WHICH WAY THE CAT JUMPS

By Edgar C. Nicholas

IN THE basement shipping room of the Western Carton & Box Manufacturers, Larry Pike was loading a shipment onto a flat truck. Business had not been good these past few months, so Larry was the only man employed in the shipping room at present. Working alone it kept him rushing to keep up with the orders, but Larry did not mind hard work. He was young and healthy and eager to make up for the years he had lost playing at crime.

He was feeling particularly light-hearted when a heavy-set man appeared in the wide doorway. Larry's spirits departed with a jolt. Though he was intensely surprised he managed to greet the newcomer with a semblance of friendliness.

"Good afternoon, Captain Dane. What brings you here?"

The detective's black brows beetled. He surveyed Larry with a thinly veiled sneer.

"You," he responded shortly. He flashed a look about the room. "Alone?"

"Yes, sir."

He pulled out an automatic by its barrel and laid it down on top of a crate. "That yours?"

A troubled frown creased Larry's forehead. "You know it isn't. I'm going straight, sir. Haven't laid fingers to one of those since I got out of prison."

The detective smiled sarcastically. "You're sure you never saw that gat before?"

"Positive."

He pushed the gun toward Larry. "Pick it up and look it over."

"But I—"

"Pick it up and look it over," the detective thundered at him.

With a resigned shrug he closed his fingers over the butt and was lifting it up when the detective snatched it from him and shoved a second automatic into his hand.

"Then have a look at this one. Maybe you never saw it before either. Well?"

Larry shook his head. "I'm not lying, sir. I never saw either of them before. Both look brand new, too." He put the last automatic down on the box gingerly, no longer thrilled by the grip of cold steel in his hand.

With a grunt the captain caught up the automatic by the barrel and dropped it carefully into his wide coat pocket. "You're a regular little tin model of George Washington these days, aren't you? But you're not fooling me for a minute. Get me?"

Turning on his heel he stalked out of the storeroom. Larry stared after him dumbfounded. Apprehension gripped him. What was the detective trying to pin on him? He should have asked, but his bulldozing manner had kept Larry on the defense throughout the interview.

Captain Dane was known to be one of the hardest detectives on the force. Once he hit the trail he never gave up till his man was convicted, as Larry well knew from his past conviction. His methods had been criticized more than once. There was some conflict between the captain and Chief of Police Marketti. Marketti was a stickler for justice. He did not believe in man-handling prisoners, though he did not believe in coddling them either. Fair play was his creed, and another chance for the first offender. It was the chief himself who had got Larry off with a light sentence.

The day before the trial he had Larry brought down into his office. Without any preliminary beating about the bush he gave him a straight talk.

"See here, boy, there's nothing subnormal or abnormal about you. You're not a hop-head nor a drunkard. You've got brains, and you've only one life to live with them. Are you going to waste it in prison? If you are, you're a bigger fool than I think you are."

Shifting uncomfortably in his seat, Larry kept his eyes fastened on a corner of the desk. Already he had begun to rebel against confinement, and the days of imprisonment before him were filling him with dread. He was young and active.

Marketti went on more kindly. "I've looked up your past history. Seems your father deserted your mother before you were born, and she died at your birth. Grandmother raised you till six, then passed out herself. An uncle took you. He was a weak sister and a petty crook until prohibition opened up a new field for him. He put you to work running poison booze. Finally you refused to peddle the poison he handled, but in the meantime you'd got acquainted with Jan Moscowitz and joined his gang. Up to this time you haven't had much chance to be anything but a crook."

Larry remained sullenly silent, wondering to what this preamble was leading.

"Now, I'm going to give you a chance to make something of yourself after all—providing you've the sense to take it. I can't save you from conviction. But if you give me your solemn word, I'll see you get a light sentence and a good job when you come out."

The past had begun to seem like only a bad dream when Captain Dane had walked in. Realizing time was passing, Larry resumed his labor. But he was sorely disturbed. He feared the detective was going to try and fasten something on him. Jan Moscowitz and his gang were decent enough to let him alone now he wanted to go straight. Not so the vindictive captain of detectives. The very fact that he had come himself told Larry how serious must be his determination to ensnare him again.

His heart was heavy as he piled more boxes on the truck and trundled it onto the freight elevator. He must go and see the chief about it. It would be too late to catch him tonight, but he could telephone him in the morning and arrange to meet him during the lunch hour.

For the first time since his release from prison he welcomed the six o'clock whistle. The more he thought over the circumstances of Captain Dane's visit, the more alarmed he grew. He recalled now how the detective had forced him to pick up the guns with their butts toward him. His fingerprints must have been left on the shining butts. He was fairly certain the last automatic had never been used.

Larry was in the little restaurant where he always ate his evening meal when this thought came to him. He pushed his plate away, having lost his appetite, gulped his coffee and picked up his check.

Outside he turned up his coat collar against the chill night and started off down the street. He heard someone walking behind him, but paid no attention to his present perturbation. A hand fell heavily on his shoulder.

"Chief wants to see you up at headquarters."

Larry gave a natural jerk of surprise and faced the detective. With some relief he recognized Sergeant Kerr, for he was a staunch friend of Chief Marketti. There would be no further attempt to frame him, till he reached headquarters, at any rate.

"Got a gat on you?"

Larry shook his head and raised his arms for the other's search. "I've been running straight, Sergeant Kerr. What's up?"

"Don't know, Larry." He gave him a casual pat down, then snapped a pair of handcuffs on his wrists.

Larry regarded them ruefully. "Gee, I never thought I'd feel them again. What's the captain trying to frame on me?"

"Captain Dane gave me the orders to bring you in, but he says it's the chief wants to see you," the detective vouchsafed. "Must be big stuff if the chief comes away from a dinner party just to see you."

"Say, Sergeant, hail that cab coming along, and I'll pay the fare. Sure hate to bounce around in the black Maria again."

With just a moment's hesitation the other signaled the taxicab. They climbed in.

"Hall of Justice," Sergeant Kerr directed.

They rode in silence for some time; then the detective remarked, "You're sure going to be a big disappointment to Marketti. He would have staked his life on your keeping to the straight and narrow. He's done the same thing for lots of first offenders, but he's sort of hopped up about you. Expected you to do big things."

Larry faced him honestly. "Say, Sergeant, if Captain Dane pins anything to me it's a rank frame-up."

"That's what they all say," the detective growled wearily.

Captain Dane was in the chief's office waiting for them. When they entered he was at the window looking out into the alley.

"Told you you weren't fooling me for a minute," he commented coolly.

Larry flashed him a contemptuous look. "No? Well, you didn't fool me either for very long after you'd left. You're going to try and frame me with those guns, aren't you?"

"So you're going to cry frame-up like every other yellow rat that's trapped!"

"No, I won't cry it. I'll prove it."

"How?"

"I can't tell that till I hear what you're trying to hang onto me. But there must be a way, since whatever it is, I didn't do it," he retorted spiritedly, "and you know it as well as I do."

Captain Dane merely shrugged. Larry noted this remarkable amiability with unease. A retort such as he had just made was an invitation for a smash on the jaw, but his indignation had overridden his precaution.

The door from the hall opened briskly. Chief Marketti entered, garbed in a tuxedo, a natty silk scarf around his throat. His slim, clean-cut dapperness was in strong contrast to the captain's oily bulk. He had a finely shaped head under a heavy mop of iron-gray hair, a high forehead and shrewd eyes that revealed his strong character even to the most casual observer.

"What's this you were telling me over the phone, Dane?" he demanded brusquely. "I don't believe Larry has had anything to do with his old gang."

Dane left the window. "I'll prove it." He turned to Sergeant Kerr. "Go upstairs and bring down Bartel."

Marketti faced Larry regretfully. "What have you got to say for yourself, boy?"

Before he could open his lips, Captain Dane barked sarcastically, "It's a frame-up! That's what he's go to say—all every mother's son of 'em says when they're caught red-handed."

The chief put up a tolerant hand. "Captain Dane wouldn't try to frame any man, lad. Everyone knows my force stands for fair play. He may be mistaken in his charge, but no man on my force would ever attempt to frame a man while I'm chief. Have you been running with Jan Moscowitz again?"

"No, sir," Larry responded earnestly.

"Then what's all this about?"

"I don't know, sir. This afternoon—"

Captain Dane cut in. "This afternoon I warned him I was wise to his racket and gave him a chance to make a false move. But he was too smart to lead us to Jan's hide-out. Luckily Bartel came through to me. When I got the dope I sent out Kerr to nab this baby before he give us the slip, and I phoned you because I know he is your special pet."

