of our obligation? Do we serve God by serving, aiding and caring for individuals who need help?

We should remember that in Matt. 25:35-40, Christ said, "I was a hungered and ye gave me meat and thirsty and ye gave me drink * * in as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S AUTO TAX OPINIONS

All Personal Taxes To Be
Paid Before License
Tag Issued

Tallahassee, Oct. 3.—Opinions requested from Attorney General Fred H. Davis this week were as follows: In regard to payment of personal tax on automobiles. The opinion expressed in a letter to Comptroller Ernest Amos brings out, that inasmuch as the 1929 assessment role was complete before the passage of new law, no special assessments of automobiles had been made; that in order to procure a tag an owner must show that the blanket statement of personal taxes had been paid, which included his automobile; that in the case of second-hand cars, the matter will have to be traced to the previous owner and if found that this owner has not paid personal taxes, an amount set by the assessor could be collected, and a tag issued. New cars not on the roll can be placed there and tag issued. Penalties not applicable to 1929 assessments. The attorney general declares that the new law is not entirely executed until 1930, that personal taxes for 1929 must be paid to secure tag. He also stated that the matter was to be tested and that he thought it a difficult matter to defend in court an attempt to make a general reassessment for 1929 under a law which did not go into effect until the roll has been completed.

If a defendant pleads guilty he saves the state witness fees and none can be collected. Sheriff cannot claim a witness fee when he has already claimed his fee for court attendance. Can hold vehicle primary. Clerks circuit courts cannot collect fees for furnishing lists of transfers. County judge cannot collect fee for executing certificates to cost bills for commissioners or taking affidavits for sheriff for bills.

Officers entitled to mileage of one way for himself when making an arrest and one way each for each prisoner returned regardless of whether or not arrests had been made for the same offense.

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Librarian Reports On September Activities

Over 500 books and periodicals were borrowed from the library during September, according to Mrs. May Waldon, librarian, who issued the following report on the number of books borrowed:

Non-fiction: Adults 5, juveniles 2; fiction: adult 285, juvenile 291; periodicals: adult 23, juvenile 3; new borrowers, adult 4, juvenile 4; fines, \$2.62; 7-day books, \$3.09; cash on hand, \$6.80.

WRUF FARM PROGRAM.

Gainesville, Oct. 3.—Following is a list of farm talks to be broadcast from WRUF for the week ending Oct. 11. The farm program is given from 1 to 1:30 p. m. Eastern Standard Time. The wave length is 204 meters.

Oct. 5.—Agriculture news hour.
Oct. 7.—Result of Green Manure Studies.—Dr. R. M. Barnett, associate chemist, Florida Experiment Station.

Oct. 8.—U. S. D. A. farm talk.
Oct. 9.—The New Milk Law.—J. M. Scott, State Department of Agriculture.

Oct. 10.—U. S. D. A. farm talk.
Oct. 11.—Nematode Diseases of Strawberries.—Dr. A. N. Brooks, associate plant pathologist, Florida Experiment Station.

Farmers of Walton county expect to market co-operatively a load of Satsumas this fall, with the help of County Agent Mitchell Wilkins.

brethren, ye have done it unto me." Paul says, Rom. 14:5, "His faith is counted for righteousness," and James says, "Faith, if it hath not works, is dead, being alone." We are saved by faith, but by such faith as causes us to serve God.

Masonic Bodies To Begin Winter Work

The summer recesses over, the various Masonic bodies of Avon Park resume their work this month. The first regular meeting of Poinciana lodge, F. & A. M., will be held tonight at 7:30 o'clock. The Blue Lodge meets every first and third Friday of the month, and B. H. James is the Worshipful Master.

Highlands Chapter, of Royal Arch Masons, with Col. Charles R. Head as Most Excellent High Priest, will meet on the second Monday of each month.

Holyrood Commandery, Knights Templar, James W. Geary, Eminent Commander, meets every third Friday.

Leigh Chapter, order of Eastern Star, meets on the second and fourth Friday, and Mrs. Lola Head is the Worthy Matron.

Car Takes Fire.

Slight damage was done to the automobile of Mrs. Guy McGiboney last Monday evening when it took fire. The fire department was called and disconnected the battery cables which caused the blaze.

