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SMALL COUNTIES TO FIGHT GAS TAX SUIT OF MATHEWS

Meeting Held Saturday Names Steering Committee To Arrange Details and Engage Legal Talent.

Naming of a steering committee to formulate plans and engage legal talent and a determination to fight the suit through the Legislature. David Vetter, executive director of the Duval County gas tax allocation bill were the results of a meeting Saturday at the courthouse in Sebring at which the 12 counties and the state were represented. Twenty-eight of the counties had personal representatives at the meeting. The counties gramic approved the fight and promising aid. Besides county commissioners, the meeting included state senators and representatives present and all were in accord on the need to fight the suit. They fought if the smaller counties are to get what they consider is just their share of the gas tax revenue legislation. It was pointed out by P. Tomasello, representative of the state, that the gas tax allocation methods used in the bill were the same as those used in the Federal government tax apportionment aid for the states and the question was asked if the method is good for one why not for all?

J. M. Lee was named chairman of the meeting and following the passage of a resolution introduced by Graham Copeland of Collier county, the chairman named the following steering committee, Copeland, chairman, O. C. Parrish of Highlands county, Edwards of St. Lucie county and W. H. Ritchie of Lake county. The balance of the committee were named at a meeting held Wednesday at Gainesville to which a number of other counties were invited to send representatives.

Following the meeting the committee met and authorized R. A. Henderson, Fort Myers attorney and J. M. Lee to confer with the attorney general, Judge Landis and offer the smaller counties' aid in fighting the suit. They left Monday for Tallahassee for this purpose and Mr. Lee will also meet with a number of the officials of the counties in north and west Florida and solicit their co-operation.

Following the formal opening of the meeting Saturday, the chairman called on Copland to explain the reason for the meeting and Mr. Copland quoted figures to show what the smaller counties would gain under the new law. R. A. Henderson called attention to the fact that a number of the counties had practically bankrupted themselves building roads that had been taken over by the state highway system and the larger cities had extended their trade territory by these roads and had greatly benefitted thereby.

Rep. Mitchell of Indian River county said recent speeches Mathews and others as reported in the larger papers appeared to be attempts to intimidate the courts and the chief executive. He urged the smaller papers in the state to quit following to lead of the metropolitan papers or else their counties stood to lose much money free

The need of good lawyers to fight the suit was urged by speakers as was the need of immediate action. Publicity among the citizens of the smaller counties involved was also deemed necessary as the papers of the larger cities only told one side of the story, it was stated, and that from the larger counties point of view.

Rep. Keen of Sarasota, representing Alice in Wonderland, referred to the Walrus and the Oysters as likened the larger counties to the walrus and the smaller to the oysters. Unless the smaller counties won many of them would "go under," he said.

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SHIPPERS' SIDE OF THE RAILROAD RATE BOOST

Florida's Traffic Expert Issues Statement Combating Railroads Demand

In view of the petition of the railroads and of the hearings in progress before the Interstate Commerce Commission quite a lot of discussion is going on over the country as to the advisability or inadvisability of such rate increases being made. In connection with this subject, we have been favored with a statement prepared by T. C. Elliott, traffic manager of the Interior Florida Traffic Bureau, which is as follows:

"The members of the Interstate Commerce Commission are placed in rather close quarters just at this particular time. While it is an undeniable fact that business conditions in general are in a very bad condition, the Commission is faced with a law which, under Section 15a, provides, in part, as follows: 'In its power to prescribe just and reasonable rates, the Commission shall establish or adjust such rates so that carriers as a whole will, under efficient and economical management, earn an annual net railway operating income equal to a fair return upon the aggregate value of the railway property.' It has been determined that fair return is 5 1/2 percent.

The showing the carriers have made to the Commission seem to make it quite plain that they are not earning their 5 1/2 percent, and they are, therefore, seeking to get this 15 percent increase in order to bring them up to that basis. Fortunately for the shipping public, there are usually two sides to a question, and it is to the other side that we are devoting most of this article.

In our protest to the Commission against these proposed increases, we pointed out, among other things, that the present troubles being experienced by the carriers were not chargeable to the rates or the level of rates so much as to the lack and falling off of traffic to move at present rates. It was also pointed out that the falling off in traffic was due mostly to the depressed conditions affecting all manner of business. It was likewise pointed out that under the present level of rates, considerable tonnage was being diverted to truck and other means of transportation, and that an increase in such rates could have no other effect than to stimulate or enhance such diversion from the rails.

It is, therefore, apparent that many perplexing questions arise for consideration from the objections we have presented, namely: (a) If all businesses are depressed, then, what law of economics requires industries in equally as bad condition to contribute toward making railroads prosperous? (b) If the financial troubles of the railroads are attributable to their traffic being diverted to other forms of transportation, then, by what process of reasoning can they prevent a still greater portion of their traffic leaving them by raising their rates? (c) If business in general is failing to earn a fair return upon its invested capital, then, would it not be a false theory to make railroads prosperous at the expense of other industry?

For the year 1931, the carriers may be able to present facts and figures which indicate that they are not doing so well as they have in the past, but before jumping in and disrupting the orderly movement of traffic it may be advisable to look into the situation a little more closely. In order that we may have a better understanding of the financial condition of the railroads of the United States, we are offering these figures for careful study and consideration. On December 31, 1930, the number of railroad employees was 1,550,672, drawing an average annual salary of \$1,714.63, and on March 31, 1931 this number had dropped down to 1,323,210, or a decrease of 227,462. On July 31, 1931 a statement was made in the public press by a prominent railroad labor leader that there were at that time 350,000 railroad employees out of work. If the latter figure is correct, it means that \$600,000,000 is being saved in salaries. In addition to this, we have the known facts that a great many of the railroads are working their men on a five day week pay plan and in addition thereto a number of the carriers are laying their employees off one week in each month. Trains are being discontinued and other economies all along the line are being brought about.

In regard to the financial condition of the railroads up to January 1, 1931, we believe it will be interesting to show the rate of dividend paid on all railroad dividend yielding stock, as follows:

Year	Average Rate	Net Income
1910	7.50	\$583,191,124
1915	6.29	\$54,786,725
1920	6.52	\$41,950,969
1925	6.52	\$71,053,073
1926	7.32	\$83,421,795
1927	8.47	\$41,928,916
1928	7.12	\$55,017,540
1929	7.47	\$77,429,694
1930	7.32	\$68,878,792

Year	Corporate Surplus	Free Surplus
1920	\$2,940,834,802	\$1,847,435,508
1925	\$3,520,652,640	\$2,784,881,156
1926	\$4,186,731,110	\$3,065,326,658
1927	\$4,261,265,502	\$3,165,640,533
1928	\$4,652,265,572	\$3,514,107,295
1929	\$5,025,171,283	\$3,885,105,275
1930	\$4,777,739,931	\$3,534,261,506

These figures clearly establish the fact that the carriers do possess a substantial reserve to help tide them over the lean times of depression.

Another interesting set of figures is that showing what percent of all stock there was that yielded dividends, which is as follows:

Year	Percent
1910	66.71
1920	57.30
1929	76.23
1930	78.06
1931	78.33

The thing that makes the latter figures interesting is that this so-called depression started in September, 1929, with a blow-up of the stock markets in Wall Street. We therefore had the entire year of 1930 as a full year in the depression and in spite of that fact the carrier dividends increased for the Class 1 roads from 7.67 to 7.32, an increased percentage of stock from 78.06 to 78.33.

New Bulletins On Farming Subjects Issued By Station

Twenty new bulletins on Florida agricultural subjects were issued by the Florida Experiment Station at Gainesville during the fiscal year ending July 31, 1931, according to the annual report for that period, just compiled by J. Francis Cooper, editor. This is the largest number of new bulletins which the Experiment Station has printed in any one year of its history.