Bartel? On hearing that name a second time Larry wondered if it was not familiar. Suddenly he recalled the little squat fellow Jan had refused to take into his gang.

It's Best to Wait Till a Jumping Cat Lands Before Deciding the Direction Taken

Jan had explained he was a dope fiend, and hop-heads were not to be trusted. Inevitably they would squeal on their pals for a shot of dope when their craving grew strong enough.

There was a shuffling in the hall, and Sergeant Kerr pushed the shaking addict into the room. He flashed the group a quick frightened glance from faded eyes folded in puffed lids.

Captain Dane indicated Larry. "Ever see that bird before, Bartel?"

The crook wet his lips, met Larry's anxious eyes for a brief instant and merely nodded, looking down at the floor.

"Speak up," the detective snapped. "When did you last see him?"

"When he shot down Patrolman Wood in raiding Morton's fur store over on Fillmore."

Larry stared at him incredulously. "He's lying. Why, Chief, I don't even know where Morton's is, and I haven't seen Bartel since one night Jan Moscowitz told him to beat it, because he didn't want hop-heads in his gang."

Captain Dane grunted maliciously. "Let him tell his story, then I've a bit of conclusive evidence that'll prove he's telling the truth, Chief."

"Very well. But do it quickly. I'm late for a dinner party now."

The captain turned back to the addict. "Where were you when you saw the shooting?"

Bartel swallowed hard. "Carrying furs out to the car we'd parked at the curb. The flatty suddenly bobbed up from behind and called for us to put up our mitts."

"Who else was in the gang?"

"Jan Moscowitz and Pinky Perry, his strong-arm man."

"What happened when Patrolman Wood called upon you to elevate?"

The shaking crook hesitated. He looked wildly about, wringing his hands convulsively. "Aw, give me a shot! I can't talk less'n you do. I can't stand it!"

Captain Dane swore. "Answer my question."

The addict licked dry, parched lips. He spoke with some effort. "Jan and Pinky beat it. But Larry Pike fired at the flatty. He was gonna fire again only I struck up the gun and hollered for him to fade."

From his pocket the detective took an object wrapped in a handkerchief. "Ever see this automatic before?"

The other nodded. "I bought it for Larry. He was afraid to go out and get one himself less you dicks get wise he's back on the racket."

"How do you know this is the one you bought for him?"

"There's an "X" notched in the base of the butt. He did it after he pinked the flatty, to show he'd got one guy with it."

Triumphantly Captain Drane raised the automatic resting in the handkerchief so Marketti could see the cross at the end of the butt. Putting the gun down on the desk he opened a folder of photographs.

"This is a picture of the markings on the bullet they dug out of Patrolman Wood. That's the markings inside the barrel of Larry's gat. They're the same. Now here's the fingerprints we took of the butt, and these are Larry's taken from our files upstairs. They're the same."

"And where did you pick up this automatic?" Marketti inquired.

"In Larry's lodgings, stuffed in an old shoe in his closet."

"I knew it was a frame-up!" Larry burst out, unable to restrain himself longer. "I have no gun, and those fingerprints—he made me handle that gun himself this afternoon."

Captain Dane advanced on him threateningly. "Where were you night before last if you weren't shooting down Patrolman Woods?"

"Home in bed," he shouted back, beside himself.

"Yes, you were! You went to your room, I suppose, but it's on the ground floor. Nothing to stop you from stepping out the window and going over the back fence, is there?"

Captain Dane's harsh laugh roused him. "You see he hasn't any answer to my evidence. He knows I've trapped him right enough." He signed to Sergeant Kerr. "Take Bartel up to the doctor. Let him have enough to get him quiet."

He sauntered to the door behind the departing detective and his shuffling, shaking prisoner.

"I'll let you have a pleasant confab with your bright little protege, Chief. He ought to do big things all right—back in stir!"

Larry swung about in rage, but Captain Dane banged the door shut. Frowning perplexedly, Larry flashed a look to the window. Captain Dane had been regarding it again for all his sarcastic manner. But there was nothing remarkable about the window, except that one half the curtain was turned back a bit to allow more air to circulate.

Chief Marketti stroked his chin with perturbed fingers, "Larry, I'm so disappointed I could cuss you into the ground."

Larry gave a hopeless gesture. "Gee, Chief, I don't blame you for thinking I'm guilty. But I'm not. I give you my word I was home in bed. No matter how bad it looks, Captain Dane is framing me."

Marketti shook his head. "Why should he want to frame you?"

"That's been getting me, too. But there's some big reason behind these fireworks just the same. Listen, Chief, he brought two guns into the shipping room today and made me handle both. Why he brought two I can't figure, unless he wanted to be sure he got a good set of prints on one at least. So help me, I never saw either before he handed them to me himself. The thing smelled phoney right away."

"Why didn't you come to me?"

"I was going to call you first thing in the morning and tell you about it. Gosh, why didn't I knock

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off work and phone you right then! Now you'll never believe me."

The chief unwound the scarf around his neck, revealing a bow tie very much askew. Crossing into the washroom he brought out a small wash mirrow and set it up on his desk against wire tray.

"Couldn't get the darned thing tied straight so I just dashed off as I was."

Stooping he opened the bow and tied it over. Though it seemed he was completely preoccupied with his task, he could see Larry's despairing countenance in the mirror as the boy stood behind, futilely pounding a fist into the palm of his other hand. His expression was bitter with defeat. He felt he had lost Chief Marketti's trust. Through no act of his own, he was losing his chance and facing a long prison term for robbery and assault with intent to kill.

Satisfied with his job at last, Marketti stepped back from the desk. "You say Dane made you handle that gun this afternoon? Show me how he did it." He pushed the automatic across the table in front of the mirror.

Eagerly Larry approached the desk. "He slapped this gun down on a packing case with its butt to me and demanded if I'd ever seen it before. I denied I had. He told me to pick it up and examine it. I didn't want to because I knew I hadn't put finger to any gat since I was nabbed on my last job. But he yells at me to pick it up. Not wanting to get him down on me any more than he was already, I pick it up unthinkingly like this."

He reached for the automatic with his mancled hands. Unwittingly he caught a view of the window in the mirror propped on the desk. With a cry of warning he swung about and shoved the chief off balance. But he was too late. A gun blazed between the parted curtains, the first half of the stream of lead catching him full in the side.

Marketti stumbled and pitched forward. Larry snatched up the automatic on the desk and trained it on the window. The trigger clicked on empty chambers. A gloved hand dropped into the room the automatic which had spat death. It fell beside the ejected shells. Desperately Larry flung the empty gun he was holding at the shadowy figure wavering outside the alley window.

With a cry of pain the figure vanished upwards.

An officer burst into the room, revolver in hand. He swore feelingly as he took in the situation and called into the hall for the police doctor.

A second detective pounded in and grabbed Larry as he made a break for the window in hope of catching a glimpse of the assassin. Another picked up the automatic on the floor with a sheet of paper taken from one of the wire trays on the desk.

"The window. I saw—" Larry cried excitedly, but the detective smashed him across the mouth.

"Keep quiet or I'll smack you cold."

The doctor hurried in with an emergency kit.

Sergeant Kerr pushed through the doorway. "What's happened?"

"This yap here has done in the chief."

"No, no!" Larry protested. "Someone shot him through the window, and I flung the automatic on the table at him when I found the chambers were empty."

Captain Dane spoke from the connecting doorway in his office, one hand in his coat pocket. "I'll bet he did throw the gat on the table out the window. It was evidence against him. But where'd he get the second gun? Didn't you search him, Kerr before you brought him in?"

"Of course I did."

Larry broke frantically. "Quick, go upstairs and catch the killer. He must have let himself down outside the window on a rope. I tell you I saw him vanish upwards after I flung the automatic at him. I hit him, too, because he cried out with pain."

Dane guffawed coarsely. "You will have your little alibi at any cost!"

Larry wrung his hands. "You're letting the real murderer escape. Go upstairs, damn you."

Sergeant Kerr had been watching Larry narrowly. Without a word he left the room. Stretcher bearers entered. Gently they lifted the wounded man onto the stretcher and carried him away.

"What chance, Doctor?" Dane demanded as the doctor moved to follow.

"Can't tell till we get an X-ray. But his pulse is bad."

The fingerprint expert, who had been examining the weapon, called Dane over to the desk. They scrutinized the butt through a magnifying glass and compared the prints with those in the folder showing Larry's.

With a sneer Dane faced Larry still in the hard grip of the detective. "So you didn't do it, eh? Then how does your fingerprints happen to be on the gun that shot down the chief?"

With a sinking sensation at the pit of his stomach Larry realized why the detective had made him handle two automatics. And before him then, one hand nonchalantly in his pocket, stood the real assassin.

