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OPINIONS DIFFER ON HUGE GROVE PROJECT

Option Contract Has Many Objectionable Features, Is Claim Of Grove Owner

Two opinions, diametrically opposite, have been expressed locally regarding the Wall Street syndicate seeking \$10,000,000 worth of citrus groves in Florida if the price is right. The matter is being handled for the New Yorkers by John Snively, of Winter Haven, and a number of other Floridians throughout the state. The local representatives are E. G. Todd, C. A. Lanier and H. F. R. Reck. The latter are seeking options on groves in this section, the options to expire January 15, 1930.

One person stated that the Avon Parkers are merely working as public spirited citizens, barely getting their expenses for their efforts to secure the options and money for this section. He stated that the "John Killinger, of Westchester county, New York," named as the buyer in the option, was one of the group in Wall Street that was seeking to spend the \$10,000,000, which is already assured, and for which bonds will be issued, in acquiring the grove land.

On the other hand another grove owner, after perusing the contract, stated that the contract doesn't bind the purchaser to perform his part of the contract, except at his own option, and only in the event that he decides to exercise the option, which is left solely to the buyer's discretion, whereas the seller has to comply with all of the terms in the contract, even though subsequent events might make it better for him not to do so.

Referring to the paragraph in the option which stipulates that in the event the buyer exercises his option, it is understood and agreed that all the rents, issues and profits of the grove shall belong to the buyer from the date of the option, the grove owner objected to the contract because the buyer has no money invested in the property until and when the deed is actually delivered; and if it so happens that the seller suffers quite a loss by reason of unforeseen circumstances such as another hurricane or freeze, which makes it very doubtful that the option would be exercised, the buyer is under no obligation to bear any of the loss. But if the grove should have a good crop, and the fruit bring a good price, then the buyer could exercise his option and let the fruit pay a substantial part of the purchase price.

In other words, it is said, the contract is one to be consummated only if the purchaser desires to consummate it, and he has all the discretion, and the seller has none. Nothing is being paid for the option, and the buyer has nothing invested, the grove owner concluded.

Flag To Fly.

Within a few days the American flag will fly again from the flag pole, from which it has been conspicuously absent for the past few weeks. Trouble with the rope forced the lowering of the flag until repairs could be made, and council has instructed President E. A. DeLaney to engage a steeplejack to do the job. This will be done in a day or so.

Taxes Coming In

Over \$6,000 in delinquent taxes have been collected during the past three weeks, according to the report to council given by Miss Louise Brown, City Tax Collector.

The sinking fund received the greater part of the collections, while the balance was used to pay off the July money due city employees.

Rushing Plans On Pine Crest Club

Since his return on Monday from Chicago, where he spent two months in connection with the affairs of the Pine Crest Lakes Winter club, of which he is manager, Ferd de nguera has been busy on plans for an additional building, on the club property, including sleeping quarters. Architect William J. Heim is preparing the plans, and after estimates are given and approved, word is expected from Col. Davidson to go ahead with the job in time to care for the needs of the coming season.

FAIREY AND PARDEE SPEAK TO ROTES

Supervising Principal Tells Civic Body of Present Day Needs at High School

Prof. Robert T. Fairey, supervising principal of the Avon Park schools, and C. H. Pardee, public accountant, were the principal speakers at the weekly luncheon of the Rotary club Wednesday.

The head of the city schools spoke on the present day needs in the high school; the effect being made to carry on the school work in an economical way without adding more teachers to the staff, and the financial situation facing the athletic association. Since the opening of school on Labor Day, Prof. Fairey stated, 190 students registered at the high school, which is just one less than the registration of 191 at the last school term.

Mr. Pardee spoke on the youth of today, comparing them with the boys and girls of Cleopatra's time. The speaker stated that down through the ages grown men have deplored the ruthlessness of youth, and that there is no difference between the youth of today and the youth of thousands of years ago. It is all a matter of opinion, Mr. Pardee said in closing.

The visitors were: F. C. Thompson and Dr. Cardis, of Frostproof; H. J. Pemberton, of Sebring; and Alex Blair, of Westfield, N. J.

Fish Are Biting at Nearby Lakes

Mr. and Mrs. Big Mouth Black Bass, of Lake Livingston, forgot that last Monday was Labor Day, so they kept on working for their daily food.

But S. E. Booth and John Lowe, observed the day dedicated to the workmen, and took the day off to get some sport at Lake Livingston. And they had sport—and plenty.

As a result of their trip, Mr. Lowe landed a 9½ pounder, as well as a few smaller ones, while Mr. Booth had to content himself with one weighing about four pounds, and some less than that weight.

A short time ago Mr. Booth was at the same lake and landed two seven pounders, along with others of lesser size.

Woodruffs in New York

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodruff, parents of Mrs. Demos Mandis, are guests of their son, Robert E. Woodruff, of New York City. The latter is a vice-president of the Erie Railroad company.

W. R. England has returned from a business trip to Washington and Pittsburgh. He stated that Mrs. England is regaining her health in the north, and feels much better now than she has for many years. Mrs. England will remain in Washington for the winter.

NO ALARMS RECEIVED BY FIRE DEPARTMENT

Only Six Fires In Eight Months With Losses Reach- ing Less Than \$6,000

Avon Park went through a fireless month during August, according to the report of Fire Chief W. H. McCarthy. Not an alarm was sent into fire headquarters; no calls were received to extinguish grass fires, nor were any requests received to kill skunks hovering around the backyards—yes, the firemen have been called to do that, too, in the past.

For the first eight months of the present year the department responded to 22 alarms, 16 of which were grass fires. The remaining calls were for honest-to-goodness fires, with resultant losses of \$5945. Of the total loss \$5600 represents four costly fires in July, while two fires, one in January and one in June, resulted in losses of \$125 and \$220, respectively.

Lee Cautions Council To Investigate Usina

When the matter of securing a finance director was discussed at the meeting of council on Wednesday night, City Attorney J. M. Lee cautioned the council to investigate Sebring's finance director, L. A. Usina, before they proceeded to consider him for the office of director of finances in Avon Park, if one should be created.

The colonel advised the council to ascertain what Usina was doing before he became the guiding hand in Sebring's financial affairs. His advice created an atmosphere of mystery for a few seconds, until he stated further that Mr. Usina had sought the receivership of the Highlands Bank and Trust company at Sebring.

Whiteway In Dark On Council's Orders

The Whiteway along the mall was in utter darkness Wednesday night after 8:30 o'clock, when the council issued orders to shut off the lights to prevent the electrocution of passersby.

E. E. Melton, superintendent of the Florida Public Service company, reported that a temporary line carrying 2300 volts was lying on the ground on the Main street, which was all the council had to hear to order the whiteway put in darkness.

The line was strung temporarily by city workmen repairing grounded wires, and evidently a passing truck broke the line, which dropped to the ground.

190 Students Register at Labor Day Opening

Classes in the Avon Park High school were resumed on Monday morning, Labor Day, and 190 students were registered, according to Prof. R. T. Fairey, supervising principal of the Avon Park schools. The registration is one less than at the last term of school, when 191 students entered.

The enrollment is expected to be increased by the end of September, at which time it is expected that all the high school students will have returned to the city.

After an extensive honeymoon in northern states and Canada, Mr. and Mrs. James E. Spencer have returned to Avon Park. Mrs. Spencer was formerly Miss Juanita Adams, and Mr. Spencer is manager for the Gulf Refining company.

Some Stores Observe Thursday Afternoon

Although the Thursday half-holiday agreement entered into by the merchants of Avon Park expired last Thursday, a number of the stores were closed yesterday afternoon. A meeting of the merchants was held yesterday, and while a majority signified their intention of keeping open for the entire day, several store owners decided to close on Thursday afternoons during September.

The half-holiday agreement covered June, July and August.

CREATING ADVISORY BODY IS SUGGESTED

Would Aid Council Members, Who Appoint Advisors, and Serve Without Salary

Creation of an advisory body to aid future councils on financial matters, such as raising funds and their expenditures, has been suggested by a prominent local man. The advisors would be appointed by the council itself, and they would serve the city without receiving compensation.

The originator of the idea stated that he believed the board should be composed of three of the leading business men of the city, who have the confidence of the citizens and taxpayers at large, and who have no alignment with any political faction in the city. This, the originator feels, would tend to create confidence in the city government, and give the council the benefit of their advice on all money matters. The advisory board would also be in position to serve the councilmanic board if and when negotiations are conducted with bond companies.

The idea is advanced in the hope that some feasible plan of assistance, should the advisory board proposition fail to materialize, would issue from its discussion.

Rainfall Was 2.25 For 24-Hour Period

During the 24-hour period ending Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock, 2.25 inches of rain fell, according to Mark Lance, U. S. Weather Observer. The downpour started about 6 o'clock Tuesday evening, and when the rain gauge was examined Wednesday night it showed the heavy precipitation.

From Sunday to yesterday noon the total rainfall was 2.80 inches.

Make Electrical Inspections.

The first electrical inspections under the fire ordinances passed recently by council were made by Fire Chief McCarthy this week. The buildings inspected were the Church of Christ and the Smith residence near the Seaboard station.

Employees Receive Pay.

Salaries and wages for July were paid to municipal employees Monday. Through the generosity of several taxpayers, who learned of the plight of the city forces, sufficient money was received in taxes to pay off for July only.

Many Watch Steeple Jack

A large crowd was given a thrill yesterday morning when L. A. Harvey, of Mulberry, climbed the flag pole to install a new rope in the pulley. On his return trip to terra firma, the steeple jack dressed up the pole in a new coat of aluminum paint.

TENTATIVE MILLAGE SET BY COUNCILMEN

10 Mills On New City and 20 Mills On Old City, Based On Tentative Budget

Avon Park's millage for 1929 has been set tentatively at 10 mills on property in the new city limits and 20 mills on the old city property. The action was taken at Wednesday night's meeting, which ended at 12:45 o'clock Thursday morning.

The millage is based on a direct tax levy of \$31,800, which represents a reduction of \$23,110 from the 1928 levy of \$55,000. The millage for the past year was 10 on the property in the new city limits, and on the old city it was 16. The tentative increase of four mills on the old city is due to bonds in the amount of \$34,000 maturing during the coming fiscal year.

In addition to the direct levy, the councilmen anticipate receipts of \$30,000 or more from the \$90,000 delinquent taxes, the \$30,000 being used at present in fixing the tentative millage.

