

Here and
There
About Avon Park
By W. M. Hetherington

THE AVON PARK TIMES

VOLUME II.—NUMBER 9.

AVON PARK, FLORIDA, FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1930.

PUBLISHED IN THE
METROPOLIS OF THE
RIDGE SECTION OF
FLORIDA

PRICE: FIVE CENTS.

This journal has been referred to in local print as the Sebring-Avon Park Times. We have a lurking suspicion that the Busiest-Man-In-Town—With-the-Bundle-Under-His-Arm meant to take credit for it. We were under the impression that the relationship of this paper with our Sebring paper had been thoroughly thrashed out in this column on a previous occasion. But why bring all that up?

It has often been said that if you want to get action on a committee put a woman at the head of it. Hats off to Mrs. Ruth Hyilton, chairman of the Park Hyilton, of the chamber of commerce, and who is giving the clean-up of the park and adjacent lots her personal supervision. It's great work, and the improvement is so noticeable that we wonder that it hadn't been done before. City Engineer E. P. Lacey is also on the job, and Fred Smith is stirring things up generally along chamber of commerce lines. It was no mistake to put him at the head of the C. of C.

An Iowa visitor who spent the past winter in Sebring "writing piece" for the paper and who published in the News of that city. He gave his impressions of Sebring and they were very flattering. He enjoyed the city management, the fine school, the library, the paved streets, orange groves and everything. But the thing that struck our funny-bone was that he enjoyed his stay in the midst of southern hospitality! And then he said "It has been the most interesting because of the preconceived ideas we held of the southern people in which we were surprised as well as very much pleased to know how much more interesting and how like our own people you are." Check that. Picture southern hospitality in a town made up of Wolverines, Hoosiers, New Yorkers, Jolietites, and the like. They're a hustling bunch of Yankees if we know our geography. Why, they tell us there are only twelve or thirteen crackers and one bound dog in the whole town—and the bound was brought in from Georgia. We'll give them credit for all the good things in the world, except southern hospitality. But there's nothing southern about the place, except the location.

Which reminds us of one town we lived in where the law of the drug store man, this writer and the ex-bootlegger were the only cranks you could find. In fact, dentally, every four years we were about the only Democrats.

While this is not strictly a local item for comment, it strikes us that there is entirely too much publicity given to liquor in this column. Every paper you pick up is simply dripping with news of it. Congress talks of the colleges, the churches, about it and the churches inveigh against it. Liquor is the best advertised commodity on the American market, and it is small wonder that there is so much of it. It is turned, if all this would drop the subject for six months more, the consumption than the efforts of all enforcement agencies combined.

There was dancing at the Junior-Senior Banquet at the Parish House—held under the auspices of school authorities, and under their chaperonage. Which is as it should be. Local trustees and school arrangements had been made for a dance after the banquet, in the event they were to be denied the privilege at their banquets.

The Fort Myers Press has an entire page of church news in its Saturday edition every week. Besides making interesting reading, it has the greater portion of its readers, it is good publicity for the churches. The Times invites church news of all denominations. We welcome it and publish it for the reason that we know that there is no item in the entire make-up of a newspaper that carries a more universal appeal than one having to do with churches and religious matters.

Wells' radio has been going in fine shape. "Now, my friends, I want to tell you of a new soap called Super-Duper. The dial is turned and 'Sweeter Than Sweet' is singing up the night air as we sign off."

The problem of the Mexican is the subject of a lengthy editorial in one of our exchanges. Having had no much concern over the problems of a certain "Avon-parker" we had failed to fully appreciate the predicament of the Mexicans until it was brought to our attention.

The Tarpon Springs canning factory had its biggest Tuesday when it canned 160 peckers and sectioners. The Tarpon Springs Leader. The local canning factory had its big day about the first of March.

MUST RAISE \$810 TO RUN SCHOOLS FOR THE FULL TERM

Volunteer Committee From P. T. A. Have Started Campaign To Raise Money To Run Last Week of School.

In order to keep the Avon Park schools operating the full term it will be necessary to raise \$810 by subscription to pay the last week's salaries and expenses, and a volunteer committee, made up of members of the Parent-Teachers' association has undertaken the work.

At a meeting of this committee at the school house Wednesday, presided over by Mrs. T. C. Hobbs, president of the P. T. A., canvassers of the four wards for the purpose of carrying on the solicitation. Main street and Lake avenue were set as the dividing lines for the four wards and the chairman of the four teams are: Mrs. J. M. Lee, northwest, Mrs. B. F. Martin, southwest, Mrs. H. F. Chance, southeast, and Mrs. Herbert Rock, northeast section. These committees started their canvass yesterday morning, and expect to continue their efforts until the money is raised.

As the result of conferences between the school authorities, teachers and the P. T. A., a plan was worked out this week whereby the last month of school, which starts next Monday, can be financed by the school board furnishing money for two weeks, the teachers' agreement to donate one week, and by raising by subscription the necessary money to finance the last week. This will complete the full nine months' term for the high school and eight months for the grade school.

It is estimated that each child's tuition for the week will amount to \$3.00, and the committee will work its canvass on this basis. It is pointed out by Mrs. Hobbs "some of the pupils' parents will be unable to pay this tuition, and the committee is asking that those who are able to do so adopt a child for this one week, and pay tuition for some child that is unable to pay. It is only through this method that the committee hopes to raise the money needed. Even where parents have pupils in the schools and are able to pay for an additional child, this help will be needed, and those who have no children will be doubly urged to contribute to make up for those who will be unable to pay," Mrs. Hobbs said.

Bert Willson Casts Hat In The Ring For County Commissioner

Announcement is made in this issue of The Times of the candidacy of Bert P. Willson for county commissioner for district one, Avon Park, in the Republican primary of June 3rd. Mr. Willson is at present serving as tax assessor of the City of Avon Park, to which position he was recently appointed. He has extensive property interests in the city and has taken an active interest in civic matters, having been actively associated with the Taxpayers' League and other organizations.

