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LACK OF AMUSEMENT SCORED BY MADEIRA

Says All Tourist Can Do Is
Sleep, Sit In Sun, and
Go To Church

The following letter from Rev. E. E. Madeira, former rector of the Church of the Redeemer, Episcopal, of this city, but now of Detroit, was received recently by Mayor C. S. Donaldson. The letter is to the point and needs no comment:

My dear Mayor:
Your most kind letter reached me some little time ago, but up until now I have had no real opportunity to reply to it.

It was a most kindly remembrance, and I appreciated it.

As to the Isaak Walton club, of course if I should decide to return to Avon Park this fall, and such an organization were in prospect I should be glad to become a member and do all in my power to make it a success. For I am thoroughly convinced that Avon Park's "best bet" towards getting a paying "crop of tourists" down there is to make an asset of her lakes, and play up the fishing. I tried hard enough to get the men down there to understand what it meant, when I undertook to organize the Fishing Club. I urged them. I told them of the results I had seen in Minnesota and the other northern resort sections. I quoted figures and statistics. I told them of how I had seen little towns grow into large ones, with a mass of visitors each summer; I plead, I argued, I made myself a general nuisance, but to no avail. So I gave it up. The men for the most part were courteously uninterested. Some of them openly antagonistic, some few of them interested, but the majority were blind to the opportunity and failed to join the club. And it failed and the little money that had been subscribed went up in the bank failures.

I do not know much about the Isaak Walton club, but from the little I do know, it will meet the need. You need a local fishing club; composed of at least one hundred.

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DEMONSTRATION CLUB MEET AT COURT HOUSE

Plans Laid For Work For
Coming Year at Last
Wednesday Meet

On Wednesday afternoon, a group of women representing the Senior Home Demonstration Clubs, met with Miss May Winfield, Home Demonstration Agent, at the Court House.

Plans for the ensuing year's work were made and it was decided to especially emphasize the value of nutrition and health in the program work, stressing all classes of canning and of gardening.

Each community will hold meetings and when canning demonstration work is to be done, all-day meetings will be held.

Now, as never before, women should learn the very latest ideas on canning fruits and vegetables, as with the quarantine from the Mediterranean Fruit Fly, it may be that quantities of fruits and vegetables can be canned or preserved for market so that an income can be provided in this way.

Miss May Winfield, is teaching thrift in more ways than one to the members of her various clubs and all the junior and senior club members are intensely interested in all she has to offer them along the many interesting lines.

City Taxes Materially Reduced By Councilmen

AVON PARK'S taxes for the coming year were materially reduced by the city council last Friday evening, when the anticipated delinquent tax collections were increased from \$30,000 to \$50,000. The reductions amount to 44 percent on the new city property and 30 percent on the old city property.

The news of the reduction will be received with pleasure by the taxpayers, who have complained of the tax burdens. Efforts by the councilmen to make further reductions than those given were unsuccessful because of the bonds and interest becoming due.

The complete story of the tax reduction will be found on page three of The Times.

SEABOARD FAILS TO ANSWER CITY'S PLEA

Courtesy of Reply Not Given
To Mayor's Letter To Safe-
guarding Crossing

While the Main Street crossing of the Seaboard Airline railway remains a great menace to south-bound motor traffic, nothing is being done by the railroad officials in response to the plea of the city for adequate protection at the crossing and the prevention of a recurrence of the King-Crews fatality early this year.

At least that is the impression given by Mayor Donaldson who stated to a visiting Seaboard official Wednesday that not even the courtesy of a reply had been received from the officials in response to letters from the Mayor and City Engineer Lacy. The two city officials were appointed by council July 22 to confer or communicate with the Seaboard officials as to the ways and means of providing a safeguard at the dangerous crossing on the city's principal thoroughfare.

Because of an embankment and other obstacles on the southbound lane there is little chance of a local motorist, let alone a tourist, from seeing the train as it thunders into the station on its northbound trip until the automobile is practically on the tracks. For this reason the city is seeking additional safeguards, other than the wooden sign, warn the motorists. Hence the letters that have received no reply.

"Fellowship Day" Observed By Rotes

"Fellowship Day" was observed at the weekly luncheon of the Avon Park Rotary club. In the absence of the president, Attorney J. C. McDonald, Vice-president J. S. Francis presided.

The principal speaker was Dr. Thomas, one of the most prominent educators of South Carolina, and a former resident of Avon Park. Dr. Thomas spoke on "Friendship," and his talk is considered one of the best ever heard at Rotary. The former Avon Park man recently returned from a world's tour.

In honor of his birthday, Dr. Chandler received the congratulations of the club from H. F. R. Reck.

The visitors, all from Sebring, were: Dr. Frank Manley, Col. F. N. K. Bailey and W. Z. Dalgety.

Fish Are Biting.

Fishing continues to be good at the lakes around Avon Park. J. W. Baldree reported Tuesday that he caught a 9½ black bass at a near-by lake, and stories of other nice catches are going the rounds.

PINECREST PROJECT POSTPONED FOR YEAR

Unforeseen Circumstances
Cause Action; DeAnguera
To Make Chicago Home

Upon receipt of advices telegraphed him Tuesday, Col. R. P. Davidson, president of the Pine Crest Lakes Winter club, wired Ferd deAnguera, resident manager, that the contemplated building project, calling for an additional building on the club property, had been postponed for a year. Unforeseen circumstances caused the postponement. Col. Davidson advised in his telegram on Wednesday morning.

When the club president paid a brief visit to this city about two months ago, he conferred with W. J. Heim, local architect, on plans for erecting another building on the Pine Crest Lakes property, which would provide sleeping quarters. The building and furnishings was estimated to cost between \$40,000 and \$50,000. Arrangements were being made by the Chicago interests to have the work get underway this fall, so that everything would be ready for the coming season.

About two weeks ago Mr. deAnguera, who had been in the Windy City for several weeks, returned to Avon Park. He went over the plans with the architect, and an estimate was submitted to the president, who announced the postponement.

Coincident with the president's decision comes the announcement from Mr. deAnguera that he will leave about the first of October for Chicago, where he will make his permanent home. Mrs. deAnguera is now in Chicago with their children, Miss Helen and Ferd, Jr.

Although he relinquishes the active management of the club, Mr. deAnguera will retain his connection with the organization at Chicago. His decision to leave, while entirely unexpected by many of his friends in this city, was made some time ago. But the formal announcement was not made until Monday of this week.

Mr. deAnguera's departure from Avon Park is regretted by all. He has been one of the leading figures in civic affairs, and during his residence here for over three years he has been one of the biggest boosters for Avon Park. Mr. deAnguera is possessed of a fine personality, and keen business acumen, and his leaving will cause a vacancy that will be hard to fill.

The Times regrets exceedingly the decision of Mr. deAnguera. But we rejoice in the fact that the opportunities presented in Chicago will result in greater success for him and his family.

McDonald Takes Over Practice In Georgia

Word was received here yesterday morning from Attorney J. C. McDonald advising that he had accepted the offer to take over the practice of his uncle, Judge A. J. McDonald, of Fitzgerald, Ga. Mr. McDonald left here Tuesday evening for Fitzgerald upon receipt of word that his former law partner had been appointed judge of the Cordele circuit.