The tentative budget will be tackled again at a subsequent meeting, and an intensive delinquent tax collection drive is contemplated, which, if successful, may mean a lowering of the tentative millage.

Almost every department in the city government has felt the economy axe wielded by the city fathers. This will be shown by a perusal of the comparison of the facts and figures taken from the 1928 and 1929 budgets which follow:

Mayor's salary \$600; no change. City Clerk's salary \$300; no change. City Attorney and City Engineer, \$600 each, no change. Tax Collector's salary \$1,500, reduced from \$3,000. Comptroller-Assessor office abolished, saving \$3,600. Assessment Board \$250, no change. City Council \$100 each, no change. Printing, Stationery and Advertising \$400, reduced from \$800. Auditing expense \$400, no change. Saving of \$500 on rent. Fire Department reduced from \$4,000 to \$3,000. Light and Water reduced from \$8,500 to \$7,000. Contingencies reduced from \$4,550 to \$3,500. The foregoing items totaled \$29,000 in 1928 as compared to \$19,250 this year, a saving of \$9,750.

The police department was cut from \$5,700 to \$3,600, a saving of \$2,100; the chief's salary being reduced from \$2,400 to \$1,800; the night police being reduced from \$1,800 to \$1,500, and cutting out extra police at \$1,200 and contingencies of \$300.

The Publicity Fund in one swipe was reduced from \$10,800 to \$2,300, a saving of \$8,500. The 1928 budget included \$7,500 for advertising the city; \$3,000 for the municipal band and \$300 for the Library. Under the new budget the municipal band gets \$1,500 and \$800 goes for advertising the city. No provision is made for the library.

The Sanitary Department loses \$1,800, being reduced from \$3,800 to \$2,000; the Street Improvement fund was dropped from \$3,000 to \$2,500, a saving of \$500; the Park Department had \$2,000 lopped from last year's \$4,500, leaving \$2,500 for labor, equipment and fertilizer.

The reserve for uncollected taxes in the 1929 budget is listed as \$5,740, the same as last year.

The total estimated expenditures are given as \$32,150, plus the reserve for uncollected taxes, or a total amount of \$37,890 to be levied. From this total is subtracted \$6,000, the anticipated receipts from other sources, which are: County Road Tax \$3,500; Occupational License, \$1,500 and Police Court \$1,000. The net amount for general expense to be collected by direct tax then totals \$31,890.

For the entire new city there
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MISSOURI BANKER IS BOOSTING AVON PARK

Asks That Information Be Sent to Prominent Physician of St. Joseph, Mo.

Banker Chas. E. Wright, of St. Joseph, Mo., continues his keen missionary work for Avon Park, so effectively that a large Missouri club here is in prospect. He writes: "One of the leading physicians of St. Joseph is contemplating a visit to Florida this winter. He would like to have from you, a statement as to hotel rates, and accommodations, golfing privileges and information about fishing and hunting. I have told him all I know about the golf courses but I am not familiar with the rates of your hotels, fishing privileges or the hunting season. If you will write the doctor, giving him the information requested and any other information you may have, I shall be greatly obliged to you."

Mrs. W. L. Winchester, of the West End, relates the interest created in Williamsburg, Ky., in the literature of Avon Park which was sent to a selected list there by our Chamber of Commerce. These people have all been going each winter to St. Petersburg and Miami. After reading our bulletins they asked Mrs. Winchester for some further information, and finally told her "We will take a look at the town." Therefore, we need to dress up the town and look our best, not only for these Kentucky tourists, but for those from everywhere. We will have a chance to make a permanent impression on many well-to-do tourists, and tempt to come and stay."

Florida Farmers Are Overlooking Good Opportunity

"It seems to me that we farmers of Florida are overlooking a fine opportunity to raise some hogs at a profit," says Spuds Johnson, of the Florida College of Agriculture at Gainesville.

"Announcement has been made by the United States Department of Agriculture that the number of hogs on Southern farms has greatly decreased in the past few years. "In areas of the state where peanuts will grow, and they are grown as far south as Pasco county, this crop furnishes a very cheap means of supplying feed for the hogs. We can plant a few acres of peanuts, being sure to get them thick, and with just a little cultivation, trouble and expense, can produce a lot of good feed. The most general trouble with peanuts in Florida is that they are not planted thick enough."

"The hogs can do their own harvesting, so there is no work on that end of the line."

"Peanut-fed hogs do not sell as well on the market as do corn-fed hogs, but the meat is much more flavorful, and is fine for home consumption. Peanut-feed can be grown enough cheaper than corn to justify selling peanut-fed hogs at two or three cents per pound less and still leave a profit."

"One of the difficulties of raising hogs on a commercial scale in Florida is securing a good market. In communities where we can get our neighbors to join in with us and raise some hogs, we can probably get enough of about the same size and weight to make carload co-operative shipments, and thus secure better prices."

"We should certainly grow enough meat for home consumption and try to produce some for market also. It will give us another money crop."

Cases Filed In Office Clerk of Circuit Court

Several cases were filed in the office of the clerk of the circuit court this week and included the following:

C. S. Coe vs. H. O. Sebring et al.
C. S. Coe vs. J. H. Garst.
E. M. Cochran et al vs. H. O. Sebring.
Charles H. Wyack vs. C. B. Earley et al.

Local Girl Plays Over Station WSUN

Avon Park went on the air at St. Petersburg Tuesday night, when Miss Edith Ginn, ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ginn, broadcast several piano solos from Station WSUN. Many radio fans in the city heard the program.

Despite her age, Miss Ginn is an accomplished player, and on many occasions has she displayed her talent in this city, where her services are frequently in demand.

STAMEY EXPRESSES FAITH IN SHERIFF

Says Republican Party Not Responsible For Agitation Directed Against Wolff

R. A. Stamey, of Avon Park, chairman of the Highlands County Republican Central Committee, has written to Sheriff Oscar Wolff as follows:

Mr. Oscar E. Wolff, Sheriff Highlands County, Sebring, Florida.

Dear Mr. Wolff:

Concerning the agitation directed against your office, I wish to assure you that the Republican organization of Highlands county has never had nor will ever have anything to do with same. I deem it best to make this statement at this time by reason of the fact that some individuals might erroneously conceive the idea that the Republican organization of our county wish to embarrass the opposing party by charges and agitations.

Having known you personally for a number of years, I do not hesitate to state to anyone that I believe you to be a man of integrity and character and that in your county you have an honest and efficient officer.

Assuring you that the policies of the Republican organization of Highlands county shall be on a constructive basis, free from agitations and working for the best interests of our citizens, I am with highest personal regards,

Yours very truly,

R. A. STAMEY,
Chairman Highlands County
Republican Organization.

(The agitation referred to in the foregoing letter occurred about two weeks before the county Republicans were organized, so that it would be unjust to conceive that blame should be attached to the organization for the movement underway seeking an investigation of the Sheriff's office.—The Editor).

Farmers Fight Weevil By Destroying Stalks

County Agent Gus York of Washington county plans to fight the boll weevil by getting the farmers of his county to destroy the cotton stalks early this fall. Two communities have already agreed to put on campaigns for this purpose.

After the stalks are destroyed many of the farmers expect to plant winter cover crops of hairy vetch and Austrian winter peas. These crops have given excellent results in West Florida for the past two years and increased yields of cotton have followed where these crops have been turned under.

New Jersey To Study Hotel Commission

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 5.—The state of New Jersey hotel commission is going to be patterned after Florida's, according to word received this week by Commissioner Ben H. Bostain. On a tour of part of the state last week, Mr. Bostain conferred with the New Jersey commissioner who commended Florida for its fine system of hotels and the manner in which they were cared for by the state.

"Well, Jack, how are you?"
"Wonderful, thanks."
"Well, I'm glad someone thinks so."—Texas Ranger.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 1929.

SUBJECT: Nehemiah Rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem.

GOLDEN TEXT: "The people had a mind to work." Nehemiah 4:6.

LESSON TEXT: Nehemiah 4:6; 15-21.

TIME: About 445 B. C.

Nehemiah was a captive Jew, born and reared at Babylon. He was cup bearer to the king, a position "of high importance and honor."

In Nehemiah 1:2 he said, "One of my brethren came, he and certain men of Judah * * and they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire." This condition is thought to have been the result of recent raids, by the surrounding nations, against Jerusalem. A few years before this Ezra had compelled the Jews who had married women from those nations to put away their wives and children. These discarded women were the sisters and daughters of men in those countries and naturally they hated the Jews, and sought to destroy Jerusalem and its walls and gates.

When the brother of Nehemiah gave him the news from Jerusalem, he prayed to God to give him favor with the king of Babylon in obtaining permission to go to Jerusalem and repair its walls and gates. He prayed, "I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven * * Let thine ear now be attentive * * we have dealt very corruptly against thee, and have not kept thy commandments * * O Lord * * let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servants * * and prosper thy servant * * in the sight of this man." Then in Neh. 2, he says, "I took up the wine and gave it unto the king," whereupon the king inquired why Nehemiah was sad, and the latter told the king the condition of Jerusalem. "Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of Heaven. And I said unto the king, If it please the king * * send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it."

Then the king, granted Nehemiah's request, gave him authority to go to Jerusalem, with letters directing the governors around Judah to assist him, and the king also gave Nehemiah soldiers to guard him and his small company to Jerusalem. On arriving at Jerusalem Nehemiah inspected the city, the walls and the gates, and then collected the rulers and people of the city and proposed that they build the walls and gates. "And they said, let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work. But when Sanballat * * and Tobiah * * and Geshem * * heard it they laughed us to scorn, and despised us." Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah all met with opposition in their work for the Lord, whatever that work was. Ridicule, scorn, conspiracy and even war and murder, were used and threatened. But in the first verse of today's lesson Nehemiah says, "So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work."

After Nehemiah called the people together and began the work, the wall was completed in 52 days. Nehemiah organized the people into groups and put them to work, each man, as nearly as possible, being assigned to the work near his own home and family. In the third chapter of Nehemiah is an interesting statement as to how the work of rebuilding was assigned to different groups. When their enemies interfered with their work and threatened the people, Nehemiah said to them "Be not ye afraid of them: remember the Lord, * * and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives and your houses."

This command might well be given today to those people who say that religion and religious principles should not be mixed with the government of your towns, your county, State and nation, and that the observance of Christian

principles should not be required of those who make and execute the laws. In doing his great work Nehemiah paid his own expenses.

