

Here and There About Avon Park

By W. M. Hetherington

Remember the toy machine today at the Avon. A toy or an article of clothing is the price of admission that Manager Johnson is charging. These things will be distributed to needy ones. Don't all speak at once.

Anton Brees is back again at the Bok Tower at the Mountain Sanctuary and the bells are again responding to the master's touch. The Singing Tower is one of the wonders of America, and people come for thousands of miles to hear the carillon. It is at our door, yet it is doubtful if many people of Avon Park have visited the Sanctuary. It is an opportunity that all should embrace.

It is regrettable that there should be a misunderstanding between the city and the Legion over the pay for the volunteer fire department. The city claims the \$50 a month agreement went out of existence when Chief McCarthy was employed. The Legion contends that the organization has been furnishing the volunteer force and should receive payment on those grounds. The Legion has fostered the fire department from the very start and is responsible for the present efficiency of the department. The boys took care of the equipment before the city had paid them anything. They have been faithful in keeping an organization together that in no small measure accounts for the city's present insurance rating.

The money received from the city has never gone to individuals. It has all gone back either into the department or into other civic work. As Past Commander Francis said, "The Legion boys never got so much as a cent of cleaning their clothes out of the money paid the organization."

The Legion feels that the city shows poor appreciation for its work. We do not believe this to be the case. We think that the present council is not familiar with the terms of the working agreement made between the Legion and the former council, and we believe therein lies the trouble. We think that the present council is fair-minded and that when the proposition is presented to them in the proper light that a satisfactory settlement can, and will be arranged.

Instruments Arrive for School Musicians

High school students, musically inclined, who were unable to provide their own instruments are having them furnished through the public spiritiveness of local civic organizations. Instruments purchased, which arrived this week and have been put in use, are a clarinet and French horn donated by Holy-Rod Community, and a piccolo donated by J. S. Francis, personally. The instruments were purchased through L. B. Correll.

Musical instruction is being carried on in the high school by Prof. J. J. Gustaf, through an arrangement with the county under a public instruction. Prof. Gustaf is dividing his time between Sebring, Avon Park and Lake Placid, and the first public appearance of his pupils will be made in Donaldson park tonight.

Woman's Missionary Society Elects New Officers For The Year

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church held its annual election of officers at the church Tuesday afternoon, resulting in the election of the following: Mrs. J. B. Jackson, president; Mrs. H. Hancock, vice-president; Mrs. C. H. Pardee, corresponding secretary; Mrs. H. J. Chance, recording secretary; Mrs. Gerard, S. Confectionary treasurer; Mrs. C. H. Harris, local treasurer; and Mrs. Gilbert A. Stebbins, publicity and voice agent.

Proceeding the election of officers the regular business meeting was held with a program, the study of Missions in Mexico.

The Methodist Church Will Have Tree and Program Tuesday Eve

A program of special Christmas music by the choir and readings by children will be given at the Methodist church Tuesday evening. The program will be featured by a Christmas tree and the distribution of candy to the children.

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TURKEY SHOOT FOR CHARITY NETS NICE AMOUNT FOR FUND

Local and Visiting Sportsmen Pay \$290 in Competition for Forty Turkeys Distributed for Marksmanship.

Forty turkeys were distributed to marksmen at the turkey shoot at Cardinal field yesterday, and the netted approximately \$100 for the benefit of the United Charities fund of Avon Park.

The shoot started at 10 o'clock and until the last gun was fired at 5:30 in the afternoon, sportsmen kept up a steady round of target and clay pigeon shooting, participated in by local marksmen and a fair sprinkling of visitors from nearby cities.

Sportsmen paid a total of \$290.50 for the privilege of competing at the very start and are responsible for the present efficiency of the department. The boys took care of the equipment before the city had paid them anything. They have been faithful in keeping an organization together that in no small measure accounts for the city's present insurance rating.

The event was carried out most successfully, and the committee in charge put forth a great deal of effort in putting it over. C. D. Ordway, chairman of the committee, whose idea it was that culminated in the successful event, was very active in getting out advertising matter, and due to his efforts and the publicity work of the chamber of commerce, many out of town visitors were present.

O. R. Perry had charge of target shooting, and he had in getting things in readiness, donating the labor for putting up the targets and cleaning up after the shoot. The committee in handling the targets and ammunition by R. F. Sappington, both of whom put in a full day.

Of the other members of the committee, W. R. England was cashier; Mrs. Ruth Hyton had charge of the luncheon booth; Fred Smith assisted in handling the targets and furnished a number of the guns; and Floyd Johnson assisted with the targets.

Jim Huff Suffers a Broken Hip In Fall While Trimming Tree

Jim Huff, lineman for the Florida Bell Telephone company, fell from a tree Tuesday afternoon in the Lake Byrd section and sustained a broken pelvis bone and other injuries. The first view of the accident, who was trimming obstructing branches from a pine tree in order to run a line to the C. H. Shepherd house, when his spouse fell and he fell about 30 feet to the ground.

He was taken to the Weems hospital in Sebring by Dr. L. W. Chapler, company physician, for x-ray and treatment. Mr. Huff has been employed with the Florida Public Service company for about five years. He has a wife and several children.

Commandery Elects Officers For Year

Annual election of officers of Hollywood Commandery, Knights Templar, was held in the Temple Monday night, resulting in the election of Charles H. Pardee, commander for the ensuing year, to succeed Dr. D. G. Perry. Other officers elected were: Harry J. Chance, generalissimo; Louis G. Hill, captain general; Luther W. Farnes, senior warden; Fred M. Smith, treasurer; Wm. R. England, recorder.

The Commandery and Highlands Chapter, R. A. M., will hold a joint installation of officers on Wednesday night, January 7th, to which Masons and their wives and members of the Eastern Star are invited.

Right hand hands in smocks and silk hats acted as pallbearers at the funeral of Sir Joseph Tichborne, held recently at Sebring. A black and white and blue fire wagon was used as a hearse.

Massed Bands To Play at Avon Park, Sebring and L. Placid

THE first public appearance of the massed bands of Highlands county under the direction of Prof. J. J. Gustaf will be made at Avon Park tonight. The concert will be given at Donaldson Park at eight o'clock. The combined bands of Avon Park, Sebring and Lake Placid will number over 150 pieces and under Prof. Gustaf's tutelage have been making marked progress. Under an arrangement with the county school board, Prof. Gustaf has charge of all the music in the high schools of the county.

The next appearance of the bands together will be in Sebring, Tuesday night, at the Recreation Park and at Lake Placid on New Year's day. Large crowds are expected to turn out to hear the young musicians and Highlands county has every reason to be proud of Prof. Gustaf and the work he is accomplishing.

CEMETERY ASSOCIATION RE-ELECTS OFFICERS

Treasurer's Report At Annual Meeting Shows Finances In Good Shape

All officers of the cemetery association were re-elected for the ensuing year at the annual meeting of the association Wednesday afternoon. The same board of directors will also serve for another year. The officers are: W. A. Marshall, president; E. O. Williams, secretary; C. Victor Smith, treasurer; and the board is composed of W. A. Marshall, E. O. Williams, C. Victor Smith, Mrs. A. C. West, Mrs. F. E. Wray, Harry Dille and M. E. Covington.

A financial report of the treasurer, presented at the meeting, shows a balance on hand in the bank of \$326.72. Receipts for the year were as follows: From sale of lots, \$355.00; burials, \$129.00; upkeep, \$18.00; total \$492.00. Balance on hand at the start of the year was \$77.76, making a total for the year of \$569.76.

Expenditures shown were: Water \$27.05; labor, \$94.25; supplies, \$16.98; burials, \$67.93; supplies, \$13.25; mail, \$5.00; exchange, \$1.00. Total expenses shown were \$225.44; total receipts were \$569.76, leaving balance on hand of \$326.72.

Proceeding the annual meeting the regular December meeting was held. J. R. Bennett, Demos Mandis and Otto Skipper were given a vote of thanks for gift of fertilizer and drainage.

At the suggestion of M. E. Covington, it was decided to name one avenue in the cemetery each year for some person who rendered an outstanding service for the cemetery during the year. It was decided to name two avenues this year. At the time of the accident, the first avenue was named Marshall, avenue and the second Dille Drive, after W. A. Marshall and Harry Dille.

The association authorized the employment of a caretaker to put in two weeks on regular time until the cemetery is cleaned up, and from then on two days a week for its upkeep. C. Bein was so employed.

A motion was carried that no burials be made on the main part of the cemetery after January 1, 1931, unless said burial be made in a brick vault sealed with concrete top, being in compliance with the state health law. Vault top to be meeting the 12 inch below the surface of the ground.

It was voted to have all graves marked to designate the location of persons buried. The markers are to be at the head and foot of the graves. Graves marked temporarily by the undertaker must be marked permanently by the owner of the lot within six months after burial, according to the resolution.

Harry Dille and M. E. Covington were appointed a committee to have full power to have two roads constructed through the cemetery connecting with the road on the north line authorized to be built by city and county funds. The cemetery association voted to expend \$100 on the connecting roads.

Marriage License Issued. An Avon Park couple were granted a marriage license by the county judge Monday afternoon. They were David Mellon Earnest and Miss Beulah Phipps and they indicated they would be married by a minister of their home town.

AMERICAN LEGION ELECTS VICE TO HEAD LOCAL POST

To Put On Local Play; Committee Appointed To Meet With City Council To Work Out Fire Department Plan.

Ed Welch was elected commander of Highlands Post, American Legion, at its annual election of officers Wednesday night, to succeed J. S. Francis, retiring commander. Glenn Spink was elected vice-commander; Harry J. Chance, finance officer; Louis Martin, sergeant at arms; R. T. Fahey, chaplain; C. Victor Smith, historian; and L. B. Correll was re-appointed adjutant and service officer by the new commander.

A contract signed by Legion officers in October with the Jeffery Products company for a local entertainment play to be staged here on January 12th, was referred to the organization, and a committee of L. B. Correll, A. McKee Elwell, W. M. Hetherington and Commander Welch was named to aid in selecting the cast. A committee of women will be asked to help in securing talent.

Adjutant L. B. Correll reported on meeting with the city council to straighten out the status of the fire department, and a committee headed by J. S. Francis was appointed to meet with a committee of the city council to settle on the Legion claim for compensation for past service and work out a new plan for continuing the arrangement whereby the Legion furnish the manpower for the volunteer fire department. Glenn Spink and L. B. Correll are the other members of the Legion committee. It is proposed that this committee and the council committee work out some plan to be presented at the next council meeting.

The adjutant's report showed 28 members in good standing. Net proceeds of the Legion's share of money from the Ellory Commemorative show was reported as \$100.00. Upon suggestion of J. S. Francis, the Legion instructed the adjutant to tender the sympathy of Highlands Post to Captain John Huff, who is confined to a hospital as the result of injuries sustained from a fall while engaged in his duties as a policeman for the Florida Public Service company.

COMMISSIONERS GIVE \$350 FOR ODDFELLOWS

To Push Work On Foreclosing of Delinquent Tax Certificates

Besides the approval of bonds for various county officials the county commissioners transacted little business at the meeting held Monday. Bonds approved included H. E. Franklin, constable; L. C. Pearce, county commissioner; J. H. Holcomb, constable; C. O. Parrish, county commissioner; L. D. Poer, notary public and W. D. Hope, county commissioner.

E. A. DeLaney again appeared before the commissioners relative to the State Convention of Oddfellows which will convene in Avon Park next spring. At their last meeting the commissioners asked Mr. DeLaney and others with him to return in January. Monday, Mr. DeLaney said they were anxious to make up the budget for the event and asked the county to donate \$500 from the advertising fund. After some deliberation the commissioners voted \$550 to help entertain the visitors.

In the afternoon the commissioners and other county officials went into executive session regarding the foreclosing of delinquent tax certificates for the years 1928 and previous. Highlands county will have the co-operation of state officials in the proceedings and County Attorney J. M. Lee has a force at work ready to dig into the records and getting the necessary information for the foreclosures.

Two blind men were arrested in Mansfield, England, recently, for breaking into a clubhouse and stealing \$18, police testifying that the pair could work as easily in the dark as in the light.

Recital at Bok Tower Began Tuesday for Winter Season

Dr. Dewey Performs Ceremony Joining Lakes Placid June

THE waters of Lake Placid and Lake June were formally joined Sunday afternoon when Dr. Melvil Dewey turned the shovel of dirt in the new canal joining the two lakes and which is more than two miles in length. Appropriate ceremonies accompanied the event which has been looked forward to by the citizens of Lake Placid for a long time.

Speeches were made by J. M. Andrews, mayor of Lake Placid and Louis Martin, visiting citizens and the "christening" was performed with a bottle of champagne from Lake Placid. Dr. Dewey officiating. A number of photographs were taken of the several scenes of the event and the canal.

The digging of this canal is in line with the inland waterway program of the state chamber of commerce and heavily endorsed by the Associated Board of Trade of the Seaside Highlands. With the joining of other lakes and waters of the state, many unknown beauty spots will be opened up to the motor boat enthusiasts.

START PLANS OPENING OF HOOKER HAMMOCK

Governor Roosevelt and Richard E. Byrd Invited To Be Present

A meeting was held in Sebring Monday afternoon to discuss preliminary plans for the dedication of Hooker Hammock Park on February 1st. Those present included C. F. Gaster, governor of the State of Florida, and Governor Davis of Lake Placid, president and secretary of the Associated Boards of Trade of the Seaside Highlands. C. F. Gaster, governor of the State of Florida, and Governor Davis of Lake Placid, president and secretary of the Associated Boards of Trade of the Seaside Highlands. C. F. Gaster, governor of the State of Florida, and Governor Davis of Lake Placid, president and secretary of the Associated Boards of Trade of the Seaside Highlands.

Tentative plans call for patriotic exercises, appropriate to Washington's birthday, to be held in the morning and the official opening and dedication of the park to take place in the afternoon. Col. F. N. K. Bailey promised the full cooperation of the schools and the band will take a prominent part in the ceremonies.

Efforts are being made to secure Franklin Roosevelt, governor of the State of New York, as one of the principal speakers of the day and entertainers. Mr. Roosevelt's name is also being asked to attend.

Chairman of the different committees named at present are: Reception committee, C. F. Saunders; decorations committee, Seward Fleet; structures committee, H. S. Jones; amplifier committee, W. H. Olver; tourist committee, Frank Oliver; traffic committee, A. L. Butler; concession committee, Ford Heacock; merchants' committee, Elton Weaver; invitation committee, Mrs. Cora Sebring; radio committee, W. C. Parker; parade committee, not named.

Social Calendar at Chamber Commerce

A social calendar is being established at the chamber of commerce for the convenience of individuals and organizations putting on entertainments and parties for the winter. The object is to assist in setting dates to prevent conflicting dates of social events. Those contemplating giving a party or entertainment are urged to call on the social calendar to see if the date wanted is open.

December 22 Last Day To Pay License

December 22 has been set as the last day to pay occupational license taxes for the city of Avon Park, and notice is given by the city that unless license taxes are paid by that date, collection of same will be enforced through the provisions of ordinance 118. This ordinance provided for arrest and a fine of not exceeding \$500 or 60 days in jail, upon conviction for failure to pay.

City Council and Legion To Settle Pay for Services

Committee from Council and Legion to Meet and Formulate Plan for Handling Volunteer Fire Department.

The American Legion claim for services for furnishing the volunteer fire department to the city for \$50 per month was referred to a committee to work out a settlement with a Legion committee, at the council meeting Monday night. Councilmen J. L. Masters, J. H. McClelland and C. R. Head were appointed to represent the city in working out the fire department monthly payments to the Legion. He was also asked to serve on the committee.