Kerr came back into the room. "One minute. Let's hear Larry's version of what happened."

"Hell!" the captain snorted. "You can go to a talkie if you want to hear fiction told you. His fingerprints are on the automatic that shot down Marketti. You can see for yourself."

"Nevertheless, I'd like to hear his story, Captain," Kerr insisted politely but stubbornly. "You see there are some light marks up there on the window sill that might have been made by a rope ladder chafing on the sill. And I've found some hemp fiber beneath the steam heater under the window, to which a rope ladder might have been tied."

"Rubbish! His fingerprints are on that gun."

"And you put them there," Larry burst out staringly. "Listen, Sergeant Kerr. Here's what happened."

At the end of Larry's story he put his feet down on the floor impatiently. Larry was surprised to see him wince slightly.

With a sneer Captain Dane said, "Now you've heard the bedtime yard, Kerr, you might take the prisoner upstairs and lock him up before he kills any more of us."

Kerr flashed him a look that scarcely veiled the unfriendliness he felt toward his superior.

Propelled roughly by the detective who held him, Larry walked toward the door. In fancy he already the clang of prison gates.

The captain flashed him a triumphant glance as he came up to him. Larry dropped his eyes. A dark spot under the pocket in which Dane had thrust his hand caught and held his gaze. His heart beat wildly with a startling idea.

Passing the captain he stumbled deliberately and fell against his arm. With a cry of agony Dane doubled, gripping the arm thrust into his pocket with his free hand. Curses burst from him.

"Quick, Kerr," Larry cried, struggling with the detective who had pinioned him again. "Make him take his hand out of his pocket. I told you I hit the man who fired the shots. Dane's arm is shattered. Look at the blood underneath his pocket!"

"Course it's broken," Dane shouted wildly. "He just broke it when he threw himself at me. Curse you, you—" he choked with rage and pain.

Thoughtfully Kerr crossed the room and opened the connecting door into Dane's office. He lifted an overcoat off the chair there.

From it dropped a fine rope ladder which had been carefully folded inside it. With the others the accused man stared blankly as Kerr picked it up and brought it back into the room.

"I wondered why you came running down the stairs with your overcoat over your arm same time as I came up the hall, but went into your office to leave it before you came to see what the shooting was about," Kerr declared. "It isn't logical action. It seems we've got you dead to right, Dane. Grab him, men."

Captain Dane was so astounded at the sudden turn of events that he merely glared.

"Are you accusing me?"

"Yes. I'm accusing you of trying to murder Chief Marketti. If the chief is removed you would be the logical man to step up into his place, and you know it. You've always hated the chief since the day when he was appointed over your head, and you've tried to spike every move he made for the good of the department. But he was too decent to even notice your consuming jealousy."

"You'll pay for this!" Dane shouted.

"We'll let the commissioners decide that. Without doubt, if I try your own methods on that poor addict upstairs he'll admit you got him to frame this kid here. I saw you bring that overcoat downstairs myself. You'll have a tough time explaining how a rope ladder got inside it. Now, will you go upstairs quietly or should I try some of your own rare methods to get you to march?"

Captain Dane stalked from the room ahead of the sergeant. Larry sank into the chair by the desk and covered his throbbing head with his hands. Merciful oblivion descended upon him.

Kindly hands were shaking him. "Come out of it, son," Kerr's voice beat into his consciousness at last. "Bartel's admitted the frame-up. You're cleared."

"The chief?" he demanded anxiously.

"He's on the operating table right now. The doc says that push you gave him probably saved his life. Dane fired at his heart but your shove caused the shots to hit him in the right side instead, and he got only half the chambers."

"He'll live?"

"Sure, that's what I'm telling you." He unlocked the handcuffs on the boy's wrist and pushed him toward the door. "Go on home and get some sleep."

Larry hesitated. "When he's well enough to listen, will you tell him the fur job was framed on me like I said?"

"Sure."

"And thanks heaps for helping me. Gee, it was white of you."

"That's all right. I'll admit things certainly looked bad for you. Dane had an apparently airtight case framed to you, but I knew from the beginning you couldn't have had a second gun on you. Dane left that unloaded gun there on the desk, never figuring you might throw it at him and smash his arm. Seems no matter how canny you figure, a guy can never tell which way the cat's going to jump."

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EXTENSION HEAD TO SPEAK SUNDAY NIGHT

Jacksonville and Fort Myers Ciergyman at Special Meeting of Congregationalists

Dr. E. C. Gillette, of Jacksonville, Superintendent of Extension for the Congregational churches of Florida, will be the speaker at a special service Sunday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Congregational church. Dr. Gillette has many friends in Avon Park other than members of the Congregational church, and his speaking engagement will afford an opportunity to his friends to hear him and renew acquaintances.

Rev. O. T. Anderson, Congregational pastor at Fort Myers, will also be present and take part in the special service.

On Monday Dr. Gillette, Rev. Anderson and Rev. Dr. A. P. Vaughn, pastor of the Congregational church, will motor to Daytona Beach, where a convention of the Congregational ministers of the state will open Monday evening.

Dr. Vaughn will speak Sunday morning at 11 o'clock on an unusual topic, "Orchestration, In Music, In Industry and Social Relations, and In Kingdom Building."

Pleading that because he was a Seventh Day Adventist and his religious convictions forbade him to work between sunset on Friday and sunset on Saturday, he could not work, a man recently was granted unemployment relief by Weymouth, England, authorities.

Ladies Society To Conduct Bake Sale

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Congregational church will conduct their first bake sale this season tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock on the Mall. The sale will be held in the room formerly occupied by the Home Electric shop. Tempting dishes, prepared by the ladies at home, will be offered for sale.

The society will hold its regular business meeting in the church parlors next Wednesday afternoon.

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INVALUABLE PUBLICITY.

Mr. Morris Ackerman, of Cleveland, O., has accepted the invitation of Mr. Rex Beach, world famous author and sportsman and a winter resident of Highlands county, to hunt and fish this winter in this county. Through Mayor C. S. Donaldson, the city joined with Mr. Beach in inviting the publisher to Avon Park.

Mr. Ackerman is the publisher of "The Sportsman's Guide," which, as its name indicates, gives the fisherman and the hunter the "dope" on where to go, when, and the whys and wherefore that all sportsmen like to know. The visit of Mr. Ackerman will give Avon Park and Highlands county invaluable publicity as a game and fish paradise, and the city and county owes much to Mr. Beach and Mayor Donaldson for the interest they have shown in having such a noted sportsman as Mr. Ackerman to spend some time in this section during the coming months.

CIVIC PRIDE.

Civic pride asserted itself a few months ago when the Civic and Educational Committee of the Woman's Club undertook to beautify the Bougainvillea cemetery, which had been neglected and appeared anything but presentable to motorists traveling along the highway which fronts the cemetery.

The ladies started a campaign for funds and over $150 was collected. They started with a vim in cleaning up the grounds, planting hedges, and making various improvements, and today the results of their efforts are seen in the splendid improvement noted.

The thanks of the city at large are extended to those whose personal and civic pride, caused them to launch such a worthy project, and much credit is due to them for the success of their venture.

While Smedley Butler, Brigadier General of the Marines, was attempting to dry up Quantico, he was promoted to the rank of Major General. That being the case he should have attained the same rank as Washington, Grant and Pershing for attempting to dry up Philadelphia.

Now that birds have been found in an intoxicated condition, due to their pecking at plums and grapes on trees and vines, we await the order from the prohibition forces that plum trees and grape vines must be cut down for the protection of the morals of the birds.

It never fails. When you get a dun for some bill that has been paid a month or so back, you look at the envelope and read that it was "Opened by mistake—John Jones."

We wonder how it would be if the doctor who brought the baby on the installment paying plan would repossess the baby and put him back in stock, or sell it for the balance due.

Monkey business. An ape colony is to be established in Florida. A lot of folks that listened to the realtors in the boom period are qualified for admittance to the colony.

Even houses grow on Florida's fertile soil, a Marylander found when he received a tax statement recently. He bought a lot and is assessed for a house and lot.

Peter O. Knight asks citrus growers to trust in God. Well, he asked them to trust in the U. S., and the motto of the U. S. is "In God We Trust."

"Gives Million To Chicago U,"—Times-Union headlines. We'd rather read "Gives Million To Avon Park Me."

Cancer party to be held in United States next month. We'd refuse an invitation to that kind of an affair.

New York church bars negroes as members. Now if congress did the same—

Ever see Tom Mix in "Cement"? or "Bought and Paid For" with Owen Moore?