He says, Ch. 5:14, "From the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah * * twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor." It is not wrong for those engaged in God's work to accept money for their labor; but those who preach the gospel for money, and sell their services to the highest bidder, might well consider the example of Nehemiah.

Let us remember Nehemiah's final declaration, "So we built the wall * * for the people had a mind to work."

Soybeans are being grown in St. Johns county on a large scale for the first time this year, and are making a good crop of hay, reports E. H. Vance, county agent.

"Have you seen my new girl? She's a peach."

"Is she true to you?"

"She's too good to be true."—Okla. Whirlwind.

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VANISHING OF BEN CHONG

By Lemuel De Bra

THE instant Detective Lieutenant Lyons stepped into my room I sensed that something very unusual—even for Chinatown—had occurred. There was a puzzled expression in his keen, gray eyes and a worried look on his honest, good-natured face.

"Well, Minturn," he said, warming his hands at my grate, "guess I'm in for it! Ben Chong has been missing for three days. The Hip Sings say the On Leongs got him. The On Leongs claim the Hip Sings killed Ben themselves just to start a war. Both sides are arming. I've been given until six tonight to find Ben. If I don't find him—bang go the tong guns, and back to the sticks for me!"

I got up from my desk and crossed to the fire. The extreme cold spell, remarkable for San Francisco, had broken finally in a drizzle of icy rain. I had decided to spend the day in my apartments and finish an article I was writing for the Chronicle.

But I knew what Detective Lyons' call meant. I slipped out of my smoking-jacket.

"So Ben Chong has been missing three days! And where?"

"That's one of the things that's got me worried," Lyons answered, frowning at the dead end of his cigar. "Ben Chong shows up at his office at about nine-thirty the other morning, says nothing to nobody, walks out the hall door a minute later and—bloo-ee!" Lyons waved his hand like a magician causing an object to vanish in mid-air.

"Then you don't know whether or not he has been killed?" I had donned a coat and hat and was pulling on a raincoat.

"I don't know anything—except that he's gone—vanished!" Again Lyons waved one big hand to indicate something vanishing in the air.

I began to feel some of Lyons' perturbation. Ben Chong was not an ordinary "Chink." A graduate of the University, well liked by his own countrymen and immensely popular among the Americans, a director of the Green Years Society—as the Chinese call their Y. M. C. A.—leading spirit in every movement for the betterment of conditions in Chinatown, Ben Chong was familiarly known as "The Uncrowned King of Chinatown." If, for some reason, the On Leongs had killed Ben Chong, then a tong war was unavoidable—a tong war that would be the worst Chinatown had ever known.

The building where Ben Chong and his brother Jo Chong had their importing office was only two blocks down the hill from my apartments. As we sloshed through the rain, Detective Lyons explained that he had been called on the case by Jo Chong. Jo had no idea why nor where his brother had vanished, Lyons said; but he did not believe that he had fallen a victim to the On Leongs, and he was very anxious to do everything he could to avert the threatened war.

"I want you to get the rest of it just as I got it," Lyons concluded; "so I'm going right over the same ground again. Besides, I must have overlooked something. People don't vanish like that without leaving some clue! Eh, Minturn?"

"Anything can happen in Chinatown," I said, and meant it. Lyons flashed me a sharp look, but said nothing. A moment later we stepped into the main entrance of the Oriental Exchange Building and took the elevator to the third floor. At the end of the hall, on the left, in plain view as we stepped from the elevator, was the office of Chong Brothers, importers and dealers in Chinese curios.

"Three days ago," Lyons remarked quietly as we walked down the hall, "Ben Chong stepped out of that door—and vanished. You listen close, Minturn, and see if you tumble to anything that I missed."

I had met both the Chongs, but I had never been in their office. As we entered, I saw two desks, one against the left wall, and one by the wall on the right. At each desk sat a Chinese girl dressed in Chinese blouse and pantafoons. One

girl was typing; the other was working on a set of books.

Between these two desks, in the rear wall, were two doors. The one on the left was marked: J. Chong. Beneath the name were Chinese characters which, reading from top to bottom, gave the name in Chinese: Chong Jo. The door on the right was marked B. Chong, with Chinese characters beneath reading: Chong Ben.

"Annie," said Detective Lyons, addressing the girl next to Ben Chong's door, "I want you to tell me again just what happened the last time you saw Ben Chong."

The girl glanced quickly at me, then down at her typewriter. I knew her as one of the younger generation, educated in an American school, but still Chinese at heart. Her comely face betrayed not the slightest expression; but in that single glance she gave me I thought I detected a hint of fear—or defiance—I could not be sure which.

"Nothing happened, Mr. Lyons," the girl said tonelessly. "Mr. Ben Chong came in that door just as you did, nodded to us, and went into his office. A minute later he came out again, went out that hall door, and closed it behind him. I haven't seen him since."

"What time was that?" Lyons asked.

"About half past nine. I—"

"How do you know it was?"

"Why," the girl answered coldly, "I know it because just a minute or so before Mr. Ben came in, there

"Maybe he was in some accident," I said. "Hit by an auto, perhaps. You'll—"

"No," Lyons broke in, shaking his head. "The bureau of missing persons has combed the city. Naturally, that's the first thing I had done. Annie, is Jo Chong in?"

"I am," said a crisp voice behind us, and we turned quickly to see Jo Chong standing in his doorway.

"Thought I heard your voice, Mist' Lyons. Ah, Mist' Minturn! Glad see you! You find out something, Mist' Lyons? Uh?"

"Nothing yet, Jo. Let's go in your office. I want Mr. Minturn to hear what you told me this morning."

"Shuah!" Jo Chong agreed, bobbing his head. Following us into his office, he closed the door and set out chairs. "This ver' strange thing, Mist' Minturn! Ver' strange! Uh? You think we have tong war mebbe?"

"I don't know much about this affair yet," I evaded. And as I declined the cigarettes Jo proffered, I recalled what I knew of the brothers, neither of whom I had seen for some time. Jo was the typical shrewd Cantonese type, speaking fair English but clinging to his Chinese costume of black satin blouse, dark trousers, and padded slippers. Ben, however, had attended the University of California, and like many of the younger generation, was more American in habits than Chinese.

"Not much to tell, Mist' Lyons," Jo began in response to Lyons' re-

than Ben. Mo' bettah fo' me my brother come back. An' listen, Mist' Lyons!" he went on soberly. "I tell you this morning Hip Sing men had meeting. They say you no find Ben damn quick—" Jo Chong clapped his hands together sharply, imitating the sound of rapid gunfire.

"I know," Lyons scowled. "Can Ben draw on the partnership account at the bank?"

"No, no. Check got to have both names."

Lyons smoked over that a moment; then, abruptly, he got to his feet. "Well, get your hat, Jo!" he said sharply. "We're going to your room again."

"Shuah, shuah!" Jo Chong shoved his cigarettes and the block of matches in his blouse pocket, then went to a wardrobe closet in the corner and donned a light overcoat and a black felt hat such as most Chinese wear. Over his slippers he pulled a pair of American rubbers, took a big umbrella from the rack, and was ready.

Out in the main office, Detective Lyons started toward the hall door then turned suddenly and went to the door of Ben Chong's office. We followed him in. The office was almost a duplicate of Jo's, containing a single desk, a few chairs, a filing case, and a wardrobe. The most noticeable difference was in the pictures on the walls, all in Jo's office being Chinese while all of Ben's were American.

"I've gone through his papers, Minturn," Lyons said. "Not a clue.



A tong war was threatened if the missing Chinese merchant was not found by a certain hour.

was a call for him and I glanced at my watch."

"Who was the call from?" The girl's slim, brown hands shifted nervously over the typewriter keys.

"I don't know. But it wasn't of any importance."

"Uh-huh," Detective Lyons glanced at me and nodded. "Now, Annie," he went on, "I want you to think carefully. Are you sure that you don't know why Ben Chong went out, nor where?"

"I certainly don't, Mr. Lyons."

Lyons looked around at the other girl, who had stopped her work to listen. She nodded now in confirmation of what Annie had said. "When did Jo come in?" Lyons asked.

"At about a quarter to ten—his usual time. He asked if Mr. Ben was in, and I told him just what I've told you. Mr. Jo then instructed me to let him know as soon as Mr. Ben returned."

"And when he didn't return, what did you do to locate him?"

"Well, a number of things. I called his hotel. He was not in his room—at least he did not answer the ring—and the clerk had not seen him since morning. I then telephoned Mr. Ben's father who lives in Oakland. He had not seen Mr. Ben for a week. Also I called the bank, but Mr. Ben had not been there. This morning Mr. Jo had me call all those places again, and every other place we could think of where Mr. Ben might have gone. No one had seen him."

question. "Last Tuesday night, 'bout ten o'clock, my brother come to my room in Eastwind lodging house. He smoke his pipe awhile then he say: 'Jo, I like sell out. Not enough business fo' two. You buy me out right now, tonight. I sell cheap.'"

"Well, I don't know what think. First time Ben ever say he like sell out. I ask him why, but he won't tell. So we talk long time. Bimeby he get mad an' go home. That's all."

"And you haven't seen him since?"

"Nebba see him since. I come office next morning an' tell Annie let me know when my brother come in. I think he jus' mad, an' I tell clerk go ahead, make up inventory of all stock. My brother like sell out; I buy. Alla time fight like hell anyway!"

"O-oh!" exclaimed Lyons. "You didn't tell me that this morning. So you and Ben didn't get along so well, eh?"

"In business, yes," Jo explained, smiling. "I do all buying, an' handle all Chinese trade. My brother handle all American trade. But alla time we fight jus' like brothers. I call him big fool fo' takin' up American ways; he call me big Chink fo' stickin' to Chinese ways."

"Is that all?" Lyons grunted indifferently. Picking up Jo's block of matches—small sulphur matches in a block about an inch square and split only part way—Lyons tore off one and relighted his dead cigar.

Not a thing to indicate that when he walked out of here the other morning he didn't intend to come back. Say, you've seen Ben's picture?"

Lyons picked a framed picture off the desk and handed it to me. It was a picture Ben Chong had had taken with several American friends. I remember thinking that notwithstanding his American clothes, Ben Chong was obviously Chinese. More than that, he belonged, like his brother, to the round, moon-faced type of Cantonese.

"My brother like to be white," spoke up Jo, gazing affectionately at the picture while a wistful smile softened the lines of his dark face; "but like me!"

"That's nothing to be ashamed of!" exclaimed Lyons, clapping Jo on the shoulder. "Well, let's be going!"