Copies of most of the new bulletins have already been given distribution in the state. Mr. Cooper says that the demand for Experiment Station publications is growing as more information is made available.

The Experiment Station has now issued a total of 237 bulletins since it was established in 1887.

While some of the bulletins issued last year were of a technical nature, many of them are of popular interest. Among those which are likely to prove of interest to the farmers of Florida are the following:

- No. 218, Fertilizer Experiments with Truck Crops.
- No. 221, The Tung-Oil Tree.
- No. 223, Miscellaneous Tropical and Sub-Tropical Fruits of Florida.
- No. 224, Florida Truck Crop Competition, Inter-State and Foreign.
- No. 225, Diseases of Watermelons in Florida.
- No. 226, Diseases of Citrus in Florida.
- No. 232, Florida Truck and Garden Insects.
- No. 234, The Two-Spotted Mite of Asparagus Ferns.
- No. 236, Swine Production in Florida.

Copies of any or all of these bulletins may be obtained free by Florida residents on request to the Experiment Station.

Control Summer Insect Pests of Asparagus Ferns

There are four pests of Asparagus ferns which are more or less serious according to the summer, said Dr. J. W. Wilson, assistant entomologist of the Experiment Station, in a recent radio address over WRUF.

These are caterpillars, blister beetles, grasshoppers, and mites. Caterpillars feed on the tender parts of the ferns for about 10 days. They can be controlled by spraying or dusting with either lead arsenate or calcium arsenate. For the spray, two pounds of lead arsenate should be mixed with 50 gallons of water. If the dust method is used, a light, even covering of the dust should be given to all parts of the plant. Frequent and heavy applications of poison should be avoided, as they are apt to cause a brittleness of the fern which reduces its quality and increases the danger of burning.

Blister beetles can be driven off of the fernery by having several men in line gently beat the ferns with brushes. Blister beetle larvae feed on grasshopper eggs, and are thus an advantage. If the ferns are being sprayed for caterpillars, the blister beetles will be controlled.

Grasshoppers can be poisoned with arsenate made up in 20 pounds of wheat bran and five pounds of cottonseed meal, or 25 pounds of wheat bran, with a pound of paris green, and then moistening the mixture with one-half gallon of cane syrup and about 2 1/2 gallons of water. This bait should be scattered in small flakes over the fernery.

The two-spotted mite attacks ferns in some sections. It can be controlled by spraying with a white oil emulsion, such as Volck, one gallon to 100 gallons of water, applied under a pressure of 150 to 200 pounds.

Deiray Beach — \$500 improvement program planned at beach.

TWENTY-ONE ARRESTED VIOLATING GAME LAWS

All Arrested In One Day and Every One Is Convicted

The completion of reports on the recent handling of cases made against 21 violators of the game law arrested on the Choctawhatchee river in one day by five deputies, two of whom were game wardens and three special men appointed by the sheriffs of the counties bordering the river to cooperate with the Game Department in the enforcement of the game law, shows 21 convictions, according to J. T. Hurst, of Pensacola, Deputy Game Commissioner of the 3rd district. This district is comprised of those counties that lie west of Jefferson. Making the arrests were Game Wardens Thomas M. Adams of Holmes and J. D. Adair of Walton, accompanied by Deputies John Coswell of Holmes, Claude Martin of Washington and Jack Adair of Walton. Following a number of complaints of law violations on the river, Commissioner Hurst assigned each of these men to a boat with instructions to drift at intervals down the river bringing in every violator found. Charges were of fishing without license, taking unauthorized fish, use of illegal devices and creel limits exceeded.

Mr. Hurst attributes much of the success of the work on this occasion and throughout the territory to the co-operation given himself and the 10 wardens who comprise his force by the sheriffs and judges in the several counties that make up his district. More gratifying than arrests and convictions, says the commissioner, is the growing sentiment in the area for the conservation of wild life and the increase of game in the section. As a result of a good breeding season Mr. Hurst reports some increase in the supply of quail, noticeably short throughout the South last season, and deer and turkey in excess of previous seasons, with squirrels in abundance. With shooting on a conservative basis he hopes to see this section regain its old footing as a quail section pre-eminent.

Friday, Sept. 4—Care of Sows

Thursday, Sept. 3 — Selecting Seed Corn—Fred H. Hull. Farm Flashes.

Tuesday, Sept. 2—Timely Farm Jobs and How to Do Them—J. Francis Cooper. Primer for Farm Farmers.

Dairy Cattle—Hamlin L. Brown. Farm Reporter.

at Farrowing Time—W. J. Sheely. Farm Reporter.

Pheasants Being Released In State

The release in Dade county of more than seven hundred pheasants, planted by the Miami Chapter

of the Isaac Walton League, and a number of birds of this species in Santa Rosa county by sportmen of that section, as well as the distribution of approximately 1,000 pheasant eggs from the flock of pheasants at the State Game Farm at Raiford, will, it is hoped, give to the open fields of Florida another choice species of game bird.

Reports from Santa Rosa county as to results from pheasants placed in the open country in that county during the spring season are that some of the birds have nested and are carrying young.

The experiment with pheasants is being watched with interest, both by sportsmen and the State Department of Game and Fish.

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Announcing

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THIS LOAF'S shape means THOROUGH baking

WRUF Farm Program

Gainesville, Aug. 28.—Another interesting array of subjects for the farm program over WRUF, state radio station here, is scheduled for the week beginning August 29. These programs go on the air from 12 to 12:45 p. m., daily except Sunday. Following is the schedule:

Saturday, August 29 — Florida Farm News and Hints. U. S. Farm Science Snapshots.

Monday, August 31 — Selecting

Notice of Application for Tax

Decd. Under Section 775 of the

General Statutes.

Notice is hereby given that H. E.

No. 215, dated the 9th day of August,

D. 1928, has filed said certificate

in my office and has made applica-

tion for tax deed to issue in accordance

with law. Said certificate encloses

the following description of the

property, situated in Highlands

county, Florida, to-wit: Lots 2 and

6, Block C, Krommiller's Sub-Division

in Section 23, Township 21,

South, Range 23, East.

The said land being assessed at

the date of the issuance of such cer-

tificate in the name of Unknown.

Unless said certificate shall be re-

demanded according to law, tax deed

will issue thereon on the 30th day

of September, A. D. 1931.

Witness my official signature and

seal this 29th day of August,

A. D. 1931.

L. T. PARKER,

County Clerk, Highlands County, Fla.

WRUF, Gainesville, Fla.

August 28, 1931.

Notice of Application for Tax

Decd. Under Section 777 of the

General Statutes of Florida.

Notice is hereby given that Harry

Dilley, purchaser of Tax Certificate

No. 194, dated the 14th day of Aug-

ust, A. D. 1929, has filed said certificate

in my office and has made applica-

tion for tax deed to issue in accordance

with law. Said certificate encloses

the following description of the

property, situated in Highlands

county, Florida, to-wit: South

East Quarter Section 25, Township

21, South, Range 23, East.

The said land being assessed at

the date of the issuance of such cer-

tificate in the name of Unknown.

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ADVERTISING RATES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST

If we could only make money as fast and as easily as Daddy Warbucks!

Ocala reports a two-headed turtle. Send it to Mayor Hoople's museum.

Our nomination for the most impractical not to say idiotic suggestions, are those offered in some of the columns which undertake to advise parents how to rear children.

Note the advertisement in some of the papers of the wine brick, "perfect old-time results" being assured. We offer as a slogan, "the brick with a kick, which you can't get on tick." Wouldn't that make you sick?

The kindest, most altruistic, most broad-minded and big-hearted literature we can find is that used in the advertisements that are printed by the big city banks. Under the spell of these noble expressions we could almost muster courage enough to ask one of these institutions to loan us a hundred. But prudence whispers we better not.