After seeing the picture of the Turkish girl that won the beauty honors, we say give her the Turkish Trophy.

Rex Beach, we know from experience, is another popular writer who writes his stories in long hand.

If you would be kind to your wife, burn her body. Nothing but Peacox would give such advice.

Now is the time for all good Floridians to invite their northern friends to visit the land of sunshine.

Money trying to get in circulation: Harry Sinclair seeking a pardon and Al Capone a parole.

The Fort Meade municipal band is without competition today. The frogpond has been drained.

Something has got to be done about serving hot soup that melts one's dental work.

Wonder what some congressmen will do if they make Washington the model dry city?

Bootleggers meet with disaster when they run afoul of the Highlands county sheriff.

We're waiting to see the first 1930 shiek with his panties and rolled socks .

Will Rogers never lets you forget that Claremore, Okla., is his old home.

Detroit Night club fire claims many victims. No whoppee that night.

Good news for Bartow depositors. Two charges stand against Fouts.

Drop in and we'll tell you where you can get some real bass fishing.

Echoes of the State Press

WHO DOUBTS THAT FLORIDA IS AN AGRICULTURAL STATE?

The United States department of agriculture in a recent bulletin says that on Sept. 1, the outlook was that Florida would harvest 8,996,000 bushels of corn, 2,714,000 bushels of white potatoes, 2,923,000 bushels of sweet potatoes, 1,804,000 gallons of cane syrup, 11,055,000 pounds of tobacco and 28,891,000 pounds of peanuts, to say nothing of fruits, including citrus, nuts, grains, besides corn and hay.

Figures covering the boxes of oranges and grapefruit are not given but the bulletin contains an intimation that the crop will be far short of what it was last year with the exception of satsumas which will be more plentiful than in 1928.

In more detail the report follows:

Condition of oranges on Sept. 1 was 63 percent of normal compared with 62 percent on Aug. 1 and 80 percent of Sept. 1, 1928. Grapefruit was reported at 59 percent compared with 57 percent a month ago and 71 a year ago. Tangerines were reported at 60 percent of normal compared with 57 percent on Aug. 1 and 79 percent on Sept. 1, 1928. Prospects for satsuma oranges continue better than a year ago. Condition of pecans has improved but is still below that of Sept. 1, 1928.

Of the staple crops, corn promises a better yield for the crop as a whole although late corn has suffered in some sections from heavy rains earlier in the season. Picking of cotton has progressed fairly well. The crop promises a better yield than last year but below the yields of 1925, 1926 and 1927. Peanuts and sweet potatoes have been injured in sections where rainfall has been heaviest but are in good condition over most of the state. Reported yields of tobacco average better than those of a year ago. Marketing of the crop is already under way.

Planting of beans, egg plant and peppers is under way. While acreages are not definitely determined, indications are that they will be consideably above those of last year which were cut short by heavy rains in September and still further reduced by unfavorable weather conditions later. Strawberry plantings will be materially larger in Bradford county but will be less in Hillsborough.

For the United States, the crop situation has altered materially during August as a result of widespread drought and crop prospects have declined nearly five percent during the month. Crop yields are now expected to be nine percent below the yields of last year and six percent below the average of the past ten years. For grain crops, the forecast for corn is for a crop 13 percent below that of last year, for Durum wheat 40 percent below and for spring wheat 30 percent below. Estimated production of oats is 17 percent below last year. For all the principal fruit crops, apples, peaches, pears, grapes and citrus production will be materially below that of last year—Bartow Record.

KENTUCKY OFFICIAL ACCEPTS INVITATION

Mrs. Emma Guy Cromwell Coming Here In November, Woman's Club Announces

Mrs. Emma Guy Cromwell, state treasurer of Kentucky, will speak in Avon Park in November, officers of the Woman's Club announced this week. The Kentucky official will speak at a joint meeting of the Woman's Club and other civic organizations, according to plans being made. Mrs. Cromwell was invited to speak to the women, but owing to their program being completed for November, the new arrangements were made.

Mrs. Cromwell is one of the leading political figures of the Blue Grass state, as well as being a state-wide leader in civic affairs. She was induced to visit Avon Park by Alexander Gilmour, a winter resident of the city, and she recently accepted the invitation of Mayor Donaldson to visit here during the coming season.

The following letter from Mrs. Cromwell was received by the mayor:

Dear Mr. Donaldson:

Your letter received and I want to thank you for the kind invitation to visit your city. I appreciate what my friend, Mr. Gilmour, has said about me to you good people. I have always tried to do my part in civic affairs as well as politically.

I recall many years ago when a great disappointment came into my life on account of a bank failure in the little town in which I was living. Two of my friends in my home town had agreed to join with me and we were going to buy a section of land, which I now understand has been taken into Avon Park. Just to think of the money I would have made when the boom was on a few years ago! So when I hear of Avon Park and what it is doing today I realize my lost opportunity brought about overnight.

It would indeed be a great joy and thrill for me to visit this section, which recalls memories of the past. I would be very glad to visit Avon Park and speak to the Woman's Club, as well as to the Commercial Club, if you could arrange for me to come in November any time after the 5th. I have already made several dates for the latter part of November and December, and after Christmas our legislature convenes, which will take up three months of my time, as I cannot be out of the office during the session.

If you would like to have me come in November please write me in full in regard to it.

Announces Entry Into Feed Business

Irvin H. Ford, popular proprietor of the Main Street Service Station, announces his entry into a new business—the feed business. Mr. Ford has been besieged with requests from his many friends to put in a good line of feed. He acceded to the importunities and has taken on the Purina Chows.

On or about October 1 Mr. Ford will open his feed store in the same building he now occupies as a service station, and later he will make some important announcements in The Times.

Jordon and Son Appointed Agents By Stewart-Warner

Stewart-Warner, makers of the new 900 Series Radio which bears its name, have appointed Jordon and Son, local jewelers, agents in Highlands county.

The latest model in jade green is now on display at the Jordon store, and both father and son invite the public to a demonstration of the latest Stewart-Warner product.

The man who does not use his head must work harder with his hands.

GENERAL NEWS OVER FLORIDA THIS WEEK

Industrial, Financial and Agricultural News Of Interest

Unless all signs fail in Florida this year one of the finest seasons in history is in store for the state as far as the weather is concerned. An old fashioned rainy season has filled the lakes and rivers and this means a regular winter season with some cool weather but no freezes. No storms are on the calendar for September or October and fall weather will be just right with a most pleasant winter in prospect.

Preparations are well under way for the planting of an extensive fall and winter truck crop in St. Lucie county and the season's acreage should equal or exceed the record of last season. The heaviest acreage of the early season will be in beans, peppers, and eggplant. The plantings will include also carrots, tomatoes, squash, cabbage, cucumbers, lettuce and turnips. Plantings of a large potato acreage will be made in October and November for which ground is already being put in shape. An extensive tomato crop will be planted in December.

Henry Clay Crawford, secretary of state for Florida for the past 27 years died at Tallahassee on Saturday and was laid to rest with full military honors on Sunday. The governor, members of the cabinet and justices and commissioners of the supreme court acted as honorary pall bearers. W. M. Igou of Eustis was appointed by Governor Carlton Monday morning to fill out the unexpired term of the late state secretary.

More than 1700 girls are in attendance at the Florida state college and this shows a big increase over last year despite the Medfly and other so-called calamities that have made some people feel pessimistic over the future of the state. With all the state schools and the private schools showing a big increase in attendance the school year of 1929-30 promises much to the youth of our state.

Iodine found in Florida vegetables recently subjected to tests has proved another big point in favor of this state's food supply. To withhold telling the world about this great health element is to "keep our light hidden under a bushel," says the Davenport Times. This is a job for the state department of agriculture and the state chamber of commerce. Health giving elements are to be found in Florida's air, sunshine, fruits and vegetables.

Tampa's first aerial express and passenger service began Saturday with arrival of three Bellanca Pacemaker monoplanes at the municipal airport. They landed on scheduled time at 3 o'clock and were greeted by a large crowd. P. G. B. Morriss, operations manager of the line was greeted at the field by Mayor McKay. Warren W. Lewis, in behalf of Mayor Walker, of New York, extended the mayor and the city of Tampa a message of mutual satisfaction for the closer contact now available to the two cities through the new line of air transportation.

Weekly Weather Report by Observer

	Max.	Min.	Rain
Sept. 15	92	74	.....
Sept. 16	93	75	.....
Sept. 17	92	72	.....
Sept. 18	92	71	.....
Sept. 19	87	72	.56
Sept. 20	81	72	.30
Sept. 21	82	72	.60
Average	88.4	72.6	1.46

What kind of tracks have you on your farm? The tracks of purebred dairy cows, beef cattle, hogs, and Standardbred chickens lead to prosperity; but the tracks of scrubs lead to the mortgage sharks and bankruptcy.