Chief McCarthy Will Attend South Florida Firemen's Convention

The convention of the South Florida Firemen's association in Winter Haven next Monday will be attended by Chief W. H. McCarthy, as representative of Avon Park's department. The convention will receive reports on the firemen's convention held in Vero Beach the first of this month, and plans will be outlined for the Fire College to be held in Daytona Beach, May 7, 8 and 9. Chief McCarthy is being asked to represent the college by the city to receive instruction and training by fire-fighting experts who will put on the three-day course.

Rotarians Told That Airmail Service Will Not Be Interrupted

T. P. Caldwell, representative of Eastern Air Transport, Inc., told the Rotary club that there would be no interruption in airmail service from Avon Park to northern and eastern points as was at first thought when announcement was made of discontinuance of Coast Line trains. He spoke at the Wednesday luncheon of the Rotary and explained that new airmail connections had been made over the Seaboard and made connections with Eastern Air Transport plane. Jim Morton, member of the operating committee of the Clearing House, and a prominent citrus grower of Auburndale spoke on what the Clearing House meant to the citrus industry.

C. of C. MEMBERSHIP TO VOTE AMENDMENTS

Changes In Constitution and By-Laws Will Be Presented To C. C. Meeting

Amendments to the constitution and by-laws of the chamber of commerce to be voted upon at the membership meeting of the organization Tuesday night, May 27, as recommended at a director's meeting Tuesday night, are as follows: Article 5, Meetings—The annual meeting is changed from the third Tuesday in January to the fourth Tuesday.

Amendments to the By-Laws are as follows: Article 1, paragraph two—Memberships. Two classes of memberships have been provided for. They are active at \$5.00 per annum and associate at \$1.00 per annum. Sustaining memberships have been discontinued.

Paragraph 8—The number of directors has been changed from nine to fifteen.

Article 2, Qualification of voters provides that voting shall be by individuals only and each member may cast one vote for each membership owned. Persons to whom memberships have been assigned shall vote as individuals instead of as a unit. The old qualifications provided that no member should cast more than one vote.

Article 3, Election of directors provides that fifteen directors are to be nominated instead of nine. This article also provides that the annual election of directors shall be held on the fourth Tuesday in January instead of the third Tuesday.

Article 6 provides that the executive committee shall consist of five directors instead of three. Article 7 provides that the board of directors shall meet on the fourth Tuesday of the month instead of "at regular periods."

MANY ACTIVITIES OF CHAMBER COMMERCE

Secretary Reports Numerous Matters Claiming Attention of Body

As evidence of the many activities of the chamber of commerce in the past three weeks, Secretary Norton T. Smith called attention at the board meeting, Tuesday, to the following matters claiming the attention of the chamber of commerce since he took over the secretaryship:

Installation of a modern book-keeping system and bringing the records to date and revising the constitution and by-laws. Entrance into negotiations with the Senators and other big league baseball teams in regard to training here next season.

Participation in a county wide motorcycle of the Horticultural Society. Securing of the 1931 convention of the I. O. O. F. and Rebekahs. Assistance in locating the packing place of the American Fruit Growers.

Securing a party who is now (Continued on page five)

AIR MAIL SERVICE MAKE CONNECTION AT JACKSONVILLE

Mail Now Being Carried Directly Into Jacksonville Over Seaboard To Make Plane Connections North.

The newly established air mail service from Avon Park to points north and east will not be affected by the discontinuance of A. C. L. trains No. 192 and 195, but airmail will be carried over the Seaboard direct to Jacksonville where it will make connection with Eastern Transport plane leaving Jacksonville at 9:15 p. m.

When the change was made, it was first stated by airmail officials that airmail would be routed via Auburndale to Orlando, but a check on this with the chief clerk through postal authorities shows that there is a two-mile transfer at Auburndale between the two trains and the post office department would not agree to this routing. Hence, the direct connection over the Seaboard with the airmail plane at Jacksonville.

This change of routing for airmail was put into effect on Monday night with the discontinuance of Coast Line trains formerly carrying this mail, according to local post office officials and there was no interruption of service through the change. The mail was formerly carried from Avon Park to Orlando, where airplane connection was made.

The principal ridge towns affected by the change are Frostproof and Lake Wales, which are out through the change over the Seaboard route going through West Frostproof and West Lake Wales, instead of the towns proper. Through the new schedule airmail leaves Avon Park at 1:14 p. m., arrives in Jacksonville at 7:08 a. m. and leaves by the return Air Transport plane at 9:15, giving ample time to make the connection even though trains were late.

AVON WINS FIRST GAME HERE, 5 TO 4

Sebring Firemen Are Victims of Rejuvenated Team In Fast Exhibition

The first baseball game of the season on Cardinal field went to Avon Park yesterday afternoon in a close game between the Avon Firemen and the Sebring Smoke-eaters, 5 to 4.

Going into the last half of the ninth the Avonites were leading 4 to 4, but staged a last minute hitting rally that scored two runs and won the game.

Sebring scored one run in the first and Avon Park came back in their half to tie the score one all. The Parkers scored twice more in the fourth and the visiting firemen tied it up again in the seventh, when Gearing singled, Estes sacrificed and Gallagher hit one to third that was too slow to handle and both runners were safe. H. Long then hit for three bases, scoring Gearing and Gallagher.

Effective pitching in the eighth by Dilley kept Sebring from scoring after Dierberline had hit for three bases, but languished there when Fowler popped, Ivings struck out and Ewing asked to right.

Sebring took a one-run lead in the ninth when two errors and a single combined to push over a run.

The Avon Firemen won the game in the last minutes of play by bunting four hits and knocking one Sebring hurler from the box. Bass, first up, singled through the box, Walker did likewise, McFerrin flew to right, Martin singled to center, scoring Bass and knocking the score four to three. Estes then relieved Pollard, Sebring pitcher. Jackson drove a liner past third for a single scoring Walker and the winning run.

Junior-Senior Banquet School Affair of Much Brilliance

The senior class of Avon Park high school and the high school faculty were the guests of the Junior class at a beautiful banquet given in honor of the Senior class at the Parish house, Tuesday evening, April 22.