The agreement has been in effect for several years, but when a payment on account was asked for recently, the council agreed to pay only to the time that a paid chief had been looking forward to the monthly payments to the Legion. The agreement was stopped when Chief McCarthy was out in charge. Adjutant L. B. Correll was asked to represent the Legion on the committee.

The council agreed to pay half the cost of building a road along the north side of the cemetery. Councilman Head offered the proposal, with the assurance that the county commissioners would pay the other half. The estimated cost of the road is \$200, and the council voted to pay up to \$100 on the spot.

The council voted to donate \$25 toward the United Charities fund of Avon Park.

Order of Eastern Star Elect Officers for Ensuing Year

The annual election of officers for the Order of the Eastern Star, last Friday night, resulted in the election of Mrs. Florence Elwell as worthy matron to succeed Mrs. Pearl G. Stebbins for the ensuing year. Other officers elected were: G. C. Daly, worthy patron; Miss Furrow Anderson, associate matron; E. O. Williams, associate patron; Mrs. O. H. Head, secretary; Mrs. E. O. Williams, treasurer; Mrs. Rachel McFarland, chaplain; Mrs. Lucille Daly, associate conductress.

Installation will be held Monday, December 29th, in a joint ceremony with the Lodge No. 227. Mrs. Manie Landis, past grand matron, and a member of Leigh chapter will officiate at the installation ceremonies. Appointments will be announced at that time.

Stars Make Annual Visit to Masonic Home

A delegation from Leigh Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, made its annual visit to the Masonic home in St. Petersburg yesterday, carrying a Christmas package and making a visit to the Tucker, former Avon Park resident now an inmate of the home. Those going were: Mrs. A. McKee Elwell, Mrs. G. A. Stebbins, Mrs. H. J. Chance and Mrs. E. O. Williams.

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Christmas Program at Congregational

The special Christmas number Sunday morning at the Congregational church will be a duet by Mr. and Mrs. J. Paul Garber. The Christmas sermon by Dr. Vaughn will be on the question, "Do We Understand Jesus?" The Sunday school Christmas program will be held Christmas eve in the church at 7:30. The children will be as usual bring the gifts for others in the "White Christmas" offering.

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AVON PARK High School News



The Cook's Book

Keep Sweet, Sweet Maid—With Healthful Fruit Confections!

(Note: This is the second of two articles on Candy-Making.)

As good for us as they are good to eat, to slang phrase it, saying a delectable mouthful—these confections are doubly good. Even if Christmas weren't just ahead, when the candy season is at its sugar height, we would welcome recipes for such healthful sweets. Since already the expectant may see in their mind's eye the tip of St. Nick's cherry nose, such suggestions are doubly good, for they provide recipes for filling the stockings, not bon jars, the gift boxes and the ever-ready trays of the holidays.

Mothers, especially, are in favor of dried fruit confections, for they realize that they may eliminate a couple of dozen "don'ts" from their child-minding vocabulary, and allow the children to eat appreciable amounts without anxiety. Dates are the most popular of all, and the dried fruit, not only because of their unique flavor, but because they contain "invert sugar" and large amounts of lime, collagen, and are slightly laxative in effect. The pasteurized dates are as pure as pure milk (which is also pasteurized) and the fruit has the added advantage of being unspiced, right on the spot. Not that children are sole advocates of the fruit! Just try any of the following recipes for any adult you know, to achieve real bluish-milk confections.

Stuffed Dates.

Stuff pitted dates with any of the fillings suggested below. It is usually desirable to have the stuffing visible, although the date may be wrapped entirely around stuffing. Jumbo Dates are prepared by pressing the edges of two dates together and stuffing as one. Dates may be rolled in granulated sugar after stuffing. Time will be saved if the entire package of dates is first stuffed, and then four or five at a time shaken in a small paper bag or sack with the sugar. Stuffed dates may also be rolled in frosting, the tiny grains of coconut which come in pink, green, orange or peanut.

Orange Peanut: To 1-3 cup peanut butter, add slowly 5 tablespoons of orange juice (1/2 gallon orange) and a tablespoon chopped candied orange peel. Sprinkle with chopped salted peanuts.

Brazil Nut Fondant: To 1-3 cups confectioner's sugar, add 1/4 teaspoon vanilla, 2 tablespoons cream, and 2-3 cup chopped Brazil nuts. Place only a small quantity of the fondant in each date so that filling may be completely encased by the date and kept moist.

Parisian Cream: Wash 1 cup dried apricots. Place in colander or wire strainer over boiling water for 5 minutes. Soften. Run through food chopper alternately with 1/2 cup nut meats and 2-3 cup shredded coconut, or toasted coconut. Add 1/2 cup apricot juice, 1/2 cup orange juice and 1 teaspoon grated orange rind. Stuff dates and roll in toasted frostings.

Marshmallow Coconut: Cut 1/2 lb. marshmallows into quarters with wet scissors. Stuff each date with a piece of marshmallow, placing side up. Dip sticky surface of the marshmallow into pink or orange coconut frostings. Marshmallow cream may be used.

1 pkg. pasteurized dates
 2 pkgs. coconut frostings
 1/2 cup chopped nuts 1/2 lb. dried apricots, 1 tsp. orange juice.
 Run the dates, figs, apricots and coconut through food chopper. Knead in the orange juice and rind. Divide paste into parts and prepare differently.

Divinity Balls.
 1 1/2 cups sugar
 1 1/2 cup light corn syrup
 1 cup water
 1/4 tsp. salt
 1 egg white

—Krazy words.

Eighth-A News

Mrs. Ginn: They say that there are two cradles to every coffin that shows how much our population has grown.

Myrtle Turner: Naturally babies are smaller.

Melba Connell: What is a ground hog?

Martha Weaver: Sausage of course.

THE AVON PARK TIMES

ORDINANCE NO. 121.

AN ORDINANCE DIRECTING THE SEBING CHORAL SOCIETY TO PAY THE SAID TAX ON THE BASIS OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA, AND TO PAY THE SAID TAX ON THE BASIS OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA, AND TO PAY THE SAID TAX ON THE BASIS OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ordinance No. 118 of the City of Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida, passed on the 22nd day of September, 1929, an election was held on the 22nd day of October, 1929, in the City of Avon Park, for the purpose of determining whether or not said bonds should be issued as specified in said Ordinance;

WHEREAS, on the 1st day of November, 1929, the City Council of the City of Avon Park, Highlands County, Florida, passed an Ordinance directing the City Clerk to cause the said bonds to be issued and to pay the said tax on the basis of the City of Avon Park, Florida, and to pay the said tax on the basis of the City of Avon Park, Florida, and to pay the said tax on the basis of the City of Avon Park, Florida.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AVON PARK, FLORIDA, that the City Clerk be and he is hereby directed to cause the said bonds to be issued and to pay the said tax on the basis of the City of Avon Park, Florida, and to pay the said tax on the basis of the City of Avon Park, Florida, and to pay the said tax on the basis of the City of Avon Park, Florida.

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Sebring Choral Society

Presenting

"THE HOLY CITY"

AN ORATORIO, By A. R. GAUL

Sebring Methodist Church, Sunday, December 21st

at 8:00 p. m.

Director Prof. P. J. Gustaf

Organist, Miss Eliza R. McIlwaine

PART I.

CONTEMPORATION

1. Introduction—Pipe Organ.

2. Quartet, Chorus and Solo: "No Shadows Yonder," Quartet, Mrs. P. M. Sebring, Mrs. Allen Altvater, Harry L. Kelly and Rev. W. J. Layton, and Solo by Mrs. Julia Lawrence.

3. Soprano Solo, "My Soul is Afloat For God," Mrs. Julia Lawrence.

4. Trio, "At Even Tide It Shall Be Light," Mesdames Geo. E. Sebring, J. Wm. R. Archer, W. G. Kimmel.

5. Chorus, "They That Sow In Tears."

6. Contralto Solo, "Eye Hath Not Seen," Mrs. Louise Campbell.

7. Chorus, "For You Dear Country."

8. Chorus, "Thine Is The Kingdom."

PART II.

Intermezzo—"Adoration"—Pipe Organ.

9. Bass Solo and Choral Sanctus—"A New Heaven and a New Earth," Rev. W. J. Layton.

10. A—Double Chorus, "Let The Heavens Rejoice."

11. B—Soprano Solo, "To The Lord Our God," Mrs. P. M. Sebring.

12. A—Contralto Solo, "Come Ye Blessed Of My Father," Mrs. Louise Campbell.

B—Soprano Solo, "The Pining For Is For Silver."

13. Soprano Solo, "These Are They Which Came," Mrs. Geo. E. Sebring, Jr.

14. Duet, "They Shall Hunger No More," Mesdames P. M. Sebring and Louise Campbell.

15. Quartet and Chorus, "List The Cherubic Host," Mesdames Julia Lawrence, Wm. R. Archer, Carl Lien, Louise Campbell.

Bass Solo, "I Hear The Voice of Harpers," Rev. W. J. Layton.

16. Chorus, "Great and Marvelous Are Thy Works."

Bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000.00; they shall bear interest at the rate of six per centum, they shall be payable at American Express Company, New York City, New York; they shall be numbered consecutively from one to forty-two, inclusive; they shall mature, as follows: 1, 1931; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1932; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1933; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1934; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1935; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1936; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1937; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1938; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1939; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1940; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1941; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1942; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1943; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1944; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1945; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1946; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1947; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1948; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1949; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1950; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1951; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1952; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1953; four bonds (\$4,000.00), 1954; 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WASHINGTON WAS AT VALLEY FORGE ON DEC. 19, 1777

This Month Marks Great Drama in American Revolution

One of the saddest, and yet most glorious dramas in the history of the American Revolution began 153 years ago this month, when, on December 19, 1777, General George Washington established his winter camp at Valley Forge. This information is contained in a statement of the Division of Information and Publication of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission.

Owing chiefly to the inefficiency of Congress, the organization of supply broke down. Washington's soldiers, steadily dwindling in numbers, marked their road to Valley Forge by the blood from their naked feet. They were destitute and in rags. Napoleon Bonaparte's statement that "An army moves on its belly" was known, through bitter experience, by Washington more than 25 years before the "Little Corporal" made his famous remark.

In a letter to Governor Clinton, of New York, the Commander-in-Chief wrote from Valley Forge: "For some days past, there has been little less than a famine in the camp. A part of the army has been a week without any kind of food, and the rest three or four days." This letter followed a previous communication to Congress, when, on December 23, 1777, Washington wrote:

"I am convinced beyond a doubt, that, unless some great and capital change suddenly takes place in this (the commissary department) this army must inevitably be reduced to one or other of these three things: starve, dissolve, or disperse in order to obtain subsistence in the best manner they can."

Notwithstanding this deplorable condition of the Army, the Pennsylvania Legislature remained in session against the army going into winter quarters, expecting Washington to keep to the open field, and even to attack the British. In the severity of a northern winter. At this time, the whole number of men in camp was 11,000, of whom 800 were unfit for duty "because they were barefoot and otherwise naked."

In making this statement to Congress, and alluding to the "want of subsistence of the Pennsylvania legislature," Washington said: "I can assure those gentlemen, that it is a much easier and less distressing thing to draw remonstrances in a comfortable room by a good fire-side, than to occupy a cold, bleak, hill, and sleep under frost and snow, without even clothes or blankets. However, although they seem to have little feeling for the naked and distressed soldiers, I feel superabundantly for them, and, from my soul, I pity those miseries, which it is neither in my power to relieve or prevent."

General LaFayette, who had joined Washington's staff, reported that "the unfortunate soldiers were in want of everything; they had neither coats, hats, shirts, nor shoes; that their feet and legs from until they became black, and it was often necessary to amputate them. From want of money they could neither obtain provisions, nor any means of transport; the colonials were often reduced to two rations, and sometimes even one. The army frequently remained whole days without provisions, and the patient endurance of both soldiers and officers was a miracle which each moment served to renew."

Even while struggling against cold and hunger and destitution, General Washington was devising a new system for the organization and permanence of his forces. In his reports to Congress he kept insisting that his officers must have better provisions for their families, and to resign, saying in effect: "You must appeal to their interest as well as to their patriotism, and you must give them half-pay, full pay in proper measure. You must follow the same policy with the men; you must have done with short enlistments."

There is no doubt but that through the misery and suffering of that wretched winter, Washington felt acutely sure of securing victory and independence. Had it not been for his strenuous labor and fervent appeals, his army would have dissolved. He held it together and slowly improved it. That he appreciated the hardships suffered by his soldiers is shown in the following in Washington's weekly book of March 1, 1778:

"The Commander-in-Chief again, after ceasing to return his warmest thanks to the virtuous officers and soldiery of this army, for that persevering fidelity and zeal which they have uniformly manifested in all their conduct. Their fortitude, not only under the common hard-

ships incident to a military life, but also under the additional sufferings to which the peculiar situation of these states had exposed them, clearly proves them worthy of the enviable privilege of confiding for the rights of human nature, the freedom of independence of their country. The recent instance of uncomplaining patience during the darkest hours of his military career. He had been defeated at Brandywine and Germantown and forced from the forts after a desperate struggle; he has seen Philadelphia and the river fall completely into the hands of the enemy; and, hitherto, all he had been obliged to hold back from another assault on the British lines. And when the enemy withdrew, Washington was left to face again the harsh winter and the problem of existence, which will be remembered as one of the hardest experiences ever suffered by an army.

COUNTY AGENT ORDERS MORE CROTALARIA SEED

Makes Excellent Cover Crop and Reduces Grove Expense

Growers who are wanting to sow crotalaria strata as a cover-crop in their citrus groves next year can have considerable money by placing their order immediately with the group which County Agent Louis Alsmeyer is forming.

The price of the seed will be 10c per pound in lots of 300 pounds or over. Smaller lots will be from a half to one cent per pound higher depending on the amount. The prices are f. o. b. Sebring.

The county agent has imported this type seed for the growers the past three years and secured good results at a big saving to the growers.

The seed will arrive in Sebring in advance of the date of delivery. This is the type of crotalaria which has been so successfully grown by such men as Earl Hart, Bob Bailey, W. D. Hope, Albert DeVane, Gregg Markey, and others. Growers have found that by the use of cover-crops they are able to reduce their grove expense very materially and secure bigger results. When cover-crops are grown the soil is much better shaped so that large amounts of fertilizer can be applied and higher yields secured.

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WRUF Farm Program

Gainesville, Dec. 17.—"Christmas Presents that Florida 4-H Club Boys Have Given Themselves," will be a Christmas Day talk in the week's noonday farm program from WRUF, state radio station located here, the Florida Agricultural Extension Service has announced.

The farm programs are broadcast from 12:15 to 12:45, Eastern Standard Time, each week day, and the main talks for the week beginning December 20 follow:

Saturday, December 20—Florida Farm News and Hints. U. S. Farm Service Snapshots.

Monday, Dec. 22—Care for the Sow in Behalf of the Spring Pig Crop—W. J. Sheely. Bill and Abe. The Trends of Dairying in Florida—H. L. Brown.

Tuesday, Dec. 23—Mole-Cricket Control—J. R. Watson. Farm Control Box.

Wednesday, Dec. 24—Under the Mistletoe—J. Francis Cooper. Will Our Birds Die Out?—James Speed. Primer for Town Farmers.

Thursday, Dec. 25—Christmas Presents Florida 4-H Club Boys Have Given Themselves—R. W. Black.

Friday, Dec. 26—Care of Forests on the Florida Farm—Major W. L. Floyd. Bill and Abe. Development of Dairying in Madison county—B. E. Lawton.