Remove Soil From Crown Of Citrus With Foot Rot

Removal of soil from around the crown of citrus trees infected with rot is recommended by Erdman West, mycologist of the Florida Experiment Station, at Gainesville. Answering an inquiry recently on this subject he says:

"It is a good plan to remove the soil so that the foot rot lesions are exposed to the air. Removing dead bark with some sharp instrument is also good practice. The wound is painted with some safe disinfectant, such as Bordeaux paste, a weak lime and sulphur mixture, or carbolineum. This must not be caustic. This treatment should be delayed until all danger of frost is over. After this wound shows signs of healing the soil may be replaced."

Brother Died Saturday.

Charles T. Christopher, brother of Lloyd S. Christopher, of this city, died in Tampa last Saturday and funeral services were held Monday morning in Tampa, according to a Tampa Tribune story Monday.

Why Wait Until Disaster Threatens You

Last week when storms threatened and the warnings were sent out by the weather bureau, efforts were made to get WINDSTORM INSURANCE. But those that sought protection were too late. Then they worried until the storm had passed.

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THE HIDING PLACE

By TOM CURRY

(Continued from page two)
"What the hell's the matter with this," growled Keeler. He turned suspiciously on Flint. "Say, I think yuh lied to me."

Flint shrugged. Keeler turned back to the mantel, and turned more, but still the boards held. The gangster, angry and foiled, delivered a vicious kick at the plaster inside the ring of boards; his foot crashed through, and they heard inside the falling of plaster.

"God, boys, it looks like it!" The gangsters, eager and heartened now, pulled furiously at the thickly plastered section of wall. They had already made a big hole, when Keeler, reaching in, felt a catch inside and snapping it, the mantel came loose and swung back on cleverly hidden hinges. There was a button concealed in the wall which lifted the lock.

Before their excited eyes was an old fireplace, which had been plastered over and left with a swinging mantel which could be used as a book case when it was open, and the fireplace in use. The disused fireplace was empty, but this did not dismay Keeler and his pals. The gangsters set about digging out the bricks, and presently two came loose easily and disclosed a black tin box.

Eagerly snatching this from its resting place, Keeler went to the light and before the fascinated gaze of his comrades and the dismayed eyes of Flint, he pried the box open to disclose a mass of shining, sparkling jewels.

Death was staring him in the face, that he knew. The mob would never let him go. Whether they had found the gems or not, they would put Flint out of the way as a necessary precaution.

"Baby, look at dese sparklers! Some ice!"

The guards who had been at the door were unable to stay away from the sparkling loot, and had gradually edged closer to the table, and were staring with rounded eyes at the diamonds in the tin box. Keeler cursed, closed it with a snap, and growled out orders to his men.

He whispered to one, who could not restrain a glance in Flint's direction; the detective felt death creeping in on him, in the shape of a sharp knife. Yes, they would knife him and leave him there to die—

"Throw up your hands!"

Keeler let out a screech of hatred and rage. Flint, close to him, suddenly kicked furiously at him, and struck him in the stomach, causing the gangster to bend double in pain and drop the gun he had drawn. Another of Keeler's men fired at the doorway, which was filled with armed officers, and the shooting began. A gangster was dropped in a trice, and the three others ran for the rear of the building, shooting back at the officers.

Keeler, before Flint could leap on him, scrambled away, and reached for his gat. He clasped the box of gems in one hand and evidently intended to sell his life dearly.

The raiders saw Flint close to Keeler, and did not fire in that direction; for a moment, it seemed that Keeler might make the window which was his object.

But Flint, reckless and not regarding the consequences, leaped after him, and stumbled over a rug; as he fell, two bullets from Keeler's gun passed over his head, and the fighting detective caught the gangster by the ankle and pulled him down in a heap. They fought furiously hand to hand, Keeler roaring like a mad bull.

Morgan came hurrying over, and stepped in to deliver a blow at Keeler. More officers were crowding in from the back of the building now, carrying before them the wounded gangster, who, seeing they were surrounded, threw down their gats and cursed sullenly, hands in the air. The cluffs clicked.

Morgan brought his gun butt down on Keeler's head twice before the battling crook ceased fighting. Flint, badly ripped up, breathing laboriously, staggered in to his feet and seized the box of gems; the loot for which they had been looking for so long.

"Here's the stuff, kid," he said. "Good. Thank heaven it's all

settled now."