It so happened that as Lyons spoke, I was the closest to the door. The words were no sooner out of Lyons' mouth than my hand found on the knob, and I drew the door open.

In the doorway, so close that I stopped short to keep from walking into her, stood the girl, Annie. That she had been listening, I felt certain; but neither her face nor her eyes held the slightest expression.

"Mr. Lyons," said the girl, glancing past me at the detective, "I just happened to recall something that may mean much and may mean nothing. It was Mr. Ben's custom to speak pleasantly every morning when he came in; but that morning

he merely nodded and hurried past me into his office. Perhaps he got a telephone call at his hotel—or a letter."

"I inquired about that," Lyons said, a curiously intent expression on his face as he looked at the girl. "Both the day clerk and the night clerk were positive that Ben Chong received no telephone calls nor any mail that morning. Anything else you just happened to remember?"

"That was all," said Annie, and went back to her desk.

We left the office. Out in the hall Lyons stopped at the door of a room next to the elevator. It was marked "Private."

"This," said Lyons as Jo Chong proceeded to unlock the door, "is a storeroom used by the Chongs. Both Ben and Jo carry a key. Thinking that perhaps Ben had come here to see what stock was on hand, this is the first place Jo looked for him that morning he vanished. You'll see there's nothing suspicious about the room."

That was plainly evident as Jo Chong snapped on the light. Everything in the room was arranged neatly on shelves. The one window was closed. Through the non-toe-clean panes I saw heavy bars outside.

Five minutes later we were in Jo Chong's room in the Eastwind lodging house. It was a simply furnished room with a single window that looked out on an alley two stories below. There were two chairs, an old-fashioned wooden bed of poster type, and a table of split bamboo. On this table I discovered among a litter of other things, a Buddha figure carved of blackwood, also known as Chinese ebony.

"Jo," said Lyons, "it was right here in this room that you saw Ben last?"

Jo nodded, pointing to the only door in the room. "He got out that door an' I no see him since."

"And you see there's nothing suspicious here, Minturn," Lyons went on. "No closets, no trunk, nothing but an almost bare room. Let's go."

I laid down the Buddha figure which I had picked up to examine. It was a curious piece of work. I had seen that figure done in that motif in porcelain but had never before seen it in ebony. As I laid it down, Lyons came to my side, picked up a block of matches, tore off one and relighted his mangled cigar.

Back downstairs we stopped at the office, which was by the main entrance. Two Chinese were on duty men that I instantly associated with the tongs.

"Always someone on duty at that desk," Lyons told me in an undertone. "These are Hip Sings, and they're mighty careful who they let upstairs. I think they told me all they know, but I'm going to question them again."

In response to Lyons' questions the Chinese declared that they let Ben in at about ten o'clock. They explained that at that time of night they kept the door locked. At about eleven, they saw Ben go out. That was all they knew about it.

We went on to Ben Chong's hotel, roused the night clerk, and proceeded to Ben's room. This was in striking contrast to Jo's room. It was large, airy, and tastefully furnished. Pennants and pictures adorned the walls, and everything was American.

"Ben came in shortly after eleven," the night clerk told us. "He didn't stop at the desk as he always carried his key. In the morning, about nine, just as I was coming back from breakfast, I saw Ben going out. The day clerk saw him, also. And neither of us have seen him since."

"And you are sure he got no letters or telephone calls?"

"Absolutely."

"How was Ben dressed when you saw him last?" pursued Lyons.

"He had on his big overcoat that he had been wearing the past few days, a black velvet hat, shell-rimmed glasses, and was smoking his college pipe—you know, those curved-stem pipes with big bowls that the University men are sporting this winter."

"Minturn," said Lyons, frowning at the dead end of his cigar, "the clerk and I searched Ben's room this morning. There's not a thing here that would explain his disappearance."

"And I sure can't understand it," added the clerk. "Ben was a fine chap. When he knew he was going

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LET'S ALL GET TOGETHER.

The Lakemont Packing Company is planning on starting the shipment of fruit about the first of next month and some fruit has already been shipped from Manatee county.

The citrus crop is at least average this year and the prices should hold up reasonably well, the retail price in the north will without a doubt be high as the retailer will take advantage of the wide-spread publicity given the fruit fly epidemic and it is up to our marketing organizations to get as much of this added price as possible for the grower.

Taking everything into consideration the citrus industry should experience a prosperous season and everything points to a record influx of tourists this winter which will also help the growers to a certain extent, giving them money with which to improve and take care of their groves which will improve the quality of fruit next year, and an increase in quality assures an increase in price, so prosperity is indeed just around the corner.

Florida is a fortunate state, conditions being as good or better than in the north, according to vacationists. We should awake to this fact and exercise our far-famed optimism and industry and realize on the opportunity that is at hand. We have many commodities that the world wants and is going to have while we haven't a monopoly on all of these commodities, they are of good quality, and the market is fair. In fact, the market for our climate is on the upward trend. Therefore, let's all get together and push Florida, Highlands County and Avon Park to the best of our ability. We will all benefit thereby and if we can't bring ourselves to the point where we can do it for the community let's be selfish and do it because it will help us individually.

RECOGNITION AT LAST!

"BRIDEGROOM HONORED AT DELIGHTFUL SHOWER"—from The Delray Beach News Beach-comber. And the lucky guy, we assume from the initials, is none other than Lauren C. Hand, E&P of The News.

Avon Park is the home of the Rex Beach model farms.

School children claim Labor Day is appropriately named.

Instead of hocking the Zeppelin somebody tried to strafe it.

Safes aren't so safe in Tampa, judging from newspaper reports.

The idea that Lindbergh would jeopardize another plane is preposterous.

A Hull term in the U. S. Senate, beginning in 1931, is the aim of a Tennessee congressman.

Jack Dempsey's patriotism was questioned during the World war. Now it's his unionism.

The Cubs lost four straight games to Pittsburgh. But what else can you expect from Pirates.

Reading of the flight of the Sun-God compels us to shout its cross-word equivalent, Ra! Ra! Ra!

Her hair is a woman's crowning glory, it has been said. And a man's lack of hair is his clowning glory.

The New Jersey under-sheriff sure picked himself a big job when he attempted to attack the Graf Zeppelin.

Fortunately a man can do as he d—pleases when it comes to voting—even though he may lose his job in doing so.

Those eastern bankers seeking options on Florida groves may be Republicans with the inside dope on the Medfly situation.

PEB says hair is different than teeth. Quite so, Phil. But we'd rather be without hair than teeth. You can't "chaw" a juicy steak with a head of hair.

"Boulevard To Come Before County Board," says Delray Beach News headline. That's concrete information for News readers.

After seeing the four views of Clermont that Don Lochner ran last week, we felt like jumping up and starting immediately for the heart of South Lake county.

Des Moines is no place to establish and maintain a Christian university, says the directors of the Baptist institution, which was closed recently. Is the Iowa city a new Jerusalem?

According to the Tampa Tribune, Congressman Drane said that true Democrats should not be turned from their party by personal likes or dislikes of the party's nominees. In this age it's the like or the dislike that counts for a candidate's success or failure—not the party.

Echoes of the State Press

CITRUS AFFAIRS ARE IMPROVING.

Things are looking up citrusly speaking, if all of the stories now being circulated are approximately true, and the outlook for orderly marketing at good prices during the coming season is bright.

Because of the short crop, good prices were expected. The real good news for the growers may be found in the impressions being established that marketing will be handled better than ever before this year, and that prices will not be affected by glutts due to bad marketing as often has been the case even in short crop and high price years.

There are evidences that the conflicting elements which have been fighting for supremacy have become or are becoming reconciled and that there is every reason to believe that unified control of a majority of production is in sight.

The Record has been consistent in its adherence to and advocacy of the Florida Citrus exchange as the body which should be the dominant factor in the marketing of the citrus crop of the state, though it has taken occasion, at times, to constructively criticize the organization for not taking advantage of opportunities presented for seizing the position it should occupy.

The Record is still strong for the Florida Citrus exchange and it is delighted to hear that steps are being taken to make it what it should be—the dominating influence in the citrus world of Florida so far as control of marketing is concerned.

There is room, too, for the Clearing house as at present organized though The Record does not believe it should be a selling agency. It has other functions to perform.—Polk County Record.

SPEND YOUR MONEY IN FLORIDA.

In a recent editorial pointing out that Florida's economic condition is largely dependent upon the way people spend their money, the St. Augustine Evening Record made a plea for keeping money circulating inside the state as much as possible. An excerpt from the article follows:

"Recently a cursory survey was made of the individual and business purchasing power of the state. It indicated that if we all individually and collectively spent every dollar possible within the community and state many more millions of dollars would remain here annually that would furnish additional business and employment, and thereby improve the individual purchasing power.

"Many farmers lament that they cannot sell their products in their local community; when the most prominent piece of literature in their homes is a mail order house catalogue that causes many extra dollars to be sent out of the state. Yet these worthy tillers of the soil are very unhappy about the conduct of the other fellow. What is true of the farmer is true in many cases of the merchant. They want people to buy their wares, while they fail to patronize home folks without realizing that they are working against each other instead of working with each other.

"We should patronize the business and professional men in our own community. In other words, I patronize you, you patronize me, and by patronizing each other we are building up each other's business, the community and the state, helping each other individually and collectively.

"Tell the public about the different kinds of commodities that we produce and carry in stock that fit their needs through advertisements and local newspapers. Promote that spirit of sincere and earnest co-operation."—Florida Commercial.

GENERAL NEWS OVER FLORIDA THIS WEEK

Industrial, Financial and Agricultural News Of Interest

After shipping a good tobacco crop at fair prices the growers of Madison are now busy shipping Kentucky Wonder beans. These beans are raised in the summer time under the shade of the tobacco slats which protects them from the sun and makes growing and shipping of beans in the summer profitable.

Manatee county sent the first shipments of grapefruit to market last Saturday. Two car loads of fruit were moved from Terra Ceia islands and passed the proper inspections. This part of the state usually comes in first in grapefruit shipments with Fort Myers a close second.

Labor Day in Florida passed off quietly with the largest crowds at the beach resorts although inland cities also had good programs and good crowds. Programs and parties featured the festivities with Pensacola pulling a big day and Governor Carlton making two speeches despite a drizzling rain.

Bunched carrots, turnips and beets, formerly humble vegetables of the home garden, have become of large commercial importance in recent years, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture. The carrot, for example, regarded heretofore largely as a tid-bit for city horses and as a soup ingredient, has jumped in production from 3,134,000 bushels in 1923 to 6,628,000 bushels in 1925.—Florida growers please note.