The Musical Event of the Season

Naoum Blinder

One of the World's Greatest Violinists

In Joint Recital With Serge Borowsky, Famous Baritone

ON Thursday Evening, Jan. 1, at 8:30 Sebring School Auditorium

REALTORS TAKE ISSUE WITH STATE CHAMBER

Objects To Recent Resolution Endorsing the Present Tax System

Orlando, Dec. 17.—The Florida Association of Real Estate Boards presented a view of taxation at issue with the recent pronouncement of the State Chamber of Commerce by action of a combined meeting of its 1930 and 1931 executive and advisory committees held here over the week-end, realty leaders announced today.

A resolution adopted unanimously, follows:

"WHEREAS; it appears from the public press that the State Chamber of Commerce went on record at its annual meeting holding Florida's tax system as a 'self-evident truth' that a sound opposition to any changes in it except a few minor ones, and offering economy in government as the true solution, and in the exploitation of the resources of the state, therefore

"BE IT RESOLVED, by the Florida Association of Real Estate Boards, that it again re-affirms the self-evident truth that a sound business policy of the state requires that property owners be relieved from their admittedly unfair burden of taxation, through re-distribution of the present total, in order to encourage home ownership and investment of outside capital in our greatest asset, the land; and that the progress of the state will be materially retarded until this is done.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that while economy in government is necessary and desirable with regard to efficiency, fixed obligations must be met and an impartial examination of the facts will disclose that all further economies or reductions reasonably possible and already accomplished, would benefit the average taxpayer but a few cents per year."

Other business taken up at the meeting was of a technical or organizational character and included plans for 1931 operation, it was announced. Lon W. Crow, Miami, real estate president, Paul O. Meredith, Orlando, executive secretary, were elected Florida representatives on the States Council of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, which will meet in mid-winter convention at St. Petersburg, Jan. 15-17.

Fire Destroys Garage Shop at DeSoto City

Fire, thought to be of incendiary origin, destroyed the machine shop and garage of H. W. Gardner at DeSoto City, Saturday night. Much valuable machinery and several tractors were destroyed and the loss has been estimated at over \$15,000 with no insurance. Spraying and dusting machines were also included in the machinery destroyed.

Besides operating several hundred acres of groves, Mr. Gardner operated a general machine shop and a great deal of work was brought to him.

Falling 130 feet inside a chimney stack in Birmingham, Eng., recently, Henry Cottingham was killed instantly.

ORANGES, TANGERINES

—Grapefruit and Lemons
Tangerines 10c doz.; Oranges 10c doz. and up; Grapefruit 20c doz.; Large juic. lemons 25c doz. Assorted fine fruit per box delivered to express office \$1.50 to \$2.25. Mail orders with cash promptly filled. Come and see my grove. You may pick the fruit if you wish.

A. W. FORBES
114 Bell St. AVON PARK, FLA.
1 Block South Public School

HINTS TO HOUSEWIVES

CHRISTMAS CANDIES

Orange Coconut Creams.
Use 1 teaspoon butter, 2 cups granulated sugar, ½ cup water, ½ cup evaporated milk, 2 teaspoons orange flower water, 2 teaspoons orange juice, ¼ cup grated orange rind, and 2 cups moist shredded coconut.

Melt the butter in the pan in which candy is to be cooked. Add sugar, water and milk and boil to soft ball stage (235 degrees F.), stirring only as needed to prevent burning. Cool and beat like chocolate fudge. Add flavoring and coconut and work into candy until creamy. Using about a tablespoonful of candy, mold with the hands into even sized balls. Roll in coconut. Time required for making: About 20 minutes. Yield 1½ lbs.

Good Orange Fudge.
Use 1½ cups sugar, 2 tablespoons butter, grated rind ¼ orange, ¼ cup milk, 1 tablespoon orange juice, and ¼ cup candied orange peel.

Place sugar and milk in saucepan, boil five minutes; add butter, orange juice and rind, and boil until thick enough to form a soft ball when tried in cold water. Remove from fire; cool, beat until creamy; add candied orange peel, cut in small pieces; pour into a buttered pan, and when almost firm, mark in squares.

Guava Dainties.
Use 2 level tablespoonsfuls gelatin, ½ cupful cold water, 2 cups unseasoned guava pulp, 2 cups white sugar, 1 tablespoonful lemon juice, 1 cup chopped nuts, and a few grains of salt.

Cook guava pulp thick, add sugar and again cook until very thick, but not as heavy as in above recipe. Dissolve gelatin (which has been soaked in the half cup cold water about five minutes) and stir until dissolved. Cool slightly by allowing it to stand in cold water. Then add nuts, salt and lemon juice, stirring well. Pour into a flat buttered pan, and allow it to stand in a cold place over night. Remove from pan, cut in cubes and roll in powdered sugar.

Marriage Licence Issued.
An Avon Park couple were granted a marriage licence by the county judge Monday afternoon.

They were David Mellon Earnest and Miss Beulah Pipkin and they indicated they would be married by a minister of their home town.

Complete rebuilding of many properties destroyed in the hurricane in the Dominican republic, has been started.

FLORIDA AVIATION ASSOCIATION FORMED

Outcome of Meeting Held at Jacksonville Last Saturday

Jacksonville, Dec. 17.—The Florida Aviation Association, with Ed. R. Bentley, of Lakeland, as chairman was formed here Saturday at the Semi-Annual State-wide Aviation Conference held under the auspices of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce.

"The new association is the logical outgrowth of the State Chamber of Commerce Aviation Bureau," says R. G. Grassfield, general manager of the State Civil body, "the change being made to further the interests of aviation promotion in Florida."

"The State Chamber Aviation Bureau was organized last spring after two years of preliminary work by a special committee of the organization. It was established for the purpose of projecting a definite program of development outlined by aviation enthusiasts from all sections of the state. During the past six months the bureau, under the direction of Paul E. Grassfield, has accomplished a wealth of pioneer work set forth in the program under which it operated."

"There was a divergence of opinion evidenced at the conference," continued General Manager Grassfield, "as to whether the work had progressed to the point of justifying the organization of an association. It was only after a thorough, and somewhat heated, discussion that the decision was made to place the responsibility of future aeronautical promotion in Florida into the hands of a newly created body."

"While the new organization will assume the leadership in aviation in the state the Florida State Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee," concluded Mr. Grassfield, "will continue to keep in close touch with this phase of Florida activity."

The new association will complete its organization at a meeting to be held in Miami on January 8, 1931. At that time permanent officers will be selected and a constitution and by-laws are to be adopted.

Complete rebuilding of many properties destroyed in the hurricane in the Dominican republic, has been started.

Why Club Girl Wins.

Crestview, Dec. 17.—Ottie Lee Bass, recent winner of the L. and N. Railway trip to Chicago for outstanding club work, raised 1,500 pounds of 45 different vegetables on 1.20 acre, canned 429 quarts of products, and grew 41 kinds and 120 colors of flowers during the past year, according to Miss Bertha Henry, home demonstration agent.

33 Nations Have Entered Olympiad

Los Angeles, Dec. 18.—Thirty-three nations have agreed to participate in the 1932 Olympic games in Los Angeles. William M. Garland announced after a meeting at San Francisco of the governor's state Olympic games bond commission, of which he is chairman.

Bees travel nearly 300,000 miles in collecting one pound of honey, declares a European scientist.



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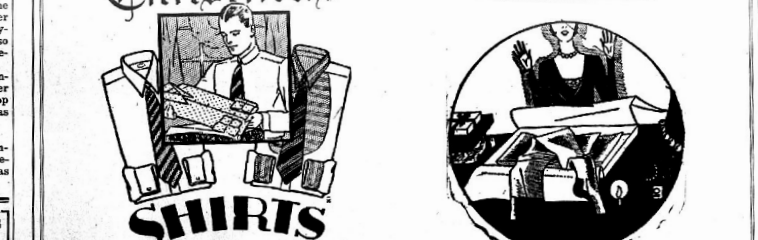
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DRASTIC MEASURES.

When conditions grow extremely bad, there are times that extreme remedies are desirable and even necessary.

No sane person will deny that the cost of our state government is excessive, but what to do about it, is a problem. If we considered ourselves competent to solve the question we would immediately announce our candidacy for governor of the state. But we must admit that we have nothing worth while to offer in the way of a plan, but we reprint herewith an editorial from the Tampa Tribune of December the eleventh that should give our readers something to think about. The editorial follows:

An able, clear-thinking and far-seeing Floridian, (not a Tampan) whose name must be withheld for various reasons, writes:

If all the commissions except those consisting of the Governor and Cabinet as contemplated by the Constitution could be abolished, the state would save a million a year and the service would be more efficient. The responsible commissions are those elected by the people who have an interest in the welfare of the state. The Cabinet is a continuing body and can handle all the state business, if good men are elected. Back to the Constitution, to common sense, common honesty and fairness, should be the slogan, and it will win, if used sincerely and effectively.

Hitherto, suggestions for reduction of state government expense have been limited to items which, if accomplished, would amount in the aggregate to only a small percentage of the sum needed to make possible a worthwhile and appreciable tax reduction.

The citizen who offers the above suggestion, however, proposes a plan which would cut state expenses approximately a million dollars a year—and that would be a real cut.

We have heard advocacy of the abolition of various bureaus and branches of the state government, but not, until this letter was received, of all of them.

We give publicity to the suggestion, for state-wide discussion. We are in a position to endorse the plan in its entirety until we are better informed, through investigation, as to what it would do to the efficiency of the state government—to what extent it would cripple the operation of the necessary functions of state government service, if at all.

The program of abolition as contemplated by the letter quoted evidently includes all state departments and bureaus except the Cabinet itself. It would mean that the Governor and the heads of departments who constitute his Cabinet would handle all the activities and duties of the state government now handled by other bodies by law.

It would include the Railroad Commission, the Road Department, the Hotel Commission, the Fish Commission, the Game Commission, the Board of Control, the Board of Health, the Motor Vehicle Bureau, the Welfare Board, the Library Board and others—in fact all now operating as part of the state governmental organization. This could be done without amending the Constitution. The Railroad Commission is the only one of these elected by the people. We do not know that our correspondent intended to except this body, under his plan, as "responsible commissions are those elected by the people."

It has been argued to us, in support of suggestions for the abolition of one or more of these bodies, that the functions of either of them could be adequately and capably directed by the Governor and Cabinet, with the assistance of a superintendent for each bureau or service, and a small and efficient group of inspectors or field workers, and clerical helpers.

It has been stated to us that the Railroad Commission has very little to do, inasmuch as all interstate transportation matters are handled by the Interstate Commerce Commission and the State Commission has only intrastate jurisdiction. It was further stated that two competent clerks could handle all the affairs of the Commission, with the Governor and Cabinet exercising the authority now exercised by that body.

We have heard numerous suggestions that the operations of the Road Department could be carried on by a capable superintendent, corresponding in duties to the present Chairman, and a staff of engineers, inspectors and clerks, thus saving much of the expense of the Department as now constituted. These suggestions mentioned that the work of the membership of the Department now devolves almost entirely on the Chairman and that the other memberships are superfluous—that the functions of the Department members could be easily directed by the Governor and Cabinet.

Other boards and bureaus, it is claimed, could be abolished, with the elected and responsible body, the Governor and the heads of the constitutional state departments, elected by the people, handling all the state's business, with greater efficiency and far less expense. In most of them, we have been told, one man, a few clerks and a few outside agents could do all the detail work now being done by the whole bureau—that most of the inspectors now drawing state pay are unnecessary—and that, in some cases, the whole service could be abolished, without serious loss to the state.

The taxpayers of Florida are giving thoughtful consideration to the matter of reducing the cost of state government. That this is necessary we have only to quote a few figures. The latest report of the State Treasurer shows that the expenses of the state government last year reached the staggering total of \$41,806,665.11. This is a per capita cost of approximately \$28 for each man, woman and child in the state—and this is more than three times the per

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capita cost of state government for the 48 states, which is \$9.

We have published proposals of economy programs which embraced reduction in the number of courts and other offices, reduced compensation for officers, consolidation of counties, etcetera, which would effect only a fraction of the saving demanded by conditions. Now we have a proposal to abolish all bureaus and agencies except those elected by the people and provided for by the Constitution—which we are publishing for state-wide information and to bring forth state-wide consideration and discussion.—Tampa Tribune, Thursday, Dec. 11, 1930.

STICK TO STAPLES

About every so often we see where some county agent or government experiment station expert advocates some new kind of thing to plant in Florida that will produce so many tons to the acre and will pay big profits. One of the latest finds is the Youngberry, which one county agent says will pay you as well as any crop you can raise. We often wonder if these agents believe they are rendering a service to the state in promoting every kind of a freak plant that comes along and shows up well in the experiment station, or whether they feel that they must discover something new every so often to make the public think they are earning their pay.

Not so long ago, Natal hay was boomed as a great money making crop that would solve the hay problem in Florida. The Natal grass has not only proven worthless, but it is a positive pest. We remember one county agent that went daffy over the choyati, and we printed yards of his stuff about the wonders of the plant and the fortunes that could be made out of the fruit—or vegetable. Then it was said that the dasheen would soon supplant the Irish potato in our national diet, and as Florida was one of the few states that could grow them, there was a fortune to be made in dasheens. But we believe that the lowly spud is still holding its own.

There have been any number of these new things that have been boomed to the high heavens, but few, if any, have ever panned out. A lot of time and energy and money has been wasted in trying to raise something new, when the old reliable products that need no introduction to the consuming public have been neglected. The advice that Florida needs along agricultural lines is to get back to the staples. Hogs and cattle, and something to feed them, chickens and truck crops in season, and citrus fruits, are the safe and sane products for this country. There is wide enough diversity in the well known staples that grow successfully in Florida, without the necessity of starting the country with some new fangled fruit or vegetable, never heard of except in experiment stations, and except for the first trial, never heard of again.

License tags should be good anywhere. If a man buys a tag in New York or Pennsylvania and wants to come to Florida, there is no justice in demanding that he buy a new tag just because he has crossed his state line. He has paid a license for driving his car, and that should end it. In this day of easy transportation it is a small matter to go from one state to another. The automobile is the universal mode of travel, and the imposition of the additional car license is in effect erecting a barrier at our border, making the tag tax a virtual price of admission into the state.

Echoes of the State Press

"AND FEAR IS GONE"

Undoubtedly it is not a case of whistling in the dark, but rather courage, this talk about the arrival of better times. The men who are telling the country that business is definitely on the upgrade trend are men who have access to cold figures and facts. They are dealing, too, with things they have studied with anxious thought.

The unemployment situation in some parts of the country is becoming more acute as cold weather comes, forcing more attention to the suffering of families deprived of sufficient clothing, fuel and food to stand the rigors of winter.

But in the meantime, industrial plants are resuming full time hours. The government is speeding up the public work that in normal years would have been handled with the usual red tape and lack of hurry. Heads of big business are recognizing their duty to the country and setting an example in money-spending that in time will be followed all down the line.

Already industrial corporations throughout the country have distributed more than \$200,000,000 more in cash dividends than they distributed last year. The country's savings banks and the postal savings banks report more cash on hand than ever before. It is known, too, that there is enough money hidden away in safety boxes, and in the old sock under the mattress, to restore "normalcy" in three days time, if it were put to work.

Winston Paul, until recently head of a \$35,000,000 corporation, says that depression has reached its lowest and is definitely on the upgrade. He says "observers of the times know the worst. They know there will be no money panic, and fear is gone from the situation."—Melbourne Times.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK.