Mr. McDonald will return soon to arrange for the removal of his family to Fitzgerald. For the time being, however, he will devote his time between the Georgia city and Avon Park, where he has had a splendid practice since coming here about six years ago.

The attorney is a member of the firm of McNicholas and McDonald and is president of the Rotary club.

"Ice" Demonstration Was Given Yesterday

UNDER the direction of Miss Neill James, Director of Household Refrigeration Department of the Florida Ice Manufacturers' association, an "ice" demonstration was held at the new office of the Florida Public Service company at 17 East Main street. A large number of women, and a few of the male sex, were present.

Miss James gave a lecture on proper refrigeration and also gave her audience valuable suggestions on the selection of refrigerators.

Punch from a natural bowl in a huge cake of ice and cakes were served following the lecture.

BASS IS WOUNDED PERFORMING DUTY

Warrant Sworn Out For Man
Believed To Have Shot at
Deputy Commissioner

Mel E. Bass, of Avon Park, deputy fish and game commissioner for Highlands county, was shot from ambush about 10:30 Wednesday morning on the game preserve between Childs and Hicoria, south of State Road 8 and east of the Coast Line railroad. Hearing shots in the preserve, he and Jim Hill, of Avon Park, went to investigate and the first thing they knew, Bass fell with a bullet in his right elbow. The assailant escaped and Bass was brought to Dr. Dyess at Lake Placid for treatment.

The doctor removed a .25 high power rifle bullet from the arm but found that no bones were broken. Following medical treatment Bass and Hill came on to Sebring and a warrant was sworn out for the man that Bass has every reason to believe was his assailant. Deputy Sheriff Helms immediately took the warrant but after searching nearly all Wednesday night failed to find the man named, he apparently having left the country.

Bass was receiving congratulations yesterday on the narrowness of his escape, the fact of the wound being far less serious than it might have been, was attributed to a faulty shell. Bass rested easily Wednesday night and expected to be able to resume his duties in the near future.

Opening Of Crate Mills Is Delayed

Unsettled conditions in the citrus industry has delayed the beginning of operations at the Avon Manufacturing company and the Mutual Crate Mill company. Officials of both companies had hoped to resume work next Monday, but conditions would not permit them to do so. It may be October 1 or later before the mills start up for the season.

With the packers in Polk and Volusia counties, where the Avon Crate Mills ship a greater part of their output, are up in the air over the Medfly situation, and not knowing if the "cooking" or pre-cooling process will be required before the fruit is shipped, the effects are being felt by the local crate manufacturers.

No Examination.

Neither Mrs. Ruth Skipper, postmaster, nor members of the Highlands County Republican Central committee have been advised that a call had been issued for another examination for the postmastership of Avon Park, as rumored around the city.

STAMEY REPORTED TO HAVE RESIGNED SEAT

President DeLaney Non-com-
mittal On Story That He
Received Resignation

Shrouded in the same deep mystery that cloaked his disappearance from this city two weeks ago today, comes the report that the resignation of Councilman R. A. Stamey was mailed in this city last Saturday evening to E. A. DeLaney, president of the city council. It was reported that the letter contained no information of the whereabouts of the absentee councilman but merely stated that he resigned from his councilmanic seat, which, if the report is true, is the second time he has taken the same step.

When queried regarding the report yesterday, President DeLaney would neither deny nor confirm Stamey's reported resignation.

Stamey's friends are mystified by his actions. He was seen around the city two weeks ago today, but since that time he seemed to have dropped from the earth. Nothing has been heard from him, as far as is known—aside from his reported resignation mailed in Avon Park. But Mr. Stamey was not seen in the city that evening, and the conclusions are that he sent the letter to someone locally with instructions to mail. Who the "someone" is a riddle to the mystery—because it's a real, dyed-in-the-wool mystery, sure enough.

At first his friends assumed that he had left on a business trip for a few days. But when he failed to appear for an engagement with a local man several days afterward, and when his livestock was seen to be lacking attention, his friends became slightly worried, and the worry increased as the days went by and Mr. Stamey failed to show up at his home or at his usual haunts.

Stamey's disappearance has caused quite a flurry in political circles. Within the past month he was named the Chairman of the Highlands County Republican Central committee.

Now the G. O. P., it seems, will have to seek another man to head

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POLITICS CONTINUE TO BE INTERESTING

McDonald's Decision Changes
Plan; Report Republicans
Seeking New Chairman

"Opposition forces" will have to look around for another candidate to succeed Col. J. M. Lee as city attorney, now that Attorney J. C. McDonald will leave here soon to take up his residence in Fitzgerald, Ga. Mr. McDonald had been prominently mentioned several weeks ago as the man to succeed the present city attorney.

And if the report is true that Councilman R. A. Stamey has submitted his resignation as a board member, the opposition will have to be satisfied without his political scalp.

One choice bit of political news during the past week is the report that the Republicans are seeking another man to take Mr. Stamey's position as the county chairman. The G. O. P. leaders probably feel that their county leader will not return, and hence they must hunt up a new head for the organization. One prominent man was mentioned as a possible leader, but it is understood he has refused to act.

Not a Contin-
ued Story

LADY KILLER

By Oscar Schisgall

A Complete
Story

It was on the high road just beyond Tarrytown that Martinez, the jeweler, revealed his amazing scheme.

He had stopped his sedan at a point which surveyed a vast stretch of the Hudson. A December moon, full and dazzling in the wintry night, painted a golden glimmer on the river, but Martinez callously turned his back to the beauty below him. His eyes burned only on the woman at his side. And in that deep, stirring voice of his—a voice like the roll of a drum—he told her:

"Cora, I have known you more than a year. I have known you intimately. You are exactly the kind of woman who can help me—clever, dependable, unafraid!"

His great hand seized her wrist, not importunately but compelling, as if he could wrench acquiescence from her. Cora Drune, however, seemed unaware of his fervor. She was frowning across the iridescent water beyond his shoulder; listening in surprise to the strange criminal plan Martinez had conceived.

From a man like him—huge in a muscular, aggressive way; powerful as a gorilla—one might have expected an idea based on sheer brutality. Yet, paradoxically, he was disclosing an inspiration at once delicate and ingenious; a plan that required discretion and tact rather than violence.

"For your share," he promised in his low, resonant voice, "I'll not only pay your traveling expenses to Antwerp and back, but I'll add ten thousand dollars in cash."

"It sounds too simple to be possible," Cora Drune murmured after a moment's reflection. Absently she stared at the lights of an approaching automobile. "It's a queer scheme."

"Its very simplicity assures its success," declared Martinez. "Consider: I give you the necklace which you take to the Customs House. You register it there. You inform the officials that you are taking it abroad with you. You declare the exact value of its diamonds—four hundred thousand dollars. Having registered the possession, you are entitled to bring it back into the country without paying duty!"