Silently, the two partners shook hands. A familiar voice sounded from the areaway outside. It was the chief, Captain Martin.

"Here's the swag, boss," said Flint, handing over the box. "Illsworth had two residences, and that's how we were fooled for so long. The fireplace here was concealed."

"Well, the case is all settled. Illsworth is dead, we've got his gang and the swag. You two have worked hard on this, and I won't forget it."

Flint, still confused, could not understand how help had happened to come to him. He was about to put this question to Morgan when Captain Martin, who had been inspecting the diamonds, turned to Flint.

"I owe you an apology, Flint," he said gruffly. "But you can hardly blame me for what I did. The loot was so big, and so much was at stake, that we couldn't afford to take any chances."

"Yes, sir?"

"You were alone in Illsworth's other apartment for half an hour before the search for the gems began," went on Martin. "Thus, we could not hold back a slight suspicion of you. So that's why I put a man on your trail."

Light flooded in on Flint. So that was it! There had been a member of the secret police, the checkers of the regular force, on his trail.

At last he was angry; then, he realized that if Martin had not taken this precaution, no help would have come to him in his predicament. Keeler would have finished him off and got away with the jewels.

Finally, he grinned. "That's O.K., Chief," he said. "I only hope that when I get into another tight place like that one, you're suspicious of me!"

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Articles On Florida Reopening Banks

Tallahassee, Oct. 3.—Florida's 1929 legislative acts as they pertain to revenue and taxation were explained in an article which appeared in the Manufacturer's Record of the twelfth, and in the same issue, it was declared in a detailed report that "Florida Banks Are Re-Opening." The articles were part of a series which this publication is circulating to a greater part of the Southern and Eastern industrial world, and are regarded as valuable publicity for the increasing of outside confidence in the Sunshine state. The Daily Bond News of last week also published an article telling of the betterment of banking conditions in Florida, and another article dealing with agriculture and its advancements, will be published in the October issue of the Bureau Farmer, the official publication of the Federal Farm Bureau, and recognized as "the voice of organized agriculture."

Governor Is Invited To Many Functions

Tallahassee, Oct. 3.—Invitations to take part in various functions throughout the state are being received daily by Governor Carlton, who has expressed his regret at not having the time to accept all. The present schedule of the Governor includes an address to the Florida convention of Kiwanis to be held in October at St. Petersburg; the Sun Celebration, at Fort Myers; a civic gathering at Bradenton; an address at the Armistice Day airport opening at Tallahassee; an inspection trip through the Everglades with new members of the Drainage board as well as arranging dates for other similar engagements in which he is to take part.

Prospects for a bumper crop in Lee county were reported by W. Paul Hayman, county agent, after estimating that 3,000 acres would be planted in fall crops within the next 60 days. Many of the farmers have already transplanted tomato and pepper plants from early seed beds in the rich Iona and Pine Island road agricultural districts.

FLORIDA'S NEW LAWS RELATING TO BANKING

Article Reprinted From New York Financial Authority

[Editors' Note.—The following article on the revised banking laws of the state is taken from a recent issue of the Daily Bond News, a financial authority on municipal bonds published in New York. Being timely and banks being uppermost in the minds of the majority of citizens, it is reprinted here for the benefit of the readers of The Times. The revised laws are set out in readable language and are understandable by all. The article follows].

Increased liability of stockholders and at the same time creation of a reserve fund for their protection—abolishment of banks of \$15,000 capital—rigid requirements of trust companies—employment of more examiners and a bank analyst and strengthening of rules of solvency, are the most outstanding steps in the last legislature which were sponsored by Governor Doyle E. Carlton, to solve the Florida banking situation.

Rules of what is known as "Stockholders Statutory Liability Reserve Fund" are as follows and insure the greatest protection to those who have, or will in the future, invest in Florida banking securities.

One tenth of the net profits must be paid to this fund until it reaches the amount of the capital stock. It can be withdrawn only upon approval of the Comptroller, and must be restored in the same manner in which it was created. This fund can be invested in Federal, State or Municipal bonds or school district bonds, which must be deposited with the Treasurer of the State. Having an important standing in Florida financial circles, it must be kept intact and in case of a failure it protects the stockholders, the depositors, the banks and the credit standing of the State.