Harry R. Hill, advertising manager of the Fargo (North Dakota) Forum, says: "That the chaotic conditions of the past year have demonstrated the value of newspaper advertising in a most impressive manner. It is evident to any observer the advantageous position now held by those firms who have clung persistently to their advertising programs regardless of the fact that during a period of several months returns were far from what might have been expected."

By keeping their stores or their products or whatever they may have been promoting constantly before the reading public, they have not lost prestige and, now as the buying spirit shows signs of revival, they are reaping the benefits.

Those more timid than their fellows who coggled all or a part of their advertising appropriations now find themselves facing the necessity of greatly increasing advertising expenditures, or the possibility of trailing behind those more daring competitors who realized that newspaper advertising was intended for use not only when business is good but also when sales are slow.—Lake Worth Leader.

MORE OIL PROMOTION.

The "oil game" is now being boosted by B. I. Hamner, a real estate promoter, in the Palm and Grove supplement that is used by a number of Florida papers. Hamner says "oil has undoubtedly been found" in wells in Florida, and it is his opinion that "something should be done by the business men of the state to determine just exactly where we stand."

If Mr. Hamner has any money, he doesn't need it in his present business there isn't anything to keep him from sticking his money in a hole in the ground and waiting to see what it grows into, and if he has some friends who had just as soon gamble with a wildcat well as with a dealer of a poker game or a bookmaker on a race track, that's their business.

But if Mr. Hamner turns the Farm and Grove supplement into an oil company promotion organ and uses the list of subscribers of the circulating newspapers as a sucker list, that is somebody else's business. Just as soon as Mr. Hamner starts putting "literature" for oil company promotion into the mails that will be a good time for the postal department investigators to make an inquiry into the proceeding.—Canal Point News.

ABOLISHING PRIMARY

In his advocacy of a return to the convention system of nominating candidates for office, J. H. Benjamin of Tampa admits that "public affairs move in irregular circles," and that it is necessary to make changes at irregular intervals. Nothing can be more patent even to the casual political observer, and Mr. Benjamin is by no means the only man who has been voting the Democratic machine ticket all these years in Florida who has seen the handwriting on the wall.

The advent of the two-party system of government in Florida, even though this system is still in its infancy, has accomplished much, in that it has set the electorate to thinking. We do not believe it either wise or necessary to still further complicate matters by the introduction of a third party system, which has never proved a success either in state or national politics.

However, there can be no question as to Mr. Benjamin's major proposition that the primary system has outlived its present usefulness. Other states, as we have heretofore pointed out, have already modified their primary systems to the point where the party conventions make nominations of primary candidates. However, we believe that the substitution of a convention system for the present antiquated primary system can be accomplished without going through the rigmarole advocated by Mr. Benjamin.

There is no question that with a two-party system of government in proper working order, the desired results may be obtained. With two parties in Florida as evenly divided that none but the best men available could be elected to office with any degree of certainty, there is no doubt that machine politics, as they have come to be known in Florida, would soon become a thing of the past.

It certainly is true that a change is badly needed. With the opportunities offered this year, there is no real reason why voters should not start about the making of that change.—Florida State Journal.

Beware of Fakers

A few weeks ago the Leader warned business men to be on the lookout for get-rich schemes and other grafts and rackets, telling them to have nothing to do with strangers with advertising schemes, unless those schemes had been investigated by the Chamber of Commerce, and the stranger had the oke of that body, says the Tarpon Springs Leader. The advice was not followed by some of our fellowtownsmen, it seems. Maybe they didn't see the article in the Leader, which just makes another reason for reading the Leader regularly, and saving the difference for other things—a borrowed expression, but one that fits.

Now comes the news that a racket has been worked very successfully through this section, and we know of at least one Tarponite who parted with good cash for something he will never get. Why people, who are otherwise good business people will give money to strangers for something they cannot see, and know nothing about, is beyond us.

The particular grafter now working in this section approaches restaurants, filling stations and other small businesses, stating that he represents the A. A. A. He tells them a service which is to include road signs, maps and other essentials to bring business to the advertiser. His contract is for \$15. He collects only \$5 with the order, as evidence of good faith on the part of the man or woman who is being fleeced, stating that the remainder can be sent in when the articles are received. The dude will save the \$10 for the articles will not be sent. The grafter does not represent the A. A. A., which is a national organization of much merit, and that body is sending out information to be on the lookout for the fakers who are said to be cleaning up in Florida.

When strangers approach you with a proposition that will take money from you, look into it carefully; look at their credentials, and if they appear not as they should, phone to the police, the secretary of the chamber of commerce, or if necessary, this newspaper.—Tarpon Springs Leader.

THE TELEPHONE OFFICE AND THE COMMUNITY.

Few people stop to realize the importance that the telephone exchange plays in community life. For instance, last Tuesday night, with every police official in Central Florida intent on the apprehension of bank robbers, Mrs. R. L. Smithwick, local operator, was on duty until nearly three o'clock, snatching a few hours sleep, with occasional interruptions, only to be back at the board very early Wednesday morning.

With the first information of the robbery after the two bankers had released themselves from the vault, she immediately notified the sheriff's office, so that officers were on their way to Clermont in less than ten minutes after the robbers had entered the bank. This is only an incident in the daily life at the exchange office. Call for a doctor, call for the fire, call for that, all of importance to the person making and receiving them, are handled with an easy routine and with an efficiency that is so customary that few of us stop to consider how well we are served.

It is no easy task to sit by the hour each day, and by the day for months, doing this work, and at the same time prohibiting ennuil from causing service to decline, and the work calls for a temperament that only occasionally brings utmost satisfaction to a community, such as this community has enjoyed.—Clermont Press.

SHOOPED AND SPENT

The Tampa Tribune's brilliant editor, one Ed. Lambright, grew enthusiastic, poetic and inspired when he sang, after the manner of Al Tennyson: "I hold it true, whatever's befall, I found it so, wherever I went, The better to have shopped and spent Than never to have shopped at all."

We trust that our Winter Haven people will be inspired in the same way and make our merchants rejoice over the merriest (and busiest) Christmas they have had in years.—Winter Haven Chief.

Franklin Roosevelt, who has been spending some time down in Georgia, has pertaken of enough fine old Southern food to make him want to become a permanent citizen of the South, and the South would be mighty glad to have him.—Times Union.

Scenic Beauty in Art Plaques



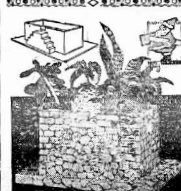
For those who appreciate the finer things, yet must "count the pennies" in Christmas giving, the problem is happily solved in the exquisitely artistic plaques which abound in the holiday displays this season. Many of these are of rare scenic beauty as will be seen by the two lovely (open pictured) plaques at the top is called "The Half-Way Change," and the other "The Roadside Inn." Being of plaster of paris done in relief work with ivory finish, these bits of art are most inexpensive. Other subjects in this series of four are "A New England Home" and "Edinburgh Coach."

For His Den a "Doggy" Lamp



The fond for animal ornaments to stress throughout holiday gift sections this season. This porcelain china lamp base cleverly imitates the news-popular animal theme. "A master of the kennels" will enjoy seeing this lamp on his library table, on if he is a lover of horses, why not give him a lamp with a handsome porcelain steed standing at its base?

Fern Garden for Christmas



For Christmas-giving miniature ferns (actually growing gardens) are the "big idea" this year. The thought was inspired by the ill-fated Japanese gardens which have ever been an object of admiration. The one pictured is only about 14 inches long. You can buy the wooden framework (outline sketch in upper corner). Removable zinc flower box or pan fits in the top. You can have the fun of painting it yourself, to give it the appearance of a terraced rockery, using for the purpose sealing wax dissolved in alcohol which gives a handsome lacquered effect. Tiny plants and ferns are planted in the galvanized box in money soil. A gaily painted toy bridge and doll-size figure add to the landscape.

The Highlands County Fertilizer association met this week at the "out house" and re-elected the same board of directors as last year. They have had a very successful year and are looking forward to a better season than formerly.

Sleeps Like a Baby

Mrs. Johnnie Simpson says: "At times I am very nervous, and unable to sleep at night. I find that I can take Dr. Williams' Nervine and sleep like a baby. A year's money back if this time-tested medicine fails to do as much for you. At your drug store, \$1.00"

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR DECEMBER 21, 1930.

SUBJECT: Christmas Lesson.
GOLDEN TEXT: "Unto you is born this day, in the city of David, a Savior, which is Christ the Lord."
Luke 2:11.

LESSON TEXT: Luke 2:1-20.
This lesson is so often repeated that we can do no better than copy extracts from former lessons.

In a mixed class, Sunday School, or audience of children, boys, girls, men and women, it is difficult to speak of the birth of Christ in a way to teach and cause a true understanding and acceptance of Jesus of Nazareth as the Son of God, the true Christ or Messiah and Savior of Mankind. Any other kind of acceptance or belief is worthless. If Jesus whom we call Christ is not the real Son of God, then we have no foundation of the Christian religion. The best we can do is to call your attention to the time, place and surroundings of the birth of Jesus; and the necessity thereof, and now we are benefited thereby. Jesus was born at the small town of Bethlehem, about six miles almost south of Jerusalem, and noted as the home city of David and his ancestors. Mary, the mother of Jesus, and her husband Joseph, were living at Nazareth, a town in the province of Galilee, and about 72 miles north of Bethlehem. At that time all of Palestine was under the rule of Rome, and Augustus the Roman emperor had issued a command that all subjects of the empire should register in order to be taxed. The Roman Law, it is said, would have permitted Joseph and Mary to register at Nazareth where they actually resided; but the Jews had a law that all such acts as registration for any purpose should be done at their ancestral home. (As to registrations, see Nehemiah 7).

Another troublesome point about Jesus is, how is he shown to be a descendant of King David? "Matthew gives the genealogy of Jesus back through David to Abraham. Luke gives the genealogy back through David to Adam (Luke 3:23-38)."

"Eminent scholars conclude that both Joseph and Mary descended from David and that Luke gives the genealogy of Mary, for Heli, mentioned as the father of Joseph, was really the father of Mary and only father-in-law to Joseph."

The task of computing the birth of Christ so as to make a new reckoning was given in sixth century to a learned monk named Dionysius. He made an error in his computation and put the date several years too late. "The date usually accepted for his birth is B. C. 6, four years and one week (if we accept Dec. 25th as the day) before the year which is called A. D. 1. In January A. D. 4 Jesus was five years old; in January A. D. 3, Jesus was six years old; thus we must always add three years to the date of any event to determine his age at that time."

An angel appeared to the shepherds near Bethlehem and said, "Unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger." The shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us: and they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

God made this greatest of announcements to shepherds, honest men of a lowly occupation; not because they were better than other classes of persons, but probably to show that the message of salvation was for no particular kind of persons, but "To all people."

The scripture says, "Whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely."

The fact that the babe would be found "lying in a manger" is said to have been "the main feature of the sign" by which the angels were to recognize the Christ child.

"And the shepherds returned glorifying and praising God."

"Just about this time came the Magi, worshippers of one God, but seeking an earthly prince who should fulfill their heavenly hopes. And they came to the place where the young child lay. Thus two very different groups of men came to the cradle of the Christ."

"One represented the humble laborers, and the other the learned scholars, of the time."

The Golden Text presents the great thought of the lesson.

Band Concert Tonight at the Recreation Park

F. J. Gustaf, Director.
March, "Spirit of Peace" Kiefer
Overture "Raymond" Thomas
Oriental "Arabian Nights" King
Selection "Living Pictures" Duboy
Operatic "Bohemian Girl" Balfe
Overture "The Admiral" Russell
March, "The Fight Is On" Vandersloot

Patriotic, "The Star Spangled Banner" Key

Fertilizer Ass. Met.
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THE TIMES' WEEKLY PAGE OF COMICS

DOROTHY DARNIT

By Charles McManus



"IT'S A GREAT LIFE IF YOU DON'T WEAKEN"

By Jack Rabbit



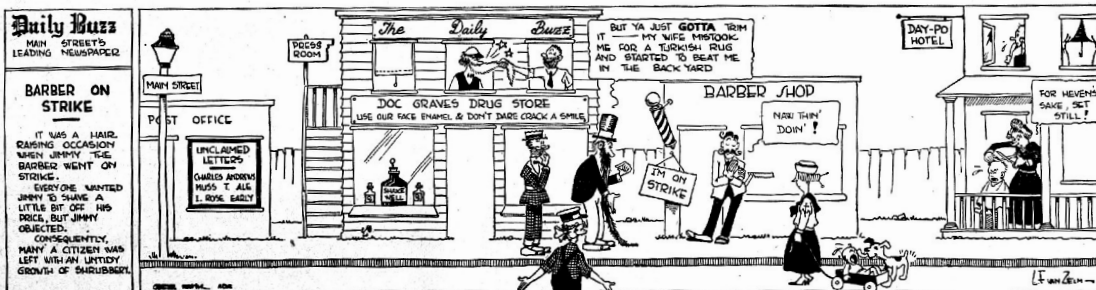
MR. BROAD OF WALL STREET

By Charles McManus



"THE MAIN THING ON MAIN STREET"

By L. F. Van Zelm



BACK YARD KRONIES

NOT "SPEEDY" ENOUGH

By M. B.



JAIL BREAKING NEGRO ADMITS BURGLARIES

Charlie Baker Recaptured at
Sebring Sunday; Ad-
mits Robberies

Charlie Baker, one of a trio of negroes who broke jail in Sebring last Thursday was recaptured Monday night by Policemen L. B. Coker and Deputy Sheriff L. M. Wolff. He was arrested in the Sebring negro quarters. Upon arrest, Baker admitted that he and Johnny Harris, who escaped jail with him, staged the robberies in Sebring last Friday night, when four houses were entered and about \$250 in cash stolen. The Sebring houses of J. J. Cline, G. T. Nelson, W. D. Holloway and Gregg Macey were entered. Mr. Macey suffering the heaviest loss of about \$200.

Baker took the officers over the route he and Harris had taken and the houses they had visited. He claimed Harris had double-crossed him and had departed with all the loot. Harris is still at large.

Comparison Shows
Chevrolet Cheaper
Than in Other Years

How extensively automobile prices are receding in the face of constantly improving quality is aptly illustrated by a comparison of prices of the new 1931 Chevrolet six as against prices in 1928 when the old four cylinder car was being built.

Following the extensive reductions at the time the 1931 line was announced, the six, which ranges from \$475 to \$590 for the nine different passenger models, while the four cylinder car at the time of the change from a four to a six was being built.

Mr. Bailey whose "classification" in Rotary is Citrus grower, denounced the present green fruit law as having been drawn by those who were shipping green fruit at the time and were authorized to draw the law by Agricultural Commissioner Nathan Mayo.

Mr. Bailey stated that "there are 165 agencies for selling Florida fruit, and the more agencies we have the harder it is to control shipments." The clearing house is sure to go to it is not worth a copper cent to the shipper or grower having failed to control shipments.

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Receding prices do not tell the complete story, however. While prices have come down, quality has consistently climbed, and many accessories which formerly were extra are now included as standard equipment such as wire wheels and shock absorbers which formerly cost the buyer \$40 and \$25 respectively.

Col. Walter Corbett
Speaks at Rotary

Col. Walter Corbett of Frostproof was the speaker at the Rotary club Wednesday and spoke on the Individual Rotarians duty to his community. His address was pronounced one of the most inspiring heard at the club this year. Visiting Rotarians were: Louis Alamey, Sebring; and Charles Madiera, Branford, Conn.

Complete rebuilding of many properties destroyed in the hurricane in the Dominican republic, has been started.