"I understand all that. Still—" "From the Customs House," Martinez pressed on, too enthusiastic to countenance interruption, "you bring the necklace back to me. I remove its diamonds. I reset it with imitations. With these imitations you travel to Antwerp, where Bernhard van Horst is ready to meet you. It is with him, you understand, that I am doing business. Van Horst removes the imitations and resets the necklace with diamonds. And so, when you return to the States, you have a collar of genuine gems which you frankly show to the Customs officials. Since you have registered it before departing, you are entitled to bring it in duty free!"

Martinez squeezed her wrist more tightly. The momentary flare of a passing car illumined his massive face; it was agitated and somewhat flushed, mastered by a queer hunger. "You see?" he whispered.

Wryly she smiled into his gleaming eyes; a smile that mocked his excitement.

"I see," she said, "that the fence is going in for smuggling. New tricks for an old dog."

Martinez permitted himself a nervous little laugh. "It's a new venture for me," he admitted. "And a good one."

"How much do you make out of it?"

"The duty on cut stones—unset—is twenty per cent." He spoke candidly, for he knew it was a matter she could easily ascertain for herself. "Therefore, on four hundred thousand dollars' worth of diamonds imported in this manner, I earn—"

"Eighty thousand dollars!" she finished. And of that you offer me only ten thousand!"

"Ah, yes! But then, my dear, I must share also with van Horst."

Cora Drune emitted a curt sound—almost a snort. For a time she pondered, her gloved fingers patting on her knee. Martinez stud-

ied her frown eagerly, until at last she shook her head and declared: "You'll have to do better than that, Freddy. I'll admit the idea sounds good. But my end isn't very inviting."

That blunt assertion launched a long debate which was nothing more than intimate haggling. For two who professed, according to their own peculiar standards, to be romantically interested in each other, the argument might have been deemed rather sordid. In the end, however, Martinez generously yielded—as he had expected to yield. Cora Drune, for her aid in the scheme, was to receive the stupendous sum of \$20,000. . . .

"But you'll have to give me a few days to think it over more carefully," she decided. "I'm not promising yet—"

Martinez assented quite readily. He even laughed. He knew she would find no flaw in his novel plan. There was no flaw to be found. Had not he and his Belgian associate, Bernhard van Horst, studied the matter assiduously? . . . He was utterly confident.

The jeweler swung around to the steering wheel and sent his black sedan rolling on toward New York. About his pendulous lips his odd smile lingered—until, suddenly, a frown leaped to his heavy features. "Look here, Cora," he exclaimed, "I can trust you to keep silent about this?"

"Don't be ridiculous! Of course you can."

ing. "Oh, no, don't, Freddy! Not tonight. I've had a bad trip and a hard day. I'm going to sleep immediately. Tomorrow—"

"Nonsense!" he insisted. "I won't stay more than a few minutes. I'll be right over—"

"Please, Freddy, not tonight—" "Expect me in ten minutes," he repeated abruptly—and slammed the receiver on its hook. As if a man could be expected to delay the ecstasy of achievement!

At half past eight he telephoned her hotel. With a sigh of resignation Cora yielded the number of her room, and Martinez hurried up to it. She had acceded to his insistence as one accedes to a wilful child—impudently; but he was too profoundly excited to be troubled by the petulant inflection of her voice.

He found Cora Drune more spectacularly beautiful than ever—a tall, erect woman with lustrous golden hair. She wore a dark gown with a single scarlet rose pinned just below its shoulder. And for an instant, as he halted to stare, her beauty crashed upon him like a blow.

Martinez stepped forward joyously, his two great arms extended in welcome, his face suffused with delight. But he had taken only two strides when he realized that something was wrong . . . and he stopped, perplexed.

Perhaps it was the circumstance that Cora had receded from him,

abruptly became thick and choked; and after a quick breath, he blurted, "I don't understand what you're talking about! You brought the necklace, didn't you?"

"Yes, I brought it."

"Then—" Martinez stopped. In that moment he began to divine the frightful truth. And comprehension sucked the color from his face, leaving it yellow and the eyes staring wildly. The muscles of his jaws became constricted and bulged, so that his features seemed puffed and swollen.

Impulsively he stepped forward and seized the edge of the table in a mighty, crushing grip. What he guessed he dared not believe. . . . "Cora!" he gasped hoarsely. "You—you're not double-crossing me!"

To that she offered only a shrug. It was then that the full horror of the situation burst upon Martinez. He held his breath as though he were being strangled. She was refusing to surrender the necklace—four hundred thousand dollars in diamonds! . . . Deliberately, defiantly, she was stealing it from him!

And with that terrifying realization came the knowledge of his own impotence. What recourse did he have? Could he sue her? Could he reveal her crime to the police? He could do nothing—absolutely nothing—without disclosing his own complicity in the smuggle!

Martinez stood rigid, eyeing the woman in a sort of hypnosis. Until

were half a second too late. . . . Martinez had suddenly lunged across the table. And as the revolver appeared, his great paw gripped and crushed the woman's hand. He administered but a single violent wrench. Cora gasped in pain—and her weapon went clattering across the table!

An instant later it was he who held the revolver.

He directed it straight at her heart. The thing looked ludicrously small in his tremendous hand; a sort of toy pistol. He straightened as she recoiled. And though it was Cora now who manifested pallor and terrified amazement, Martinez evinced no satisfaction in the spectacle.

Indeed, he stood utterly expressionless.

"You'll tell me where the necklace is," he said quietly. "You'll give it to me—now."

Cora Drune had drawn back against the wall. She managed, however, to comfort the man and the revolver with surprising courage.

"I can't," she answered. "You're going to give it to me within one minute."

"I can't, I tell you! It—it's too late!"

"Too late?" he echoed.

"It's gone! I haven't got it!" Cora's voice suddenly rose in a kind of shrill exultation. Even now she remained triumphant. "My brother met me at the dock!" she cried. "He's on his way West with the necklace now—and the stones will be sold tomorrow!"

Freddie, what occurred after that Martinez did not clearly know. He swayed slightly. Four hundred thousand dollars. . . . His figure seemed to expand as the muscles bulged rock-hard. His complexion was ghastly.

For a while the room was silent. He felt cheated, beaten. Fury welled within him until it burst explosively. His eyes, of a sudden, were distorted with insane, blazing rage. His mind plunged into chaos.

The woman had robbed him—

He never remembered actually squeezing the trigger.

It must have been a convulsive act. He knew only that there was an odd report in his ears. . . .

Then Cora Drune, staring at him in a sort of incredulity rather than in pain, reeled forward a step or two. One hand leaped to her chest; the other tried to grasp the table.

But it was too late. Her knees bent, and she sagged limply to the floor. Martinez stood entranced, staring. He did not yet quite understand what had happened. His brain was paralyzed.

After a moment, when she sprawled motionless at his feet, he saw the crimson stain on her dress—just beneath the red rose. . . . It was then he realized that he had committed murder. . . . Somehow he got out of that room.

For more than an hour Martinez walked rapidly about the dark, freezing streets. He liked the icy gale that screamed past him, tearing and flapping his coat about his knees. The wind cleared his mind, restored his ability to think coherently. He faced it eagerly and strode into its full blast.