The unusual is news. Some people think it is news when a Republican makes a truthful political statement. So it is news when R. E. L. Pryor, Republican state chairman, predicts that Cary Hardee will be the next Democratic nominee for Governor, though it is by no means a new idea with a vast number of Florida Democrats. Even the Republicans admit Mr. Hardee's pre-eminent fitness for the high position which he has already demonstrated he is so capable of filling.

Mr. Gifford has a solution of the problem of aiding the idle that is easy (for him). For instance, he just casually remarks to Avon Park, "You folks just step out and raise some money and give it to the poor people of your community; then they can employ of themselves spending it." As far as his plan has developed at this writing, it seems to be a perfect example of buck-passing, upholding the honored and invariable traditions of government commissions.

This paper has repeatedly deprecated as unjust and untrue oft-repeated intimations that our criminal classes are composed principally of foreign-born persons. The Wickesham commission has just reported its findings in this respect, and surveys of several cities show that in proportion to members there is a distinctly lower rate of crime among the alien than among the native-born. Being ourselves of ancestors many generations American, we may be pardoned for making a plea for justice to our foreign-born citizens. Those most violent in criticism of these people might well emulate their law-abiding record.

Mr. Ford has issued an ultimatum that all family men employed by his company must grow enough vegetables to supply the family needs, and dismissal is threatened if this order is disobeyed. As a gesture, and as offering an example that might be generally followed, this idea is good. But these Ford employees make good wages and are well able to buy their vegetables. Had Mr. Ford thought of the truckers who depend for a livelihood on selling their products to such wage-earners as his employees? Is not over production of all foodstuffs one of the major causes of the present depression? Mr. Ford's bright idea, it seems, would still further depress prices and increase unemployment.

The contribution of Senator Couzens of a million dollars for unemployment relief revives the story of how he acquired his wealth, investing \$2,000 in the Ford company, for which later he received \$30,000,000. That story, which we have no doubt is true, has caused much financial misery in this country. It has been used by every promoter of stocks, good and bad, for the past decade or more as the clinching argument why the small investor should put his good money into all kinds of worthless schemes. There are enough nicely lithographed pieces of paper bought on the assurance of the salesman that it would rival the returns of that Ford investment, and worth now less than ten cents a ton, to carpet the entire United States a thickness of several layers.

WHAT HE NEEDS IS A TOUGH COACH



PRACTICAL PLAN FOR RELIEF

A commission of 61 prominent Americans, headed by Mr. Gifford, of the A. T. & T. Co., has been appointed by Mr. Hoover to develop a plan for relieving the unemployed. There is a tentative suggestion that \$15 per week be allowed to each family where the wage-earner is idle, and that the dole must be avoided. We have small hope of the quick and satisfactory results that are so desirable. It is probable that if a plan can be agreed upon in a reasonable time, which is doubtful, the distribution of the funds will be entrusted to agencies, honest enough perhaps, but cumbersome and inefficient, and that much will be wasted in overhead before the real purposes of the movement are served.

The commission could (but will not) do this: Wire the local government of every county and community in the country, to ascertain the approximate number of unemployed. Place in the hands of local government authority to expend sufficient relief money to pay a wage of \$25.00 a day to every person desiring to work. There might be a local committee, serving without pay, to insure the proper handling of the money. Under this supervision set every man to work who is willing to accept a wage of \$25.00 per day. Let the work be of a character that will be of benefit to the public—making and improving roads, removing eyesores from the landscape, beautifying lake shores, planting thousands of trees along the highways, making flower gardens where now are barren and unsightly spaces—in a word, doing the thousand and one things that labor can do to make any place in the country better, healthier and more beautiful.

In 30 days every man now unemployed could be at work; in six months the sum total of this work would have replaced sordidness and unsightliness with neatness, order and beauty, that would be worth hundreds of millions to the people—and in a year or less the stimulus of the large sums placed in the hands of labor for circulation would be felt in every channel of business and industry, and the depression would have disappeared. That is simple, direct relief, which would conserve the self-respect of those relieved. But because this plan is simple and direct, and obvious and effective, it would never get a moment's consideration from a governmental commission.

We claim for the Florida gopher that it is the greatest Christianizer on the globe, and we commend it to the missionary societies for use in their work. We learn from the Bunnell Tribune that over in Flagler county the "Flagler County Gopher Club" held a meeting at which 25 gophers were served, after being cooked in a wash pot with rice, garlic, tomatoes, white bacon and onions. The club is composed of Jews, Protestants, Catholics, Bohunks and Whatnots, but under the benign influence of the delectable compound differences of race and religion melted into this air, and perfect peace and unity prevailed. We earnestly urge that the Flagler County Gopher Club use every effort to secure as guests for the next gopher pilau Al Smith and Bishop Cannon, Mayor Porter and Mayor Key, and it would be an especial-deplorable condition of the state treasury, the people

ly nice thing if Tom Hefflin and the Pope could be induced to be among those present. World peace may yet owe its culmination to the Florida gopher.

At the rate Florida frogs are being slaughtered for the market it won't be long before the basso profundos will be extinct. Better go to studying up on how to domesticate and raise the frogs—learn all about their moulting season, the proper exercise for developing their legs, etc. There will always be a demand.

Echoes of the State Press

WHAT IS COMING?

We hear men say that the depression that is about to pass can never leave us because we have learned everything possible. We have the radio, they say, and that is the culmination of the era that produced the electric light, the telephone, the automobile and the airplane.

Not so! We are in the greatest era of scientific advancement the world has ever seen. If good times depend upon new things for the human being to enjoy or use his curiosity upon, we are now entering upon the greatest era the world has ever known. Television is almost here. Airplane passenger travel at a fraction of the cost, per mile, of train travel, is almost upon us. Radio reception is about to be directed of all outside interference and we can get it, summer or winter, without static. The newspapers, fearing radio advertising, will find that the radio only stimulates the hearer to more interest in what is coming out the next day. The weekly papers, with their intimate details of everyday events, are the safest of all, for nothing yet devised has for its object the dissemination of this kind of personal news.

Industrial advances have been rapid in our generation but they are not at an end by any means. It has always taken an "age" for any recognizable period of history to develop and this certainly is a "period" if there ever was one. Let nobody tell you that we are at the end of our rope. Let nobody tell you that Russia has found the key. Russia is today merely starving her own people to make a new generation of devotees to a rash provincialism. She hasn't the answer. It is on the way but Russia hasn't it.

Times will be good again—soon. And the capitalist plan will still prevail. Eventually, as the world will approach Utopia, we or our descendants may discover a new system, but Russia hasn't hit upon it yet.—Leesburg Commercial.

LET THE TRUTH BE KNOWN.

Honesty is good policy. Even honesty in the management of public affairs is good policy. And honesty is never completed on the square if it is not accompanied by frank speech and open dealing.

The Times is thinking just now of the hue and cry for the elimination of the ad valorem tax on real estate that characterized the taxation confessions of the last ten months. Especially is The Times thinking of the way the matter was presented to the people of Florida, with the stress put on the necessity of relieving owners of real estate from the burden they carry.

During these discussions there was no talk of the reason ad valorem taxes were burdensome. Nobody told the people that the tax millage was kept as high as it is to cover the defaulting of sixty-three percent of the state's tax-payers. Nobody told the thirty-four percent of the people who paid their taxes in 1930 that it was their money that paid the expenses of state government.

If Governor Carlton had come out and frankly said that the state must have new revenue to take the place of the money collected from an impotent minority of the state's property owners, there would have been no hundred-day session of the 1931 legislature. If he had come out and frankly admitted the deplorable condition of the state treasury, the people

of Florida today would not be uneasily wondering what else has been hidden from view.

At the close of 1930, Florida's state expenses amounted to eight million dollars, and Florida had quite as efficient a government as it has today. At the close of 1931, the expenses had jumped to eighteen millions, due to boom-day ideas and practices, and an actual increase in population. By the end of 1932, state expenses had jumped to the enormous sum of forty-two million dollars. And this year the plan was to increase that sum!