SOCIAL and Personal News

Marguerite Sheffield
Society Editor
Telephone 37

Paul and Dicksie Were Married April 27.

Last Saturday afternoon, so we were oft informed, would be the date of the marriage of Miss Dicksie Martin and Paul Jett, two of the best known young people of Avon Park. Miss Martin had been feted on several occasions as a September bride-elect, and her friends looked forward to the approaching ceremony. But it didn't take place on the date announced—

On Saturday morning The Times received a note from Miss Martin, announcing that she and Mr. Jett had been married since April 27. The ceremony was performed at Dade City, Judge J. D. Sanders tying the nuptial knot.

And on the day expected to be the wedding day, Paul and Dicksie started on a belated honeymoon. They are motoring through Tennessee, Alabama, Georgia and Kentucky, and on their return next month will make their home in the Hobbs apartment.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Martin. She was graduated from the Avon Park high school, and later attended the Bessie Tift college, Forsythe, Ga. She has been employed as secretary to Judge Rouse.

The groom is a popular member of the Florida Public Service company's force in this city. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Jett, of Lakeland.

Miss Lora Lee Honored at Birthday Party.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lee was the scene of a party Wednesday evening, in honor of Miss Lora Lee, who celebrated her eighteenth birthday. Many beautiful gifts were given to the honoree. Dancing and bridge were the features of the evening and refreshments of punch, cake and sandwiches were served.

Those invited were the Misses Rubye Hargraves, Estelle Carney, Barbara Weaver, Inez Dawson, Marguerite Sheffield, Hazel Cameron, Edna Overstreet, Kitty Martin, Cathryne Saggus, Elizabeth Chandler, Wava Godwin, Mertice Coker, Hilda Wilson, Lois Rish, Jerry Heims, Lois Williams, Carminetta Fagen, Mildred Roberts, Miss Mary Evelyn Rogers of Sebring, and Mrs. Gertrude Montsdoca; Messrs. Frederic Wild, Eddie Clark, Rodney Durrance, Rogers Hardegree, Hartwell Ginn, Colquitte Pardee, Buck Pardee, Bert Simpson, Forrest Park, Buck Clark, and Rufus Chappell, Geo. Scarborough, Ralph Morgan, Bill Scarborough, Anvil Muff and Harry Scarborough from Frostproof and Sebring.

Miss Langford Host at Jolly Party.

Miss Zelda Langford entertained at her home on Lake Tulane last Friday night with a jolly party for the following friends: Misses Mary Turner, Oleta Bigbee, Honey Roberts, Lucile Saggus, Sara Smith, Mildred Lee, Mildred Turner, Frances Lane, Virginia Baldwin, Novella Connell; and Messrs. S. P. Durrance, Phil and Bill Lacey, Otto Foster, Walton Touchton, Junior Stebbins, Claude Daly, Paul Baldwin, Raymond Vickery, Robert Roberts, Jimmie Roberts, and Nelson Smith. Games and a musical guessing contest furnished amusements for the evening and refreshments were served to the young people at a late hour.

High School Girl Becomes Bride.

Miss Edna Mae DeLaney, a senior in the Avon Park High school, placed her school books away for the last time last Friday afternoon. At Bartow last Sunday afternoon she became the bride of Roy Felkinor, the ceremony being performed by Judge Wiggins.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. DeLaney, of this city, and is one of the most prominent members of the younger set. Mr. Felkinor is the son of Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Felkinor, of Morristown, Tenn.

The newlyweds will make their home in Avon Park for the present.

Attend Frostproof Star Meet.

A large number of Eastern Stars of Leigh Chapter journeyed to Frostproof Tuesday evening to attend Past Matron's night, which was observed by the Frostproof chapter.

Those from Avon Park attending the affair were: Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Marsh; Col. and Mrs. Charles R. Head; Mrs. William Dartt, Mrs. Letta Reck, Mrs. Pearl Stebbins, Mrs. Florence Elwell, Mrs. Cathryne Bristol, Mrs. O. E. Smith, Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Mrs. Blanch Williams, Mrs. Lulu Able, Mrs. Lola Skipper and Miss Furlow Anderson.

Entertains In Honor of Son.

Mrs. Mary Roberts entertained Tuesday night in honor of the sixteenth birthday of her son, James. Games and music furnished the amusement and refreshments were enjoyed, at a late hour. Those attending were: Misses Dorothy Roberts, Oleta Bigbee, Mary Turner, Zelda Langford, Verna Himes, Carminetta Fagen, Eulahiah Melton, and Messrs. James Roberts, Claude Daly, W. A. Maddox, S. P. Durrance, Robert Roberts, Paul Baldwin and Lamont Roberts.

Junior G. A.'s at Martin Home.

Miss Evelyn Martin entertained the Junior G. A.'s of the First Baptist Church, at her home on Friday afternoon. After the regular program refreshments were served to the following members: Misses Hazel and Hilda Reddick, Frances Cason, Johnny Saggus, Gladys Helms, Evelyn Martin and Mrs. S. C. Saggus.

Woman's Club Special Session Today.

The Woman's Club of Avon Park will meet in special session this afternoon to elect a president to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of President-elect Mrs. F. deAnguera. Mrs. deAnguera resigned recently and will make her future home in Chicago.

The officers urge that all members be present at the meeting.

Eastern Star To Meet Tonight.

A special meeting of Leigh Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, will be held at the Masonic hall at 8 o'clock tonight, and all members are requested to attend. Matters of great importance to the order will be discussed, the Worthy Matron, Mrs. Lola Head, announced.

Mrs. Rumpsa Entertains Wednesday Bridge.

Mrs. P. L. Rumpsa entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club at her home last Wednesday. Only the club members were present.

Miss Luzell Carter has returned to Tampa.

Mrs. F. B. Reeves is visiting in West Palm Beach.

Mrs. J. T. Collins has returned from a trip to Georgia.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Mann visited in Winter Haven, Sunday.

Mrs. R. P. Davidson has arrived from Lake Geneva, Wis.

Mrs. P. L. Rumpsa entertained the Wednesday Bridge Club.

Rev. and Mrs. T. O. Baldwin spent Monday in Moore Haven.

Mrs. R. A. Stamey and children motored to Haines City, Saturday.

W. L. Winchester and son, Eugene, were visitors in Tampa, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier were business visitors in Orlando Wednesday.

Mrs. S. P. Durrance spent Monday with friends and relatives at Eagle Lake.

C. H. Pardee and W. R. England visited Punta Gorda on business, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Franklin, of Columbus, Ga., are business visitors in this city.

C. H. Luke, of Winter Haven, was the luncheon guest of Arch Mann yesterday.

Aubrey Roberts suffered an injury to his left foot while playing football Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Pendleton and Mrs. Allison, spent Wednesday and Thursday in Tampa.

Misses Eloise Hayden and Eura Lee Durrance, spent Saturday and Sunday in Tampa.

Mrs. C. A. Crews and children, and Mertice Coker, spent Sunday in Zolfo and Wauchula.

Rogers Hardegree left for Atlanta, Ga., Thursday night, where he will join his parents.

W. A. and L. W. Connell, of Tallahassee, spent the week-end with D. T. Connell of this city.

Mrs. Charles Moffet and children will soon be leaving to make their future residence in Kansas.

Miss Marguerite Vogt is assisting in preparing the delinquent tax list in the tax collector's office.

Col. J. M. Lee and Mrs. C. A. Crews were business visitors in Arcadia Wednesday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. McFarland and family and Miss Annie Mae Adams, spent Sunday in Orlando.

Mesdames D. G. Perry, M. A. Smith and Tollison went to Lakeland Sunday to attend the theatre.

Mrs. C. L. Smith and children, of Dundee, were visitors over the week-end of J. L. Smith and family.

H. F. Stender, of Jacksonville, representative of the Frisco Lines, was a business visitor here Tuesday.

Mrs. W. E. Dawson, Misses Inez Dawson and Buddie and Barbara Wever, spent Sunday in Kissimmee.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Lacey returned to Avon Park Saturday night after a few days' visit in Georgia.

Miss Wilna Roberts is at home again after having an operation for appendicitis at the Sebring hospital.

Miss Menophee Hatchell, who attends Tampa Business college, spent the week-end at her home in Avon Park.

Doctor I. W. Chandler was called to Athens, Ga., Monday by the illness of his mother, Mrs. D. F. Chandler.

Mr. and Mrs. Tollison formerly of Avon Park, now of Grovenia, Ga., spent a few days recently in Avon Park.