Every indication points to a million dollar industry in West Volusia from asparagus plumoseus ferns. Estimates carefully made, show that more than half of that figure is now realized in this section from this industry. With the present expansion and even more important organization of those in this business into a co-operative association this income should show rapid increase, says the DeLand News.

Several Florida counties will make war on roving cattle and hogs and put them off the roads for keeps. The Gainesville Sun says: The doom of roving range stock, cattle and hogs in Alachua county is sealed. Starting out Monday morning, 30 special woods riders will proceed to round up roaming animals from all sections of the county, driving the stock to the county fair grounds for impounding.

September brings school openings, fruit ripening and getting ready for market, vegetables being planted, tourists starting south and business picking up all over Florida. September is really the opening of the fall and winter season in this state and business men welcome the return of winter business.

The Central Florida exposition, the oldest fair in Florida will be held at Exposition park, Orlando, Feb. 12-22 and already plans have been completed to make this nineteenth annual exposition one of the best. President Raymer F. Maguire of Orlando has announced that Karl Lehmann will again serve as the secretary manager of this event and arrangements have been completed for many new and novel features.

Philips Passing Cigars

"Cigars Bambinoes" are being passed again by W. H. Philips, of the Domestic Appliance company, in honor of the arrival of a nine and a half pound boy Wednesday morning. The latest addition to the family was born at the James' Sanitorium, and is the seventh child, three boys and three girls preceding him.

Mrs. Philips and the new electrical appliance salesman are doing nicely, according to Dr. R. F. Boone.

Church Notes

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. T. O. Baldwin, Minister.
B. Y. P. U. at 7:00.
Evening sermon at 8:00.
Mid-week Prayer service, Wednesday at 8:00.
The public is cordially invited.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Rev. Arthur P. Vaughn, D. D. Minister.
Morning:
Bible school for adults and children at 9:45. J. P. Garber, Superintendant and Miss Shirley Page Shepherd, pianist.
Sermon by the pastor at 11:00.
Evening:
Christian Endeavor Society at 6:30.
Sermon by the pastor at 7:30.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER (Episcopal)

Mark Lunce, Lay-reader.
Mrs. A. E. Gregory, Organist.
Sunday school at 9:30.
Morning prayer at 11.

METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. A. H. Hancock, Pastor.
Morning:
Sunday school at 9:45. John D. Raab, Superintendent. Miss Virginia Chandler, Pianist.
Morning worship at 11.
Evening:
Junior Epworthians, at 4. John Jackson, president.
Epworth League at 6:30. Miss Mildred Roberts, president.
Evening worship at 7:30. Special music by the choir at both services.
Mid-week prayer service Wednesday evening at 7:30.

CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN

Rev. Spanogle, Pastor.
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Morning service, 11 o'clock.
Evening service, 7:30 o'clock.
Mid-week Prayer, Thursday evening.

CHURCH OF GOD (Fairfield Avenue)

Rev. W. H. Yates, Pastor.
Sunday school, 10 o'clock.
Morning worship, 11 o'clock.
Evening worship, 7:45 o'clock.
Mid-week prayer service each Thursday evening.
A cordial welcome awaits you.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Clyde C. Corner, Minister.
Morning:
Sunday school, 10 o'clock.
Worship, 11 o'clock.
Evening: 7:30.
Worship, 8 o'clock.
Wednesday:
Mid-week prayer service 8:00 o'clock.

SOUTH SIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

J. H. McClelland, Leader.
J. D. DeLaney, Superintendent.
Mrs. Robert Landers, Pianist.
Sunday school at 9:45 a. m.
Evening services at 8 p. m.

NAZARENE

Rev. W. E. Melton, Pastor.
Sunday school at 10:00 a. m.
Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Wednesday night prayer service at 7:30 p. m.
A spiritual message and a welcome to all.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

(Adjoining E. & B. Grocery)
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Sermon, 11:00 a. m., by Rev. W. D. Turnley, D.D. The text: "The Schools and School Teachers of Jesus."
Evening service, 8 p. m.
Mid-week prayer service, 8 p. m.
Increase your spirituality. We cordially invite the public.
(Signed) C. M. HILL.

SOCIAL and Personal News

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Executive Committee of B. P. W. C. Meets.

After an inactive summer, the president of the local Business and Professional Women's Club called an executive meeting for last Tuesday evening for the purpose of outlining a program and working plan for the coming year.

The first social meeting of the season will be Tuesday evening, September 17th with Mrs. Bristol and Mrs. Clark as co-hostesses. A list of new names were suggested for membership and the club is hoping to initiate quite a number of young ladies at its first business meeting, October 1st.

The public relations committee brought up for discussion several civic projects for this organization to investigate with a view to help get ready for the winter guests of Avon Park. It is the aim of this committee to co-operate with the local chamber of commerce and other civic organizations in the community whenever the opportunity arises.

A letter was read from the State President, Dr. Nancy Meek Hain of Miami, announcing a State Board meeting to be held Saturday, October 5, at Ft. Lauderdale and several of the local members are planning to attend this meeting.

Nearly 100 Attend O. E. S. Picnic.

Robert Morris day was celebrated last Friday evening by the members of Leigh chapter, Order of Eastern Stars, with a picnic at Highland Lakes, and nearly 100 members and their families attended. Visiting Stars from Sebring and DeSoto City were present, also.

A musical program by Mrs. J. V. Chapman and the Misses Shirley Page and Charlotte Shephard was a feature of the affair. The program was arranged by Mrs. C. H. Shephard and Mrs. Chapman. A program of games for the youngsters was also carried out. At the conclusion of the musical numbers a luncheon was served.

The Stars gave a vote of thanks to J. P. "Dad" Eisele for the use of the casino and for the many courtesies extended.

Benefit Card Party For Invalid.

In order to raise funds for the care of Mrs. Lillian Mascott, formerly of this city, but now at San Antonio, Tex., a card party will be held next Friday evening at the Jacaranda hotel by the members of Eleanor Seaverns lodge of Rebekahs. The admission will be 25 cents.

Mrs. Mascott has been suffering from an incurable malady for several years, and the Rebekahs have been contributing toward her upkeep and medical care. But the funds of the lodge were affected by the bank closings, which makes it necessary to hold the party to secure additional funds to be sent to the invalid woman.

Tickets may be secured from the lodge members, or at the Highlands Dry Cleaning company office next to the postoffice.

Missionary To Speak at Nazarene Church.

Mrs. Estell Crutcher, who conducted evangelistic services in this city with her ten year old daughter, Hazel, about a year ago, will speak on "India" next Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock at the Nazarene church.

Mrs. Crutcher and her family will stop here enroute from Miami to New York, from where they will sail for India the latter part of this month. The speaker was born in India, where her parents were missionaries. She lived there until the age of fourteen, then came to this country, and now feels the call of India again.

The public is cordially invited to attend the service.

C. E. Society Honors College Students.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Congregational church gave a farewell party in honor of the

several members of their group who are soon leaving to take up or resume work in various colleges. About 25 young people were present, spending the evening in games, and sharing in the refreshments—sandwiches, several kinds of cake, fruit, candies, punch and ice cream cones.

Mrs. Bass To Entertain Ladies' Aid.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational will hold their next all-day work meeting next Thursday, September 12, with Mrs. Lula Bass on Lake Lotela, the men affiliated joining in the exercises at the popular noonday luncheon hour. The society held its regular business meeting in the church parlors on Wednesday afternoon, planning for the holiday bazaar.

Woman's Club Card Party Tonight.

A benefit card party, under the auspices of the Woman's club, will be held tonight at the Jacaranda hotel. A charge of 35 cents per person will be made, and the proceeds will be turned over to the club treasury.

Mesdames S. C. and C. H. Pardee will be the hostesses.

A cordial invitation is extended to the public. Cards will start at 8 p. m.

B. Y. P. U. Entertains Wauchula Society.

About 50 members of the Avon Park and Wauchula Baptist Young People's Unions gathered in the parlors of the First Baptist church recently, where the Hardee county members were entertained.

Games and contests were held, after which refreshments were served.

Handkerchief Shower For Raabs.

In honor of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Raab, who leave soon for St. Petersburg, where Mr. Raab will manage a hotel, members of the Sunday school of the Methodist church gave a handkerchief shower at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Kelly Bailey on Monday evening.

Eastern Stars Will Visit Fort Meade.

On invitation of the Fort Meade chapter, Order of Eastern Star, about 15 to 20 Stars of Leigh chapter will journey to the Polk county town tonight to attend the meeting to be observed as Past Matron's night.

Mrs. A. R. Mann visited Tampa on Tuesday.

F. deAnguera returned Monday from Chicago.

"Buak" Pardee was visiting in Cocoa Sunday.

C. H. Moffett left Wednesday noon for Kansas City.

H. J. Chance spent the week-end visiting his sister in Winter Haven.

C. E. Lanier and T. C. Hobbs went to Tampa on business Tuesday.

E. G. Todd left for Baltimore to accompany his family back to Avon Park.

B. F. Martin returned to Avon Park Wednesday from points in Georgia.

Miss Myrtice Cason, of Wauchula, is the guests of Mrs. F. B. Cason.

Mr. and Mrs. Phil Abrams have taken up their residence at Highland Lakes.

The Bridge Club will be entertained Friday at the home of Mrs. S. E. Booth.

Mrs. Howard Worthington of Pennsylvania, is the guest of Mrs. Susah Marsh.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Booth returned Monday from a house party at Crooked Lake.

Doctor and Mrs. J. B. Waller left Sunday for Cocoa, where they will make their home.

Mrs. B. A. Friezel returned home Sunday from a short visit with her sister in Palmetto.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Burch, of DeSoto City, attended the Eastern Star picnic Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Smith and Edgar Lewis have returned from a visit to Washington.

Mrs. J. C. McDonald and family have returned to Avon Park after visiting in Ocala, Ga.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Raab will leave for St. Petersburg about the middle of September.

Mr. and Mrs. D. F. Canfield left Saturday for a visit to Mobile, Ala., and New Orleans.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. A. P. Vaughn have returned from a month's vacation spent at Fort Myers.

C. R. Nicholas has returned to Avon Park after an extensive tour of Ohio and other points.

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Bigbie had as their guests, Mrs. Bigbie's brother, George Bell, of Miami.