A study of the recent bank failing epidemic in Florida reveals the fact that many of the more than 30 failures were in banks of less than \$50,000 capital. Those institutions capitalized at \$15,000 were almost completely wiped out. To answer this condition, the legislature adopted a new law which says, "in towns of less than 3,000 population a bank must have a paid in capital of at least \$25,000."

Trust companies, formerly permitted to run on \$50,000 capital stock must now be capitalized at not less than \$100,000 and in addition must have a paid in surplus of at least \$50,000. Where a trust company could formerly operate on a cash outlay of \$50,000, they must now put up three times that much.

Par value of all bank stocks must be at least one hundred dollars and savings banks, formerly allowed to function on \$20,000 capital, are placed in the same class. They too, must have a paid in capital of at least \$25,000.

Florida banks cannot invest in real estate except for immediate needs and then not in excess of 40 percent of combined capital and surplus; can not loan money in excess of 10 percent of this amount, but if they can get proper security this loan may be increased to 20 percent, providing, every man on the board gives permission to the loan; can not invest in any but Federal Reserve Bonds, State, County, Municipal or solvent public service corporations and then only out of the balance fund after surplus fund, stockholders fund, and 10 percent dividend have been cared for. In times of depression those Florida banks which allow the surplus fund to get low will not be permitted three months to raise money to make up the deficit, as was the former case. The Comptroller may appoint a liquidator to take charge at once. If Life Insurance companies want to deposit money in Florida banks they can do so if the bank puts up dollar for dollar security.

Bank examiners are to investigate each bank at least twice a

year. The number of these agents have been increased from eight to twelve not including the analyst.

This official may investigate at any time and if not satisfied will notify the Comptroller who may appoint a liquidator at once.

A contrary stockholder who refuses to pay an assessment on his stock will have but ten days to change his mind, at the end of which time his stock will be sold at auction.

Florida's new banking code says that in order to be a stockholder one must submit to the following regulations: Can not receive over 10 percent per annum and this only after one-tenth of the net profits have been carried to the reserve fund and after deduction of all bad debts; can not borrow over ten percent of combined capital and surplus. If the board authorizes a loan greater than this amount the officers and directors of the bank are jointly and severally liable. The bank can be immediately closed for a transgression of this nature. One cannot sell his stock if he thinks the bank is unsound and if he does so six months before the institution is closed, he and the purchaser will both be held liable.

The Answer.

The Stockholders Statutory Liability Reserve Fund is the answer. It is the main gist of Florida's new banking laws, which were adopted to meet a particular situation.

Why Bank Failures?

That the citizenship of Florida did not have money to deposit was not the reason for failures. The Mediterranean fly had an effect on this situation only as it affected the morale of the people. This fact is brought out in the last postal receipts statement which showed that 22 Florida cities deposited \$8,875,513 in postal savings more than \$2,000,000 of which was during the month of July. This money, of course, was re-deposited with the banks and security was put up for every penny.

Jordan Studying Radio.
Paul S. Jordan left Tuesday for Jacksonville, where he will make a study of the new Stewart-Warner radios, for which Jordan and Son have been appointed exclusive agents for Highlands county. Mr. Jordan expects to return to Avon Park today.

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GENERAL NEWS OVER FLORIDA THIS WEEK

Industrial, Financial and Agricultural News Of Interest

More than \$11,000,000 was collected in taxes on gasoline sold in Florida during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929, figures compiled in the state comptroller's office show. The tax, consisting of a state levy of five cents upon each gallon of gasoline, totaled \$11,207,775.94. The collections were on 224,155,478.8 gallons of the product sold during the year.

Five of undetermined origin swept through the upper story of the W. M. Pepper building Friday forenoon, doing extensive damage to the Gainesville Sun newspaper equipment and to the stock and machinery of the Pepper Printing company, located on the ground floor. Extent of the fire loss has not been determined.

Frank Drew, state equalizer of taxes, has just mailed to tax assessors, commissioners and members of boards of review and equalization of the several Florida counties, a statement dealing with the proposed plan of applying indicated principles of taxation to the assessment of timbered and cut-over lands. Mr. Drew said that he is anxious to secure expressions from Floridians, on this matter.