The spacious reception room was artistically decorated in Japanese appointments. This idea was carried out in Japanese lanterns, napkins and mint cups. Miniature rickshaws and umbrellas were the delicate place cards. The banquet table was arranged to form a T, and was centered with green ferns and lavender and yellow flowers. The sixty-four guests seated at the table were served a delicious three-course dinner consisting of fruit cocktail, color vegetable, pickles, olives, creamed chicken in patties, mashed potatoes, garden peas, buttery salad, hot rolls, butter, ice cream, cake, coffee.

AVON THEATRE MAY BE RE-OPENED

Clearwater Man Considers Leasing and Installing Latest Sound Equipment

Herbert Pittman, of Clearwater, was in Avon Park last Saturday for the purpose of looking over the Avon theatre with a view to leasing the show house, installing the latest Western Electric sound equipment and re-opening the theatre as a talkie.

Mr. Pittman was brought here through the efforts of the chamber of commerce, and was shown over the city by Secretary Norton T. Smith on his visit here. Mr. Pittman was well pleased with the city and the prospects for the show business and stated that he would be ready to start installing new sound equipment just as soon as a lease could be secured.

The building is in the hands of D. V. House, receiver for the Avon Park State Bank. Arrangements for re-financing the bank building are now being completed, and as soon as this is in shape, Judge Bosker will take the building over. He also expects a show house in Tarpon Springs at one time. He has been in the show business in Clearwater for twenty years, according to a letter received by Secretary Smith from the Clearwater secretary of the chamber of commerce, who gives him the highest recommendations and references showing his high standing in his home city.

Mr. Pittman operated two picture shows in Clearwater, which he recently sold to the Sparks Enterprise. He also operated a show house in Tarpon Springs at one time. He has been in the show business in Clearwater for twenty years, according to a letter received by Secretary Smith from the Clearwater secretary of the chamber of commerce, who gives him the highest recommendations and references showing his high standing in his home city.

DONALDSON PARK IS BEING CLEANED UP

Chamber of Commerce Sponsors Work of Putting Park In Shape

Donaldson Park, on the shores of Lake Verona, is receiving a complete and thorough clean-up this week, the movement being sponsored by the park committee of the chamber of commerce, Mrs. Ruth Hyilton, chairman of the committee, City Engineer E. P. Lacey are giving the work their personal supervision, and have had a force of workmen busy all week.

Through the co-operation of owners of the lots lying between the park and Main street the entire block is being cleaned up, the citrus trees are being pruned and dead trees removed so that the appearance of the whole park area is being put in a most presentable condition.

The city council has ordered fifty loads of clay to be used by the park committee in building walks through the park, and the winning run.

MINIATURE GOLF COURSE WILL BE BUILT IN PARK HERE

City Council Leases Plot In Park For Purpose; Clerk Instructed To Pay January and April Interest.

A miniature golf course will be built in the southwest corner of the city park, as the result of decision of the city council to lease a plot 75 by 100 feet by B. O. Alderman, who will build and operate the course, according to his agreement with the city authorities. The lease is made for one year with a privilege of renewal if it works out satisfactorily with all concerned.

Under the agreement Alderman is to keep the course in condition, furnish all lights and water and take charge of all playground equipment in the park. A charge of 10c or 15c will be made for playing on the miniature course. Mrs. Alderman agreed to look after any children sent to the park unattended.

The council agreed to buy 50 loads of clay to be used for improvement of the park.

Councilman J. H. McClelland presented an offer from Mrs. R. W. Swearingen to sell the city a plot of her property as a play pit. The lot measured 3,000 square feet and the clay runs to an average depth of about 10 feet, making some 32,000 yards of clay available. This could be purchased for \$325 according to Mr. McClelland, who with the city engineer was instructed to investigate the matter.

The city has bids for furnishing electric lights, and accepted the bid of Smith-Dorminy Hardware company. It was decided to place an order for \$180 worth of lamps for street lighting immediately. The city clerk reported that all interest coupons for October, November and December 1929 that had been presented had been paid and was instructed to pay from the sinking fund January and April interest coupons as presented.

BLUE GOOSE TO BUILD PACKING HOUSE HERE

New Plant Will Have Capacity of Nine Cars Per Day To Cost \$40,000

Announcement has been made by the American Fruit Growers, Inc., packers of the famous Blue Goose brand of citrus fruits, of the erection of a modern packing house for Avon Park. The site will be in the downtown section of the city, for which option has been secured.

The new packing house will cost \$40,000 and will be either a one-story or two-story building, with steel and concrete or sheet iron and concrete, bids being asked on both types of construction on plans now being prepared.

The new house is designed to have a capacity of nine cars a day, and will be so arranged that with installation of additional equipment the capacity can be practically doubled. J. E. Powell, who will be local manager, has leased temporary offices in Sun Court.

Junior Music Club To Meet. The Junior Music Club will hold its regular monthly meeting at 8 o'clock Saturday afternoon at the Congregational church. A string orchestra will form a part of the musical program.

Grove, Farm and Garden

ONE KIND OF WORM HAS NUMBER OF ALIASES

Corn Bud Worm Attacks Many Crops and Goes Under Many Names

Gainesville, April 24.—The insect commonly called the corn bud worm, corn ear worm, tomato fruit worm, and cotton boll worm is all one and the same thing. J. R. Watson, entomologist with the Florida Experiment Station, recently said in a radio address over WRUF. There may be six or eight generations a year in Florida, he explained. At this time of the year the insect is feeding largely as a cut-worm, nipping off the tender tips of corn, peanuts, tomatoes, etc. Where the tomatoes are producing fruit it may be seen eating the fruit as the tomato fruit worm. It may feed on the outside of small tomatoes and garden sassa, but much prefers to get its food from the inside.

The next generation will emerge about the time the corn is knee high, he continued. Most of these worms will settle down into the corn buds and there feed as the bud worm.

The third generation, he said, will issue about the time the silks begin to form. The caterpillars will feed on the silks for two or three days, but will then work their way into the ear; completing development in the kernels. When the corn becomes hard the worm is not outdone. It will mine its way into the cotton boll and is then called the cotton boll worm.