All That Glitters Is Not Gold



Pittsburgh, Pa.—These girls at the East Pittsburgh works of the Westinghouse Electric Company, examine every piece of this thin glittering material called "mica" as it passes over a series of lights. They sort out all dirt, fragments of metal, and imperfect pieces so that the final product is as pure as gold. Mica, with its peculiar property of resisting the passage of electricity, is mined very much like coal. It is commercially available in two colors, white and amber. Practically all the white is obtained in India, and partially all the amber in Canada.

Green Fruit Law
With Teeth In It
Needed Says Bailey

"A green fruit law with teeth in it and a commissioner of agriculture that will enforce the law, is what Florida needs" and "the clearing house is not worth a copper cent to the grower or shipper," were statements made by Col. F. N. K. Bailey, county school superintendent, in an address before the Sebring Rotary club this week.

Mr. Bailey whose "classification" in Rotary is Citrus grower, denounced the present green fruit law as having been drawn by those who were shipping green fruit at the time and were authorized to draw the law by Agricultural Commissioner Nathan Mayo.

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Receding prices do not tell the complete story, however. While prices have come down, quality has consistently climbed, and many accessories which formerly were extra are now included as standard equipment such as wire wheels and shock absorbers which formerly cost the buyer \$40 and \$25 respectively.

Col. Walter Corbett
Speaks at Rotary

Col. Walter Corbett of Frostproof was the speaker at the Rotary club Wednesday and spoke on the Individual Rotarians duty to his community. His address was pronounced one of the most inspiring heard at the club this year. Visiting Rotarians were: Louis Alamey, Sebring; and Charles Madiera, Branford, Conn.

Complete rebuilding of many properties destroyed in the hurricane in the Dominican republic, has been started.

ASK CITIZENS TO LIGHT TREES FOR CHRISTMAS

Illegal To Cut Certain Trees
and Shrubs For
Decorations

A request is being made by Avon Park citizens for the lighting of trees and shrubs in the celebration of Christmas and it has been suggested that the trees be illuminated at 6 o'clock Christmas eve. This is proving very popular in a number of communities and greatly adds to the appearance of a city at this season of the year.

The lighted outdoor Christmas tree has grown in popularity and numbers all over the night before Christmas old Mother Earth rejoices the Heavens in starry levelness. The family Christmas tree enjoyed behind drawn curtains is a household institution in many homes and is really a beautiful custom. In Germany each member of the family has his or her own personal Christmas tree, but how much more unselfish is the outdoor tree which carries the message of cheer and happiness to all who pass.

The true spirit of Christmas is giving, not material gifts alone but the gift of ourselves, our love and friendship to our fellow man. God

gave us the supreme gift when He sent His only Son that man might find eternal light and happiness. Every tree lighted in His name carries the message of the angels Peace on earth; Good will toward man."

An Act of Florida Legislature of 1927 seeking to conserve and protect certain wild trees, shrubs and plants of State.

"Section 1. That any person, firm or corporation who shall, within the State of Florida, knowingly buy, sell, offer or expose for sale any of the hollies (Myrtifolia), Yaupon or Cassena (Ilex vomitoria) and American holly (Ilex Opaca) dogwood; (Cornus Florida and Cornus Alternifolia) honey-suckle; (Azalea Lutea and Azalea Virginea) and Jasmine (Gelsemium Sempervirens) Magnolia (Magnolia Fraseri, the Magnolia Macrophylla) and the sweet bay (Magnolia Virginiana) and the wild crabapple (Malus Augustifolia), red cedar or Judas tree (Cercos canadensis) and mountain laurel (Kalmia latifolia) or any part thereof, dug, pulled up or gathered from the public or private land, unless in the case of private land the owner or person lawfully occupying such land gives his consent in writing thereto, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10 nor more than \$100 and costs.

Falling 130 feet inside a chimney in Birmingham, Eng., recently, Henry Cottingham was killed instantly.

VENUS

New-Type Laundry Bag



Here's a laundry bag with "latest improvements." Note that it suspends from a dress hanger, has its opening at the side instead of the top and best of all, from the standpoint of convenience, it buttons across the bottom. What more can one ask for a laundry bag which expects to have a "Merry Christmas" tag pinned upon it, except of course that it be made of "scrumptious" crestone, since it is going to be "a present" for somebody dear.

Ralph Cairney, University of Washington athlete, won letters in basketball, track and football during the last year.

Ben Hope is shipping beans. Rev. Gilson preached Sunday at the Baptist church.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Southernland motored to Hicoria Tuesday.

W. B. Jackson received another shipment of biddies this week.

N. G. Cash and W. H. Cannon motored to Sebring, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Waldron were guests of Mr. and Mrs. McMathett this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guthrie and children spent the week end as guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McDougald.

Prof. and Mrs. I. C. M. Ellenberger and daughter Mrs. Bettie Sullivan and children motored to Avon Park, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cline were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shepherd Tuesday. Jordan Shepherd is improving nicely from measles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holcomb, Mrs. W. H. Cannon and Mrs. W. F. Farrington were guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Farrington, of Cleveland, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Long and son Billie of Sebring, spent the week end with relatives in LaBelle and stopped over to visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cannon here.

Fear is being expressed in France that the new social insurance law will cause an increase in living and production costs ranging, according to different estimates, from five to 25 percent.

Wishing You and Yours a Very Merry Christmas and All Good Things For the New Year.



Bryant's Cash Store

PAY CASH— PAY LESS

THESE PRICES GOOD FROM FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19th, THROUGH WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th



Do Your Christmas Shopping Here and Your Dollars Will Have More Cents

BANANAS, ripe yellow, per lb. 3c

APPLES—(Fancy Spitzenberg) per dozen 35c FLOUR—Fluffy Ruffles, (None Better) per 24-lb. sack 99c

PECANS, (Large Paper Shells) per lb. 35c

WHITE BACON, Best Grade, lb. 17½c

POTATOES, Irish or Sweet, 10 pounds 27c

SALMON—(Fancy Pink) 2 cans 25c RICE—5 pounds 25c

BUTTER, Lake View, per lb. 41c

ONIONS—3 pounds 16c TOMATOES and PORK & BEANS, 3 cans 25c

SHREDDED WHEAT—2 pkgs. 25c LIMA BEANS—Baby, pound 10c

PEACHES—Dried (Fancy) lb. 20c MEAL & GRITS—5 pounds 19c

PRUNES—2 pounds 25c SOAP & WASHING POWDER—5 for 19c

BREAD—(Visels) 2 loaves 15c

HAMS, Swift's Premium, whole or half, lb. 29c

We have a complete line of fire works at reasonable prices

NATIVE "MEAT DEPARTMENT" WESTERN

TURKEYS—Fresh Dressed, leave your orders Saturday, per pound 43c

PORK CHOPS—Western, per pound 28c

SPARE RIBS—Western, 2 pounds 35c

PURE PORK SAUSAGE—Country Style, per pound 25c

PIG TAILS—Western, per pound 20c

NECK BONES, Chitterlings, Pig Feet, Pig Ears, all 2 pounds 25c

We are continuing our fall dry goods sale through Wednesday, Dec. 24th. If you haven't yet purchased your needs it will pay you to do so now.

J. B. Stetson Hats, Florsheim Shoes, Headlight Overalls.

Square Dance Tuesday at Blue Goose House

The American Fruit Growers will give its employees a Christmas dance at the packing house Tuesday night. The affair will be an old time square dance, music for which will be furnished by a four-piece string band, led by Oscar Williams.

Bees travel nearly 300,000 miles in collecting one pound of honey, declares a European scientist.

STAR THEATRE

ARCADIA, FLORIDA

Sun., Mon., Dec. 21-22

LEWIS AYRES, in

"Doorway To Hell"

Greatest of gangland pictures

SUN SUMMERVILLE, in

"We, We, Marie"

Talkation—News

Matinee 10-40c. Night 10-50c.

Tues., Wed., Dec. 23-24

Nancy Carroll—Frederick March, in

"Laughter"

Greater Than "Devil's Holiday"

Comedy—News

Matinee and Night, 10c-35c.

Thurs., Fri., Dec. 25-26

Robert Montgomery—Anita Page, in

"War Nurse"

At last—The woman's side of the war.

Comedy—Act—News

Matinee and Night 10c-35c.

Saturday, Dec. 27

WARNER BAXTER, in

"Renegades"

A tale of love and hate in the Sahara.

Cartoon—News—Serial

Matinee and Night, 10c-35c.

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By W. M. Hetherington

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ADVICE TO BANKERS

The Golf Glean of the Tampa Tribune carries a contribution from a reader making recommendations to bankers on service charges. If anything has been overlooked by the new banks that have sprung up since the year of the Great Collapse in the way of service charges, we haven't heard of anything complaining about it. But just in case some of the old timers are missing a bet now and then, we pass the recommendations along, as sure revenue producers in these days of large cash reserves and small loans, that should help the bankers to receive away from the door. The new service charges suggested are:

1. Entering Bank: By front door . . . \$50
By side door25
2. Calling by Telephone: For first day10
For each day thereafter5
3. Asking for Balance . . .1.00
4. Arguing Over Amount of Balance: In a civil manner50
In a quarrelsome manner . . .2.50
For each after first5.00
5. Spitting on floorPlin
6. Smoking to Officers: To President1.00
To Vice-President75
To Cashier50
To any Assistant CashierNo Charge
7. Keeping President from golf gameHanging
To which P. E. adds: Depositors should also be charged five cents if they use the bank's pen and ink when making out deposit slips. But instead of making an opinion that anybody using a bank pen is sufficiently punished without the extra service charge.

MAN'S GREATEST FOES.

Indolence and Defiance are man's greatest foes. By Indolence is meant man's disposition to let some one else do for him what he should do for himself. This inclination is more pronounced when men are called upon to think. Nothing is more troublesome to the average man. He is pleased to be saved this effort. He accepts second-hand opinions because this is easier than to form independent judgments. The indolent man is mentally lazy. He yields to a strong-willed man. By Defiance is meant man's willingness to accept the views of those whom he secretly considers his "superiors." Every man may be educated, but if they lack will power they are found in the ranks of Indolence and Defiance. As a social force they are nil. They are only useful to vote hunters and the census taker. A. F. of L. Weekly News Service.

Christmas Night Program at the Nazarene Church

A Christmas tree with appropriate decorations will be at the Nazarene church Christmas night at 7:30. A cordial welcome was extended to all to attend and bring a little present to be sure that all got one, both old and young. The program consisted of: Song, Joy to the World, by the congregation. Responsive reading. Prayer. Recitation, There is a Story We Love. Exercises, Xmas Paries. Song, O Little Town of Bethlehem. Recitation, Christ is Born. Exercise, The Babe of Bethlehem. Recitation, Why We Love the Story. Exercise, What the Bells Say. Song, Angels From Glory. Exercise, The Tolls of God's Love. Recitation, Tell the Dear Old Story. Exercise, A Lasting Tree. Recitation, The First Xmas Tree. Song, Hark the Herald Angels Sing. Recitation, Sweet Xmas Bells. Exercise, Follow the Star. Around the Xmas Tree, candy and presents.

Select Graduate School. Making the Graduate School of the University at Gainesville his choice for further study in agricultural economics, Geo. L. Robinson, who will receive a B.S. degree from Michigan State College at the end of this semester, has written his plan to begin study at Gainesville at the opening of the second semester.

L. PLACID PLANNING BIG OPEN HOUSE NEW YEAR'S DAY

Second Anniversary of Opening of Country Club To Be Celebrated With Motocade, Sports and Other Events.

Lake Placid is planning a big "open house" party on New Year's day celebrating the second anniversary of the opening of the Lake Placid Country Club. Invitations have been broadcast to other country clubs and the many friends of the town and a large gathering is expected to assemble for the day. Ample arrangements have been made to take care of the guests and a day long program has been announced including golf, basketball, music, speaking, a motocade, baseball and other sports and plenty of "goodies" for the children have been named to take care of the various events of the day.

Included in the musical program for the day is a performance of the massed bands of the high schools of the county under the direction of Prof. P. J. Gustaf, school musical director for the county. The massed bands will consist of a total of 130 pieces from Avon Park, Sebring and Lake Placid.

The Citizens of Lake Placid: You are invited to an "open house" January 1, 1931, at the Country Club. Visitors are expected from all other country clubs in this part of Florida. We wish to show them and you the changes we have taken place in our Country Club in just two years.

Come early! Stay late! Golf, tennis, baseball, basketball and, of course, some speaking. Lunch will be served in the open air at twelve o'clock, and at one o'clock we shall form a motocade to visit every place that represents progress in the past year, in about the following order:

Golf Tournament begins at 9:30 a. m.; Basketball at 10:15 a. m.; Music Lake Placid band at 11:15 a. m.; Golf at 11:30 a. m.; Basketball at 12:00 m.; Motocade at 1:00 p. m.; Music County School Band at 3:00 p. m.; Baseball at 4:00 p. m. Other events at will. At 8:00 p. m. there was a wonderful party for Lake Placid. There has been something moving forward every day of the year. We want to sum it all up in recognition of the changes that are making Lake Placid famous. Come early! Bring all the family! Stay all day! Enjoy the day! Start the New Year right!

J. E. SIMS, Chairman of Committee. C. H. RHYNE, Vice-Chairman.

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Joint Installation Eastern Stars and Poinciana Lodge

Joint installation of the Order of the Eastern Stars and Poinciana Lodge No. 227, F. & A. M. will take place at the Masonic hall on Tuesday night, December 30th. This will be an open meeting. Mrs. Mamie Lander, of Lakeland, past grand worthy matron, will have charge of the installation ceremony of the Eastern Stars.

Dr. Davison and Cliff Eisele Return

Dr. W. A. Davison, who has been spending the summer at his home in Burlington, Vermont, and C. M. Eisele of Washington, D. C., arrived last Saturday. Dr. Davison and Mrs. Davison will remain here until the winter at his home in Highland Lakes. Mr. Eisele will spend the holidays here.

Judge Barker Denies Motion To Quash In Eberhardt Libel Case

FRED O. EBERHARDT and Fred O. Eberhardt, Inc. have to stand trial in Highlands county for alleged libel against the governor of the state, according to a ruling handed down Wednesday morning by Judge W. J. Barker. Judge Barker sustained the state's demurrer to the plea in abatement and denied the motions to quash filed by the defendants.

Indictments were brought in against the defendants by the last grand jury for Highlands county and were founded on alleged libelous articles against the governor which were published by the Florida State News, then published by Eberhardt and copies of which were mailed to subscribers in this county.

Following the indictments, Edgar Waybright, attorney for the defense, filed pleas in abatement and motions to quash, claiming the constitution of this country had no jurisdiction as the alleged offenses were committed in another state. The state demurred to these pleadings. Following arguments by the defense and the state, Judge Barker took the matter under consideration and reserved his decision Wednesday morning.

CHRISTMAS TOYS ARE PROVIDED BY MATINEE

Quantities of Toys and Clothing Distributed to Needy by United Charities

Many a home was made brighter Christmas Eve and many a child's heart made glad by the distribution to the needy through the United Charities of Toys and Clothing distributed last Friday afternoon at the toy matinee put on through the courtesy of Manager Charles F. Johnson.

Quantities of toys, clothing of all kinds and a substantial sum of money were received as the "price" of admission at the matinee and the United Charities, of which O. R. Perry is chairman, and distributed to those who were in the greatest need of assistance.