Florida's population has increased since 1920 fifty-one percent. Florida's state expenses have increased more than FIVE HUNDRED percent.

It is better for the people of Florida to know the truth about these things. And as we said in the beginning, honesty is quite the best policy.—Melbourne Times.

CITY-OWNED PLANTS.

Here's something for Moore Haven folks to think about. It is a story of the progress made by some towns which have municipally owned light, power and water plants, and is taken from an exchange.

The progressive and well-managed little city of Homestead, in the lower part of Dade county and one of the southernmost towns in the United States, is threatened with front page publicity along with Chanute, Kansas, Marquette, Michigan, and before long, Gainesville, Florida.

The reason for all this is the fact that Homestead expects to operate all city departments with the one plant owned by the city. Police revenues are derived from operation of the light, power and water plant, municipally owned.

Briefly stated, the estimated revenue from the public utilities is placed at fifty thousand dollars for the year beginning the first of August, and the estimated department expenditures around forty-seven thousand, leaving a small net balance in favor of the city treasury. Were it not for a heavy burden of bonded debt, the tax-payers of Homestead would get by without anything more than the constitutional tax levy, but even so, with the utilities providing running expenses, the entire tax receipt can now and will be devoted to retirement of bonds and payment of interest.—Moore Haven Democrat.

FIDELITY

By JUDGE JOHN W. DODGE

FAITHFUL FIDELITY WINS

"Prosperity asks for fidelity; but adversity exacts it," said Seneca.

There now exists, in every walk of life, a greater demand and need for a faithful fidelity than has existed for years past.

"Be thou faithful" is the cry of every heart to those who are expected to exhibit a hearty allegiance, either in honor, duty, obligation, contract, affection or love.

The hearts of humanity yearn for men and women who are devoted, staunch, loyal, trusty, true, firm, honest and sure, in his and her relationships of all kinds with others.

Adversity exacts fidelity. This is no time for men or women who are false, faithless, untrue, untrustworthy, faithless or fickle.

Success is never a matter of luck—it is the reward of faithful fidelity; a "sticking to it"—all these are what makes success in every one's life. Quality counts more than quantity in fidelity.

In all we do we should strive always for the best, as though it was the last thing we may live to do; our best and then to God leave the rest.

With fidelity let there be hopefulness, courage, courtesy, alertness. Keep your mind and heart open—watch while you work.

"In all dealings with others to yourself be true, and it must follow, as the night the day, thou canst not then be false to any man."

Render a service at all times—let there be no deception, no trickery, nor false weights or measures. Let your word be your bond—maintain a strict adherence to truth. Let honesty be a principle, not a mere policy.

The need of the world is honesty, reliability, loyalty, constancy, truth—in a word FIDELITY. Start with yourself—in your circle of business friends and social acquaintances—in your city, state or nation.

Florida's future depends upon our daily faithfulness, and fidelity in every act, transaction or relationship of life. Let your reward be from others. "Well done thou good and faithful servant."

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By EDSON R. WAITE
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Jack Williams, editor and publisher of the Waycross (Ga.) Journal-Herald, says:

"It is in times like the present that opportunities are afforded to prove the value of advertising. It is true in a general way that when the individual income is small the condition is likewise done on a small scale. Under such conditions the buyer gives more thought to his purchase and seeks the store that gives the biggest value. This is only another way of saying that it is more important and bigger results are obtained from advertising during depressions than during boom times.

"Right now, today, many merchants who are consistent advertisers are breaking records. How are they doing it? By telling of their big bargains—they all have bargains today. Who gets the benefit? The enterprising merchant and the wide-awake discerning public. At whose expense is this business gained? At the expense of the non-advertiser who wants to justify his action by arguing rather than getting on the crest of the wave of the times and riding to a bigger, better and more prosperous future.

"This is the age of progress and the constant advertiser who has values and tells the world and backs it all by modern service goes from one success to another, while the vacillating, sporadic advertiser makes a few flashes and then settles down to a hard struggle to keep his head above water, knowing full well that the ultimate outcome will be a complete failure to a more progressive competitor or a complete fade-out in the bankruptcy court."

Florida Weekly Industrial Review

The following record of industrial activity lists items showing investment of capital, employment of labor and business activities and opportunities. Information from which the paragraphs are prepared is from local papers, usually of towns mentioned, and may be considered generally correct.

Plant City—Paving on State Road No. 17 between this city and county line completed.

Largo—Construction of packing plant east of Atlantic Coast Line railroad tracks, progressing rapidly.

Winter Park—Plans underway to construct \$100,000 theatre for Rollins College.

Miami Beach—Miami Beach Jockey Club plan erection of \$2,000,000 plant adjoining 78th Street causeway, connecting Miami and this city.

Madison—17 blocks of paving laid around Seaboard Oil Station No. 2, corner of 1st Base and North Washington streets.

Gainesville—University of Florida moved into new \$80,000 infirmary.

Miami—Ground broken for construction of Federal Federal building.

Key West—Excavation underway for proposed Federal building.

Sarasota—Triangle Pharmacy on Ringling Boulevard reopened.

Dunedin—Plans progressing to erect citrus fruit packing plant on Douglas avenue.

Avon Park—Plans progressing for reopening Avon Manufacturing company's cradle mill.

Marianna—New cotton gin in operation.

Cocoa—Curtis Ireland purchased Knox Hotel, Willard Street, from James Banks estate.

Arcadia—Front of Schlossberg Arcade building being painted.

Plant City—The Rensdewore, restaurant and eating shop, opened for business.

Bids opened for construction of seven miles of levees and dredging of channel in Lake Okechobee between Clewiston and Moore Haven, first link in Federal Government's \$9,000,000 flood control and navigation project for Lake Okechobee.

Winter Garden—R. D. Kene Co., of Eustis, started construction of citrus packing plant in this city.

Mount Dora—Mount Dora C. & Supply Co. plant completed.

Fort Myers—New \$100,000 bulk plant built by Refining Co. located at Dean and Bay streets, formally opened.

Seulphur Springs—Paving completed on 12-mile division of State Road No. 5 between this city and Palm Bay.

Apalachicola—Chapman High school building improved.

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Mrs. Coffee Honoree At Informal Dance

Carl Crosby entertained in honor of his sister, Mrs. Lawrence Coffee, who before her marriage Tuesday was Miss Ruby Harrington, with an informal party at the Jacaranda hotel, Friday evening of last week.

The palm room was decorated very effectively. Dancing was enjoyed throughout the evening. The guests present were: Miss Ruby Harrington, Miss Estelle Carney, Miss Susan Ling, Miss Barbara Weaver, Miss Louise Robbins of Sebring, Mrs. Charles Ling, Miss Gladys Johnson of Sebring, Miss Zela Langford, Miss Dorothy Roberts, Miss Honey Sue Roberts, Miss Wilma Roberts, Miss Lora Lee, Miss Joyce Powell, Miss Irene Dawson, Miss Pauline Langford, Miss Mildred Lee.

Paul C. Lay of Sebring, Bascom Williams, Clarence E. Crabtree, T. McGinnis, Charles H. Harris, Frank Wilkes, Julius Walden of Sebring, Charles Fowler, W. H. Prior, Carson Sullivan of Frostproof, C. S. Pardee, S. Colquhoun, Fred Simpson, Fred Montecore, C. B. Martin, Eddie Clark, Fredrick M. Wild, Mal Pickett, Eddie Merrick of Sebring and Mr. and Mrs. Mel Bass.

Miss Reba West Celebrates Birthday

Miss Reba West was a charming hostess Friday evening at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ellis West on the occasion of her seventeenth birthday anniversary. Effective decorations in a white and yellow color scheme were used in the home. Zinnias and roses were also placed at vantage points.