Mrs. S. E. Booth and daughter, and Mrs. E. G. Melton ,spent an enjoyable afternoon in Bartow and Lakeland, Tuesday.

Misses Louise Browne, Creola Fortner and Mrs. R. B. Smith, motored to Lakeland Friday evening to attend the theatre.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Jr., had as their guests over the week-end Mrs. Ginn's parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Ames of Loughman.

Mrs. C. E. Lanier and son Vernon, motored to Tampa Saturday to meet Mr. Lanier who had been on a business trip to Jacksonville and Tampa.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheffield and Misses Wava Godwin and Godwin and Cathryne Saggus, motored to Orlando Saturday on a business and pleasure trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Garrison and young son, of Bradenton, have taken up their residence in this city. Mr. Garrison is employed at the Jacaranda Drug company.

Mrs. Neal Trent has returned to Avon Park, accompanied by her guests Mrs. Charles M. Britain from Asheville, and C. W. Connor of Knoxville, Tenn. Mr. Connor has since returned to his home.

Misses Jerry Heim and Marguerite Sheffield accompanied by Messrs. Rodney Durrance and Frederic Wild and Roger Hardegree, motored to Lakeland Sunday afternoon to attend the Polk theatre.

Mrs. D. G. Skipper and Miss Luzell Carter, motored to Tampa Saturday. Miss Carter will remain in Tampa and attend Hillsborough High. She was formerly a member of the senior class of Avon Park high school.

Four Avon Parkers Buy New Chevrolets

Messrs. Masters and Keller, of Avon Motors company, Chevrolet distributors, report the following sales last week:

I. H. Ford, of the Main Street Garage, a sedan.

W. H. McCarthy, Chief of the Avon Park Fire Department, a roadster.

Miss Eloise Hayden, of the Avon-Florida Citrus corporation, a cabriolet.

O. C. Wilkes, manager of the Texaco company of Avon Park, a 1-1½ ton truck. The truck is similar to the one that was used in making a record run from St. Louis to Tulsa and return with a load of special gasoline that kept the St. Louis Robin, the plane that established the endurance test record, in flight.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our appreciation and thanks to all our friends here and in Detroit and Rev. Vaughn and Rev. Baldwin and the quartet, for the many acts of kindness, and beautiful floral offerings, during the illness and death of our dear son, Lawrence.

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F. ELMORE WRAY
AND FAMILY.

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She is over two feet tall, dressed in rayon silk, the color of your choice, either green, blue, rose or orchid. When ordering state color you desire. Also state whether you want a doll with auburn, blond, brunette or white hair.

The black and white illustration of her gives you but a faint idea of this wonderful doll. You must see her to appreciate her.

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It covers the needs of the young women of today and depicts them as they really are.

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BEAUTIFICATION OF CEMETERY COMPLETED

Woman's Club Thanks Contributors; Need $25 More For Fertilizer and Upkeep

Although the beautification of the Bougainvillea cemetery is completed through the efforts of the Civic and Educational Committee of the Woman's Club, an additional $25 will be needed at once for fertilizer and upkeep on the hedge during the coming season, Mrs. M. E. Covington, head of the committee, announced Tuesday. A number of pledges are outstanding, and it is hoped that those making the pledges will make payment promptly that the work might be done immediately.

In their tireless efforts to beautify the cemetery, which now shows the results of their labor by the vast improvement in the appearance of the burying ground, slightly over $150 was used, according to a statement issued by Mrs. Covington. The committee collected $163.30 from local and winter residents, of which $67 was used in planting 1200 feet of hedge on the grounds. Lumber and other materials from the Townsend Lumber company and used in building the archway and around the grounds cost $51.04; labor and other materials cost $37.83, leaving a balance of $7.43.

The committee extends its thanks to the following who so generously contributed money or work in the beautification of the cemetery:

Mrs. Lewiston, M. H. Gribble, Mr. Griffith, C. N. Ott, J. B. Coen, Mrs. Luthey, F. Paden, R. C. Epperson, O. R. Perry, Mr. Lawhorn, A. V. Anderson, Mrs. William Heath, W. H. Woodruff, Roy Masters, Mrs. Bristol, C. E. Mann, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Godwin, M. T. Johnson, Dr. Chandler, C. E. Lanier, Col. C. R. Head, Phil Abrams, Mr. Stodden, Frank Middleton, Mrs. Jennie West, Mrs. Louise Miller, William Bennett, Grover Langford, Mrs. I. Bennett, Rev. T. O. Baldwin, H. A. Latham, Ed. Welch, Captain F. C. Rae, John Hood, Cyril Baldwin, A. W. Sargent, Mrs. L. E. Bass, W. A. Marshal, Mr. Crapo, Frank Richardson, H. J. Chance, Fred Gray, Mrs. Minor, B. H. Hagen, A. C. West, D. F. Canfield and mother, C. L. Johnson, Mrs. Marsh, Mrs. Lawhorn, Miss Mallory, Miss E. Bangs, Judge Rouse, Mrs. Parks, Mr. Hudlass, Mr. Heubner, E. M. Brickell, John Caldwell, Mrs. J. B. Rogers, F. D. Palmer, Fred Smith, Dr. W. C. Touchton, Rev. Murrish, Mr. Godwin, J. O. Park, C. W. Pabor, Mrs. Laycock, Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mrs. Lou Spink, N. A. Barrington, E. O. Williams, Mr. Sandler, Mrs. Brugiere, Mark Lance, Mrs. Henry Timm, F. deAnguera, Fred Stevens, Ebi's Bakery, O. C. Wilkes, Mrs. R. P. Woodson, Col. R. P. Davidson, W. P. Myer, S. C. Pardee, Mr. Strauble, Mrs. Hendricks, Gregg Maxcy, Mrs. J. S. Francis, Townsend Lumber company.

Those contributing labor, time and material were:

D. G. Perry, Floyd Hougaboone, Fred Stevens, Max Wilde, Oscar Skipper, J. Hunter, Bob Adams, R. A. Stamey, J. S. Francis, Guy McGibboney, R. F. Sappington, Fred Palmer, Jessie Bennett, M. E. Covington, Micky Heath, M .A. Smith, F. D. Palmer. Colored: Nathan Ford, Wm. Wall, Jesse.

We especially wish to thank the newsappers for valuable assistance given.

Signed:

Mrs. M. E. Covington, Chairman.
Mrs. A. C. West,
Mrs. C. S. Donaldson,
Civic and Educational Committee, of the Woman's Club.

Volcano Threatens; People In Flight

Hilo, Island of Hawaii, Sept. 25.—Heavy earthquakes occurred on this island last night and caused Professor Thomas A. Jaggar, volcanologist, to predict that Mauna Loa would erupt within a short time. Many residents of the district packed their household goods and fled.

Church Notes

[Editor's Note.—The Avon Park Times is not responsible for information or statements contained in church notices published in this column. The notices are published gratis, but must be signed by persons submitting same, if submitted by others than the regular pastors of the churches.]

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.

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.

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.

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.

HOTEL COMMISSIONER MAILS LICENCE NOTICES

All Persons Liable Must File Description Of Place Of Business

Honorable Ben H. Bostain, hotel commissioner, upon being interviewed at Tallahassee in regard to the activities of his office, said that they were mailing out application blanks to all citizens of whom they have a record, who are operating hotels, boarding houses, apartment houses, rooming houses, restaurants, lunch or sandwich stands or counters in this state.

Mr. Bostain says that the law requires every person, firm or corporation operating a hotel, boarding house, apartment house, rooming house, restaurant, lunch or sandwich stand or counter, or any building or structure where rooms or meals are furnished for pay to transient or permanent guests, to file the correct address and description of their place of business and apply for an inspection license from the hotel commission, on or before October 1st, or the first day they open for business.

The law requires a fifty percent penalty to be added to the license fee unless paid within fifteen days from the date it is due.

The law does not require Mr. Bostain to mail out the application blanks and notices promiscuously over the state, but he does so as a matter of courtesy and fairness to all citizens of whom he has a record, in order to save them the possibility of overlooking the matter, and thus save them the embarrassment of not having their license and having to pay the penalty.

In fairness to newcomers and those who have recently entered into the business of renting rooms and furnishing meals, Mr. Bostain is having an item published in practically every newspaper in the state, calling attention to the fact that the inspection license is due on the first of October. You will find this advertisement in the "Rooms for Rent" column, and Mr. Bostain suggests that you immediately make application for this inspection license that will be due October 1st, and save yourself the fifty percent penalty that is imposed by law.