Elections of officers of the Florida Plumous Growers' Co-operative association was held at DeLand Friday. W. A. Shultz, Jr., Auburndale, was elected president; A. L. Lewis, DeLeon Springs, vice-president; Earl E. Hamilton, Pierson, secretary-treasurer. Directors previously elected by various districts are: E. E. Manilton, Pierson; A. L. Lewis, DeLeon Springs; H. W. Mercer, DeLand; D. R. Fisher, Pierson; E. E. Myers, Seville; D. M. Gautier, Crescent City; W. A. Shultz, Auburndale; A. A. Kurfuss, Groveland; and Julian Langner, who was appointed by Commissioner Nathan Mayo to represent the state of Florida.

Florida will market about sixteen million boxes of citrus, according to estimates based on reports made to the board of directors of the Florida Citrus Exchange made public Saturday. Production officials pointed out that the crop was maturing early this season but was under normal volume, giving growers a longer time in which to ship before the host free period was reached, after which no fruit may remain on trees, with few exceptions.

A good hunting season is forecast for Florida this winter by State Game Commissioner C. C. Woodward. A check up by the commissioner shows that this summer mating season has been favorable and that the woods and fields are well stocked with quail, doves and deer. Conservation of our wild life is almost as important as development of our agricultural resources. Thousands of people come to Florida every winter for the hunting who would go elsewhere if Florida did not afford them the sport they desire.

C. E. Street, of Bradenton, chairman of the iodine committee of the chamber of commerce of that city, has recently had some grapefruit put up at his canning plant, analyzed to find out the iodine content, and it was found to contain an appreciable quantity.

Transfer \$10,000.00 To Pay Maturities

Transfer of over \$8,000 from the city's funds in the Exchange National Bank at Tampa, and \$2,000 from the city's depository in Waucho, was made this week to cover obligations of the city maturing the first of the month.

The money was transferred to a New York bank, President DeLaney announced at the council meeting Wednesday night.

Announce Program of Woman's Club

Beginning with the November meeting, the following will appear on the program of the Woman's Club for the ensuing year. Miss Elizabeth Ewing, chairman of the program committee, announced yesterday afternoon:

November: Lecture on "Child Welfare," by Mrs. Laurie Jean Reid; chairman, Mrs. E. G. Todd. December: Lecture, "Bird Protection," by Mrs. E. E. Coulson; chairman, Mrs. W. B. Wingate. January: Lecture, "Wild Flowers of Florida," by Mrs. Miles, of Tampa; chairman, Mrs. M. A. Smith.

February: Peace and Good Will Day, the speaker being Mrs. J. W. Bonner of St. Petersburg; chairman, Mrs. Paul Garber. March: Lecture, "The Trial of Jesus of Nazareth from a Legal Standpoint," by Attorney J. C. McDonald, of Avon Park and Fitzgerald, Ga.; chairman, Mrs. A. P. Vaughn.

April: Lecture on International Relations Club Activities by Mrs. Fred Albee, of Colonia, N. J., and Nokomis, Fla.; chairman, Mrs. Mark W. Lance.

May: The final meeting of the season will be occupied with the ceremony to the retiring and incoming officers. Mrs. G. P. Thayer will be the chairman of the day. An important change in the time of a meeting was decided recently. Future meetings, except the meeting this afternoon, will begin promptly at 2:30 o'clock.

ATTORNEY ANSWERS BOND MAN'S CHARGE

(Continued from page one) call, I refused to agree to do and I also resented his demand for other resignations—all of which seemed to have a tendency to spoil his admiration for me.

Gentlemen, this letter together with the statements made at your meeting which was reduced to writing, makes perfectly clear to my mind, one purpose of his, namely, because we owe his company a little money that is not yet due, he proposes to gather a strangle hold upon the throats of an already oppressed people, move the real site of our government to Wichita and rule with an iron hand or ruin our future if in his power to do so, by financial oppression. In this attempt I shall neither aid him nor voluntarily vacate my office in order that he may accomplish his purpose through others. It has always been my purpose to stand in battle for the cause of the people of my state, county and community, and I shall not desert the ranks at this time.

In conclusion please permit me to say that in the event the delinquent tax roll reaches my office, I shall proceed in the handling of same in the usual orderly and normal manner and I have every reason to believe that citizenship of our municipality will respond in a manner as to maintain their high financial standing and integrity and avoid the rule of the iron hand from Kansas.

Respectfully submitted,
J. M. LEE,
City Attorney.