Miss Eileen Elliott, of Sebring, left Tuesday for Athens, Tenn., where she will attend school.

Letta Reck left Tuesday noon for Baltimore and Pennsylvania to visit relatives for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Haskins, of Winter Haven, visited Mr. and Mrs. H. F. R. Reck on Monday.

Russell Baldwin returned to Selma, Ala., Saturday, after a few days' visit here with his family.

Messrs. T. A. McNicholas, J. C. McDonald and Max Wild were visitors in Winter Haven last Friday.

Miss Laurene Fortner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Fortner, is recovering from an operation for tonsillitis.

Mrs. E. N. Brown, of Punta Gorda, and Mrs. Willie Sewell, of Miami, are visiting relatives in Avon Park.

Miss Florence Overton, of Miami, is the guest of Miss Elizabeth Ewing, Mrs. R. W. Swearingen and Mrs. M. A. Covington.

Mr. and Mrs. Baldwin accompanied by Russell and James spent Tuesday and Wednesday visiting relatives in Winter Park.

Mrs. S. M. Ratliff and daughters, May Ella and Mary Eunice, have gone to Georgia for a few weeks' visit.

Miss Sourie Lee Kemp and her father, R. E. Kemp, returned home Saturday after a month's visit in Georgia.

Clayton Carney has returned to his home in Birmingham, Ala., after visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Carney.

Little Miss Marian Virginia Taylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Taylor of Schenectady, N. Y., is rapidly improving from an operation performed in Sebring.

Mrs. E. G. Todd and family have returned from a vacation in Baltimore. Mr. Todd left early in the week for Baltimore and returned with his family.

Mrs. Sarah Adams left Wednesday noon to spend the winter at her old home in Indiana. She is spending a few days en route with her daughter, Mrs. George Schmacker and granddaughter, Mrs. Hoyt Crowell in Jacksonville, later visiting her son in Terre Haute.

Mrs. C. E. Lanier and son, David, Mrs. Lanier's mother, Mrs. E. N. Brown, of Punta Gorda, and her aunt, Mrs. Willie Sewell, of Miami, were among the Tampa visitors Saturday. They were accompanied by Mrs. W. A. Sheffield and Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Sheffield.

Mrs. Murrish Improving

Slight improvement has been noted in the condition of Mrs. J. Thomas Murrish, who has been critically ill during the past week. Because of her advanced age, little hope has held for her recovery several days ago, but she has rallied and is expected to improve slowly.

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THRIFT CONTESTANTS WILL EXHIBIT WORK

Prizes To Be Awarded To
Community and County
Making Best Showing

With the return of the County Demonstration Agent, Miss May Winfield, on Tuesday, the industries contestants in the Thrift Project will be spurred to final endeavors. During the summer those entering this contest have been making various articles from flour or feed sacks, dyeing, embroidering, and in other ways thoroughly disguising this homely material.

The two classes of competition were girls under 18 and women over 18. The two types of entries are for articles to be classed as "Utility" and those as "Novelty" which makes it easier for the exhibits to be judged fairly. Score cards are being used with various points scoring for 1. Suitability of article to its purpose; Beauty of design; Harmony of color; Suitability of trimming to flour bag material; Perfection of stitches; and Neatness of finish.

As this is a thrift project throughout, the contestants have been discouraged in putting too much handwork on their articles as it is not in keeping with thrift to extend hours of labor embroidering something made out of flour bags that would look just as smart with a little quickly worked design or smartly bound in bias tape.

The time and place of the exhibit will be announced later by Miss Winfield. A prize will be offered to the community showing the best exhibit, and a state prize is offered to the county showing the best thrift exhibit.

Field Is Best Place To Select Seed Corn

Seed corn selected in the field is much better than that selected in the crib just before planting time, according to Fred H. Hull, assistant agronomist at the Florida Experiment Station at Gainesville. Early in September is a good time to do this small job, Mr. Hull says.

In selecting seed corn in the field one should look for stalks which are still standing and which are free from disease. It is a good plan to look for ears which are well covered with husks, which are good sized and well filled out.

After the seed corn has been harvested it is important to protect it from weevils when it is stored. It is likely that the grain will be badly damaged by spring. In order to protect corn a tight bin is needed. In it place one pound of carbon bisulphide for every 100 cubic feet of space. This will kill all the weevils present.

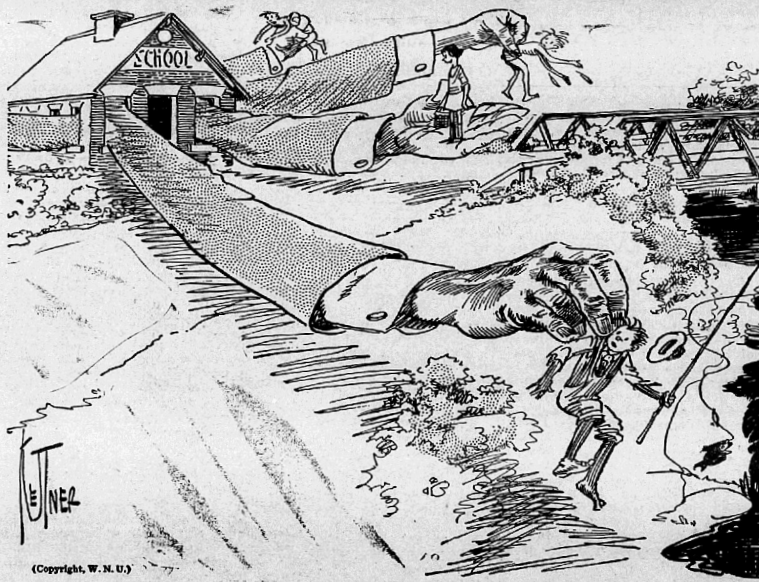
Station Secures Man For Cooperative Work With Florida Farmers

The Florida Experiment Station at Gainesville, is securing a man to supervise the cooperative agronomy experiments it is conducting. On September 16 J. D. Warner will take over this work. Mr. Warner is a graduate of Clemson College, S. C., and of the University of Kentucky. For the past five years he has been assistant agronomist in charge of co-operative experiments in South Carolina.

The experiments which he will supervise will be conducted in co-operation with Florida farmers and with the branch experiment stations. He will test general field crops, making variety, fertilizer, rotation, and soil fertility studies on all of the principal soil types in Florida. The arrangement for the co-operation with individual farmers will be managed through the county agents.

With the school season rapidly approaching, parents should be interested in good school lunches. The State Home Demonstration Department has a bulletin which will prove helpful. Write and ask for bulletin 49, or ask the home demonstration agent for it.

Time to Come Back



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CARLTON SAYS STATE HAS TURNED CORNER

Cites Reopening of Banks
and Restoration Of
Confidence

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 5.—Declaring that the re-opening of a number of Florida banks during the past week and the prospect of others resuming business in the near future, is not only the mark of a new era for Florida, but a demonstration of confidence and co-operation expressed by the citizens, Governor Doyle E. Carlton issued the following statement here this week:

Florida's bank closing period is ended if the people of the state continue their spirit of confidence and co-operation which has been demonstrated this week. Re-opening of a number of Florida banks was made possible mainly because of this spirit.

It has been definitely shown that Florida's citizens have not lost faith, although it is true that they have suffered severely because of the change which has taken place. But the change apparently had to come. Florida could not escape some of these happenings. Others were placed upon it through the fault of none.

As has often been declared, Florida's greatest strength is in its man power, and this has been proven time and again.

The banking amendments adopted at the last session of the legislature were prepared after a thorough study of the situation and its needs. That they could be successful without the co-operation of the people is an unfounded idea.

It is therefore a firm conclusion that Florida has turned the corner and is one and for all headed toward its usual prosperity.

Liquor Truck Sold Monday For \$210

The liquor truck masquerading as a lumber truck that was captured at Lake Placid several weeks ago was sold Monday by the sheriff under a court order. Bidding started at \$100 and worked up to \$210 and the truck was sold to the Sebring Produce company for the latter price. A good crowd was on hand and several made bids on the truck. The actual sale was conducted by County Attorney Lee, acting for Sheriff Wolf. Attorney Lee made a very efficient auctioneer.

Many Applicants For Positions As Auto Tag Agents

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 5.—There will be no danger of lack of help in the auto tag department if the steady flow of applicants to positions of tag agents continue, Walter McIn, commissioner, declared this week. Work of schooling these agents will start in the near future, Mr. McIn said. The agents will be charged with extra work this year, he points out, inasmuch as it will be their business to see that all automobile personal taxes are paid before tags are issued. This law, one of the 1929 measures, is one which will bring in additional funds, the amount of which cannot be correctly estimated until licenses are distributed.

To Enforce Provisions State Hunting Act

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 5.—Steps to enforce provisions of the statewide hunting act are being taken by the fresh water fish and game department which this week announced the appointment of deputy game commissioners for the three congressional districts. The men are: Dr. I. N. Kennedy, Easton, first district; H. C. Harper, Madison, second district; J. T. Hurst, Pensacola, third district.

Oats, rye or rape will make a good grazing crop this winter. Plant them the latter part of September or later.

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Halls Are Rejoicing.

Rev. and Mrs. Bruce B. Hall are rejoicing over the arrival of a daughter, born last Friday. The young lady has been named Hilda Caroline. The mother, formerly Miss Hilda Ethel Turner, and the baby are doing nicely, according to Dr. J. W. C. Boone.

"Boy! Did ya see that beautiful end run?"
"Oh, I don't think he's so handsome."—Lafayette Lyre.

PLUMES BLOOMING ON MALL VALUED AT \$50

That Will Be Penalty Invoked
On Those Caught Stealing
Plants, Mayor Intimates

One of the showy effects in Park 17, the most westerly section of the mall is the Silver Pampas Grass (*Crotalaria Selloana*) now breaking into full bloom. Planted three years ago this is the first season it has made a floral display. Its silvery plumes will be on exhibit all through the winter, if a storm does not harm them.

Tourists going through stop every day to ask what they are. Some tourists even stop and steal the plumes, and the people of Avon Park are asked to defend their parks from these take and run visitors. The city wants tourists to come and live here, but not that kind.

The mayor has intimated that those caught stealing the plumes may have to pay \$50 each for them. There are several big clumps of this Silver Pampas Grass at each of the four corners of Park 17. This grass is a native of Texas and is the handsomest plume producer of all the hundreds of varieties of plume making grasses.