Strangely, he did not regret what he had done. Cora Drune had deserved it. Four hundred thousand dollars! . . . He cursed the loss yet found a savage, vindictive satisfaction in the knowledge that she, too, had lost it.

What concerned him more than all else was his own safety. And he told himself:

"No one knows I went to her room. No one saw me come out of it! There's nothing against me—nothing."

The pearl-handled revolver was in his pocket, where he had dazedly dropped it as he recoiled from the body. Now, at a moment when he was unobserved, Martinez threw it into a sewer. He straightened with a strange smile, as if he had cleared himself of guilt.

"Nothing against me—nothing to prove I killed her—" he repeated to himself; and on that assurance, he started home.

When he entered the house, he found several letters protruding from his letter-box. He extracted them with simulated casualness, though his fingers still trembled. And as he mounted the stairs, he was somewhat startled to discover that one envelope bore a Belgian stamp. It brought something like a grim sneer to his lips; Bernhard van Horst demanding his share of

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The jeweler's scheme was a poser for the Customs officials.

"Even with your brother?" She eyed him reprovingly, as if his intimation were an unthinkable absurdity.

"Freddy," she answered, "for twenty thousand dollars any mouth can be kept shut!"

When Cora Drune returned from her Belgian mission, on a freezing Thursday in late January, Martinez did not go to meet her at the dock. It was no lack of gallantry which suppressed this courtesy. Rather it was the urge of inherent prudence.

He realized that he was not wholly unknown to the metropolitan police; he realized that his reputation was far from savory; therefore, his presence on the pier could serve no purpose other than the rousing of official uneasiness. And he had no desire to throw a shadow across the joy of Cora's homecoming. . . . Her ship, the *Belgenland*, docked late in the afternoon. Martinez waited patiently until evening. Then, from his bachelor apartment in the Fifties, he telephoned her at her hotel.

Her cheery voice brought brilliance into his eyes. He sat eagerly beside the instrument, and the customary pallor of his big, muscular countenance was dispelled by a mottled flush.

"Any trouble?" he asked quickly. "None at all," she assured him.

"Only it was exhausting to stand there while they went through my luggage. I'm feeling ready to collapse—"

"I'll be over in ten minutes!" Martinez exclaimed, already rising. But she astonished him by plead-

impulsively moving back around the table. Perhaps it was the cold, hard frown with which she answered his smile. Whatever the cause, he suddenly found her aloof and hostile—even belligerent. And he gaped in amazement.

"What's the matter?" he demanded.

"I asked you not to come up!" "But be reasonable! I wanted to see you—"

"You wanted to see the necklace," she corrected acidly.

"Well, yes—of course," he admitted. "I—" He checked himself, marveling at the icy, humorless smile that was twisting her lips. It was a rather ugly smile for so lovely a face; a challenging and even contemptuous smile. "What is it?" he exclaimed.

Cora did not at once reply. She stood surveying him from head to foot, her appraisal both aloof and critical. Her fingers, which had mechanically been toying with an antelope-skin purse, stiffened. She looked into his eyes—levelly, coldly.

"I suppose there's no use beating about the brush," she said, her tones quiet and decisive. "We may as well understand each other from the start. . . . Martinez, you're not getting any necklace!"

His eyes widened in bewilderment. There was an interval of tense, unreal silence before he whispered, "What?"

"I said," she repeated doggedly, "that you're not getting any necklace. Isn't that clear enough?"

"I don't understand—" His voice

a minute ago he had revelled in the successful manipulation of a most adroit smuggling scheme—a scheme he had contrived, nursed, and engineered himself. He had lived through weeks of anxiety and apprehension until, at last, he had found himself triumphant.

And now this cold, composed woman was exploding his triumph with duplicity. . . .

Something happened to Martinez. A new emotion surged through his enormous figure—a rage more terrible than any he had ever known in his life. It stiffened him. It left him rigid and white. And yet, though his blood felt frozen, tiny droppings of perspiration appeared on his forehead.

"Where is—that necklace?" he uttered each word alone, distinctly, in a voice abnormally low.

"I've already said—"

"Where is that necklace?" he repeated.

She did not answer. And Martinez began slowly to move around the table toward her—a huge, gorilla-like man with a countenance that seemed to be steadily swelling. Little red lines had come into his eyes. He was breathing stentoriously.

But Cora Drune was not unperturbed. She had anticipated a scene of this sort. The hand that had been hovering near the purse suddenly darted into it. She seized the handle of a small revolver—a thing of gleaming mother-of-pearl. She snatched it out.

"Hold on to yourself!" she warned. But her words, like her act,

EDISON FORMERLY SOLD NEWSPAPERS

Famous Inventor Saved Station Agent's Son and Was Taught Telegraphy

The numerous celebrations to be held this fall in honor of Thomas A. Edison, in conjunction with Light's Golden Jubilee suggest similar tributes for other contributions which this grand old man of science has made to the world's progress. Possibly because it was his first work it is not so well known that Edison aided tremendously in the development of the art of telegraphy. His inventions of the duplex and the quadruplex methods of telegraphy, the Universal stock ticker, and various automatic relays and other pieces of telegraphic equipment have exerted a wide influence on the progress of this form of instantaneous communication.

Edison became interested in telegraphy when he was a news boy on the Grand Trunk Railway, at which time he was but 14 years old. His taste for chemistry induced him to set up a laboratory in the empty baggage car always carried on his train. One of his experiments set the car on fire and so incensed the conductor that he summarily ejected the young inventor at Mount Clemens, Mich., the next station. Edison sold papers at this station, and out of gratitude for saving the life of his son the station agent taught him the Morse code and the lad soon became proficient enough to accept a job as a railway telegraph operator. Later the desire for travel manifested itself and he journeyed to Indianapolis where he went to work for the Western Union.

His early days as a telegraph operator took him to various parts of the country and he developed into an unusually expert operator, noted especially for the excellence of his handwriting. From Indianapolis Edison went to Cincinnati and then to Memphis, where he devised an automatic telegraph repeater which enabled New York to send directly to New Orleans. He next visited Nashville and left there for Louisville where he arrived cold, hungry and broke; but he soon got a job and remained in that city for two years, copying press reports. After a journey to New Orleans he returned to Louisville; then went to his home in Port Huron and subsequently journeyed to Boston where he obtained work with the Western Union and, because of his speed and skill was assigned to Number One New York wire.

In Boston he found conditions favorable for continuing his experimental work and invented a stock ticker and started a market quotation service. In 1868 he made an unsuccessful trip to New York in an effort to sell his stock ticker. After a fruitless trip to Rochester for the same purpose and a return to New York he got a position as expert in charge of the Gold Indicator company's stock ticker service at the then magnificent salary of \$300.00 per month.

The young inventor built an electric printer which with several other improvements he sold to the Gold and Stock Telegraph company, and after the Western Union assumed control of this firm he was retained by General Marshall Lefferts, the president, to improve the ticker. The result of his labors was the Edison Universal Stock ticker which is in general use today. He received \$40,000 for this invention and with this money in hand he opened up a factory, purchased machinery, hired men to work for him and went into the business of manufacturing tickers.