Two large birthday cakes laid in yellow and topped with white candles centered the dining table. The hostess received many gifts from her many friends present.

Unique contests were held during the evening. The Washington pie contest proved a favorite. Those present were: Miss Mildred Lee, Miss Ethel Hixon, Miss Myrtle Turner, Miss Lucille Langford, Miss Francis Sangster, Miss Gertrude Sangster, and Messrs. Claude Daly, Nelson Smith, Walton Touchton, Paul Baldwin, Malcolm Pickett and Eddie Merrick of Sebring.

Five Hundred Club Meets Tuesday

The Five Hundred club met with Mrs. Norton T. Smith at her home on Lake Isle Tuesday at one thirty for a bridge luncheon. The dining room was decorated in garden flowers of pastel shades. A delicious luncheon was served by the hostess, after which several progressions of bridge were enjoyed. Each guest was presented a memento of the happy occasion.

Those present were: Mrs. A. C. West, Mrs. L. A. Bass, Mrs. A. C. Hart, Mrs. J. S. Francis and sister, Mrs. Horton Scott McKnight, Mrs. J. B. Rogers and Mrs. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Coffee Host at Pilau

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Coffee entertained a number of their friends with a chicken pilau on the shores of Lake Lotia Wednesday evening. A chicken pilau with other picnic treats were spread. A large bonfire was made and out door sports were greatly enjoyed.

The invited guests were: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ling, Miss Honey Sue Roberts, Mrs. Lawton Dutt on, Mrs. Ella Hargrave, Bascom Williams, Lloyd Hargrave, Bascom Williams, and Mr. and Mrs. L. Coffee.

Sunday School Class Given Picnic

Miss Mary Turner entertained for the members of her Sunday School of the First Methodist church with a picnic and swimming party Monday at the Highland Lakes pavilion. The usual water sports were participated in and a delicious picnic supper was served.

Those present were: Elmo Hancock, Harry Rivell, Marvin Reddick, Trop Cummings, George Edwell, and Misses Mary and Myrtle Turner.

E. O. Wilder, of Tampa, has accepted a position as bookkeeper at the Lake Byrd company. His family will arrive in a few weeks.

Mrs. Trent Is Bridge Hostess

Mrs. Neal H. Trent entertained the members of her bridge club at her home on Walnut avenue last Thursday evening. The party rooms were decorated with garden flowers of various colors. During the evening five tables of bridge were in play. At the close of the affair scores were taken with Mrs. E. G. Todd receiving high and Mrs. H. F. R. Reed second high. The hostesses served an ice cream to her guests.

Dinner Party For Charles F. Smith

Norton T. Smith entertained a few friends at an informal dinner party at his home on Lake Isle Wednesday evening, the occasion being in celebration of the 74th birthday anniversary of his brother, Charles F. Smith. A six o'clock dinner was served to Judge D. V. Rouse, O. L. Bardill, Francis Richardson, G. W. Smith, Charles F. Smith and Norton T. Smith.

Mrs. Ruth Hynton spent Monday and Tuesday in Tampa on business.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Vilkaitis and family spent Monday in Tampa on business.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton and son, Walton spent Monday in De Land on business.

Charles Ling returned home Saturday from a business trip spent in Winter Haven.

William Rock of Orlando spent the week end here with Mrs. Rock at the Jacaranda hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hart left Saturday for Sebring for a vacation of several weeks.

Mrs. Glenn Spink and Miss Cecilia Fortner left Monday for Miami where they will spend a few days on business.

Miss Anna Dee Roberts returned to her home here Sunday after a week's visit with her sister, Mrs. Bernard Clark, in De Land.

Mrs. Tom Demery and Miss Helen Bushnell of Dade City were guests of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Morgan on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert F. Wilson have returned from Reading, Pa. where they have been spending the past several months.

Lloyd Hargrave and Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Moody of Clearwater arrived Wednesday to be the guests of Mrs. Ella Hargrave.

Mrs. Ellis West had as her guests Sunday Mrs. W. R. Mimmer and two daughters, Doris and Eunice, of Bowling Green.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Felkner are spending a week in Lake Wales with their aunt, Mrs. J. A. Caldwell.

William Martin and Billy Massey of Perry, Ga. were visitors of their cousin, C. B. Martin Saturday and Sunday.

C. N. Ott left Saturday for St. Louis, Mo., to purchase a new fall line of goods for the Ott and Son store located here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Jarrett and family have returned to their home here after a two weeks visit in Jefferson, Georgia.

Clifford Chapman and Earl Murphy were visiting friends here Tuesday enroute from Miami to their home in Kissimmee.

Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Roberts, and daughter, Miss Anna Dee Roberts, were visiting relatives in Lake Placid on Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Charles Sherman returned to this city Sunday from Tallahassee where she has been attending the summer school for teachers.

Lashy Rawlins arrived Wednesday from Bartonsville, Va., to spend the summer months with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rawlins.

G. E. Turner and J. O. Parrish of Orlando were business visitors here this week. They are connected with the Florida Public Service Co.

Misses Mary Jackson, Gladys Wilson, Corinne Patterson, Mrs. Vera Getzen and Mrs. J. W. Kendall, of Lakeland and Mrs. W. B. Sewell, of Frostproof, were guests for the day, Friday, of Mrs. A. M. Morgan. They enjoyed swimming and bridge at Lake Byrd Lodge.

Miss Joyce Powell, Mrs. Mel Bass, and Mrs. Tom Pitts and Miss Mildred Raulerson of Okechobee spent Tuesday in Tampa visiting with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pitts, Miss Mildred Raulerson and Roy Raulerson of Okechobee arrived Tuesday evening to spend some time with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. Davis and son leave Sunday for Titusville and Daytona Beach, where they will spend a vacation of two or three weeks.

Roscoe Bass, Mrs. Parke Anderson accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Joe Lander and son, Joe Allen, arrived home Monday from Baltimore, Maryland.

Rev. and Mrs. W. E. Melton and daughter, Eulalia, were visiting friends here Wednesday enroute to their home in Homestead from Washington, D. C.

Dr. and Mrs. A. H. Able are expected to return Saturday afternoon to visit relatives and friends in Georgia and South Carolina.

Mrs. John A. Jackson and son, John returned Friday afternoon from Buchanan, Va., where they have been visiting with relatives for the past six weeks.

Mrs. E. P. Morrison and daughter, Patay Rae, of West Palm Beach, have been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. B. H. James at their home for the past week.

Gilbert Stebbins, Jr., Robert Roberts and "Dot" Roberts leave Saturday for Madison, Georgia, where they will attend Madison A. & M. college this coming year.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Culler and son, Thomas, returned to their home here Friday after spending a pleasant few weeks vacation at Cameron, S. C., and Atlantic City, N. J.

Mrs. H. C. Biggie and two daughters, Miss Oleta and Miss Sybil, returned Sunday from Birmingham, Alabama, and points in Georgia after an eight weeks vacation.

Mrs. Reubin T. Johnston and son, Arthur and Sherid, spent a few days at Silver Springs and toured on to Clearwater and the Gulf where they spent the balance of the week.

Mrs. Jimmy Spencer and small son accompanied by her mother, Mrs. B. L. Adams, arrived Saturday after a week's visit in Orlando. Mrs. Adams returned to her home in Orlando Sunday.

Mrs. A. J. Lewiston returned to the city Monday after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. Sietter of Largo. She stopped at Largo on her return from Chicago where she had been for the past six weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Hughes and daughters, Dorothy and Gloria, will leave Friday for Dade City to make their future home.

Mrs. Hughes will have charge of the Seaboard railroad station at Lachocoe.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Epperson and son and daughter, Cameron and Mildred returned Wednesday night, after sending the summer on a farm near Williston. Cameron and Mildred will enter high school this term.