Citrus Crop To Be Inspected This Week

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 5.—Initial inspection of Florida's next citrus crop will be made by Commissioner of Agriculture, Nathan Mayo, according to news given out in his department this week. More rigid rules are to be carried out and the new green fruit law will be enforced. Following this inspection a rigid system will insure that no fruit not completely ready for the market will be shipped.

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Vanishing of Ben Chong

By LEMUEL DE BRA

(Continued from page three)

to be away all night he always told us. Something has happened to him. And if it was the On Leongs—there'll be hell to pay!"

Lyons said nothing, to that. As we moved to the door, he stopped at a smoking stand on which were cigarettes, a jar of pipe tobacco, a box of American matches, and a burnt-match tray. Picking up a match, Lyons again relighted his cigar. As he put the burnt match in the tray, I saw his hand stop suddenly. . . . He was the last to leave Ben's room.

Outside the hotel, Lyons told Jo he could go on back to his office. "I'll let you know if I hear anything," he said. "And keep in touch with me."

Jo agreed, and hastened away through the rain. Lyons stepped back into the shelter of a doorway. "Well, Minturn," he said, "there's the end of the trail. Of course, I questioned that Greek who runs the elevator at the Oriental Exchange Building. He remembered taking Ben up the other morning, but was sure he hadn't taken him down. Ben might have walked down, but the other Greek who has the cigar stand in the lobby is sure that Ben did not go out that way."

"And, of course," went on Lyons, puffing thoughtfully at his cigar, "I made the rounds of every office in the building. Two commission men had seen Ben go up on the elevator, but no one had seen him after that. The janitor and I searched the whole building, including the basement. No sign of Ben. When he stepped out of his office door the other morning he—Again Lyons made a gesture like a magician causing something to vanish in the air. "What do you make of it?"

"Nothing," I answered frankly. "Absolutely nothing. It's—"

A huge figure in dripping raincoat ducked suddenly into the doorway. It was Darwood, of the Chinatown squad.

"Been looking for you, Lieutenant," Darwood said. "The chief got word that all the big On Leongs are runnin' for cover. Wires have been sent to Sacramento, San Jose, Stockton, and Oakland. If a tong war breaks out tonight, it'll be general all over the State—in every Chinatown. The chief says—"

"You go back and tell the chief that if I don't give him the low-down on this within an hour I'll hand in my resignation. Then wait in the assembly room for me. Minturn, you hop along with him. I don't need any help now. The whole thing is as plain as the nose on your face!"

With that, Lyons turned abruptly and sloshed off through the rain, leaving me staring after him, utterly dumbfounded.

Sergeant Darwood and I missed our lunch waiting for a call from Lyons. It was two o'clock when we heard from him.

"I've got about everything in this case," Lyons said. "You two birds hop over to the Eastwind lodging house. Get one of the clerks to let you in Jo Chong's room. Ben Chong and I will meet you there."

"Ben Chong!" exclaimed Darwood. "That's sure news! Thought he'd been bumped off!"

I was showing Darwood the Buddha statue when we heard heavy steps in the hall. Before I could get to the door it was shoved open and into the room, followed by Lyons, came a Chinese instantly recognized as Ben Chong. He was wearing the big overcoat and black velour hat the night clerk had mentioned. Shell-rimmed glasses darkened his eyes, while his lips were twisted over the mouthpiece of a curved-stem pipe. On his wrists were handcuffs.

"Damned clever!" muttered Lyons, unlocking the handcuffs; "but a crook usually slips up some place. Minturn, this bird left here just as we were told, and next morning shows up at the office. A minute later he steps out of the office and goes into that storeroom I showed you. There Ben Chong vanishes. This—Lyons flung the handcuffs on the table—"is how it was done."

Swiftly, Lyons swept off the velour hat and the shell-rimmed glasses, jerked the pipe from the man's lips, and pulled off the overcoat.

Both Darwood and I uttered astonished exclamations. The man glaring at us defiantly was not Ben Chong! It was a Chinese in black satin blouse and dark trousers. It was Jo Chong!

"The Chongs don't resemble each other any more than most brothers," Lyons said; "but when Jo was on that hat and those glasses, stuck pipe in his mouth and put on Ben's overcoat, he looked enough like Ben to fool even his Chinese clerks. Minturn, you remember that smoking stand in Ben's room?"

"I do," I answered, still mystified.

Detective Lyons stepped to the table and laid on it a burnt match that had been torn from a block of Chinese matches and a small pile of half-burned tobacco.

"That burnt match, that pile of pipe tobacco, and one other thing I'll show you later, are the clues that prove my case," said Lyons. "Probably you noticed that in Ben's room, everything was American even to the matches. But one match in the burnt-match tray had been torn from a Chinese block. My hunch was working by that time, and the discovery of that one burnt match convinced me that I was on the right track. You see, when Jo left here, dressed as Ben, he went to Ben's room and spent the night. Next morning he lights Ben's pipe, using one of his own Chinese matches. Trifling thing, but it fits in nicely."

"After I'm convinced that my hunch is right, I go back and talk with that girl, Annie, and get her to tell me more about how the alleged Ben looked that morning. What she says further convinces me that I'm right."

"Annie then gets a key and, unknown to Jo, we go out and make a thorough search of the storeroom. First off, I find those grains of tobacco on the floor and that proves that Ben had been there lately. Following out my hunch, Annie and I open several packages on the shelves, and in one of them we find Ben's things—the overcoat, hat, glasses, and pipe. So I pinch Jo."

There was a silence.

"What for?" asked Darwood.

"Murder," Lyons answered casually. "Ben Chong was killed right here in his room—with this."

Picking up the Buddha statue, Lyons set it beside the burnt match and tobacco.

"Never noticed this thingamagig until I saw Minturn examining it; then I realized that it could be used to brain a man. And that may help you, Jo. You didn't plan to kill him; got mad and did it on the spur of the moment, Eh?"

"I no kill him!" growled Jo. "He—"

"Then how did blood and hair get on the base of this statue?" demanded Lyons. "I find those grains of tobacco on the floor and that proves that Ben had been there lately. Following out my hunch, Annie and I open several packages on the shelves, and in one of them we find Ben's things—the overcoat, hat, glasses, and pipe. So I pinch Jo."

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"All that worked fine. But the thing that worried you most was what to do with the body. You couldn't get it out of this house, even at night, without someone seeing you. And even with this cold weather you had to do something soon. In the meantime—"

SAYS STATE OFFICIALS ARE NOT APPRECIATED

Cites Case Of Commissioner Of Auto Tags and Their Color

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 5.—A public office is a public trust—but very seldom appreciated. It is doubtful if the entire populace would be pleased if the business of the state was being run in a perfect manner. The life of a public official is strictly not the life. Most people would choose that of a sailor or a.

How the secretary of state has stuck to it for more than 20 years is more than that we can understand. How a man can continue enthusiastic months after his appointment is more than we can comprehend. Take Walter McLin as an example. This energetic gentleman was named commissioner of auto tags. He has saved the taxpayers money in the administration of this office. Has he been commended? As P. G. Woodhouse said, "No!" The people are kicking because the new tags are green and white and a dark green at that. He should know better. Any man, married or otherwise, who has reached the age to hold public office should know that green and white will absolutely not match one's complexion. Every woman has her car these days. Didn't the women carry the last election? Walter McLin should have known better.

You can count them all—even to the governor. Try as hard as he can to satisfy the public and he gets in dutch with some. Take here in the capital city. There is a newspaper editor who leads him a dog's life. He spends his days and nights dreaming of excuses to pound the executive with masterful editorials. He even gave front page space, under gleaming headlines to the fact that the governor's chauffeur was arrested for speeding. They should impeach a governor whose chauffeur speeds!

As a matter of fact the whole business of the state is going to the hounds. The stenographers are good looking and no official should have a good looking stenog.

Local Fishers Enjoy Sport at Fort Myers

A party of Sebring fishermen spent a very enjoyable time on the gulf over Labor Day and report very good catches. They went down the gulf from Fort Myers and spent the night on the boat. Those in the party were: A. Varena, A. M. Wolfe, Perry Hines, M. F. McGee, M. Kahn and R. O. Baker. This was Mike's first fishing trip. He caught the first fish he ever did in his life and now he has been bitten by the bug he is rarin' to go again as soon as possible.

You don't have to know much to know more than most people.

"I tell you I no kill him!" broke in Jo savagely. "I nebbu—"

Jo Chong's voice died in a throaty rattle. Turning quickly, Lyons had seized hold of the bedding, pillows and all, and jerked it off on to the floor.

Worked down into a hollow of the old-fashioned straw tick, so cleverly done that with the other bedding over it, it was not noticeable, was a body swathed in a blood-stained sheet.

I remember I got but one glance at that sheeted figure, then I was hurried back against the wall as Jo Chong whirled and dashed by me for the door. He got the door open; but as he leaped into the hall, Darwood was upon him. The two fell headlong.

"Well, there won't be any tong war," remarked Lyons when Jo Chong was again in handcuffs. "Say, think of the cold nerve of this bird spending his nights right here in this room with this thing! I found that when I came up here to examine this statue. Darwood, you hop down an' call the wagon! Minturn, you stick around until we're done. I want a nip of your Scotch—an' a cigar!"

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HINTS TO HOUSEWIVES

Weekly from Home Demonstration Specialists, Tallahassee

POMEGRANATE JUICE.

When properly made, pomegranate juice is of a brilliant purplish red color and perfectly clear; its flavor is pleasing and it blends well with other fruit juices, besides making a very pleasant beverage of itself when diluted and sweetened. Ordinarily it will be too tart and the flavor is not retained very satisfactorily unless the juice is sweetened before bottling.

Extraction of Juice. The "rag" and peel of the pomegranate contain so much tannin that juice from these portions of the fruit is so "puckery" that it is undrinkable. The desirable juice is in the arils or "kernels." The problem is to separate these from the peel and "rag." It has been found that the smallest amount of tannin in the juice and the largest yield of juice is obtained when the whole fruit is placed in a rack and cloth, or basket type press, and pressed without previous crushing.

Clearing the Juice.—It was found that the juice could be easily clarified by heating, setting, and filtration. The freshly pressed juice is heated from 140 degrees to 165 degrees F. and allowed to cool and settle for 24 hours. The settled juice is racked from the sediment and filters very quickly. Probably the high tannin content of the juice favors this natural clarification.

Addition of Sugar and Sterilizing. Roughly, two or three pounds of sugar to each gallon of juice will be sufficient.