Storm Damages Mail.
Considerable damage, although not irreparable, was caused by high winds to the plants, trees and shrubbery in the Mall last week. Mayor Donaldson stated after making an investigation Monday. The greater damage was done to the parks in the hill section, he said.

Youngster Chops Hand.
Wesley Lisenby, while doing his good turn, took to chopping wood for his mother. But Wesley, with the axe poised, misjudged the stake and down came the axe on his left thumb. Either the axe was dull or the force of the blow was light, because Wesley still has the thumb, which is recovering from the accident.

Public Buildings Leaked.
Officials at the fire station and the city hall reported to council that the roofs of both buildings leaked during the heavy rains last week. The city is protected by a bond with the Barrett company, and the roofs will be repaired by that concern.

SPRAY TO CONTROL BEAN LEAF HOPPER

Two Very Common Insects Attack Beans Planted In Fall

The farmer who plants a crop of beans in the fall is almost certain to experience trouble with two very common insects, says A. N. Tissot, assistant entomologist of the Florida Experiment Station at Gainesville. These are the bean leaf-hopper or jassid and the bean leaf-roller.

The bean leaf-hopper or jassid is a pale-green insect about 3/4 inch long. They are quite active and are easily disturbed, jumping or flying away at the least touch of the bean plant. They are sucking insects, and feed upon the juices of the leaves. They cause the leaves to be dwarfed and curled, and later turn yellow and die with the result that no pods are produced. The leaf-roller is a small greenish-brown caterpillar with the group of butterflies known as skippers from their jerky method of flying. The adult is of a bluish color with long prolongations or tails on the hind wings. The adult lays its eggs on the under side of the leaves of beans, beggarweed and other legumes. The eggs hatch into small greenish-brown caterpillars with dark brown heads. The young caterpillars cut two slits in the edge of the leaf, rolls back the flap between the slits, and ties it down with strands of silk. It hides in this shelter, emerging only to feed.

The leaf-hopper, due to its method of feeding, cannot be killed by ordinary poison sprays. Something must be used which will kill them by direct contact. Black Leaf 40 is the material most generally used for this purpose. It is usually desirable to spray the beans with bordeaux to control diseases and the Black Leaf 40 may be added at the rate of 1/4 pint to 50 gallons of the bordeaux spray. If one does not wish to use the bordeaux, 6 to 8 pounds of laundry soap may be added to 50 gallons of water and the 1/4 pint of Black Leaf 40 added to this. Some preliminary experiments, carried on last year, indicate that some of the new pyrethrum sprays will be valuable in controlling this insect pest. Spraying with the ordinary spray is usually not very satisfactory as many of the leaf-hoppers escape without being wet by the spray. A more satisfactory arrangement is to build a framework over the nozzle and cover this with burlap or canvas, letting it hang over the sides and back of the nozzle to the ground. The insects flying from the spray will strike this curtain which will be wet with the spray and will be killed. A good method of protecting beans from the jassids is to keep a strip a few rods wide all the way around the bean field free of all kinds of herbaceous vegetation.

The caterpillar of the leaf-roller is a chewing insect eating the tissue of the leaf and can be easily killed with poisons. To 50 gallons of the Black Leaf 40-bordeaux spray used for the leaf-hoppers add 1/4 pound of powdered arsenate of lead. They can also be killed by dusting the plants with a dust made by mixing one pound of the powdered arsenate of lead with 8 to 10 pounds of hydrated lime.

Arsenate of lead is poisonous to man as well as to insects, and the beans should not be sprayed or dusted with this material later than a week or 10 days before picking time unless the beans can be washed before shipping.

THOMAS TAKES OVER REIGNS OF JACARANDA

(Continued from page one) the hotel for the past few years, will leave about the 15th for St. Petersburg, where he has taken over the management of a small hotel in the west coast city. Mr. Raab, several months ago, agreed to continue the management of the hotel until The Industrial Company made its appointment of a manager.

GRADE SCHOOLS OPEN WITH 386 ENROLLED

(Continued from page one) appointment will be made soon to the vacancy existing through the resignation of Mrs. J. B. Waller.