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Blind-Fold Artist Will Drive Through Street Saturday

J. F. Nemer, who makes a specialty of driving a car through traffic while blind-folded will be here next Saturday and will appear in concert at the high school auditorium last Friday night, under the direction of Prof. P. J. Gustaf, instructor of the Highlands County school band. Inclement weather prevented the band from playing in the park as was announced. The concert was well received and was the first of a number of such appearances in the county. There were 130 pieces in the combined school bands.

High School Bands Give First Concert

Following its annual custom, the Woman's Club of Avon Park lighted the Christmas tree in the mail near the band stand Christmas Eve, and the tree will remain lit until the winter at his home in Highland Lakes. Mr. Eisele will spend the holidays here.

MRS. HEAD GETS ENDORSEMENT FOR AVON POST OFFICE

Local Endorsements Are Forwarded to State Officials, and Appointment Expected in a Few Days.

J. S. Jordan and Mrs. Fred Stevens, local Republican committee, announced Monday that they had endorsed Mrs. O. L. Head for the appointment of postmaster of Avon Park, to succeed Mrs. Ruth Shipper, acting postmaster for the past two years. Their endorsement has been submitted to W. Z. Dalgety, chairman of the county Republican committee, and it is understood that the endorsement has been adopted and forwarded to R. E. L. Pryor, of Tampa, chairman of the state republican executive committee, who will ask for the appointment. Under the procedure followed in post office appointments of this nature.

While Mrs. Head's appointment has not yet been made, due to the time necessary to get local endorsements to Washington, it is expected to be announced in a short while, according to her touch with the situation. In that event, her appointment will be presented to the Senate for confirmation shortly after the holiday recess of that body.

Border Patrol Nabs Three in Car With Christmas Liquor

An automobile loaded with 20 sacks of imported liquor being hauled to some northern city to dampen Christmas cheer fell into the hands of men of the customs border patrol near Frostproof Tuesday. A woman and two men were arrested. Frank Harrison elected to take the blame and testified at a preliminary hearing in Tampa that the liquor was his and that John Francis Hevelin and Mary Davis, of Miami, were just riding with him. Harrison was held under \$500 bond, and the others on \$500 each. The border scouts fell in behind the liquor automobile at Avon Park and followed it to Frostproof before closing in on it—Tampa Tribune.

Sheriff Wolff Will Enforce Tag Law

"While it is not my idea to work a hardship on anybody, I will have to enforce the provisions of the automobile license tax law, which provides that 1931 tags must be on cars by January first," was about the way Sheriff Oscar Wolff expressed his position on the enforcement of the tag matter, when questioned as to whether or not he would make arrests after January first. That is, of course, unless he received official orders to extend the limit for securing 1931 tags. It is estimated that only 25 percent of Highlands county motorists have paid their automobile tax and secured their 1931 tags. There are 1600 car owners in the county.

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Following the appearance here, the band was scheduled to play in Sebring Tuesday night, but the concert was postponed on account of the illness of Prof. Gustaf. The band will play on New Year's day in Lake Placid.

Jacaranda Hotel Opens Dining Room

The dining room of the Jacaranda hotel opened last Saturday. Formal opening is scheduled for tonight with a dinner dance.

MANY CHILDREN TAKE PART IN PROGRAM AT METHODIST CHURCH

A beautiful Christmas program was rendered at the Methodist church Tuesday evening. Appropriate Christmas decorations which were loaned and arranged by L. M. Orr, florist, made a pretty setting for the Christmas program of music and readings. Candy and gifts from the various teachers of the Sunday school were distributed to their pupils at the conclusion of the program. A prettily decorated Christmas tree was an added feature that gave much joy to gladden the hearts of the children present.

The following program was rendered: Opening chorus—"Pilgrims of Faith"—The School. Responsive reading—Congregation. Prayer—Rev. Hancock. Song—"There's a Song in the Air"—The School. Introduction of teachers—By Superintendent. Children's program—Beginners and Grade Book Department—Mrs. Raymond Gerrard, teacher. Recitation—"Christmas Cheer"—Mary Letta Albertson. Recitation—"Who Is It?"—Flourney Phillips, Gloria Eisele and class. Recitation—"Christmas A. B. C."—Neil Phillips, Flourney Phillips, Martha Eisele. Recitation—"A Hunt To Santa"—Charles Graham. Recitation—"Not Quite Big Enough"—Fred Mondotoca. Motion Song—"Tiptoe, Tiptoe Off To Bed"—Grade Book. Primary Department Program (Mrs. Alderman, Mrs. Albritton, and Miss Clark). Recitation—"Free Parking Space"—Junior Eisele. Recitation—"My Dolly"—Doris Bickel. Recitation—"Smiles"—Gloria Hughes, Gloria Tarpley, Ralph Gerrard, Catherine Eisele, J. C. Graham, James Albritton. Recitation—"The Trip Down Town"—Lois Ann Eisele. Recitation—"The Halper"—Margaret Loomis. Recitation—"Just One Day"—Mary Ruth Fardes, Clyde Jarrett, L. C. Davis, Everett and Adrian Gibson.

Recitation, "S. O. S."—Robert Fairry. The Air Mail Pilot—Adrian Gibson. Song, "Jesus Birthday"—Primary class. Junior Department. First Year: Novella Connell, teacher. Recitation, Xmas Card—Harriet Chase. Reading, "Love in the Air"—Laura May McCordie. Second Year—Recitation, "Don't Open Till Xmas"—Sibyl Higbee. Reading, "A Child's Story of Xmas"—Peggy Lacey. Reading, "Have You Heard the Message"—Elizabeth Hetherington. Recitation, "The Xmas Robin"—Margaret Loomis, assisted by class. Reading, "Signs of Xmas"—Mary Letta Albertson. Motion Recitation, "Stars of Xmas"—Peggy Lacey, Mary Lydia Stebbins, Miriam McCordie, Charlotte Eisele, Sibyl Higbee, Margaret Loomis, assisted by class. Tableau, "By the Light of His Star"—Charlotte Eisele; wise men, Homer Phillips, Gene Chance, Fred Hancock; shepherds, Junior Martin, Rollins Bailey, John Jackson. Third year—Tableau, "A Promise Fulfilled"—Hilda Redick, Myrtle Turner. Katherine Gibson, Francis Cason, Fay Gordon, Evelyn Thomas; shepherds, Marvin Redick, Trop Cummings, Neal Trent. Intermediate—Mrs. Steve Roberts. Tableau—Entire class. Reading, "When We Find Our Way"—Miss Myrtle Turner. Reading, "Gifts for the King"—Anna Dee Roberts. Song, "Greet the King"—By the school. Remarks by Mrs. Hancock. Woman's Bible Class Teacher; Bert Wilson, teacher of Men's Bible class; Rev. Hancock, pastor; S. Fardes, superintendent. Distribution of gifts (candy). Song, "Joy to the World"—Congregation. Benediction.

L. W. COKER DIED MONDAY MORNING

Well Known Peace Officer Passed Away Following Operation Harbors Helped

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MONEY TO HELP STATE

Congressman Green Says Roads and Rivers and Harbors Helped

Congressman R. A. Green of the Second Florida District said recently that H. R. 14804 providing for an emergency construction of public works during the next six or eight months would carry great benefits to the State of Florida. This bill, as it passed the House, provides for an emergency appropriation of \$110,000,000.00 to be used in public construction throughout the country before July, 1931. \$22,500,000.00 will be used for Rivers and Harbors work, \$3,000,000.00 for road control on the Mississippi River and tributaries, \$80,000,000.00 for Highways, \$5,000,000.00 for Forest road development, and \$1,500,000.00 for roads in National Parks. Judge Green said that of the \$22,500,000.00 for Rivers and Harbors, Florida would obtain approximately \$800,000.00, and that these monies would come in addition to the regularly appropriated funds for existing Florida projects. He said that from the allotment for public works, Florida would obtain \$1,089,458.00. These funds will be added to such unmatched Federal Aid monies as the State of Florida now has to its credit. From the new bill he said that the state would receive about \$2,000,000.00 in new and additional funds to be used in the construction during the next six or eight months, and that this expenditure would undoubtedly have a splendid influence on the business life of the State.

Distributes Aster Seed. About 400 packages of aster seed have recently been given to Duke county home demonstration women who are getting ready for the autumn day of the week. Most of the aster seed is for the year, according to Miss Fanny I. Norton, home demonstration agent, for the county.

More poultry is sold on Wednesday in New York City than on any other day of the week. Most of the slaughtering is done on Thursday in the winter and Friday in the summer.

One of the sad fates of Mr. Coker's death is that it occurred on his fifteenth wedding anniversary and on the fourteenth birthday of his son Bernard.

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DIVIDED CHECKS BEING DISTRIBUTED BY FIRST NATIONAL

Approximately \$35,000 Will Be Distributed to Depositors of Closed First National at Receiver.

Signed checks, approximately \$35,000, and representing a ten percent dividend to the depositors of the First National bank, were received here Wednesday noon from the comptroller of the currency in Washington, and are ready for distribution. According to A. W. Doeke, receiver of the closed institution, the checks are being given out at the office of the receiver in Avon Park.

The checks were made out here and forwarded to Washington on December first, for the signature of the comptroller of the currency, and the receiver was hopeful that they would be received back in time for distribution before Christmas. Delay in getting them signed in Washington prevented the checks from being taken on the Santa Claus route, but he will at least be in position to say "Happy New Year" with checks, and that is what the depositors of the old First National have been listening for since the bank closed in February 1929.

Christmas Service at Baptist Church

A program of Christmas carols was sung at the Baptist church Sunday night by the choir, directed by Mr. C. J. Cason, Jr., assisted by the congregation. The program was as follows: O, Come All Ye Faithful, by the choir. Joy to the World, congregation. While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night, choir. It Came Upon the Midnight Clear, congregation. Anthem, There's a Song in the Air, by the choir. Lord, the Herald Angels Sing, congregation. Cradle Hymn, Mary Coven. O Little Town of Bethlehem, choir. Silent Night, congregation. Crown Him with many Crowns, choir.

Return for Visit After 35 Years

Stopping over in Avon Park last Sunday night, and looking for some of the old times they left here in 1896, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Bourne of Worcester, Mass., were overnight guests at the Poinciana hotel. They were enroute by car to Key West where they were to take the boat for Cuba. While looking around for some of their old friends, they met up with Dad F. S. Prior and visited Mrs. William King, both of whom were here when the Bourne lived here in the '90s. Most of the residents of that period inquired after had either removed or passed away. Mr. and Mrs. Bourne came to Avon Park in 1892, according to Mr. Prior and had an orange grove on the north side of Lake Isis, which they lost in the big freeze of '94 and '95. They left in the following spring for their former home and their visit here last Sunday was the first in the 35 years intervening. They have an orange grove in Cuba, and were enroute there to look after their interests.

Midnight Service at Church of Redeemer

At 11:30 on Wednesday night, the chief service of Christmas began at the Church of the Redeemer, when a special Christmas celebration of the Holy Eucharist sung by Father Harcourt Johnson, assisted by a special choir made up of some of the best vocal talent in Avon Park. There was no sermon at this service which is primarily a great act of worship in honor of the infant Jesus. After the service there was a procession to the crib where the choir sang the age-old Christmas hymn "Adorate Him." On Sunday next, being Sunday within the octave of Christmas, there will be a special Christmas service at 11 a. m. at which time Fr. Johnson will deliver his Christmas message to his people.

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It is not so strange so few of us understand relativity when we consider how many of us can't even understand our relatives.

Listed by the Associated Press as one of the ten biggest events of the year is the birth of the Lindbergh baby. Well, we guess it was to the Lindberghs.

We hear that some relief bills have been passed by Congress, but we haven't gotten any relief from the sundry bills that are being passed to us.

If you have some citrus fruit to sell it is hard to get an offer of enough to pay for the packing. But if you want to send a gift box out of the State, you are lucky to be able to buy the fruit and get it to its destination for a five spot.

Note the closing of a bank up the country which is decidedly irregular. In fact, we feel that the bank should open again and close properly. The announcement of the closing didn't include the statement that the action was taken "for the protection of the depositors." Depositors get a lot of protection out of these bank closings—but precious little cash.

The female of the species frequently justifies her reputation for deadliness. It was a woman who in the midst of the Lindsey episode in the New York church shouted "Lynch him." The thought to send some missionaries to New York to enlighten the good sisters up that way to the horrors of lynching.

Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen made a speech the other day of two or three hundred words. It was being argued before a committee and Ruth's speech was an endorsement of some one's statement. Another speech or so like that and they'll want to run her for President. Some purist might cavil at the grammar, but the speech is full of the soul of wit.

Perhaps there has been more need in Florida this Christmas than at any previous recurrence of the holiday. But the condition has been nobly met by a more than usual general outpouring of charity. It is probable that during this holiday season there is less unrelieved suffering from poverty in Florida than in any other section of the country.

Our benevolent government has finally decided that capital punishment is rather a severe penalty for taking a drink, and will not put poison in liquor hereafter. Much of the prejudice against prohibition has been created by the attempt to make it a crime of enforcement. Such methods are in many instances too intemperate to make for temperance.

While banks in almost every part of the country are crashing in great numbers, the upward trend in financial matters in Florida is reflected in the fact that our banking institutions are being strengthened. A case in point is the increase in the capital stock of the First National Bank of Tampa from \$1,200,000 to \$1,500,000. Florida is steadily climbing from the depths of depression to greater and more stable prosperity than the State has ever known.

Some months ago this paper made the statement that strawberries picked in Florida one afternoon would be on the tables of New Yorkers next day. This has come to pass, a plane leaving Wauchula last Sunday with a consignment of berries which were on the New York market next morning. At no distant day such shipments will be considered of the ordinary, and, almost with the dew still on them, many Florida products will reach the great population centers of the country.

MUST REDUCE EXPENSES FIRST.

The Tampa Tribune has been conducting a vigorous editorial fight against the present high rate of taxation in the state and recently published a suggestion of "a clear thinking and far-seeing Floridian" who advocates tax reduction by the simple expedient of abolishing all bureaus and departments of state government except the cabinet, itself.

Other suggestions along this line to reduce salaries of state and county officials would effect a very small saving to the taxpayer, but the abolition of all state departments and expensive bureaus would cut expenses approximately a million dollars a year, according to the Tribune, which adds that it is not yet ready to give full endorsement to the idea until it can be ascertained to what extent it would impair the efficiency of the state government, if any.

The idea is certainly a revolutionary one, and could not be put into effect unless some other system of operation were brought into existence to supplant it. It would be a physical impossibility for the governor and his cabinet to handle all the various departments of the government without an efficient organization of department heads to take over the

detail work of the different branches of state government.

In this connection, it is an easy matter for the business-trained mind to conceive of a more efficient organization than the present cumbersome group of bureaus and departments that have been added from year to year by political manipulation, with very little thought either of the expense entailed or the co-ordination and dove-tailing of the work of these departments. The present system of bureaus has been added on one after the other in much the same manner as a man adds additional rooms to his house as his family grows, and finds his kitchen in the center of the house and the bathroom on the back porch. The incongruity of arrangement is not satisfactory, and neither is the cumbersome system of boards, commissions and bureaus efficient or economical. The better plan is to tear down the old house and rebuild with a definite plan in view that will better serve existing conditions.

"A well known citizen of Avon Park whose name is withheld, adds some ideas of his own to the Tribune suggestion, and he hits the nail on the head when he suggests that we must actually reduce expenses instead of hunting up additional sources of revenue if we are to have any real tax reduction. His communication, quoted in the Tribune, follows:

I have been a silent reader of your editorials, and especially interested in the news items regarding the proposed abolishing Perry Wall's suggestion of a tax commission.