Mrs. George Mostrie and children returned last Friday from Campbell, Ohio, where they have been spending the summer with Mrs. Mostrie's father. Mr. Mostrie drove up two weeks ago, and his family returned with him.

County Agent Louis Almsmyer, still suffering from an operation on his leg where he was flamed by a cat fish at Fort Myers a few weeks ago, was in Avon Park Tuesday afternoon. He claims that the fish is still lodged near his knee.

R. S. Funderburk of Great Falls, S. C., arrived Wednesday and will have charge of Junior High English and history in Avon Park high school. He is a graduate of Furman university and holds a master's degree from the University of North Carolina.

Mrs. Anna Lawhorn, and Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Lawhorn have a praise and testimony tour, a visit in North and South Carolina with relatives. They were accompanied by J. B. Foster, who will bring his future home here with his grandmother, Mrs. Anna Lawhorn.

Avon Park Juniors Beat Sebring 15-8

The Avon Park junior diamond ball team trounced the Sebring boys here Tuesday night by an overwhelming score of 15 to 8. B. (Goofy) Long, pitcher for Sebring, seemed to have had an off night giving up fifteen hits and four walks. The Sebring aggregation collected thirteen hits but C. Hart kept them well scattered.

The Avon Park boys started in the first inning to lay away runs. Massey singled. Whelan went out on a fly to left field. T. J. Willford singled and C. Hart did likewise. Massey and Willford scoring on C. Hart's single. Adams went out on a fly to left field. Hart singled scoring C. Hart. Lancers reached first by an error. E. Elders also gained a base by an error and D. Hart scored. Lancers were caught at third. Four runs were made in this inning. Avon Park obtained three runs in the third, three in the fourth, four in the fifth and one in the seventh.

Sebring gathered three runs in the second. Butler and Mayo got on through errors. V. Surrency walked. W. Surrency singled scoring Butler and Mayo. Foster went out on a foul fly to the catcher. B. Long hit a roller that was muffed and V. Surrency scored. Freeland fled to second and D. Long failed to come through Sebring adding one more run in the fourth, two in the fifth, one in the seventh and one in the eighth.

Butter Krust Put Out Jumbo Loaf

The new Butter Krust jumbo loaf, put out by the Polk County Baking company, goes on sale in Avon Park stores today, according to announcement in this issue. The jumbo is a 20 ounce loaf. It's long, wide and low in shape, baked thoroughly all the way through, and slow steady even baking. Every part of the loaf, the announcement says, the loaf is baked evenly. B. & B. is advertising it at 8 cents or two for 15 cents for a week-end special.

Silver Tea Tonight Benefit of Charity

There will be a silver tea at the home of Mrs. A. C. West on West LaGrande street this afternoon from five to seven o'clock. Dramatization of "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be given. Proceeds of the tea will go to the United Charities fund.

Mrs. Reubin T. Johnston and son, Arthur and Sherid, spent a few days at Silver Springs and toured on to Clearwater and the Gulf where they spent the balance of the week.

Church Notes

METHODIST CHURCH
Bible school 9:45 a. m.
Sermon 11 a. m.
Junior Epworth League 6:00 p. m.
Senior Epworth League 7:00 p. m.
Sermon 7:30 p. m.
Church night, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

UNITED CONGREGATION CHURCH
Morning service, 11 a. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Christian Endeavor 6:00 p. m.
Rev. A. P. Vaughn, Pastor.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER (Episcopal)
Services:
Week days—Holy Communion 7:30 a. m. Mission preaching 7:45 p. m. except Sunday.
Sunday—Church school, 9:30 a. m. Service with sermon, 11 a. m.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. W. K. McClure, Pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School Teachers' Meeting, Friday evening at 7, taught by Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., followed by their practice.

Brotherhood meeting second Thursday evening of each month at 7 o'clock, in the basement of the church.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE ANNOUNCEMENTS
Sunday School session will meet at 10:00 a. m. The Sunday school is an important part of the church not a separate organization. Ours is on the increase.

Sunday hour of worship and devotion at 11:00 a. m. The pastor will preach.

The Juniors meet with Mrs. M. H. Gribble at 6:00 p. m. for a helpful hour of instruction.

At 7:00 p. m. the N. Y. S. P. will have a praise and testimony just prior and as an introductory service to the 8:00 service.

At 8:00 p. m. the Bible Evangelistic Service will begin. The pastor will bring the message in Evangelistic fashion.

NEWS of General Interest To Highlands County

HICORIA

Bob Evers was down visiting his mother, Mrs. Evelina Evers Sunday.

W. O. Causey and E. A. Whitaker made a business trip to Tampa Tuesday.

Harry Evers spent Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Bob Evers at Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Whitaker and W. O. Causey went to Lake Placid to church last Sunday morning.

J. P. Sullivan and his daughter, Miss Mildred visited son and brother, Paul at LaBelle Monday last.

Mrs. W. C. Starr and son, Herbert, spent a few days with her sister, Mrs. O. H. Okechobee.

Miss Gertrude Dykes has returned from St. Petersburg after a two weeks' visit with relatives and friends.

Miss Lula May Durrance of Spring Valley is spending some time with her aunt, Mrs. Ceylon Carlson.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zander and children of Okechobee were calling on Mrs. E. A. Whitaker last Thursday.

Garvin Shackelford, his sister, Miss Vernell, and Miss Mildred Spaulding spent Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Peoples and little boys attended religious services at Lake Placid last Sunday afternoon and night.

Miss Mildred Sullivan of Sarasota, is with her father, J. P. Sullivan, and is employed in her father's I. G. A. Store here.

Miss Juvenile Peoples spent last Sunday afternoon with her mother, Misses Bobbie Lee and Martha Francis Doss of Lake Placid.

Little Miss Janet Peoples spent the day and night with her little friend, Miss Esta Spauld of North-east Hicoria last Friday and Saturday.

W. C. Sherman Mill company for the week ending last Monday night shipped 37 cars of lumber, according to the A. C. L. depot agent here.

Mrs. W. O. Causey and baby Joyce, who have been visiting for several weeks in Georgetown, returned to their home here Tuesday of this week.

Mrs. Nell Lyle and children from Bartow are spending a few weeks with Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Evers and J. B. Bunch. Mrs. Lyle is a sister of Miss Lilla Evers.

Mrs. and Mr. J. W. Guthrie and children, and Mr. and Mrs. Gwin Guthrie attended preaching services at the Baptist church, Lake Placid last Sunday night.

LAKE ISTOKPOGA

Cleo Newberry of DeSoto City spent Sunday here with friends.

Paul Tomlinson of Avon Park is spending the week with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. D. C. Ried and children and Mrs. Sallie Ried were visiting in Brighton recently.

Mrs. Edie of Olat, S. C. is spending a few weeks with her son and family, Mr. and Mrs. Dan C. Ried.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Stokes and family spent Saturday night and Sunday at Fort Meade with his relatives there.

Mrs. Rita Montecore and children returned home from Cisco Saturday evening where they had spent the week with relatives.

LAKE PLACID

The fire department was called out Wednesday morning to extinguish a wood fire beyond the tree Estates east of town. Those answering the call were: Chief Bozeman, J. E. Sims, G. A. Devane, Maurice York, Randall B. York and others. The fire was soon extinguished without doing much damage.

A quartet of colored singers from Sebring gave a musical program at the Colored Church Monday evening, to which many white people of Lake Placid were invited and attended. Special seats were provided by the colored singers, those who were present say that they enjoyed the entertainment provided by the colored singers. Some say that there were more white people present than colored.

A silver offering was taken for the benefit of the Colored Church and the entertainers.

Winter Garden—Griffin Chevrolet Motor company filed articles of incorporation.

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—Automobile Insurance
—Burglar Insurance
—Bonds

MRS. M. S. SWEARINGEN
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VENUS

Cyril Baldwin was a business visitor here Wednesday.