Probably the most important telegraph inventions of Edison were the duplex and quadruplex. For many years after the invention of Professor Morse some of the best engineering brains not only in this country but in Europe, too, had been endeavoring to perfect some method whereby more than one message at one time could be sent over a single telegraph wire. Each attempt was found to be at fault in some particular or other which made it impractical. Edison put his mind on this problem and

the result was the duplex method of telegraphy by which two messages may be sent over the same wire at once. Later he invented the quadruplex, which permits four messages to be sent simultaneously over a single wire. These two inventions resulted in the saving of millions of dollars to the telegraph companies and are considered today by telegraph experts to be the most important contributions to telegraphy since the invention of the telegraph.

In one of his business deals with the Western Union Edison made a peculiar stipulation. He sold two of his inventions outright to the Western Union with the specific understanding that he should receive \$12,000 a year for them over a period of 17 years, the life of the patents.

"I knew that if I got this money all at once I'd spend it in further experiments," Edison explained. "Getting it the way I did saved me from financial worries for 17 years."

Even today Edison retains his interest in telegraphy and is still a proficient Morse operator. Despite his deafness which has become quite pronounced in recent years he is able to hear the dots and dashes of the Morse sounder and he has lost none of his aptitude at the key.

PROCEED WITH PLANS FOR GLADES DRAINAGE

Started In 1907 and Still Considered Important To Entire Country

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 12.—Drainage of the Everglades was first brought before Florida's government back in 1907 when Governor Broward supervised this important work. This waste land of South Florida has been a paramount problem of the state since that time. Governor Carlton on September 4th, presided over a meeting at West Palm Beach which marked the organization of a new board and 1929 plans were launched. Twenty-two years after the work of Governor Broward, Florida's present chief executive resumed this work, but with a workable group of Florida men as assistants, and a well defined law for its operation.

President Hoover also acquainted with this problem of Florida because of his visit there early in the present administration, is seen as a valuable assistant to the solution. So, Florida many years after it first began is continuing the work of reclaiming the Everglades, thereby doing a work which will not only create a vast area of productive soil, but will do away with a danger to human lives as well. Drainage of the Everglades is still one of the great obligations of the state and nation, and is regarded as such by the chief executive.

National Contest For Poultry Club Members

GAINESVILLE, Sept. 12.—Another goal for 4-H club members to work for has just been announced by the Quaker Oats company of Chicago, in offering a free trip to the International Club Congress in Chicago in 1930 for the club member in each state making the best record in poultry production in the flocks. To be eligible for the state prizes a contestant must have at least 50 birds.

The contest is being conducted to stimulate interest in poultry clubs throughout the country, and will be supervised by 4-H club leaders in the states. County agents will conduct the contest in their counties and will supervise the care of the flocks. To be eligible for the state prizes a contestant must have at least 50 birds.

The contest begins September 1, 1929, and will be continued for a year. For Sale, Want and Exchange bulletin has been established in the office of County Agent John H. Logan of Hernando for the use of farmers in the county.

CITY'S TAXES ARE GREATLY REDUCED

Millage Set at 7½ and 15 On New and Old City Property, Respectively

Grappling the tentative 1929-1930 budget again last Friday night, the city council succeeded in effecting a big reduction in taxes. When the battle was over the budget was adopted and the millage set at 7½ on the new city property and 15 on the old city property. The new millage, together with the 25 percent reduction in assessments, means a tax reduction of 44 percent on new city property and 30 percent on old city property.

In a further effort to reduce the millage from 10 on the new city and 20 on the old city, the councilmen took the tentative budget, as published in last week's issue of The Times, and added an additional \$20,000 to the \$30,000 anticipated delinquent tax collections, making the latter \$50,000. The delinquent taxes for the past few years approximate \$90,000, and the city fathers believe that by a concerted effort at least \$50,000 of the \$90,000 can and will be collected. To this end they plan a vigorous delinquent tax collection drive to net the results desired.

The budget for the new fiscal year appropriates \$32,150 for the operation of the various city departments, whereas the budget for the past year called for an expenditure of \$57,400, a reduction of \$25,250 on running expenses for the coming year. Economy was the password among the councilmen and the knife was used unmercifully in cutting down expenses, with the resultant reduction in taxes.

A total of \$109,000 in bonds, which included \$34,000 maturing for the first time, on the old city property, is the prime factor, as usual, in preventing a lower reduction of the millage on the old city holdings. Last year the levy on the old city was 16 mills and 10 mills on the new.

Little doubt exists that refunding will be necessary. And for that purpose letters are now in the hands of Florida municipalities of

What Are Reductions of Taxes In Percent?

What is the reduction of taxes in percent? Was the question asked by many taxpayers following the publishing last week of the tentative budget and the tentative millage. Inasmuch as the budget for the new fiscal year has been adopted, and the new millage set at 7½ on the new city and 15 on the old, we base our answer of 44 percent and 30 percent on the new and old city property, respectively.

For example: Last year the millage on a \$5,000 piece of property in the new limits was 10 mills and the tax \$50. This year the assessment was dropped about 25 percent, making the new assessment \$3,750. On a levy of 7½ mills the tax will be \$28.12, representing a drop of \$21.88, or a percentage of practically 44.

A parcel of land in the old city limits and assessed at \$5,000 was taxed \$80 on a 16 mill basis last year. This year the same parcel of land was assessed at \$3,750, a reduction of \$1,250 over the preceding year. But on the new millage of 15, on an assessed valuation of \$3,750, the tax will be \$56.25, or a reduction of \$23.75. In percent the reduction is approximately 30 percent.

Avon Park's size requesting information as to what methods were used in refinancing. Bond houses holding Avon Park bonds have also been asked to suggest ways and means of refunding.

Acreage of Vetch, Peas Increased As Result of Campaign

As a result of a campaign being conducted by District Agent J. Lee Smith and county agents of West Florida, the acreage to be planted to winter cover crops of Austrian Winter peas and vetch this fall will be greatly increased. The agents are advising the planting of peas or either hairy or monantha vetch about the last of September and the first of October.

J. W. Malone, Okaloosa, says that there will be between 125 and 150 acres planted to these crops in his county, where there were only 15 acres last year. B. E. Lawton reports that farmers of Madison county have signed up for 75 acres of these crops.

"Quite a number of farmers have expressed an interest in growing hairy vetch and winter peas, and it is expected that the acreage in the county will be greatly increased," says T. D. Rickenbacker of Bradford.

County Agent John G. Kelley of Calhoun visited 37 farmers during August concerning the planting of vetch. Sam H. Rountree, Jackson county, says that if seed can be secured at satisfactory prices, 1,000 acres will be planted to vetch and peas. Gus York of Washington county says that prospects are for 500 acres in his county.

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REDUCING TAXES

The city council is entitled to the thanks of the taxpayers for its successful efforts in reducing the tax burden.

Night after night the board members wrestled with the financial problems confronting the city until they reached a happy solution—the means of cutting the taxes.

Expenditures for the fiscal year ending 1930 were cut to the bone. Every department was affected by the economy program and not an official or a department received an increase. An insurmountable obstacle in the budget was the bond situation. In this matter the councilmen had no choice. The bonds were voted by the taxpayers, and the bill has to be borne.