When the worm is feeding on small tomatoes it is easily poisoned by spraying or dusting with lead arsenate. One pound of lead arsenate may be added to 50 gallons of the common Bordeaux spray. Later on an important control measure is to pick up and destroy all wormy tomatoes.

He further advised planter corn as a trap crop in tomato and cotton fields as a measure of protection since the insect prefers corn to other crops. If planted so that it will come into silk about the time the first tomato fruits or cotton bolls are formed.

As a corn bud worm the insect may be killed by dusting with lead arsenate, or poisoning with DDT, or by hydrated or air-slaked lime. Killing these bud worms will save much corn, as well as the next generation. As a corn ear worm poisoning is hardly practical, he continued, but keeping poison on the silks may help with sweet corn. Selecting varieties with husks extending beyond the tip of the ear and those that grow fast were advised.

HINTS TO HOUSEWIVES

Weekly from Home Demonstration Specialists, Tallahassee

QUALITY OF MILK GREATLY AFFECTED

BY CARE AT HOME

Good health as well as flavor and keeping qualities make the proper home care of milk necessary. This applies as much to milk delivered at door steps as to that produced at home.

Milk that is allowed to stand in the sun soon reaches a temperature that is quite favorable to rapid multiplication of harmful bacteria. Therefore the milk should be placed in a cool place as soon as possible, and kept cool. Whether the milk is in the open or in the refrigerator it should be kept covered to avoid absorption of odors and flavors.

It should be kept in the bottle until it is used, and the neck and cap of the bottle should be washed each time before it is opened. All bottles should be washed as soon as emptied.

Old milk and new milk should be as a general rule not be mixed. Neither should cold milk and warm milk be placed together.

Since flies carry germs and filth they should not be tolerated around milk.

Florida has now certified dairies in Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, North and South Carolina. The state produces milk that has a bacterial count lower than the average, according to John N. Spencer, state milk inspector. Those housewives can surely get quality milk, and should take the proper steps to keep it clean. Clean, quality milk is one of the best foods for both children and grown-ups, due to its digestible protein, mineral, and vitamin content. Mary A. Stearns.

A brilliant new whirling orange colored plant has been discovered. Aha ha, so that's what became of the late Valencia we were saving to show the folk from Ohio—Howey Tribune.

Good things don't last long—that is why it's wise to take a generous helping of fresh green peas the first time they're passed.

Farm Program For the South Recommended By U.S. Dept. of Agriculture

PROSPERITY among Southern farmers will be widespread and permanent and contentment abound only when the safe-farming methods so long known and advocated become general throughout the South. They are:

1. Grow ample food to feed the family—Have a good summer and winter garden.

2. Grow all the pork needed for home use.

3. Keep enough cows to fully supply all family needs.

4. Raise all the poultry and eggs the family can use and some to sell.

5. Grow cane or sorghum for syrup where practicable.

6. Make the purchase of feed for the work stock, poultry, hogs and cows unnecessary—a penny saved is worth two earned.

7. Keep the fertility of the soil—Grow cow peas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under. Sow rye, wheat, oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

8. The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living and will have something left over at the end of each year.

9. Keep the fertility of the soil—Grow cow peas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under. Sow rye, wheat, oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

10. The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living and will have something left over at the end of each year.

11. Keep the fertility of the soil—Grow cow peas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under. Sow rye, wheat, oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

12. The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living and will have something left over at the end of each year.

13. Keep the fertility of the soil—Grow cow peas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under. Sow rye, wheat, oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

14. The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living and will have something left over at the end of each year.

15. Keep the fertility of the soil—Grow cow peas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under. Sow rye, wheat, oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

16. The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living and will have something left over at the end of each year.

17. Keep the fertility of the soil—Grow cow peas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under. Sow rye, wheat, oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

18. The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living and will have something left over at the end of each year.

19. Keep the fertility of the soil—Grow cow peas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under. Sow rye, wheat, oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

20. The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living and will have something left over at the end of each year.

21. Keep the fertility of the soil—Grow cow peas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under. Sow rye, wheat, oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

22. The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living and will have something left over at the end of each year.

23. Keep the fertility of the soil—Grow cow peas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under. Sow rye, wheat, oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

24. The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living and will have something left over at the end of each year.

25. Keep the fertility of the soil—Grow cow peas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under. Sow rye, wheat, oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

26. The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living and will have something left over at the end of each year.

27. Keep the fertility of the soil—Grow cow peas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under. Sow rye, wheat, oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

28. The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living and will have something left over at the end of each year.

29. Keep the fertility of the soil—Grow cow peas, vetch, soy beans, or other legumes to plow under. Sow rye, wheat, oats in corn and cotton fields for pasture and to prevent winter washing and leaching.

30. The farmer who follows the above plan will have a good living and will have something left over at the end of each year.

TO EXPERIMENT WITH REFRIGERATION WORK

Refrigeration Rooms To Be Erected On Grounds of Experiment Station

Refrigeration studies, badly needed, are to be undertaken in the near future by the Florida Experiment Station. The State Board of Control, at its April meeting, approved plans for the erection of a series of refrigeration rooms on the grounds of the Experiment Station at Gainesville, to cost around \$16,000.

Plans for the rooms were drawn by Dr. R. E. Campbell, horticulturist of the Experiment Station, in consultation with refrigeration experts. Dr. Campbell has the following to say about some of the lines of work to be investigated:

"Some of the following problems might be mentioned as typical of those now facing the horticultural industries of Florida:

"1. Freezing points of oranges, grapefruit and other citrus fruits.

"2. The effect of temperature and humidity upon the holding of oranges, grapefruit and tangerines.

"3. The effect of various types of wrappers and surface treatments on the holding of citrus fruits at various temperatures.

"4. The length of time necessary to chill citrus fruit in pre-cooling under various conditions of temperature, wrappers, boxing, etc.

"5. Factors influencing pitting of grapefruit under cold storage conditions.

"6. The effect of various methods of extracting and freezing on the quality of orange juice.

"7. The effect of various types of containers on the holding of frozen orange juice.