Following is a list of the teachers in the grade schools, together with the number of pupils in charge: First grade, Mrs. James E. Spencer and Miss Ann Wye, 46 pupils; Second grade, Mrs. David Stuckey, and Miss Meyers, 49 pupils; Third grade, Mrs. Leon Ragdale and Mrs. Cloud, 76 pupils; Fourth grade, Mrs. Perry and Miss Alma Harrell, 80 pupils; Fifth grade, Miss Loula Chessner (and one to be supplied), 53 pupils; Sixth grade, Mrs. Mumma and Mrs. Stamey, 53 pupils. The school in the crate mill section is in charge of Mrs. C. H. Shephard, who directs the work of 29 pupils.

In the central city grade schools the boys outnumber the girls, there being 188 boys and 169 girls. No record was available for the crate mill school, and the girls outnumber the boys in the high school, the higher grades having 109 girls and 88 boys, a total of 197.

It is interesting to note that figures for the first month of the high school sessions show that the high school enrollment this year is greater by two than in 1928, when 195 were enrolled.

ORDER OF PUBLICATION.

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

CHARLES H. WYACK, Complainant, VS. C. B. EARLY and CARRIE EARLY, his wife, M. W. BAKER and JORIE E. BAKER, his wife, and HENRY SHARPE, Defendants.

STATE OF FLORIDA, TO C. B. EARLY and CARRIE EARLY, Respondents.

It appearing that a subpoena in chancery has been issued directed to the Defendants herein, to appear before the undersigned, who is the Clerk of the Circuit Court of said county, and that said subpoena has been delivered to the Sheriff of Highlands County, Florida, and returned by him unserved because said Defendants were not found within the limits of Highlands County, State of Florida, and also appearing that an affidavit of solicitor for Complainant that the residence of the Defendants, C. B. Early and Carrie Early is at Wauch and Linden Sts., Alliance, Portage, Ohio, and that each of said above named Defendants, C. B. Early and Carrie Early are over the age of twenty-one years and that there is no person in the State of Florida who is subpoenaed against whom would bind said Defendants, and that in said cause the complainant herein is the foreclosure of mortgage on the foregoing property, Lot Number Ten (10), Block Seventy-nine (79) in the Town of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, as said lot is distinguished by the record plat of said town in the public records of said county and state.

It is therefore to require you and each of you to appear to the said Bill of Complaint in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court at Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, on the 11th day of November, A. D. 1929, to-wit: November 11th, and in default of such appearance you are hereby notified that the allegations in said Bill of Complaint will be taken as confessed by you.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that this notice be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in Highlands County, Florida, for a period of four consecutive weeks or five issues prior to said Rule Day in November, A. D. 1929.

Given under my hand and seal at Sebring, Florida, this 20th day of September, A. D. 1929.

T. FARMER, Clerk of the Circuit Court For Highlands County, Fla. By LEONA ALBRITTON, Deputy Clerk.

A. E. LAWRENCE, Solicitor for Complainant. Oct. 4-11-18-25-Nov. 1.

Red Devils Battle Lake Wales Today

Coach Carmichael and his charges will journey to Lake Wales today to give battle to the warriors of the Singing Tower town. A large number of local followers plan to attend the game, which starts at 3:30 o'clock at the Lake Wales Municipal Field.

The Red Devils have been given workouts daily and are expected to show up well against the Polk County aggregation. The latter is under the tutelage of Coach Kelley, who looks to this afternoon's game as more than a mere test for his boys.

For Results Use The Avon Park Times.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED.

Notice is hereby given that E. H. Vines, purchaser of tax certificate No. 300, dated the 11th day of July, A. D. 1927, has filed said certificate in my office and has made application for tax deed to issue thereon in accordance with law.

Said certificate embraces the following described property, situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit: Lot 4, Block 12, Red Hills, as per Plat Book 1, Page 13, in Section 13, Township 33, South, Range 28, East. The said application is on file in the date of the issuance of such certificate in the name of E. W. Van Gorder.

Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 4th day of November, A. D. 1929.

(CIRCUIT COURT SEAL) L. T. FARMER, Clerk Circuit Court, Highlands County, Fla. Oct. 4-11-18-25-Nov. 1.



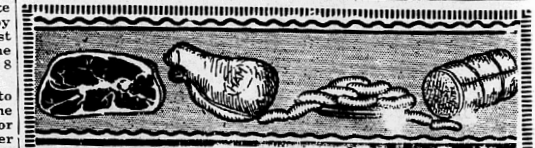
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