In setting up the budget the members have anticipated the collection of \$50,000 of the \$90,000 delinquent taxes, and it is up to the taxpayers to keep faith with their representatives by paying up the taxes in arrears that are rightfully due the city. Every effort to make the collections will be made, and if the drive is successful, which it should be, Avon Park will soon be, as they say, sitting on top of the world.

We believe we express the consensus of opinion when we say, to the councilmen, "Well done."

After reading Dr. John C. Hill's announcement of his discovery of the Utopian Island, where people live lazy and carefree, we looked it up on the map. But our finances won't carry us that far.

One advantage of doing your spooning in a church love-nook is the fact the minister is handy. Now if they go one step better and install a marriage license bureau, everything will be jake.

After reading the feature story of "Tillie," in the Tampa Times, we wonder if the police raided the speakeasy in which The Times reporter found the scrubwoman.

Because people buy their baby chicks, a Miami city commissioner doesn't see any need for roosters. Truly, this is the age of wonders.

Grape growers have a fat chance of preventing their products from being used in making wine.

Frostproof's bank opening was the smoothest, according to the comptroller's department. And some of the closings were the roughest.

Commissioner Doran didn't see a single intoxicated person on his recent western trip. That proves he didn't attend any parties.

Maybe they're attacking the constitutionality of the act because the fertilizer isn't scented with attar of roses.

That Contented Feeling.

We've been accused of purring like a cat when we smoke our pipe.

Since pajamas are becoming the general daytime costume, we wonder what we should wear at bedtime, if anything.

Stuart is to send a mounted tarpon to the international apple growers convention at Toronto. Next!

Avon Park's taxes have been reduced nearly fifty percent on the old city and twenty-five on the new.

Count that day lost, too, when you don't find some recently enacted law attacked as unconstitutional.

Publicity does a lot of good. The state has awarded a printing contract to a concern at Jacksonville.

Bobby Jones got tired of being the defending champ and wanted to do a little challenging himself.

Sebring is getting naughty. The boys are playing checkers on the recreation grounds on Sunday.

Only illness will prevent Fall's trial next month. We've become used to postponements now.

Germany would be justified in placing that Hogg person in a pen for being such a pig.

The results might be different if we had Al Williams entered in the Schneider race.

Snow falling in several western states. The tourist season is starting early this year.

It's a coincidence that a story "How They Drink In Canada" is published in Liberty.

Poor Harry Sinclair. His auto rides ceased when newspapermen checked up on him.

Hope that strawberry disease doesn't put a "crimp" in the Plant City crop.

Florida, as a doubtful state, should curry a lot of favors with both parties.

Mussolini is setting an example for increasing Italy's population.

Just one mill could grind out a lot of good for Hillsborough county.

Royal S. Copeland may be the royal goat for the Smith crowd.

It wasn't "President Smith," but it may be "Senator Smith."

There's no fun in drinking to a person with your eyes only.

Students have a good Holt on the Rollins college faculty.

Dr. Hyman's plan at Tampa may be classed as hymeneal.

An aborigine is a man that hasn't heard "Ramona."

If you wear them on the street they're pyjamas.

Tampa is on the verge of another election.

Echoes of the State Press

DON'T SELL GROVES IN HASTE.

It is to be hoped that the grove owners of the state will be careful in disposing of their holdings, especially at this time. Things have looked very dark for Florida's citrus industry in the past few months and there has, no doubt, been a lot of apprehension as to the ultimate results of the Medfly situation. It is probable that many grove owners have been hard pushed to meet their obligations. All of these conditions have caused many to feel that now is the time to unload, even at a sacrifice price.

It would be well for us to remember that when a group of men start buying up options on land, whether groves or other properties, they feel that their investments are going to bring them returns.

Florida Commercial is glad to see new capital come into the state of Florida, and it hopes that the backers of this movement will make a fair return on their investments.

However, we do not feel that it would be fair for the grove owners of Florida, on account of having been misguided by a lot of hysterical excitement in the way of a so-called Medfly scare, to be roped into selling their groves at a ridiculously low figure, in view of the fact that the citrus industry is at the threshold of unheralded prosperity, because Florida grove owners are now getting together in a whole-hearted manner which means that improved marketing methods will bring growers a just return on their investments.

Financial aid for the growers of Florida under the farm loan act recently passed by Congress is too near at hand now for them to sacrifice their properties. It seems at this time that it would be poor policy from a business standpoint to make any move that would tend to diminish grove values, and it is to be hoped that they will hold their ground.—Florida Commercial.

Fertilize Satsumas In Early Fall To Protect From Cold

GAINESVILLE, Sept. 12.—September and October constitute the critical period of the year for a satsuma grove, and its treatment at this period will in a large measure determine the loss from cold in January and February. Trees that are fertilized during this season are in good condition when the cold weather comes and withstand the cold much better.

This suggestion for satsuma growers of the state comes from J. Lee Smith, district extension agent for north and west Florida. It is backed up by tests conducted at the Experiment Station and the experience of a large number of successful satsuma growers in the state.

It is true, Mr. Smith says, that more trees have been killed indirectly by thirst and hunger than by any other cause. During September and October moisture is scarce and plant food is not being made available as rapidly as at other seasons. If no care is given at this time the fall growth is likely to be small and spasmotic. The leaves turn yellow and do not develop to full size.

An application of fertilizer containing nitrogen about the middle of September will prevent the run-down condition of the trees. Particularly is this true if grass and weeds have been kept down and the summer cover crop is off by this time. In a previous statement Mr. Smith pointed out the necessity for removing the cover crop before the dry period begins, so that the moisture in the soil may be saved for the trees.

The first year after a grove is set out it should receive liberal applications of fertilizer at frequent intervals. The pruning of the young trees and the extra fertilizer given at this time will pay for itself in giving the trees a good start.

At any age it is wise to apply enough fertilizer containing nitrogen to keep the trees in vigorous growing condition, with leaves thick, leathery, and dark green in color.

Fulghum To Succeed Moore As Assistant Agricultural Editor

GAINESVILLE, Sept. 12.—Ernest G. Moore has resigned as assistant editor for the Florida Experiment Station and will probably be succeeded on September 16 by R. M. Fulghum. Mr. Moore, who has held the position for the past two years, leaves to accept similar work with the Press Service of the United States Department of Agriculture in Washington. Since last October, he has had charge of the agricultural programs which have been broadcast over radio station WRUF.

Mr. Fulghum is a recent graduate of the Georgia State College of Agriculture at Athens, where he won honors in composition and debating. He was editor of the student weekly publication, and also of a poultry annual for the state.

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COUNTY AGENTS HELP FARMERS SELL HOGS

Much Interest Being Shown In Northern Sections Of State

County agents of Florida, particularly the northern and western part, are assisting farmers in marketing hogs. Reports of the agents to their state office, the Agricultural Extension Division at Gainesville, indicate that there is a good number of hogs to be market co-operatively.