James McDugald spent the week-end with his parents.

Mrs. Eugene Hendry is improving from her recent illness.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Heperson of Deatur, Ill., have arrived at Venus.

F. E. Talmage is able to be around again after his recent illness.

Mrs. W. H. Cannon is visiting her daughter Mrs. A. H. Farrington at Clearwater.

Mr. and Mrs. J. I. Sutherland and family made a business trip to Arcadia Tuesday.

W. C. Mackert, wife and father and mother motored to Miami Sunday and saw the German flying boat DO-X.

Mr. and Mrs. Stalls and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stalls and little grand daughter motored to Fort Myers Sunday.

M. E. Jackson is preparing to take care of several hundred little chicks this fall and reports his present flock is laying very well.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Whiting and grand children Rosemary and Edward Whiting Commingsen, spent the week-end with Alex McDugald and family.

Mrs. A. Carson and family, Miss Ruth Smith of Avon Park and Mr. Strom of Ft. Myers were Sunday visitors at the home of Mrs. Alex McDugald.

L. M. Morgan is cutting hay to winter his cattle on and expects to have five tons in all. He is also planting sweet and Irish potatoes and sugar cane.

W. C. Stalls is doing considerable improvement on his property and that which he leased from the railroad company, south of his business house. E. S. Johnson is contracting the work of development.

H. T. Davis and son Walter, made a business trip to Venus to look over his large land holdings which J. H. Holcomb and Frank Hargrave had leased last week. He was well pleased with his property and returned to their home at Nocotee.

E. T. Miller, the contractor of the Venus school house, started the work yesterday and is making good progress. Mr. Miller is making the work and will have a new roof on the school building which has been in bad shape for two years.

Diamond Ball Team To Be Continued

"The rumor that the junior diamond ball team here would be discontinued was unfounded and the team is going to be kept going as long as we can possibly raise enough to pay for the necessary playing material." Manager Reynolds said last night.

"The attendance has been exceptionally good and there seems to be a growing interest among the boys of the city who hope will lend a hand in helping to fix up the diamond so that we can play through the winter months," he stated.

Want Ads

FOR LEASE—Front end filling station, Highlands Lakes Garage. Completely equipped for gas, oil, tires and accessories. Some stock on hand. L. D. Baker, proprietor.

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Base Ball and Boys

Some concern has been shown from time to time as to the result of "so much idle time on the hands of our boys."

The old fashioned methods—the wood-box, the water pail and the saw-burn, which at one time directed the surplus energy found in the boy and girl into useful channels, have been eliminated by modern inventions; but why be concerned about our boys?

Base-Ball, Diamond Ball and other playground athletic activities have replaced the old form of "recreation" and today our boys and girls are being developed into high grade citizens through properly supervised sports found at our many and various playgrounds. Civic Clubs, American Legion, and other organizations are showing more interest than ever before in the welfare of our young people.

We have nothing to worry about.

The Barnett National Bank of Avon Park

Avon Park Florida

Hatchery Delivering Fingerling Bass Now

The delivery of fingerling black bass, many of which measure from three to five inches in length, from the Winter Haven Hatchery, made by the State Department of Game and Fresh Water Fish, is in progress, though somewhat retarded by heavy rains. Recent deliveries have been made at the following points: Orlando, Tavares, Eustis, Coral Gables, Lutz, Winter Haven, St. Cloud, Vero Beach, Apopka, Tampa, Kissimmee and Ocala. The Department delivers only fish of fingerling size, as a very much larger percent of such size reach maturity than would reach it if delivered as fry.

Miami Beach—Alexander Winton, automobile manufacturer, purchased residence at 5848 North Bay Road, for consideration of \$75,000. Holly Hulse, of Hollywood, being built for two-story Michael Christ building, 202 North Ocean Drive.

Public Library

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Mrs. E. O. Williams Librarian

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FRIDAY AND SATURDAY August 28 and 29

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"SON OF INDIA" With Ramon Navarro and Midge Evans

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Sunday School Lesson

FOR AUGUST 30th 1931.

SUBJECT: The Mission To Cyprus.

GOLDEN TEXT: "I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation, to every one that believeth." Rom. 1:16.

LESSON TEXT: Acts 12:25 to 13:12.

INTRODUCTION: "The capital of the Roman province of Syria was the great city Antioch, situated at the northeast corner of the Mediterranean, on the Orontes River, twenty miles from its mouth. The city was founded about B. C. 300 by Seleucus Nicator, and named after his father, Antiochus. Many of the Christians who were driven from Jerusalem by persecution went as far as Antioch, and began to preach Christ there. They succeeded well, and Barnabas went from Jerusalem to aid in the work. Christianity grew, and he sent to Tarsus for Saul to come to help him. For a year the two great preachers labored together, not only among the Jews who spoke Aramaic but also among those who spoke Greek. It was at Antioch that the followers of Christ were first called "Christians," a word used as a nickname, like "Methodist" or "Puritan," but has become the noblest and most honorable of all names.

The history of the Christian Church during its first hundred years has been called a tale of three cities—Jerusalem, Antioch, and Rome. The tale of Jerusalem as the center of the Christian activity for fifteen years after the ascension of Jesus, we have now finished, and today we take up the tale of Antioch. Hitherto the Jews, with a few exceptions, have been the only believers in Jesus as the Christ; now the gospel is carried to the Gentiles in Antioch and thence to the great cities of Asia Minor and Greece and Italy."

Just before the date of this lesson there was a drought and famine, and the poor in the church of Jerusalem suffered much. The members of the Church at Antioch had taken a collection and sent it by Barnabas and Saul to the Church at Jerusalem.

"And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem, when they had fulfilled their ministry, and took with them John, whose surname was Mark."

This is the first appearance of John Mark, the son of Mary in whose home at Jerusalem Jesus ate the last passover. He travelled with Saul and Barnabas to Perga, but left them and returned to Jerusalem. When starting on their second missionary tour Barnabas and Saul quarrelled about taking John, and they separated, Barnabas taking John with him and Saul taking Silas. Afterward Saul (Paul) requested the help of John, and later John wrote the gospel of Mark, probably written in the direction of Peter.

In the church at Antioch there were five leading "preachers and teachers," including Barnabas and Saul.

"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. So they, being sent forth by the Holy Ghost, departed unto Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus."

From Seleucia on the main land to Salamis on the island of Cyprus was about 125 miles.

"At Salamis, they preached the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews; and they had also John to their minister."

Why did Barnabas and Saul go to the Jewish synagogues to preach about Christ?

One writer says: "As Christianity sprang from Judaism, the Jews furnished the most likely field for Christian missions. Experience has proven, however, that Gentiles have been more easily converted to Christianity. They traveled westward through the island of Cyprus to the City of Paphos, the Roman Deputy Governor's residence. He called for Barnabas and Saul, and desired to hear the word of God." But a Jew named Bar-Jesus, or Elymas, "withstood them, seeking to turn away the deputy from the faith."

Then Saul (who also is called Paul) said: "O full of all subtilty and all mischief, thou child of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness! Behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking some to lead him by the hand."

Our sins usually find us out, and we pay the penalty.

"Saul" was the Hebrew form of the name and "Paul" was the Roman form.

Then the deputy, when he saw what was done, believed, being astonished at the doctrine of the Lord.

The deputy governor might have been astonished at Elymas being made blind. When converted he was "astonished at the doctrine of the Lord," which could save a sinner like himself.

Sulphur Springs—New stretch of paving on State Road No. 5 between this place and apex where Florida avenue and Road No. 6 merge, completed and opened to traffic.

Miami Beach—Building permit issued for construction of Barbata building, 1421 Washington avenue, to cost \$4,500.