It seems to me that the main idea of the so-called experts have is to get additional sources of revenue, instead of trying to devise means of reducing expenditures all down the line so we can have a real tax reduction. It is useless to tax additional things, and let the operating expenses climb with it, as we will be just as badly off as now.

My idea is to abolish all useless offices, commissions, boards, bureaus, judicial circuits, etc., and where not possible to abolish, consolidate with other departments, and by so doing, a great saving will follow.

My idea is to abolish the Plant Board, Marketing Bureau, and let the duties thereof be taken care of by the Commissioner of Agriculture. It would also like to see the Railroad Commission abolished, and best of all, the Road Department, which is nothing but a political football, and let the work of these two be handled by the Governor and his Cabinet. In connection with the act to abolish the Road Department, I would also like to see the consolidation of all roads, and setting aside enough of the revenue going to this Department to maintain the present roads, and having the rest to go to various counties for school and road bond indebtedness, that part for road bonds to be granted to the counties and municipalities in each county in proportion to their bonded indebtedness, and by so doing, in a few years, we could have our bonded indebtedness in good shape.

I know some of these ideas would not suit the politicians, but it is time for the common people to wake up and do some thinking for themselves.

ROAD HOGS.

The Record has no disposition to be capricious but it believes that drastic method should be used in suppressing these menaces to life and limb in the form of road hogs, drivers of automobiles at night who refuse to dim their lights and the overloaded truck with swaying trailer. Drivers of cars with one light also should be included in the foregoing category.

Governor Carter has just put through an experience with a selfish driver who refused to dim lights, which may cause him to take some action regarding that particular form of menace when he recovers to the point where he will be able to resume control of the state. The whole country has examples of a few of these potential murderers may have a salutary effect upon all the gentry of that class.

The regulation of the trucks, especially those with swaying trailers which menace life on the highways is one of the most important in connection with the enforcement of a dimming law, through the simple expedient of prohibiting the use of trailers.

The Record is fully appreciative of the fact that highway police cost money and that it may be impossible from a financial point of view to station motorcycle cops on every road to catch the non-dimmers, but it believes that if a few of them are apprehended and punished, there will be a tendency to minimize the deadly nuisance.—Bartow Record.

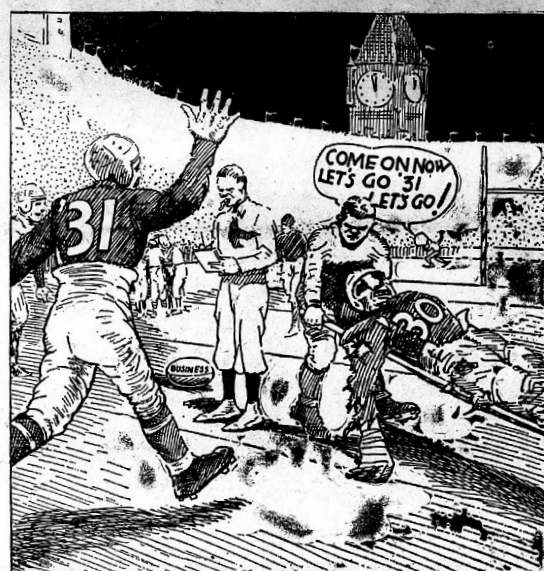
PRESENTING A UNITED FRONT

A few days ago a number of representative citizens of Florida met a group of federal government officials and presented the advantages of this state as a site for the proposed new hospital for war veterans. Florida made a plan for Florida, rather than for any particular place in Florida, showing that it is really possible to manifest a condition of "state-mindedness" once in a while. If the federal authorities select Florida as the state where the new hospital is to be located, this will be the signal for the various localities in the state to make their claims for selection. But until the state is selected the localities should lay low. Unfortunately, this has not been done, some getting too anxious and attempting to ride over the heads of the others.

In this connection, the federal government could go farther and force some of the localities to the hospital on one of the two government tracts already owned in this county—where the two flying fields were formerly located. It seems that the fact of this county having had two government flying fields has militated against its selection for any other government institution, for some unexplained reason.

While other towns of the state are busy trying to arrange to offer the government a free site, DeBolt county has two good ones already owned by the government. Perhaps it might be well to call formal attention to this fact.—Arcadia Arcadian.

"NOW LET'S HAVE ACTION"



George Washington Won Big Victory Christmas Night, 1776

Crossing of Ice-Filled Delaware Was Heroic Exploit

In one of the greatest and most spectacular exploits of his military career, General George Washington, on Christmas night, 1776, led a small force of 2,400 Continental soldiers across the ice-filled Delaware River, and in a few short hours lifted the spirits of his countrymen from the despair into which they had been plunged by a series of defeats and reverses. With sure swiftness that inspired terror in the hearts of his enemies, the American Commander-in-Chief, at the head of a small force of 2,400 Continentals, crossed the dangerous, ice-filled Delaware River, and in a fury of desperation, fell upon the Hessians troops commanded by Colonel Rahl at Trenton. The net result of Washington's action was a thousand prisoners of war and a most convincing triumph for the Americans.

On the occasion of the 154th anniversary of this great achievement, the Division of Information and Publication of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission calls attention to the restoration of the story of the march, in a statement issued today. The incidents leading up to and connected with the Battle of Trenton are recounted in a story of the march, by which George Washington saved the cause of the Colonies at a time when all hope seemed to be lost. It was this movement which restored the confidence of the Americans and gave them the courage to continue the struggle for liberty in the face of all odds.

The attack on Trenton had been planned by Washington as a means of bolstering the rapidly declining hopes of his countrymen. The enlistment term of his most valuable and experienced soldiers would expire at the end of the year, and he knew that but few could be prevailed upon to re-enlist under the unpromising conditions which then surrounded the cause. It was imperative that these troops be re-enlisted, but it was just as essential that the morale of the entire population be lifted by a victory which seemed to be a long way off.

While General Howe occupied New York City as the summer of 1776, he employed his army in inflicting a series of minor defeats on the Continental forces at the Battle of the Clouds, the Battle of Red Bank, and the Battle of Germantown. At Long Island, White Plains, and Red Bank, the British and Lee on the Hudson and in numerous skirmishes, the British had beaten and discouraged the Americans. As winter approached, and the weather became more and more disagreeable, Howe became more and more determined to move on to Philadelphia. He was not alone in his intention to move on, but he was the only one who was not a man or a gun was far gone. The enterprise had progressed so far, however, that there could be no thought of turning back. From the ferry where the crossing had been made there remained

another nine miles march to Trenton. By this time the temperature had dropped far below freezing and the troops were in a sorry plight, but they cheerfully resumed the march. The cold was so severe that two men froze to death that night. The suffering was intensified by the lack of suitable clothing, and a messenger to Washington was asked to find the General by following the bloody footprints which his army left in the snow. Many of the men were so clogged with ice that they could not be reached, but by the time Trenton was reached the Americans, as one writer has suggested, would have charged with nothing but broomsticks. As it was, most of the fighting was done with the bayonet.

The battle did not last long. Colonel Rahl had underestimated the mettle of his opponent and had failed to erect fortifications or otherwise to prepare for an attack. This mistake cost him his life and lost to Great Britain the services of a thousand Hessians. The Hessians were the type of soldiers known as mercenaries, because of the fact that war was their profession. They were hired out by their own monarch to fight for other rulers. Many of these soldiers were used in the Revolution by Great Britain. Their lot was not a very happy one for they were not even respected by their English colleagues. The Americans themselves despised the hirelings because they were actuated by no principle save that of making money.

Washington formed his plans with all possible secrecy and Christmas was selected as the day for the attack on Trenton because it was believed that the Germans would be wholly unprepared to resist an assault at that time. These suppositions proved to be correct, for the boisterous celebration of the Yuletide was at its height when the Americans stormed the town in the darkness of that cold December morning.

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Hooker Hammock Name Expected Soon

It is still a deep dark secret and the name selected for Hooker Hammock by the committee for the purpose is still known to just a few and they won't tell. The directors of the park association will meet Monday afternoon at the Hammock to look over the work done and will later go into executive session to approve or reject the name selected by the committee. This will be the first meeting of the directors since September and if the name is approved it will be announced next week.

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Joint Hostesses at Bridge Party.

Mrs. W. C. Touchton and Mrs. E. W. Hart were joint hostesses at a very delightful bridge party at the home of the former on Thursday night.

At seven o'clock a very delicious four-course turkey dinner was served by the hostesses assisted by Miss Zaida Langford, Miss Verna Hein and Miss Lucille Langford.

The home was very beautifully decorated with poinsettias and mistletoe, portraying the Christmas spirit in color.

After several progressions of bridge honors were presented to Mrs. N. H. Trent and Mrs. Carlos Skipper, high scores were made by Mrs. W. D. Dorminey and W. D. Dorminey for low score.

Those present at this lovely affair were: Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Trent, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Pringle, Mr. and Mrs. E. Booth, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Powell, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Beck, Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Skipper, Mr. and Mrs. M. V. Pilcher, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dorminey, Mr. Smith of Fitzgerald, Ga., Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred T. Coates, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thomas, Mr. and Mrs. John Hood, Mr. and Mrs. Pouchou of Wausau, Wis., Mr. and Mrs. Earl W. Hart and Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Touchton.

Wild Home Scene of Merry Party.

Mrs. Max Wild entertained a number of the friends of her daughter, Miss Caroline Wild who is home for the Christmas holidays, with a merry Christmas party at their home on Monday evening.

The reception room was decorated with red and green carrying out the holiday spirit. Many games and contests were enjoyed during the evening. One of the main features of the entertainment was a small Christmas tree loaded with presents. Each guest drew a slip of paper and on it was a name. Then they cut a present off of the tree and presented it to their partner.

Later in the evening refreshments of hot chocolate and egg-salads and cake were served by the hostess.

Those enjoying the affair were: Miss Dorothy Hobbs, Miss Ruth Hall, Miss Lois Woods, Miss Shirley Shepherd, Miss Marcia Weisberg, Miss Mildred Wray, Miss Caroline Wild, Miss Mary Wild, and Messrs. Tom Hobbs, Harry McFerrin, Rudolph Connelly, Lusby Rawlin, Ivor Brown, and Wild, Philip Boardman, Philip Shepherd.

Miss Lois Hart Is Bridge Hostess.

Miss Lois Hart was a charming hostess at a pretty bridge party at her home on Lake Lotela Monday night.

The lovely Hart home was decorated with fashionable cut flowers of the season. The guests enjoyed several progressions of bridge after which delicious refreshments were served. The menu consisted of sandwiches, cake, candy and coffee.

The scores were totaled and Mrs. Lucille Shockley was awarded a prize for holding the high score.

The guests for the party were: Mrs. Edna Tinney, Miss Grace Reddick, Mrs. Kathryn Crabtree, Miss Ethel Clark, Miss Marjorie Lacey, Mrs. Dorothy Lry, Mrs. O. C. Wilkes, Miss Louise Browne, Miss Joyce Powell, Mrs. Roland Drott, Mrs. Francis Shockley, and the hostess, Miss Lois Hart.

Miss Pearson Entertains For Sunday School Class.

Miss Millie Pearson entertained a number of the members of her Sunday School Class of the Methodist Church with a delightful Christmas party at her home on Forest street Monday afternoon.

The young folks enjoyed games and various contests throughout the afternoon. The hostess served light refreshments to those present.

The members present were: Messrs. Jean Phillips, Troy Cummings, Elmo Hancock, Miss Millie Pearson and she was assisted by Miss Verna Bradley.

Barschell-Brenda Nuptials Tuesday.

The marriage of Mrs. Nettie Barschell and L. E. Brendel took place on Tuesday morning at eight o'clock at the home of the bride, Rev. A. H. Hancock officiating. Members of the immediate family witnessed the ceremony.

The happy couple left by motor for Miami, where they will spend a short honeymoon, returning to their home here about January 1st.

F. P. Service Enjoy Christmas Party.

The employees of the Florida Public Service were entertained with a jolly Christmas party at Lake Wales in the Florida Public Service storehouse there, Tuesday night.

The evening was spent in dancing, games and many and varied contests. Late in the evening they were served a delicious refreshment course, the menu consisting of everything that goes to make a party a big success.

Those from this city to attend were: E. E. Melton, J. L. "Sally" Taylor, Clyde Leech, and Jack Clett.

Harry Hancock Celebrates Fifteenth Birthday.

Harry Hancock celebrated his fifteenth birthday anniversary Monday noon with a small dinner party at the home of his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Hancock on South Lake.

The dining room was decorated with cut flowers of the season and covers were laid for: Cameron Eggerson, Carroll Bailey, Sara Frances Hancock, Elmo Hancock, Harry Hancock, and Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Hancock.

Miss Bryant Is Honor Student at Southern.

Among the Southern college students whose scholastic work during the fall term won them the place on the honor roll, announced Saturday by Dean Carl S. Cox, was Miss Joan Bryant, popular young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bryant of this city.

Coach E. F. Carmichael and Tom Culler were in Tampa on business Saturday.

Father Johnson has been confined to the Rectory during the past week with an attack of influenza.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kipp, of McDonald, Pa., are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Powell spent Monday in the city of Winter Haven the guests of Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Powell.

Miss Catherine Parker of Klamme was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. B. Marsh on Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Shepardson of Burlington, Vermont, arrived Sunday to spend the winter here at their home.

Miss Myrtle Connelly arrived Monday from Boston, Mass., to spend Christmas here with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Melton of Homestead arrived Wednesday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roland Drott for a few days.

Mrs. N. G. Langford, Miss Dorothy Roberts and Miss Zaida Langford were business visitors in Tampa on Saturday.

Mrs. O. C. Wilkes, Miss Lois Hart and Mrs. Roland Drott were visiting in Tampa Friday afternoon.

Miss Rosie Lynn of Belle Glade, arrived Saturday evening to be the guest of her sister, Miss Susie Lynn here for several days.

There was a Christmas tree party in the Parish House of the Church of the Redeemer at three o'clock on Tuesday afternoon for the Sunday School Children and a number of invited guests.

Mrs. M. K. Radcliffe, Mrs. Bob Strandfield and Mrs. B. T. Radcliffe were visiting friends in Wausau on Friday afternoon.

Mrs. M. W. Davis, Mrs. Jim Crozier and Mrs. Dewey Johnson spent Thursday in Lakeland shopping and visiting friends.

Miss Mae Ella Ratliff of Sebring spent Saturday in Avon Park as the guest of Mrs. Zed Scarborough.

Miss Karen Hagen left Sunday for Palatka, Fla., where she will be the guest of her aunt, Mrs. D. Bohannon, for several days.

Holland Stebbins, who is a student at Georgia Tech, is spending the Christmas holidays with his uncle, W. W. Holland at Spartanburg, S. C.

Wendell Roberts motored to Madison, Georgia on Thursday. He was accompanied home by C. B. Martin and Robert Roberts who are students there.

Mr. Arthur Borgh and two children, Arthur Junior and Kelly Lee, of Orange City, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. K. McCure.

George Turner of Tampa was the guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Turner, for a few days last week returning to his home in Tampa on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Mertice Coker, Miss Elsie Haden and L. D. Gieger motored to Tampa Saturday where they were the guests of his mother for the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stinson and son, Harry of Detroit arrived Friday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Overstreet for a month at their home on Florida Ave.

Mrs. Bruce B. Hall and daughter, Miss Carolyn Hall, of Thomasville, Georgia, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Turner for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Fred Ley and little son, Freddie, of Eau Gallie, arrived Friday to be the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Cyril Baldwin, during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Standfield left Sunday by motor for Jasper, Alabama, where they will spend the holidays as the guests of his parents.

Miss Hazel Cameron, and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crews of Holmes City arrived Monday to be the guests of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cameron over Christmas.