E. H. Vance of St. Johns county, says: "Considerable interest is being manifested in the raising of hogs for market. Farmers are realizing that it takes good stuff to bring the highest prices. They are doing their best to replace piney woods rooters with purebreds, even though they have to reduce the number for the present."

County Agent J. W. Malone of Okaloosa made a trip into Houston county, Ala., to investigate their system of marketing hogs. A producers' association in Okaloosa has been induced to start the co-operative marketing of hogs this fall, and the farmers seem much interested.

According to Mitchell Wilkins, agent in Walton county, hogs now in the fields are making good gains, and a carload co-operative shipment will be made in October.

"Scales and grading pens were installed during August at Marianna for conducting co-operative hog sales," says Sam H. Rountree of Jackson county. "Similar equipment is already in Malone and Graceville and is being installed at Campbellton. Co-operative sales are scheduled for every week during September."

B. E. Lawton of Madison reports a co-operative carload sale of hogs the last week in August and another on September 3. He says that eight more cars will be ready to move by the last of this month.

Some top hogs are being marketed from Lafayette, according to D. C. Geiger.

Governor Orders Law Be Enforced Without Regard To Violator

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 12.—Orders to Game Warden J. W. Stevens of Ocala, to enforce the law without regard to the party who violates it, was telegraphed by Governor Carlton this week, as the result of a newspaper story appearing in that city, that a cousin of the governor's had threatened the warden with the loss of his job, if he insisted in arresting him. The governor disclaimed any knowledge of a cousin of the name given, and declared that "we have but one law and that is for all alike."

As a memorial to Miss Ethel James, their late secretary, and the first woman to occupy a position in any branch of the union, the Farmers' union of Leicestershire, England, plans to endow a bed in a local infirmary.



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Lee Hagood Has Birthday Party.

A number of little friends of Lee Everett Hagood, Jr., helped to celebrate the event of his sixth birthday, Wednesday afternoon.

The afternoon was spent in taking pictures and playing various games. Football being one of the diversions, it was apparent that there will be a number of "stars" to choose from before long.

The boys had lots of fun helping Lee Everett untie his precious gifts and inspecting them one by one. A color motif of pink and white was carried out in the table decorations and refreshments of cream and cake—the white birthday cake with six pink candles adorning the center of the table surrounded attractively with pink vine. Favors of "charm dolls" dressed in varied hues of pink were used for place cards.

The Misses Wilma Lear, Millie Pearson and Verta Bradley assisted Mrs. Hagood in the entertainment of the young guests, who were as follows: Little Dick Stodden, with his mother, Mrs. H. B. Stodden; Malcolm and Arthur Crews, Robert Fairley, Edward Sherman, Coy Fraser, Jack Head Jr., Sanford Hart, Earl Fabor, Judson Chapman, Sonny Skipper, Buddy Johnson, Clyde Jarrette, Joe Allen Lander, Desmond Roberts, Thomas Culler, Jr., Dale and Warren McFarland, and Charles Whitehurst of Sebring.

Woman's Club Loses President.

The Woman's Club of Avon Park has sustained a severe loss by the decision of Mr. Ford deAnguera to leave here about October 1 for Chicago, where he will make his permanent home. As a result of his decision the club will lose its president, Mrs. deAnguera, who was elected to that position in the Spring.

Mrs. deAnguera was to assume the presidency of the club next month, and all plans for the winter work were awaiting her arrival in this city from Chicago, where she has spent the summer with her two children.

The resignation of the president-elect has not been received by officers of the Woman's Club, as far as can be learned, and notification is expected any day. As soon as the resignation is received, a meeting will be held to fill the vacancy. This may be done by advancing the officers, or another election on the presidency will be held.

Since coming here over three years ago, Mrs. deAnguera has been a leader in social affairs and has been one of the most active workers in the Woman's club. The loss will be felt greatly by the members, who regret that she will not return to Avon Park this winter.

Woman's Club To Furnish Room.

Looking forward to the approaching meeting in this city of Section Nine of the Florida Federation of Woman's Club, the members of the Avon Park Woman's Club are making preparations to furnish their room in the city hall.

To raise funds for the furnishings several of the ladies held a benefit bridge last Friday night at the Jacaranda hotel. Over 40 people were present at the affair. First and second prizes for the ladies were won by Mrs. R. W. Swearingen and Mrs. M. E. Covington, respectively. The first prize for the gentlemen was won by Charles Sherman, and second prize was awarded to Henry Hughs.

Avon Park Stars at Fort Meade.

Past Matron's Night was observed last Friday by the Fort Meade Chapter of Eastern Stars, and a number of Stars of Leigh Chapter attended the meeting on invitation of the Fort Meade chapter. Over 100 visitors from the surrounding counties were present at the meeting, which was attended departed at nine o'clock.

by several grand and past grand officers.

Those attending from Avon Park were: Col. and Mrs. Charles R. Head; Mr. and Mrs. H. F. R. Reck; Mr. and Mrs. Grover C. Daly; Mesdames E. O. Williams, J. W. C. Boone, Marsh, J. W. Lee, J. V. Chapman, Gilbert Stebbins, David Mandis, C. P. Anderson, Jr., S. E. Booth, Mel Bass, E. E. Melton, D. G. Skipper, A. A. Able, C. H. Moffett and Miss Furlow Anderson.

Rebekahs Benefit Bridge Tonight.

Eleanor Seaverns lodge of Rebekahs will conduct a benefit bridge party tonight at 8 o'clock at the Jacaranda hotel. The proceeds will be sent to Mrs. Lillian Mascott, former Avon Park resident, who is seriously ill at San Antonio, Tex.

Tickets may be purchased from Mrs. Fannie Reeves at the Highlands Dry Cleaning company, or from other members of the Rebekahs lodge. The admission charge is 25 cents.

Missionary Meeting at Methodist Church.

An all day meeting of the missionary societies of the Methodist churches in Lake Wales, Frostproof and Avon Park was held at the Avon Park church Tuesday. During the afternoon an illustrated talk was given by Mrs. J. L. Overstreet, district secretary, of Kissimmee. The meeting was opened with prayer by Rev. A. H. Hancock. Luncheon was served by the Avon Park ladies.

Mrs. McGiboney Entertains at Bridge.

Mrs. Guy McGiboney entertained at bridge last Friday evening. Three tables were in play, after which refreshments were served. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Wolf; Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Wooten; Mr. and Mrs. Everett Hastings; Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Rogers, all of Sebring; and Mr. and Mrs. Otis Wilkes, of Avon Park.

Entertains Dozen and One Club.

Mrs. S. E. Booth recently entertained members of the Dozen and One Club at her home. High score was won by Mrs. George Harvey, while the low score was won by Mrs. W. W. Tarpley.

The guests were: Mesdames L. V. Pringle, A. H. Able, M. E. Covington, D. G. Perry, M. A. Smith, C. E. Lanier, J. C. McDonald, E. F. Carmichael, A. I. Mann, George Harvey and E. E. Melton.

Mrs. Lanier's Mother Is Honored.