"8. Studies on the freezing of grapefruit and orange pulp to determine the effects of various methods of handling on the keeping quality of the fruit.

"9. Studies on the ripening of various types of containers.

"10. Completion of studies on effect of temperature and humidity on oil seed hulls.

"11. In addition to investigations from the horticultural department of the Experiment Station, graduate studies in the College of Agriculture will be used in running the tests.

Nine Jersey Bulls Brought To Florida From Valdosta Sale

Florida farmers bought nine registered Jersey bulls at a recent co-operative sale in Valdosta, Ga. where 22 purebred bulls were sold for an average price of \$65.22.

According to Dr. A. L. Shealy and Dr. R. E. Becker, with the Animal Husbandry Department of the Experiment Station, and C. H. Willoughby, professor of animal husbandry, College of Agriculture, at Gainesville, those coming to Florida were of unusual high quality. Three were from Register of Merit cows, and one was the son of a bull recently purchased by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The nine bulls coming to Florida sold for an average of \$67.11, they stated.

Four of the bulls were purchased by A. C. McLean, one each by M. T. Hartman, Gainesville, O. H. Thomas, Gainesville, and E. C. Pearson, Alachua.

He was making a return trip from the Indies and came Gainesville following stops at Miami and Lake Wales. He is carrying a lot of his stock through Georgia, North Carolina, and Washington.

By F. O. Alexander

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

WELL! I A FINE HOW-DO-YOU-DO! I'VE GOT A QUESTION FOR YOU—AN' WHERE ARE THEY?

SO WHAT'S IT I'VE GOT TO DO IS SET AN' TALK!

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

May Day Programs Will Be Featured Over WRUF May 1

Gainesville, April 24.—May 1 is nationally known as May Day or Health Day, and the Florida Agricultural Extension Service, as well as the Florida Health Council will feature the state radio station WRUF for broadcasting special programs.

At 12:15 p. m., Eastern Time the usual farm program will open with Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, discussing the Fourth H in 4-H, assisted by Miss Florence Smock, national health champion. Norman R. Mehrhoff, extension poultryman, will then introduce the farm program.

At 2 o'clock the Florida Health Council will meet in the following program:

2:00-2:10 Music.
2:10-2:20 Message from Governor Doyle E. Carlton.

2:20-2:45 The White House Conference and the Florida Health Council—Mrs. Raymond Robbins.

2:45-2:55 Greetings to Florida Children—Florence Smock, national health champion.

2:55-3:10 Florida Health Problems and the Health Council—Dr. Henry Hanson, state health officer.

3:10-3:30 The White House Conference on Child Health and Protection—Dr. H. E. Barnard, director of the conference.

3:30-4:15 Education and Health—J. E. Rogers, National Educational Association, New York.

4:15-4:30 Music.

4:30-5:00 Music.

5:00-5:15 Music.

5:15-5:30 Music.

5:30-5:45 Music.

5:45-6:00 Music.

6:00-6:15 Music.

6:15-6:30 Music.

6:30-6:45 Music.

6:45-7:00 Music.

7:00-7:15 Music.

7:15-7:30 Music.

7:30-7:45 Music.

7:45-8:00 Music.

8:00-8:15 Music.

8:15-8:30 Music.

8:30-8:45 Music.

8:45-9:00 Music.

9:00-9:15 Music.

9:15-9:30 Music.

9:30-9:45 Music.

9:45-10:00 Music.

10:00-10:15 Music.

10:15-10:30 Music.

From Station FARM

Gainesville, April 24.—The farm programs given by the Agricultural Extension Service at 12:15 Eastern Time, each day for the week beginning April 26 will contain several unusual features as a classroom discussion on who gets the consumers' dollar, showing tourists around the college poultry plant, and special May Day and National Egg Week talks.

Saturday, April 26.—Florida Farm News and U. S. Farm Science Snapshots.

Monday, April 28.—The Farmer and the Consumers' Dollar—Dr. H. G. Hamilton, associate professor of agricultural economics, leading a class-room discussion.

Tuesday, April 29.—How to Control Contagious Abortion in Cattle—Dr. A. L. Shealy, head of Animal Husbandry Department, Florida Experiment Station, leading a class-room discussion.

Wednesday, May 1.—Tourists Around the College Poultry Plant—Dr. N. W. Sanborn, professor of poultry husbandry, Why Grow Rooses in the South?

Thursday, May 2.—The Apokla Chief says people in that city have been wondering where the great cypress logs being hauled to the Atlantic Coast Line freight yard in Apokla are coming from. Inquiry on the part of the chief reveals the fact that the timber is being taken from the big swamp east of Rock Springs by the Wilson Lumber Co. The Wilson Lumber Co. has the swamp abundance in Perry, the finest cypress in the South.

Simultaneously with announcement of refusal, a receivership suit was filed in county court against the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction company. They were for only \$23,000 but they were indicted by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, supposed to be the owner of the line.

The Insull group, which is reported to control both traction companies, hopes to gain absolute control by buying them back at receiver's sale. The two companies then would be listed again as proposed units of a new merger plan.

A sensible person is anyone who agrees with us.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

INDIANA OBJECTS TO HUGE UTILITY MERGER

Proposed Super Organization Controlled By Insull Is Rejected

Indianapolis, Ind., April 24.—The proposed merger of various Indiana utilities into a \$70,000,000 super-organization controlled by the Insull group of the Indiana public service commission.

The commission refused the merger petition because expected earnings seemed insufficient and because there seemed no adequate assurance of increased earnings.

The commission voted 3 to 2 rejecting a minority opinion that it had no jurisdiction, thus making possible reopening of the proposal at any time.

The merger would have had power, heat, ice, bus, street railway and interurban units in scope of Indiana towns.

The merger project was fought especially by the city of Indianapolis. Subordinate merger in the scheme have already been approved, including creation of an electric power and street transportation monopoly in Indianapolis.

Simultaneously with announcement of refusal, a receivership suit was filed in county court against the Terre Haute, Indianapolis and Eastern Traction company. They were for only \$23,000 but they were indicted by the Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, supposed to be the owner of the line.