North Carolina Man Boosting Avon Park

J. S. Rudisill, of Forest City, N. C., who has investments in Avon Park, writes to Mayor Donaldson encouragingly about his boosting efforts. He states:

"There will be several of our people through Avon Park this winter. I have been placing the advertising matter which you have been sending me. I only give it to people who are able to invest or be a help to the community. I hope you have plans perfected for a strong bank for Avon Park. Business in our part of the country is picking up, and we expect to have a good trade this fall.

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MILLIONS SAVED BY CHEVROLET SURVEY

Shows How Motorists Can Get Increased Mileage and Reduce Fuel Costs

DETROIT, Sept. 27.—Millions of dollars could be saved annually by the automobile - owning public through a more strict observance of the factors that control the gasoline mileage offered by the average automobile, it was revealed in a survey on fuel completed today by the Chevrolet Motor company.

A gain of from two to five miles on the gallon of gas could be effected, on the average, it was shown, if the motorist paid strict attention to the elements that govern fuel consumption.

The matter of economy has always been a factor of the uppermost importance with Chevrolet in the designing of its cars. Having brought the mileage to the highest point ever offered in a six cylinder car, Chevrolet sought to corral in this survey, the many seemingly unimportant details, which through carelessness or indifference on the part of the driver, cut down the mileage that might be obtained through more intelligent handling of the car.

Manufacturers have been doing their utmost to make gains in the direction of greater mileage and now it is felt that with greater cooperation from the driver, motorists may ride millions of miles yearly at no extra fuel cost if the matter of watchfulness can make a sufficiently strong appeal.

Just how this attention to fuel economy brings its reward is illustrated in records of performances coming in to the company's offices, which show that although the Chevrolet six is expected to run approximately 20 miles to the gallon, motorists in various sections of the country are getting 23, 24 and 25 miles through just a little added attention to the matter.

The majority of items to be watched are rather obvious to the average automobile owner, but through an inadequate appreciation of their importance, are commonly overlooked.

The survey sets down specifically a number of factors, which, if observed, should increase your mileage two to five miles to the gallon. They are:

1. When standing or waiting for the light to change, don't race your motor.

2. When you are to make a stop of more than a minute, turn off your motor.

3. Don't drive at excessive speeds unless the occasion demands. High speed travelling burns more gas.

4. Remember that the faster you drive the more gas you consume. So when you find that you are about out of gas and are heading for a gas station, take it slowly and your chances for negotiating the distance will be greater.

5. When starting watch the choke. Don't drive with the choke out a moment more than necessary.

6. Be sure that your brakes are not dragging. This cuts your mileage. Get your brakes inspected frequently.

7. Have your valves ground when they need it.

8. See that the idling adjustment on your carburetor is set at the proper point so that the mixture is not too rich. If it is not at the proper point it gives you inefficient idling performance and wastes gas.

9. Don't fill your gas tank full to the cap, some will escape through the vent in the cap.

10. Don't ride the clutch.

11. Watch gas line for leaks at joints. Check it periodically to see that fittings are tight.

12. Be sure that spark is fully advanced position.

12. Be sure that spark is in fully in traffic.

Observance of these suggestions, the survey points out, will save money for the motorist and, add considerable mileage to your driving and reduce the number of necessary stops at the gasoline station.

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Those "who shall fail, refuse or neglect to pay said license on or before October 1st" of each year or the first day they open for business, "shall be guilty of a misdemeanor," and the law requires a fifty percent penalty to be added to the license fee unless paid within fifteen days after it is due. Make application for license to

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BANK CONDITIONS SHOW STATE 'TURNED CORNER'

State Funds All Said To Be In Very Healthy Condition

Tallahassee, Sept. 26. — That Florida has truthfully "turned the corner" as was predicted by Governor Carlton in a recent statement to the press, is given additional force in the news recently released here that bank conditions have greatly improved, and that the treasury of the state, while lower in balance than the previous month, has a statement showing financial strength and great stability. On August 31, the sum to the credit of the state government was $4,282,108.11, while on the last day of July it was $4,885,814.49, according to statements just released by Treasurer W. V. Knott. Substantial balances, over and above disbursements, were shown in general revenue, pension tax, state road county bonds, drainage tax, principal state school, motor license expense, state road license and gas, general inspection, permanent building fund for institutions and the undistributed sixth cent gas tax, the report read.

In the comptroller's office a number of bank openings were recorded, including the new DuPont institutions, as well as banks formerly closed but allowed under the 1929 law to re-open after complying with strict regulations. The most recent bank opening recorded is that of the Phifer State Bank of Gainesville, when practically the whole county turned out to take part in a special celebration of the event.

Legal Advertisement.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED.

Notice is hereby given that D. D. DeButts, purchaser of tax certificate No. 981, 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:

N¼ of Lot 5 Frizzell Sub-Division of Lot 3, Block E, Price & Gorham's Subdivision, in Section 27, Township 33, 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.

(Circuit Court Seal)

L. T. FARMER,
Clerk Circuit Court,
Highlands County, Fla.

Sept.20-27-Oct.4-11-18.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SEPTEMBER 29, 1929.

REVIEW: Significance of the Exile and the Restoration.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The loving kindness of Jehovah is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, and his righteousness unto children's children."

Prominent Jews discussed in the lessons of this quarter are, Ezekiel, Daniel, Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah and Malachi; and of the Gentile rulers, Nebuchadnezzar, Belshazzar, Darius, Cyrus, Darius (a second ruler of that name), and Artazerxes.

For review we condense from Arnold's Commentary the subjects, and golden texts of the lessons, with short comments on each lesson:

I. The Story of Zzekiel; "As I live, saith the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live"; The Lord made Ezekiel's forehead "Harder than flint" that the rebellious people might not be able to look him out of countenance. He was commanded to speak all the words of the Lord, "whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear."

II. Ezekiel Teaches Personal Responsibility; "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God"; Ezekiel taught the people that each person stood on his own footing before the Lord. Each could repent and be saved individually. A father could not transfer either his guilt or his innocence to his son.

III. Ezekiel's Vision of Hope; "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end"; Ezekiel saw the kingdom of God's grace as a river, small in its beginnings, but widening and deepening as it progresses. The river brings life and prosperity to all the territory it reaches.

IV. The Story of Daniel; "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness, as the stars for ever and ever"; By Daniel's constant communion with the Lord in prayer he received revelations from the Lord which enabled him to direct important affairs in the Babylonian kingdom.

V. Belshazzar's Feast (Temperance Lesson): "Be not drunk with wine wherein is excess"; King Belshazzar engaged in a drunken revelry in the royal palace. God warned the king by causing a strange writing to appear on the wall. Daniel interpreted the writing as meaning that the king was rejected by the Lord and that the kingdom should come to an end at once.

VI. Daniel Among the Lions; "The angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear him, and delivereth them"; Daniel dared to ignore the decree not to pray to Jehovah even though it meant he would be thrown into the lions' den. His strong faith assured him that any outcome would be preferable to ceasing to pray.

VII. The Return from Captivity; "The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad"; At the end of a period of seventy years, which Jeremiah had prophesied would be the length of the captivity, the Lord influenced Cyrus, king of Persia, to permit those Jews who would, to return to Jerusalem. He returned all the gold and silver vessels which had been carried away from the temple and urged the Jews everywhere to assist those who undertook to return.

VIII. Rebuilding the Temple; "I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord"; In the seventh month the returned Jews set up the altar of burnt-offerings on the old temple site and offered sacrifices. In the second year the foundations of the temple were laid. The building was completed in eighteen years, B. C. 516.

IX. Ezra's Return to Jerusalem; "The hand of our God is upon all them for good that seek him"; Seventy-eight years after the first company returned to Jerusalem Ezra, the scribe, led another company back. At the outset of the expedition a period of fasting and prayer was observed. Ezra carried to Jerusalem over 4,000,000 dollars worth of gold, silver, and copper and 7500 persons.

X. Nehemiah Rebuilding the Wall of Jerusalem; "The people had a mind to work"; About fourteen years after Ezra returned to Jerusalem, Nehemiah returned and assumed command of the rebuilding of the city wall. Thousands of people were engaged in the work and it was completed in fifty-two days.

XI. Teaching the Law of God; "The entrance of thy words giveth light"; A day was set apart when Ezra read the book of the law to the anxious people. Following the reading there was great rejoicing.

XII. Melachi Foretells a New Day; "Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me"; Malachi rebukes the sins of the restoration priests and people and prophesies the first and second coming of Christ.

Questions:—Did the exile of the Jews cure them or Idolatry? What is Idolatry?