Mrs. C. E. Lanier entertained at a birthday party Monday evening in honor of her mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, of Punta Gorda. Only the immediate members of the family were present, including Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sheffield and family; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheffield; Miss Clotilde Blaise, of Fort Myers; Mr. and Mrs. Lanier and sons, David and Vernon.

Bridge Club Holds Meeting.

Mrs. H. R. F. Reck was hostess of the Bridge club last Wednesday. The house was prettily decorated with Lillies, and an ice course was served. Those present were: Mrs. P. L. Rumpsa, Mrs. H. E. Godwin, Mrs. Earl Hartt.

Entertains Sunday School Class.

The home of C. H. Pardee was the scene of a merry gathering Monday evening, when Mr. Pardee entertained his boys Sunday school class. Nine of the 18 members were present.

Games were enjoyed, refreshments served and the guests then departed at nine o'clock.

Entertain Informally For Mrs. Raab.

Mrs. C. H. Pardee and Mrs. S. C. Pardee entertained informally last night at bridge at the home of the former in honor of Mrs. John D. Raab.

Miss Wilma Lear and Fred Paden motored to Arcadia Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sarah Adams left Wednesday for Dana, Ind., to make her future home.

The Ladies Guild of the Episcopal church met Wednesday at the parish house.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Pringle, Jr., have returned from a visit to Biloxi, Miss.

Francis Perry of Monticello, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Perry for a few weeks.

J. A. Benson, of Vinton, Ia., an uncle of Lloyd Correll, is visiting relatives in Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier and son David, motored to Orlando Wednesday on business.

Miss Willie Sewell who was the guest of Mrs. Lanier has gone to Seffner to visit her sister.

Mrs. W. A. Sheffield and daughter Marguerite and son Billy motored to Lake Alfred Saturday.

W. R. England has returned to Avon Park after a business trip in New York and Washington.

C. E. Lanier, E. G. Todd and Mr. McNichols transacted business in Winter Haven last Thursday.

Mrs. F. M. Smith and son, Nelson, have returned to Avon Park after a visit in Columbus, Ga.

Mrs. E. U. Brown, of Punta Gorda, is the guest of W. A. Sheffield and family for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Canfield have returned from a vacation trip along the Gulf of New Orleans.

Mrs. A. P. Vaughn is visiting her parents and relatives in Tavares, Fla., during the next week.

Miss Clotilde Blaise of Ft. Myers was the guest of W. A. Sheffield and family for a few days this week.

Miss Wilma Roberts who has recently been operated on for appendicitis is doing as well as could be expected.

Mrs. Olive Anderson is expected to return next week from her summer visit with relatives in Pennsylvania.

C. P. Garrison who is employed by the Jacaranda Drug company, will be joined by his wife here in a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Epperson and children, of Wildwood, spent Monday and Tuesday visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. W. L. LeGrande and daughter Gene, have returned to their home in Gainesville after a visit with Mrs. J. V. Chapman.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ford and family and Mr. Ford's father, D. Ford, have returned from a trip to Georgia and Kentucky.

The first social meeting of the B. Y. P. U. will be Tuesday evening, Sept. 17th with Mrs. Bristol and Mrs. Clark as hostesses.

Miss Wilma Roberts, who underwent an operation at the Mitchell hospital in Sebring recently, is recovering, according to Dr. R. F. Boone.

SOUTH SIDE REVIVAL DRAWING BIG CROWDS

Revivalist Is Rev. McClelland,
of Lakeland; Singing a
Feature of Services

Beginning last Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, the revival services at the South Side Baptist church are being held nightly, and the services are attracting large numbers each evening. The messages of the Gospel are brought at each service by Rev. S. W. McClelland, of Lakeland, a brother of J. H. McClelland of Avon Park.

Because of other arrangements made by the singing school director, J. A. Parrish, also of Lakeland, he was unable to direct the chorus choir and Robert Landers, of this city, was selected to fill the vacancy.

The song services start every evening at 7:30 o'clock, followed by the sermon at 8 o'clock. On Sunday morning the Sabbath school will be held at 9:45 o'clock. At 10:30 the song service will begin, and at 11 o'clock Rev. McClelland will preach.

A cordial welcome is extended to all to attend the revival, which continues until September 22.

Dr. Vaughn's Subject Of Vital Importance

At the morning service at the Congregational church next Sunday, Dr. A. P. Vaughn will speak on the question "Have the long-standing moral laws of Christendom a just authority to govern our personal behavior under modern conditions and enlightenment?" This subject grows out of the International Sunday school lesson for the day and the present widespread discussion of changing moral sanctions.

Utility Moves Office.

The business office of the Florida Public Service company, formerly located at West Main street, has moved to the Coen building on East Main street.

Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy have returned from a two years' residence in Cuba, where Mr. Murphy was engaged in construction work.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodson Curry; Miss Estus Belue, of Orlando, and Lawrence Hood, of Kissimmee, visited Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Barnett on Sunday.

Honoring Mrs. John D. Raab, who leaves soon to make her home at St. Petersburg, Mrs. G. P. Thayer entertained Tuesday at a luncheon.

James Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. M. Davis, left Sunday for Southern College at Lakeland. "Jimmy" is a member of Southern's football team.

Louis Meeth, who has spent the summer in this city, returned Sunday to Gainesville where he is a senior at the University of Florida. Mr. Meeth is studying for an A. B. degree.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Sheffield and family accompanied by Miss Clotilde Blaise, motored to Arcadia Tuesday afternoon, where Miss Blaise was met by her mother, who motored from Ft. Myers.

A meeting of the Garden Club of Avon Park will be held this afternoon in the room of the Woman's Club at the city hall. All members and prospective members are urged to be present.

Mrs. C. E. Lanier and son David and Mrs. Lanier's mother, Mrs. E. W. Brown of Punta Gorda accompanied by Mrs. W. A. Sheffield and Mrs. Willie Sewell of Miami motored to Seffner Thursday.

Miss Mamie Barnett left Saturday for Umatilla, where she is a member of the high school faculty in that city. Miss Barnett was accompanied on the trip by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Barnett, who returned later.

Church Notes

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UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

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

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.

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 service, 8 p. m.

Mid-week prayer service, 8 p. m.

Increase surely gratifying. We cordially invite the public.

(Signed) C. M. HILL.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER (Episcopal)

Mark Lance, Lay-reader.
Mrs. A. E. Gregory, Organist.

Sunday school at 9:30.

Morning prayer at 11.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. A. H. Hancock, Pastor.

Morning:

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

Morning worship at 11.

Evening:

Junior Epworthians, at 4. John Jackson, president.

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

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

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

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Rev. Spanogle, Pastor.

Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.

Morning 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.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.

Evening services at 8 p. m.

NAZARENE

Rev. W. E. Melton, Pastor.

Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.

Wednesday night prayer service at 7:30 p. m.

A spiritual message and a welcome to all.

Purchase of at least \$10,000,000 worth of Florida citrus grove properties by a big New York syndicate, of which J. A. Dingwall, Jr., and John Killenger are the representatives, is reported in various press dispatches and information obtained from grove owners. The syndicate is prepared to acquire a maximum of \$35,000,000 in citrus groves, says the report, and agents are being appointed to obtain options on various properties.