The Insull group, which is reported to control both traction companies, hopes to gain absolute control by buying them back at receiver's sale. The two companies then would be listed again as proposed units of a new merger plan.

A sensible person is anyone who agrees with us.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Thursday, May 1.—The Fourth H in 4-H—Miss Mary A. Stennis, extension nutritionist, leading a class-room discussion.

Friday, May 2.—May on the Florida Farm—J. Francis Cooper, extension editor. Up and Down a Florida Farmer.

Florida—Mrs. E. L. Lord, president Florida Rose Society.

Bordeaux Will Control Blight In Cucumbers

Cucumber blight can be controlled by spraying with a 4-4-50 Bordeaux mixture, according to Dr. G. F. Weber, associate plant pathologist with the Florida Experiment Station, at Gainesville. He stated that the first spraying should be made when the second leaves have formed, and should be repeated weekly as long as the disease is prevalent. The spraying machine should be capable of high pressure so that the spray will be in the form of a fog rather than coarse drops, and the spray should cover the underside of the leaves, he further stated.

Prepare the 4-4-50 Bordeaux by dissolving four pounds of

Red Devils' Jack O' Lantern

Seniors Preparing For Commencement

The Seniors are making their plans for the close of school whenever it will be. The invitations and cards have already been sent for and measurements for caps and gowns have also been sent in.

They are also getting ready for "CLASS NIGHT."

**COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT
SPONSORS ENTERTAINMENT**

The Commercial department sponsored the entertainment given in the High School Auditorium Thursday night, by Mr. Lui Ring. The proceeds that the department received will go to send the dele-

It depends upon the transportation as to the number that will be able to go. We hope to send at least four delegates.

THREE SENIORS HAVE BIRTHDAYS IN APRIL

Three of the Seniors had birthdays in April. Rodney Durrence was eighteen on the 18th of April.

Mertice Coker and Edith McFarland were both eighteen on the 19th of April. April was a great month for the senior class of 1930. We have the record in High School with three birthdays in two days.

Osceola Rose Show Has Splendid Display

Kissimmee, April 24.—The annual Osceola County Home Demonstration Rose Show was held

here April 15 and brought to-
gether a most creditable exhibi-
tion of roses and other ornamentals.
A number of prizes were award-
ed in each of the following
classes: roses, annuals and peren-
nials, bulbs and tuberous roots,
plants, native plants, potted plants
and baskets.
Awards were also given for the
best bird houses made by gram-
mar school pupils.

Dealers sell
CARS
that counts™

bearing it has been carefully checked and thoroughly reconditioned by expert mechanics. If you want reliable transportation—insist upon a used car “with an OK that counts.”

ACULAR UES

SE BARGAINS!

1926 FORD COUPE—
Just the car you have
been looking for. A
real bargain for \$65.00

1926 DODGE SEDAN
— Good paint, good
tires and good motor.
A very dependable car
for\$175.00

Chevrolet Dealer
To Choose a Six."
RS CO.

Just the car you have
been looking for. A
real bargain for \$65.00

— Good paint, good tires and good motor. A very dependable car

Chevrolet Dealer To Choose a Six "

RS CO.

LOOK AT THESE BARGAINS!

<p>1925 JEWETT SEDAN—Will give many miles satisfactory transportation. Good paint, good upholstery. Special price Saturday only—\$95.00 Terms.</p>	<p>1926 HUDSON COACH—Excellent paint, good tires, motor in good mechanical condition. Upholstering in fine shape. A very good bargain at \$195.00</p> <p>GOOD FORD TOURING with new tires—\$45.00</p>
	<p>1926 FORD COUPE—Just the car you have been looking for. A real bargain for \$65.00</p> <p>1926 DODGE SEDAN— Good paint, good tires and good motor. A very dependable car for \$175.00</p>

**Buy "OK" Used Cars From Your Chevrolet Dealer
When Buying a New Car "It's Wise To Choose a Six."**

AVON MOTORS CO.

THE AVON PARK TIMES

Published every Friday by the Schaefer-Broking Printing Co., Inc., at No. 5 South Forest Avenue, Avon Park, Florida.

W. M. HETHERINGTON - - - - Editor

SUBSCRIPTION RATES:
One Year in Highlands County \$2.00
One Year outside of Highlands County \$2.50

Entered at the postoffice at Avon Park, Florida, under the Act of March 3, 1979, as matter of the second-class.

ADVERTISING RATES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST

This guy who is marrying Edda Mussolini—daughter of Old Man Muss—probably has no illusions as to who is going to be head of the new family.

This Ghandi, in his anxiety to be arrested so he can pose as a martyr, is reminiscent of a type of demagogue not entirely unknown in Florida.

Our naval conference representatives seem to have sailed across the ocean and sailed back home again—that apparently being the sum of their accomplishment.

An eclipse of the sun next Monday afternoon will be almost total in California, but will be hardly visible in Florida. The sun hates to take his eye off Florida—his sweetheart—even while busy with an eclipse.

Machine guns planted in the streets of Jerusalem during Holy Week to prevent clashes between hostile religious bodies—that's a sad commentary on conditions at the birthplace of Christianity.

Did you ever attempt to convince one of Florida's native sons that it is harmful to fire the woods? Try it some time when you feel like tackling a tough job.

Recommended—for occasional reading—the Ten Commandments and the Constitution of the United States. These are two interesting bits of literature, and will be new and informative to many, if not most, people.

Every year in this country observance of the death and resurrection of Christ seems to be more general, more serious and thoughtful. That does not indicate that religion is waning in the land, as is often asserted.

Our secret ambition is to be able to hand this Camera gorilla such a sock, that you could hold macaroni under his nose fifteen minutes before he'd wake up. However, we are going to keep this ambition a secret—from Camera.

Two million dollars to be spent in improvements on its Florida line by the Atlantic Coast Line during the current year. That money, spent for labor and material, will help, and moreover it is an expression of confidence in Florida on the part of this great corporation.

A group of investors has leased from the State some 100,000 acres in the bottom of the Gulf of Mexico along the shores of the Cape Sable region, for the purpose of boring for oil. It is difficult to conceive of optimism run more to riot, but here's hoping, says we.