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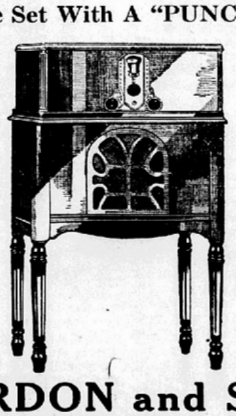

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Bond Man Demands Lee's Resignation

(Continued from page one)

knowledge that the delinquent tax list is to be certified to him within a few days, should peruse the list at the city clerk's office and select list of names; to advise those whose names were selected that he had been instructed to file suit for collection, and ascertaining their intentions of paying or not paying. If the reply were negative, the suit would be instituted as soon as the certified list were received. If the taxpayer agreed to pay immediately, no suit would be filed.

Mr. Lee's ideas were to give the taxpayers at least 30 days' notice of his intention to sue if payment of the delinquent taxes was not made. Later Mr. Lee cut the time down to 15 days, and at last to five days, all in the event that council so instructed him.

Mr. Rittenoure's replied that too much time had been lost already, and that further delay was merely aggravating the situation and hastening the time the city would be in dire financial straits.

After firing broadsides at the Colonel's ability and intentions, Mr. Rittenoure explained that he had nothing against the city attorney personally, and took his stand in defense of his company's interests.

At Tuesday's meeting Mr. Rittenoure asked that suits be filed October 1, but later modified his demands. Mr. Lee refused to follow the original request.

Every member of the council took part in the discussions. They realized that Mr. Rittenoure had the whip hand, and yet they resented the demands from the standpoint of the city. They were unreasonable and drastic in their opinion.

Mr. Rittenoure was asked by Mr. DeLaney what he would do to aid the city if his request that Col. Lee be ousted and another attorney selected. He replied that he would refund the time warrants coming due; take up the $17,000 of the $115,000 bond issue voted in the Spring, but which have never been sold. The $17,000 worth of bonds would be bought, he agreed, at 95¼, the original price, although he has taken over others for 90; and that he would willingly cooperate with the city, as a matter of personal pride in his judgment, to work out a solution of their financial problems.

Mr. DeLaney also asked if his procedure was the same taken by other companies, and the reply was that many of the companies take the same steps to protect their own interests; and that charges in administrations or officials are sought at times to forestall financial crises.

In a final statement to the councilmen, Mr. Rittenoure stated he was leaving the city and would place the papers in the mandamus suit in the hands of Mr. Burton, and that if council failed to remove Col. Lee and subsequent events proved that the city attorney was capable of collecting the taxes along his (Lee's) idea, he (Rittenoure) would withdraw his suit and apologize to all concerned. Later Mr. Rittenoure reasserted that he had no confidence in the ability or intentions of Mr. Lee.

When the Wichita man left the session the matter was thrashed out by council, but no action was taken on the request to discharge Mr. Lee.

The matter of delinquent tax collections is by the charter provisions, which provide for their collection by the city attorney, he alone using his judgment and discretion. The present situation is the same as it was several weeks ago when the City Clerk was ordered to turn over the certified list of delinquents to the city attorney, which will be done by Monday at the latest. The future now rests with the Colonel and his plan of collecting.

The latest demand for the resignation of a city officer climaxed a series of meetings of council and Mr. Rittenoure this week. On Tuesday, at an executive session, from which newspaper men were barred, the bond company's representative demanded the resignation of two city councilmen. Messrs. Hood, Lanier and Gregory were the only board members present when the demand was made, President DeLaney arriving after the ultimatum had been delivered. Mr. DeLaney lost no time, however, in ascertaining what Mr. Rittenoure wanted, and was informed that two resignations were demanded.

Mr. Rittenoure also demanded the resignation of Miss Louise Browne, city clerk and tax collector. He stated, when questioned that he had no charges to prefer, but mentioned the fact that the city had no bond register. Mr. DeLaney answered that council would shoulder the blame for the absence of the register. (Later it was learned that the register had been placed in the First National bank several months ago, when the bank acted as treasurer for the city, but since the failure of the bank the register cannot be located).

No criticism has been directed at the work of Miss Browne. She has acted in capacity of clerk, for which she receives but $75.00 per month; and has performed the duties of auditor and comptroller, for which she receives no compensation. The records in her office are up to date, the result of hours of overtime without pay on her part, and great credit is due her for her untiring efforts and the condition of affairs in her office.

The demands for the resignations of two of the councilmen and Miss Browne were withdrawn, and Mr. Rittenoure, after hitting at council for failing to appoint an auditor and comptroller, made another demand that the city make such appointment.

Mr. Rittenoure's letter to council yesterday, follows:

Avon Park, Florida,
September 25th, 1929.

City Council,
Avon Park, Florida.

Gentlemen:

I have discussed with you during the past several days the criticisms which we have made as to the management of your City Government, and also the request that we have submitted in connection therewith.

As you will recall, the conclusion of our meeting of Tuesday, September 24th, terminated with the idea that the collection of delinquent taxes should be turned over to your City Atorney, but you will also recall that it was Colonel Lee's stipulation that such collection of delinquent taxes by his office must be strictly according to his own ideas.

You will also recall his intention in particular is to file a bill in equity for all delinquent taxes at some future, but at no certain date. Since that meeting I have taken occasion to study your charter and to discuss the subject with Colonel Lee, at a later hour on Tuesday and subsequent to the session of the Council. I have reached the conclusion that the interests of the Guarantee Title & Trust Co., will not be sufficiently protected under Colonel Lee's ideas. I also consider that the interests of the Trust Company are identical with the best interests of the tax payers and the citizens of Avon Park.

You will recall that we have financed the city to a considerable extent during the past 18 months through the purchase of $50,000.00 of your short term warrants, and also by the purchase of $98,000.00 of Refunding Bonds. I served notice on you last spring that we would be ready to take up an additional $17,000.00 of Refunding Bonds after validation of issue, and providing that subsequent thereto, the City's financial situation would have been improved. Collection of your taxes is months behind and the city is facing a financial crisis. It is very plain to any person who gives the matter the slightest thought, that the City of Avon Park will default on a good many maturing bonds and likewise on interest charges during the coming six months, unless an immediate improvement is made in your tax collections. The Guarantee Title & Trust Company owns the remaining of $25,000.00 of your 8 percent time warrants maturing on December 1st, 1929, and interest charges will amount to the sum of $1,000.00. We shall also have approximately $3,000.00 of coupons on January 1st, on your Refunding Bonds. On this October 1st, and again on April 1st, we shall have approximately $1,000.00 interest due on one block of your last issue of Improvement Bonds, it is therefore of vital importance to our company and to the city as well that your credit be maintained and you will appreciate the fact that your municipal government can continue to function properly only by meeting its obligations and therefore by collecting taxes.

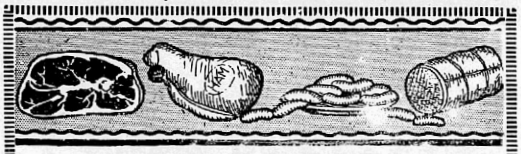
We are not willing for the present financial condition to continue and we cannot foresee the improvement necessary under the ideas and intentions of Colonel Lee with reference to collection of delinquent taxes, which ideas I consider unsound, legally, and unfair to your citizenship.

We therefore request at this time that the council select other legal assistance, preferably in the person of Mr. McNicholas, for the purpose of immediately prosecuting the collection of delinquent taxes.

Providing this request is not granted then it will be necessary for us to take immediate action in court to mandamus the city to levy a special tax to meet our $25,000.00 of time warrants due on December 1, 1929. I have tentatively engaged legal counsel for this purpose and would advise you that in addition to immediate court action we would further expect to take judgment in Federal Court as rapidly as any of our paper should mature, and to further demand special levies from time to time to meet such obligations that we hold. I believe that such action, though necessary on our part, would be detrimental to the best interests of the city, but should our request be granted with resulting improvement, we would expect to refund the time warrants mentioned. We shall purchase securities of your city in the future only when, as, and if, we feel satisfied with your collection of taxes and your conduct of the city government.

This request is not to our liking, and it is made with all due respect for the ability of your present City Attorney, but nevertheless is made after due study and consideration of the best interests of both the city and the Guarantee Title and Trust Company. It is not made with any idea of presuming to tell this council or the city exactly whom it shall employ or not employ, and is made entirely without regard to personalities. As mentioned above, however, if not granted, immediately upon presentation of this request, we feel compelled to bring action in court which will result in higher taxes and probably in similar actions by other creditors.

Respectfully submitted,
THE TITLE GUARANTEE AND TRUST COMPANY,
Wichita, Kansas,
By (Signed) L. Rittenoure,
Manager, Bond Department.



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