Sweet red grape juice from thoroughly ripe red grapes and made as described under grape juice may be added to pomegranate juice with pleasing results. The blend is less harsh than the straight pomegranate juice and has more character than plain red juice grapes. E. M. Chace of the United States Department of Agriculture Citrus By-Products Laboratory of Los Angeles has made a number of pleasing combinations of pomegranate juice with other juices, especially grapefruit juice.

Bottling, capping and sterilizing at 175 degrees F. for 30 minutes are carried out as described for grape juice.

Gov. Carlton Spent Busy Week-end in North Part of State

TALLAHASSEE, Sept. 5.—Labor Day may have been a holiday, but it was decidedly a Labor day for Governor Carlton. To begin with, Saturday noon he was both guest and speaker at a civic clubs meeting at Pensacola. After this he addressed the Labor Council. This was followed Sunday by attending services at the Pensacola Baptist church. Sunday afternoon an inspection of the National Guard, Navy base and aid port, was made. And incidentally, another speech. Monday, an address was delivered at the opening of a West Florida highway. Then a two hundred mile trip back to the capital city, where the usual swarm of callers awaited him.

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HEAVY RAINFALLS BEAT 1928 RECORD

Over 10 Inches Fell Last Month, As Compared To 9.66 During August, '28

More rain fell during August than did during the same period of 1928, according to figures compiled by U. S. Weather Observer Mark Lance. The precipitation last month was 10.55 inches as compared to 9.66 inches a year ago. During the storm on August 8, 1928, the rainfall was 3.40 inches, while the heaviest fall for last month was 2.00 on the 26th.

Comparative figures for August, 1928 and the last month follow:

	1928	1929
Mean maximum	89	88
Mean minimum	73	75
Mean average	81	81
Maximum	95	97
Minimum	70	69
Total rainfall (inches) 9:66	10:55	

Cooler weather prevailed because of the rains during the week ending the 31st, according to the following report:

	Max.	Min.	Rainfall
August 25	93	73	
August 26	90	70	2.00
August 27	87	70	.40
August 28	88	73	.06
August 29	89	70	.12
August 30	88	69	1.20
August 31	84	72	.02
Average	88	71	Tot. 3.80

One way to make soil productive is to grow leguminous cover crops and plow them under. Austrian peas and hairy vetch are proving popular with West Florida farmers for this purpose.



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COMMISSIONERS LIST COUNTY COURT JURORS

Several Matters Discussed At Adjourned Meet Tuesday

Monday being Labor Day the county commissioners met and adjourned till Tuesday for their first regular meeting of the month. Several matters came up for attention including the drawing of a jury list for the term of county court next week. Each commissioner made out a list of qualified jurors in his district and these will be drawn from a box according to law.

Commissioner O. C. Parrish of Lake Placid reported good progress on the approaches to the overhead bridge at Lake Placid and said he hoped to have the bridge open for traffic by next Sunday. A letter was read from State Comptroller Amos regarding the taxes payable by the defunct Highlands Bank and Trust company. Receiver Etheredge had asked for a reduction in the personal taxes owing by the bank and the letter from Amos said that the real estate taxes owing must be paid and then the personal taxes could be remitted. This suggestion did not meet with the approval of the commissioners, they not being in favor of a total remission of the personal taxes.

The City of Sebring bonds held by the county as collateral were discussed as was the paving assessments owing the city by the county. Efforts will be made to exchange the bonds for the assessments owing, so that both parties will realize all they can and not be out anything in the transaction.

The collateral of bonds and notes held by the county tax collector, D. F. Canfield, on money deposited in the closed Avon Park National Bank and later bought by the collector himself after he had failed to get a bid for them, was again aired. Mr. Canfield suggested the collateral be purchased by the county, but the commissioners could not see this and Mr. Canfield still holds the bonds and notes.

County Superintendent F. N. K. Bailey addressed the board regarding the cutting of timber and the taking of turpentine on lands that were delinquent in taxes. Col. Bailey cited the case of the Spring Valley school district which is in bad shape, owing to the fact that no school taxes have been paid for four years, he said. He mentioned the Bridges Cattle company and Penn Florida Cattle company as being on the delinquent list. County Attorney J. M. Lee quoted the law on the matter and said the cutting of timber and the turpentine business could be stopped if the taxes were not paid. Attorney Lee further stated that the land and timber and turpentine rights should be assessed separately if owned or leased by different parties and he questioned if this had been done.

County Assessor Cyril Baldwin was called in and questioned and after some discussion arrangements were made for a party of county officials to make a tour of the Spring Valley section and check up on the situation. During the discussion it transpired that the Lake Wales Naval Stores company and the Consolidated Land company are really one and the same company, the Consolidated company operating their turpentine business under the name of the Lake Wales Naval Stores.

"Florida Mountains" Is Unusual Theme

Florida Mountains will be the rather unusual theme of the sermon next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock, at the Congregational church.

There is no evening service at this church during September. Bible school at 9:45 a. m., with classes for all ages. After the broken attendance of the summer vacation period families are particularly urged to arrange for the regular attendance of the children at the Sunday school hour.

SOUTH SIDE NEWS

Ready For Revival At S. S. Baptist

Everything is in readiness at the South Side Baptist church for the two weeks' revival services to start on Monday evening. Timely gospel messages will be brought by Rev. McClelland, of Lakeland, who is well-known to local Baptists.

Singing will also be one of the big features of the revival, and an excellent chorus choir has been assembled and drilled under the direction of J. A. Parrish, also of Lakeland.

The services are open to members of all denominations, and a cordial invitation is extended to all to be present.

TENTATIVE MILLAGE SET BY COUNCILMEN

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will become due \$6,000 in bonds, \$30,480 interest and \$5,000 reserve for term bonds, which makes a total of \$41,480. To this is added \$4,200 in reserve for uncollected taxes, making a total of \$45,680. Adding the \$45,680 to the \$31,890, the direct tax levy, a total of \$77,570 is gotten. From this sum is taken \$20,000 of the \$30,000 anticipated receipts from delinquent taxes, leaving a total of \$57,570. On that sum the millage of 10 mills on the Entire New City is based.

Added to the millage of 10 for the entire new city is the additional 10 mills payable by the old city. This is arrived at as follows: Bonds due, \$28,000; interest due, \$31,200; Assessments due by city, \$7,300, and Street Improvement notes and interest, \$2,000, making a total of \$68,500. From that sum is taken \$30,000 representing collection of Street Assessments, leaving a balance of \$38,500. Take then the \$10,000, representing part of the \$30,000 anticipated delinquent tax receipts, from the \$38,500, and the result is \$28,500, which is the sum on which the 10 mills for the old city are based.

The 1929 levy is based on a net assessed valuation of approximately \$5,870,000, representing a reduction of nearly \$2,000,000 from the previous year. The assessment for the old and new city property and improvements and present property are: Old city \$2,901,790 and new city \$2,968,212. From the total of \$5,884,072, is taken the equalization adjustments of approximately \$14,000.

Episcopal Ladies Postpone Meeting

Out of respect for Mrs. Murrish, wife of Rev. Thomas Murrish, who is seriously ill at her home, the Ladies' Aid society of the Episcopal church postponed the meeting scheduled for last Wednesday.

Dr. Vaughn Returns To Pulpit On Sunday

Rev. Dr. A. P. Vaughn, pastor of the Congregational church, will occupy his pulpit next Sunday morning after a month's absence, during which time the pastor and his wife enjoyed their annual vacation at Fort Myers.

Services during September will be conducted in the morning only.

Lands Four Bass Weighing 20 Lbs.

Four bass, whose total weight was 20 pounds, were caught in a nearby lake Monday evening, according to Jerry W. White, who made the successful catch. The black beauties weighed two, four, six and eight pounds, and were landed in a little over two hours.

Busy Days for Mamma's Tots.
Teacher: Horatio, where is your sister today?

Horatio: Gettin' measured for a new dress; she's flower girl in a divorce case.

FARM AND GROVE WORK IDEAS FOR SEPTEMBER

Agricultural College Gives Suggestions Of Work For September

September is a busy month on many Florida fruit and truck farms. Many of the crops grown for the winter market will be started this month. Following are reminders furnished by the Florida College of Agriculture, at Gainesville, including the Experiment Station and the Agricultural Extension Division:

Hogs.—Prepare sows for fall litters. Get a better price by marketing hogs co-operatively; ask the county agent.

Poultry.—Check up on the laying house. See that pullets are housed comfortably. Watch for colds and roup.

General.—See that all records started are kept up to date.

Dairy.—Groom cattle for exhibit. Commercial dairymen should feed to increase milk flow as school opens.

Winter Pasture.—Prepare special winter pasture of rye and oats. Seed root crops for winter forage.

Cotton.—As soon as all cotton is picked, destroy all standing plants. This will destroy spores of anthracnose and also greatly reduce weevil infestation next year. It is wise to plant a winter crop on the land.

Grove and Orchard.—Citrus: Fertilize and cultivate young

groves. Fertilize bearing groves if trees show yellowing. Spray for whitefly if numerous. Begin fall clean-up spray for scale. Mow cover crop. Control rust mites. Pecan: Plow under cover crop and put land in condition for harvesting. If possible plant winter cover crop last of month.

Garden and Truck.—Spray celery plants in seedbed with 4-4-50 Bordeaux to control early blight, repeating every 10 days. Plant (in seedbed) cabbage, cauliflower, peppers, celery, and lettuce; transplant from older beds to field. Plant beans, carrots, English peas, Irish potatoes, parsnips, parsley, onion sets, radish, rape, rutabagas, spinach, Swiss chard, and turnips. Spray eggplants in seedbed with 4-4-50 Bordeaux. Plant narcissus bulbs.

In the Home.—Start the child off to school by giving it a properly balanced school lunch. Make a thermos bottle for the lunch basket. A cold fruit beverage for the hot months, and hot soup or chocolate for the cooler months, will add to the health and efficiency of the child. Home-preserved fruits, vegetables, and meats in glass and in tin containers may be used with safety. Seal preserved food tightly and label.

A number of farm boys will enter the College of Agriculture at the University this fall with part of their expenses paid by scholarships won in 4-H club work. Is your boy having the advantage of this club work?

Mrs. Pepys: Use soda in a sentence.

Mr. Pepys: And soda bed.—West Point Pointer.

Diagnosis.
"Now that," said the policeman, as he watched the drunken epileptic, "is what I would call a tight fit."

Cottage cheese is a valuable meat substitute during hot weather especially.



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