The American Society of Newspaper Editors declares that the product of schools of journalism is unsatisfactory, and it was stated at the convention that only one out of twenty of such graduates make good. The country newspaper office holds its reputation as being the school of journalism and turns out the best newspaper men.

Don't leave your baby lying around loose in the hospital. Some folks did that in Oakland, Cal., the other day, and nurses and physicians picked him up and gave him an operation that was intended for another child. They sure do get promiscuous with their operations in these hospitals.

Why can't a clearly understandable, clean-cut law be passed making every county office a salaried position, and demanding that every cent of revenue coming into every office be turned over immediately to the county? That would not only save the taxpayers much money, but would prevent some very embarrassing situations that have arisen in connection with officials in some counties.

If we could hit upon some tax as easily and as painlessly collected, and as generally non-irritating, as that we pay on gasoline, our tax troubles would be greatly mitigated. Thought we might suggest a penny for every time a fellow kisses his girl, but there might be some trouble keeping tab on the occasions, and, anyway, this plan might unduly favor the married man. Now you make a suggestion.

At Jerusalem they wouldn't let Aimee MacPherson lead her followers on Easter day over the Via Dolorosa, the path said to have been trodden by Christ. There is a widespread impression that Aimee in the past hasn't herself always walked "the straight narrow," but that makes no difference to the sheep that always are susceptible to the sensational—particularly in religion.

THIS OUGHT TO MAKE IT MORE SOLID



Congressman H. J. Drane has qualified as a candidate for re-election, as representative of the First Congressional district, in the June primaries. He has no opposition in his own party, and though there may be a Republican nominee, he will merely be a lamb led to the slaughter and will give Mr. Drane no trouble. The latter deserves the united support of the people of this district. There is not a more capable, conscientious and painstaking representative of his constituents' interests in the entire Congress.

A teacher in Ohio has been indicted because she whipped a pupil for violating a rule of school. The effect of this action in that school, and in many others, will be that any pupil will feel free to violate the rules of the school. Stepping out into the world, they will also feel free to violate the rules formulated to hold society together—the laws of the land. There lies the prime reason why statistics show that the majority of crimes at this time are committed by young persons between the ages of ten and twenty. Indiscriminate whipping of pupils by teachers should not be encouraged, of course, but the authority of the parents should stand squarely behind the authority of the school.

Neighbor John D. Rockefeller took first prizes for flowers at a Volusia County Flower Show last week. John D. probably went in strong for the Century Plant.

News dispatch says that woman are in charge of the city government at Yellville, Arkansas. Or course the name of the city has nothing to do with any arguments that might arise. All women are very quiet.

Ruth Bryan Owen is being touted by a Michigan newspaper for president. Congressman Senator or President, Ruth Bryan Owen is there with all and every qualification needed. Ruth has made good all her campaign promises which places her at the head of the class in politics.

"Aimee MacPherson Baptizes Disciples in River Jordan," say headlines in daily papers. Without knowing the name of the twelve disciples baptized it would be safe to bet that no Radio Operators or Judges were in the bunch.

With apologies to "Mary's Little Lamb" Meddie had a little fly. It worked by infestation. And everywhere that Meddie went She caused a wild sensation.

The citrus fruits she claimed for her's By fruits of acquisition; And forced beneath the skin of each A hopping imposition.

They visited Orlando town Without due observation; Balboa's son, by prevus plan, Exposed their machination.

The watchful Board, with wailing cry, Sought Federal intervention—"This fly," they said, "unless she's killed, Will sure infest the nation."

The House then sent the doughty Wood To make a close inspection, Who found beneath the cry of "wolf," A sign of exploitation.

'Twas thought by some of ex-ray minds, That 'neath this infestation Reposed a scheme of Croesus men Who planned vast reservations.

What e'er the scheme, if such there be, Of selfish exaltation, The vegetators are the ones Who face annihilation.

They tore the eggplant from the ground, With fierce determination; Likewise tomatoes, beans and such Received their visitation.

The truckers, they feed the world, Are facing grim starvation, For Federal aid will not be made To give remuneration.

"Flat justice, rat caelum!" —J. B. McGee, in Plant City Courier.

Echoes of the State Press

ORIGIN OF DIXIE.

Up the river on the steamboats came the \$10 notes. For all steamboat men when in New Orleans did their banking at the Banque des Citoyens. They were printed, these \$10 notes, in English on one side and in French on the other for the convenience of both the Creoles and Anglo-Saxons. In large letters on the back of each note was engraved "DIX," the French word for 10. You could see the dix before you saw the note, it was said.

"A dix note is always good," remarked a steamboat mate in Cincinnati, counting his pay money.

"You're right," responded the clerk. "A 'dix' is bon bon, as these French fellows say down South."

Unlettered as they were they pronounced the DIX as it was spelled. The town where the "dixies" came from they called "Dixie's Land."

"I'm going down the river after dixies," said the flatbottoms, of whom there were still a goodly number on the rivers as late as 1850.

"I bought this horse down in the Dixie country," remarked a traveler on the wharf at Louisville.

As time went on and the sectional homogeneity of the Southern people became more manifest, what with the darkening of the war clouds, the term "Dixie's Land" came gradually to be applied to the whole section in which the dixies had the largest circulation. From there on a step only was needed to extend the borders until it embraced all the United States territory south of the Mason-Dixon line.—Appoka Chief.

NEWSPAPERS, OF COURSE, ARE HUMAN.

The average newspaperman is not in the game for his health—it's a legitimate business just like any other line of human endeavor. Just the same when a questionable situation arises, there are those who up and say that the newspaper ought to say something about that. The paper usually does "say something about it," but does not please everybody. Of course not.

Being a newspaper appears an easy job from the outside and many there are who feel they can run the newspaper better than the editor does—maybe they can, we don't deny it—but we venture the assertion that if the average citizen was in our shoes and had a drop of horse sense they'd do just about as we do—put the soft pedal on community misunderstandings, church differences, family scandals, political rows, or any other thing not involving major principles. Such matters usually work themselves out all right and adjust themselves with the passing of time. Time even washes personal differences if given long enough time, and not meddled with in the meantime. We know, we've tried it.