Among the students returning home for the Holiday season from Georgia, Miss Caroline Wild, from A. M. College at Madison, Georgia, Miss Caroline Wild from Tallahassee, Miss Ruth Hall, Agnes Scott, Rudolph Connelly, Davidson College at Davidson, North Carolina, Lusby Rawlin from V. P. I. at Roanoke, Virginia, Miss Joan Bryant from Southern College at Lakeland, James Davis from Southern College at Lake Land, Colquitt Parden from University of Florida at Gainesville, Miss Louise Wolff from Southern College at Lakeland, Frederick Wild from University of Florida at Gainesville, Miss Hazel Cameron from Lakeland Business College at Lakeland, Freddie Barshall from University of Florida at Gainesville, and C. R. Martin from A. M. College at Madison, Georgia.

Attractive Christmas Program Held Sunday at Nazarene Church

With a good attendance, the Xmas program Sunday morning was one of the most attractive yet held in the Church of the Nazarene.

The Pastor emphasized in his sermon that it is not so much the birth of Christ at what the birth made possible. Without the birth of Christ there would have been no salvation to us, no healing of the sick, the wounded, none and distressed. We stress the wrong side of Xmas, as legitimate as all these other things are, we ought to remember more the spiritual meaning of that glad day, and put into practice the love of the Saviour whose birth we then commemorate, the pastor said.

The following program was rendered: Song, Joy to the World, by congregation.

Prayer of Invocation. Responsive reading, Matthew 2, 1-12.

Chorus, Angels From the Realms of Glory.

Scripture reading and prayer. Chorus, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing.

Xmas reading, The Legend of the Flight into Egypt, by Miss Ola Mae Merrivewether.

Solo, No Room in the Inn, by Rev. Paul A. Southard.

Sermon, The Cradle to the Cross, pastor.

Song, Pade, Fado Each Earthly Joy, Jesus Is Mine, congregation. Benediction.

Strawberry Fruiting Stimulated By Liberal Winter Fertilization

A liberal application of fertilizer applied to strawberries in late December or January will stimulate fruiting, and should not be neglected, according to Harold Mowry, associate horticulturist with the Florida Experiment Station at Gainesville.

The amount of fertilizer needed by strawberries will vary on different types of soil, and with different numbers of plants per acre.

Mr. Mowry recommended three applications, each time applying about 500 to 900 pounds per acre. He suggested applying first application 10 days before the plants are set, the second just as the plants begin to bloom, and the third about six weeks later. On better grades of soil the first two applications may be sufficient.

The first application should be about a 5-8-4 fertilizer, while for the others a 4-8-0 mixture has proven best.

In addition to the three applications growers apply about 100 pounds per acre of some quickly available nitrogen fertilizer in late February or March, about the time the plants begin to wane.

Others try to prolong the bearing period by applying this nitrogen about January 1. This, however, should be used with caution as it may cause soft berries and shedding of the bloom.

After the plants are set the fertilizer will have to be worked into the beds. Care should be taken not to injure the roots, as well as to mix the fertilizer well into the soil to prevent root burning.

The British empire now produces 87 per cent of the world's rubber.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Powell and daughter, Miss Joyce Powell, were shoppers in Tampa on Friday afternoon.

Misses Kate and Mattie Tompkins have as their guest through the holidays, Miss Helen Eisenhardt of Washington, D. C. Miss Eisenhardt is an employee of Uncle Sam, being an assistant to the Attorney General in the Prohibition bureau. She will visit for a few days in Tampa before returning north.

TWO MILLION SPENT IN CALIFORNIA PUBLICITY

Huge Amount Spent Annually To Attract Tourists Is Raised By Taxation

How California annually raises \$2,000,000 by taxation to be spent for advertising that state and attracting tourists to it is told by George E. Bishop in the Daily Mining Journal of Marquette, Michigan, who spent two months in California to study publicity methods and the systems of financing advertising campaigns in that state. The Journals writer's chief purpose of going to California was to learn how that state has built up its tourist trade until it represents an annual income estimated at upward of \$500,000,000 and he found that it has been done largely by all agencies in the state co-operating in an all-California advertising program which is financed by taxation. Describing the system, he says:

There is no law in California under which the legislature appropriate directly funds for advertising the resources of California.

There are two laws on the statute books of the state, however, one which makes it possible for the state to appropriate up to five cents on \$100 of its assessed valuation, and not to exceed \$45,000.

California is conducted largely by the county, instead of trying to bring about more favorable conditions in the soil. When these soil conditions are met, and the trees get ample supply of the common plant foods along with proper cultivation, most of our tree troubles disappear or become of little importance.

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MANY CITRUS TROUBLES DUE TO SOIL CONDITIONS

Good Cover Crop Will Help Greatly In Many Groves

Gainesville, Fla.—Don't begin at the top of the citrus tree to try to correct troubles that originate at the other extremity, E. F. DeBusk, extension citrusologist, recently told WRUF farm program listeners.

He explained that many of our tree troubles are directly or indirectly due to soil conditions that are unfavorable to normal tree growth and fruit production. Oftentimes growers try to correct these conditions by feeding more fertilizer, spraying, or severe pruning instead of trying to bring about more favorable conditions in the soil. When these soil conditions are met, and the trees get ample supply of the common plant foods along with proper cultivation, most of our tree troubles disappear or become of little importance.

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SOCIAL and Personal News

Dinner Dance at the Jacaranda Hotel.
The Jacaranda Hotel was the scene of a delightful dinner dance Monday evening.

A six course dinner was served the guests. Many various colored balloons decorated the dining room and caps and horns were given as favors. A five-piece orchestra furnished the music for the dancing.

Among the guests dining and dancing during the evening were: Mr. and Mrs. Phil Abrams, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Thomas, and Mrs. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. H. F. R. Reck, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd, Miss Joyce Powell, Mr. Freddie Burns, Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Pringle, and Mrs. J. E. Powell, Col. and Mrs. J. M. Lee, Dr. and Mrs. T. W. Martin of Sebring, Mr. Herbert Forrin of Tampa, Mr. Mary McFerrin, Miss Ruth Hall, Mr. Clyde Leech, Miss Ethel Clarke, Mr. Frank Beyer of Tampa, Mr. R. R. Thompson of Tampa, Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. T. A. McNicholas, Mr. and Mrs. Hal Posen, Mrs. K. T. Segrave of Memphis, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas of Highland Lakes, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. C. R. Crews, and Miss Meritice Coker.

Ruth Pendleton Has Birthday Party.
Little Miss Ruth Pendleton was honored at a birthday party celebrating her fourth birthday anniversary given by her mother, Mrs. J. S. Pendleton at their home on North Verona avenue Monday afternoon.

The house was decorated with red and green colors portraying the Christmas spirit. A large Christmas tree was decorated with lights and hung with little gifts for each guest. J. L. Green dressed as Santa Claus and gave them out. Refreshments of delicious cake, served in green, and orange were served. A large birthday cake centered the dining table and was topped with four candles.

Those present were: Dorothy Lawhorne, Josephine Reck, Sonny Skipper, Charles Lawhorne, Neta Bryant, Dorothy Jane Hansen, Tommy Bryant, Winifred Demorest, Virginia Spencer, Dorothy Welch, Miss Frances Welch, Clara Ball Welch, Helen Welch, Thelma La Green and J. L. Green.

Wimodausis Club Meets Friday.
The Wimodausis club held their last regular meeting of the old year on Friday, December 19th, at the home of Mrs. McFarland on Lake street. New officers elected for the ensuing year are as follows:

Mrs. Copeland Shall James, president; Mrs. Charles R. Hand, vice-president; Mrs. Mel Bass, secretary; Mrs. H. F. R. Reck, treasurer.

At the close of the business session a delightful social hour was enjoyed during which delicious refreshments were served by the hostess Mrs. Rachel McFarland.

The Wimodausis club meets on the third Friday of each month at 8 o'clock p. m. at the home of one of its members as announced at the previous meeting.

Visiting ladies of the O. E. S. are cordially invited to attend.

The next regular meeting will be at the home of Mrs. Copeland Shall James on Friday, January 23rd, 1931.

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Miss West Hostess To Watch Party Wednesday.

Miss Reba West entertained a number of her friends with a delightful party at her home on Wednesday evening.

The guests enjoyed dancing and some card games until a late hour. At twelve o'clock much fun was had in watching the old year out and the new one in.

The hostess served refreshments of coffee and cake.

The guests during the evening were: Miss Mildred Lee, Miss Marie McFarland, Miss Lucile Langford, Miss Lucile Sargus, Miss Virginia Baldwin, and Miss Gwendolyn Weaver.

Missionary Society To Meet at Nazarene Church.

The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will meet and give a program at the Nazarene church tonight at 7:30. Modern Missions in India will be the subject of the program, led by Mrs. Bortha Stark.

A paper on the introduction of our missionaries on the field will be given by Mrs. Fred Weatherbee.

Spurlock-Carter Wedding Christmas Eve.

Miss Mattie Lou Carter and Mr. R. J. Spurlock were united in marriage Wednesday, December 30th, the ceremony being performed by Rev. Paul A. Southard, pastor of the Church of the Nazarene at the parsonage.

David Lander of Lakeland was visiting friends here on Tuesday evening.

Abe Whidden and Virgil Bishop of Arcadia were visiting friends here Monday.

Miss Mary Williams and Lew Miller of Tampa were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Doc Radcliff on Wednesday.

Bruce Campbell of Tampa and George Langford spent a short time hunting on the Kissimmee River this week.

Miss Majorie Denny, Miss Verna Hiem and Miss Murphy Grace were visiting friends in Rabson Park on Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. L. N. Smith and daughter of Clewiston is spending several days here the guests of friends and relatives.

Tiny Tot Orchestra



Los Angeles.—Photo shows: Two and one-half year old Joan Pierce is shown here with the largest instrument in the Baby Orchestra.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Allen spent Sunday in Wauchula the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Evans.

Mrs. Nina Taylor and children of Washington, D. C., is spending several days here the guest of her sister Miss Martha Marsh.

Mrs. C. A. Crews and two children and Miss Meritice Coker motored to Arcadia Sunday and visited with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Melton returned to their home in Homestead Saturday after spending Christmas here with their daughter, Mrs. Hol and Drott.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stanfield returned Monday from Jasper, Alabama, where they spent several days the guests of friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Brown of Brookville, Miss., who have been visiting Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Barnett during the Christmas holidays left Thursday for their home. Mrs. Brown is a sister of Mrs. Barnett.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Able left Sunday night for Leesville, S. C., here they were called on account of the serious illness of Dr. Able's mother, who suffered a stroke.

Miss S. Helen Eisenhardt of Washington, D. C., who has been spending several days here the guest of Misses Mattie and Kate Tompkins, returned to her home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Davis and son, L. C., spent Christmas in Titusville, with relatives. They were accompanied home by Mr. Davis' father, W. N. Davis, who will spend some time here.

J. B. Coen has been confined to his home through the past week with a severe cold and on Wednesday was seriously ill for a few hours. His many friends will rejoice to know that he is improving.

Mrs. M. W. Davis, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. J. C. White, of Waycross, Ga., and W. N. Davis of Newell, Ga., motored to Lake Wales Monday and heard a special recital at Elk Tower.

Rev. Southard Goes to Lake City to Conduct Evangelistic Services

Rev. Paul A. Southard left Monday morning for Lake City and High Springs, and will hold a number of evangelistic campaigns at the former place, assisted by Rev. Amos T. Eby, pastor of the High Springs church, and known to many of this city. Mrs. Paul A. Southard, wife of the pastor will take charge of the local work in his absence.

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6:20 p. m. Senior N. Y. P. S.—James Culpepper, leader.
7:30 Missionary address. Rev. S. P. Hamilton veteran missionary from India will be the speaker at both the morning and evening services.

A cordial welcome is extended to all.

The monthly business meeting and study hour of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society will be held at the church at 7:30 p. m. Friday night, January 2, 1931.

Let the woodland burn up let you dollars go up in smoke.

HINTS TO HOUSEWIVES

Weekly from Home Demonstration Specialists, Tallahassee

HOME IMPROVEMENT

The people who seem to feel depression the least, and who talk the least about it, are the one who are on the soil and in the farm homes; who are producing their food and feed and the ones who buy wisely the necessary clothing and up-keep for the homes.

Plan To Fill A Want.

Many women are beginning to think of budgeting their time, and budgeting the income and expenses. There is no better way for a woman to begin a budget than to really want something in her home in the way of improvements and work towards getting an extra supply of money in order to accomplish this end. Sometimes by economizing, every member of the family co-operating in this economy, they can begin to save up here and there, are produce by raising a litter of pigs, flock of poultry or a good garden, and soon have a sufficient amount for that new stove, running water in the home, lights, paint on the house, improvements in remodeling, and so on.

Women who are participating the home improvement project should first get the co-operation of their husbands and children. Home improvement is not solely a woman's job, but it is something in which the whole family should co-operate.

Think Out Definite Plan.

One of the best ways of starting towards home improvement is to plan and think the plan through. The ones who are not familiar with the questions to make one think on home improvement should ask their county home demonstration agents or write to the State Home Demonstration office at Tallahassee for these questions. Begin making plans on one definite line of home improvement for 1931. As soon as one thing is accomplished there will be other improvements that you will begin to plan for. Do your patriotic duty by establishing at least one definite demonstration in your home in 1931.

Let us visualize beauty, convenience, thrift, co-operation in the family, and the live-at-home program and link up production and conservation with the home improvement planning. Then we will

stop thinking hard times, and we will have the girls and boys so happy in their beautiful, convenient and beautiful country homes that they will want to remain in the country, instead of moving to town and cities at the first opportunity.—Virginia P. Moore.

Poultry Car Shipped.

A car load of poultry was recently shipped co-operatively from Jackson, Washington, Okaloosa and Holmes counties by farmers who were assisted by the county or home demonstration agents and the State Marketing Bureau. About 16,000 pounds of hens, frites, and turkeys went in the car, and brought \$2,775 to the 200 farmers delivering poultry to the car.

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DOROTHY DARNT



Monday Bridge Club Meets at Garber Home.

Mrs. Paul Garber entertained the members of the Monday Afternoon Bridge Club at her home in Highland Lakes Monday.

The rooms where the tables were spread for play were decorated in Christmas decorations. After several progressions prizes were awarded to the holders of the high and low scores, Mrs. C. Lanier and Mrs. S. E. Booth.

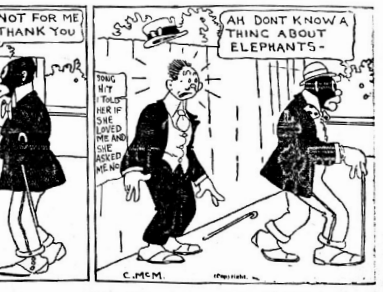
A dainty salad course was served at the close of the afternoon by the hostess.

The guests present were: Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. L. E. Thompson, Mrs. Seagraves, Mrs. E. F. Carmichael, Mrs. M. V. Fitcher, Mrs. J. E. Powell, Mrs. L. V. Pringle, Mrs. S. E. Booth, Mrs. C. R. Crews, Mrs. D. G. Perry, Mrs. W. D. Dorniney, and Mrs. E. E. Melton.

New Years Eve Dance Is Great Success.

The New Year's Eve dance sponsored by the Women's Club given at the Highland Lakes Casino on Wednesday evening was a fine success. A large crowd was in attendance from all of the neighboring towns and from this city. The music was furnished by the Fields Orchestra from Orlando. The holiday spirit was felt by everyone and a good time was had by all.

By Charles McManus



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