Now, the critic who lacks the courage to support or assail over his own signature ought not expect the newspaper to either advocate or attack the proposition. The average newspaperman is willing and ready to push any project for the public interest, glad and eager to push for anything which would make the community a better place in which to live and rear children, but they are decidedly unwilling to pull chestnuts out of the fire for minority factions, or for individuals.—Fort Meade Leader.

FRUIT RETURNS THIS YEAR.

The Florida Citrus Growers' Clearinghouse Association has sent out a summary and analysis of this season's shipments and auction sales up to April 1st, which shows that net returns to clearinghouse growers from the northeastern markets alone amounts to \$2,442,409 more than was received last year in these same markets.

The association says: More grapefruit was moved into the northeastern states this season than during the same period last season.

The orange movement into this territory was practically the same as it was last year.

Last season's grapefruit in the four northeastern auctions averaged \$1.00 net on the tree.

This season's grapefruit in the same markets averaged \$1.75 net on the tree.

Last season's oranges in these markets averaged 85c.

This season the oranges averaged \$1.82.

Last year California sold 5,709 cars of oranges in the northeastern auctions and only 71 fewer cars this season.

Nearly as many Florida oranges and grapefruit were sold in the western auctions this season as were sold there last season.

This season California put 3,132 cars of oranges into western auctions and last year only 2,549 cars.

Florida oranges in the western auctions averaged 66c net on the tree.

This year in the same auctions our oranges averaged \$2.01.

Last year Florida grapefruit in the western auctions averaged 78c.

This year our grapefruit averaged \$2.05.

To obtain the \$2,442,409 gain in the northeast auctions, Clearinghouse growers paid \$148,282.40 in four-cent assessments.

It means that for every four cents invested by the growers generally in the Clearinghouse, they were returned 64 cents.—Wauchula Advocate.

IN UNION IS STRENGTH.

In Clearwater the mayor and merchants have organized what they call a "Home Town Builders' Association." We plan a state-wide organization with a chapter in every community," declared Mayor Baskin. Those merchants realize that in unity there is strength and that only through co-operation can they hope to compete with the great national chain organizations.—Fort Myers Press.

THE POWER OF THE PRESS.

At the meeting of the Central Missouri Press Association in Sedalia last week Col. Cliff Harrison told of a newspaper which threatened to make a public exposure of a scandal if the man connected with it did not leave town before next press day. When press day came there were only three men in town—two blind men and a cripple.—E. Fort in the Banquet (Mo.) Eagle.

SECRETARY OF STATE RACE IS INTERESTING

Anti and Pro-Carlton Candidates Lead Spice To Campaigning

(From Fort Myers Press)

The death last September of H. Clay Crawford, involving the office of secretary of state in this year's political race, and a sort of curiosity on the part of many Floridians to observe the strength of the Republican party in its first primary in the state has raised a normally "off year" in politics in Florida to something of interest to the voters.

In addition to the fact that the office of secretary of state has been thrown into the elections to be held in June and November, there have been numerous developments in party alignments and several candidatorial revisions bringing a further stimulus to an ordinarily quiet campaign.

After Mr. Crawford's death, Gov. Carlton appointed William M. Toomer, a business man, to the place, Igo eventually announced for election of the office, and his campaign was generally regarded as an endorsement of Gov. Carlton's administration.

T. R. Hodges, displaced by the governor as shell fish commissioner, announced for the post and came unequivocally against the governor.

Henry Clay Crawford, Jr., son of the man whose death threw the race into the limelight, also announced, as well as William M. Toomer, Jacksonville attorney, both of whom declared themselves as neither "pro" nor "anti."

All four, of course, became candidates on the Democratic ticket.

Then came Igo's illness and his withdrawal from the race and the appointment by Gov. Carlton of Robert A. Gray, assistant state comptroller, as his successor. Gray, announced as a candidate for the place likewise on the Democratic ticket. He did not say that he would run upon a "pop" campaign, but it was generally conceded in local official circles that the former state comptroller was taking the race where Igo had left off.

This, briefly, brought the voters to the following situation upon the arrival of the middle of February: Gray, Toomer and a half before the first primary:

H. Clay Crawford, Jr.—Neither "anti" nor "pro."

T. R. Hodges—"Anti-Carlton" candidate.

William M. Toomer—"Neither 'anti' nor 'pro.'"

The race, it will be recalled, is only for the unexpired term of H. Clay Crawford, who was elected to the office in 1928 for a four-year term. He began service in 1929, but only administered the affairs of his office for about nine months of his new term before he died.

This means that whoever is elected immediately becomes secretary of state as soon as the returns of the November election are certified by the state canvassing board, which will probably be within 10 or 15 days after the election. The successful candidate will continue in office until January 1, 1932.

As for the Republicans in their first primaries in the state, everyone recalls how that party piled up a big vote for Herbert Hoover for president in 1928, and a heavy vote for W. J. Hower for governor in 1929. However, the party's showing in the election qualified it for this year's primaries, as under the law it becomes mandatory for any political party polling 30 percent or more of the total vote cast for the high offices in an election to enter the following primaries.

As a result of their vote in 1928 and entry in the coming primaries the Republican party members must now be regarded on an equal footing with the Democrats, as far as primary predominance is concerned. Before the 1928 election, the Republicans ignored the primary, except in certain instances where counties comparatively strong for the G. O. P. did just before the general election.

The various offices—and presidential elections, when the presidency was involved—the candidates being chosen by convention.

This year, however, the Republicans must have their primary elections, and must qualify them with the secretary of state and with their own party before the time expires for qualifications. The names of those candidates will be placed on the primary ballots along with the color of those ballots will be different from those of the Democratic party, and the ballots will be cast for the Republicans by those affiliated with the party.

The Democratic vote is being urged only to annul this year as compared to previous Democratic primaries will be the fact that the voters of the Democratic party, in the event of a Republican victory, will not at all instances, be handled by Democratic election officials.