THE TIMES' WEEKLY PAGE OF COMICS

DOROTHY DARNIT

By Charles McManus



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

By Charles McManus



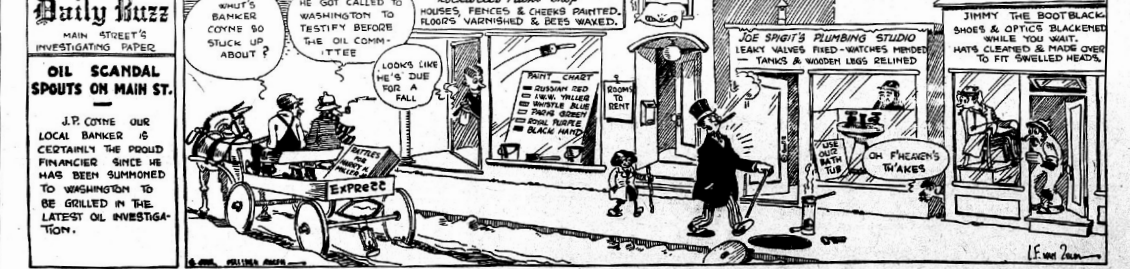
MR. BROAD OF WALL STREET

By Jack Rabbit



"THE MAIN THING ON MAIN STREET"

By L. F. Van Zelm



FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By F. O. Alexander



Poor Little Me

FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, 1931.

CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Banker's scribble

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CHAIN, GROUP AND BRANCH BANKING

Bankers' Commission Describes Differences Among Various Kinds of Multi-Office Banks.

The Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association has made the following statement on various types of banking systems operating through more than one office:

"We find that there are recognized in the banking world three types of multiple banking organizations, namely, chain bank systems, group bank systems and branch bank systems. They are alike solely in respect to the fact that each embraces under some form of common control or ownership two or more banking places, but here the similarity stops since there are essential differences in organization and administration, especially as between branch banks and the chain and group forms.

"Chain banking is recognized as probably the least definite form of multiple banking organization. Generally speaking, this term refers to merely a string of individual separately chartered banks owned or controlled through stock holdings by one or more common individuals, sometimes without public knowledge of the common ownership. Frequently the controlled banks are not administered as a coherent whole under the rule of a central, publicly known head office, but rather each bank is run as a separate unit bank in accord with the wishes of the dominant interest. In some cases, however, there is a central, publicly known control with a head office which supervises the operations of all the banks controlled, and this is perhaps the more desirable arrangement. It lacks, however, the definite legal responsibility that a corporate head organization would have. Each bank is a chain system operates under its own capital and there is ordinarily no binding relation among members of the string.

Group Responsibility

"Group banking, on the other hand, is a system in which, while the member banks are separately chartered and operate as individual units with their own capital, control is exercised through a publicly known corporate organization under the direction of a responsible head office. It operates under stock control of the member banks and is morally and legally responsible as the chief stockholder for their administration and the statutory share of their liabilities. An essential feature is the fact that an organization of this kind is publicly known, which creates a large degree of responsibility to public opinion. This is true because anything of an undesirable nature developing in one member of the group would create public distrust of the whole group. Therefore its sense of self-preservation as a group, if nothing else, tends to make it exercise standards of conduct throughout the members of the group and to assume responsibilities for them beyond what more legal responsibilities would bring about.

"Branch banking is completely distinct from the two foregoing forms of multiple organization in that it does not consist of a string, chain or group of independent banks, for there is only one chartered bank in a branch organization and the extensions from it are all in the form of sub-offices without separate capital or corporate existence. For everything that is done through these offices the bank itself is just as responsible legally and in every other sense of the word as though it were done over its own counters in its head office."

Bankers Help

In a report on banker-farmer work, H. Lane Young, Chairman Agricultural Association, American Bankers Association, shows that during the past year there were 409 meetings reported in 28 states, with a total attendance of 33,575. County bank numbers 2,541 were appointed in 39 states. Thirty-four states reported an expenditure by banks of \$195,925 for developing better agricultural practices.

Special banker-farmer activities engaged in by banks in 27 states numbered 8,492, while 7,140 post, office or farm programs were carried on by rural people through the influence of bankers.

For three years the Agricultural Commission has given recognition to the state reporting the highest record of accomplishments and this year Georgia achieved first place with its banker-farmer agricultural program. Representatives of the Georgia State College and officials of the Georgia Bankers Association developed the methods and policies which made it possible for Georgia to carry out an effective program which emphasized "direct credit from banks for producing crops on the live-at-home basis."

River Junction—Chattahoochee road project nearing completion.

Will They Follow In Their Father's Footsteps?



Los Angeles, Calif.—Introducing the "Four Horsemen" of 1948, sons of noted Notre Dame players. Left to right they are: Billy Rocker, son of the late Knute Rocker; Christy Walsh, Jr., son of Baker's syndicate manager; Adam and Billy Walsh, sons of Adam Walsh, captain of the 1924 team. The youngsters are learning the fundamentals of football at an early age and by the time they are old enough to pack a pigskin, should be pretty smart players.

WASHINGTON RECEIVED THANKS OF CONGRESS

Hard and Trying Times In Army Following the Revolution

One hundred and forty-eight years ago, on August 28, 1783, George Washington paid his respects to the Continental Congress, then sitting at Princeton, N. J., and received formal notice of thanks from that body. His errand was to aid Congress in arranging the details of the peace that ended the Revolutionary War and brought Independence to the United States. Washington remained with Congress for more than two months, at the end of which time he went to West Point to rejoin his army, and then to New York, to take formal possession of the city in company with Governor Clinton of that State.

Behind these outwardly simple incidents lies a period in George Washington's life which, according to the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission, was one of the most important in Washington's own history, and one of the most momentous in the history of the United States. It was that period when an Army officer implored Washington to become dictator of America, and even to assume monarchical powers. It was a moment when Washington might as easily as Caesar have seized absolute power for himself. It was a moment when George Washington might have changed the whole immediate and future course of American government. He went before Congress instead, and loyally aided the men who were steadfastly regarded as the people's choice and hence his masters.

In tracing these events, which most historians neglect, the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission reminds us that after the victory of Yorktown, when independence seemed assured, the army was in a state of confusion and had been impoverished by the eight years of the Revolution, and was in a state of financial ruin. As a result Washington's troops were filled with an ugly spirit of mutiny. Through eight years of hardship they had been loyal to their chief. By that loyalty they had won victory for their country. During those eight years many officers and men had lost all their property. In return for all this they felt about to be abandoned to want and beggary. Organizations of officers met and resolved on resigning in groups. The rank and file was filled with outright mutiny. The military inaction after Yorktown had given the entire military establishment time to reflect on its wrongs, and it now was in a mood positively dangerous.

Washington, always appealing to Congress in aid of his men, sent out a solemn warning as to this danger, which Congress ignored. Nothing was left to Washington but to turn and appeal to his officers, and there ensued the famous meeting to which he called them when he put on his glasses with the remark that he had "grown both blind and gray in their service." His call to their patriotism calmed their mutinous spirit for a time. But in no great while their indignation took another and still more dangerous form.

Some of the officers drew up the momentous but generally forgotten appeal to Washington, begging him to take supreme command of the country, government and all. This was the famous address presented to Washington by Colonel Nicola, and there ensued the moment when Washington might have been had he wished, absolute monarch of America.

His firm and immediate refusal went on to say in effect that if his officers respected him, he would call on their loyalty to wait while

he tried again to obtain justice for them from Congress. This time his plea was heeded. Congress voted half pay and other forms of relief. But the dangerous sentiment which still pervaded the entire country appeared in another incident.

A regiment of raw recruits in Pennsylvania mutinied and so frightened Congress that it fled from Philadelphia to Princeton. Not that the recruits were actually in the army, but even these recruits were weary of the flabby government and sympathized with the regulars in wanting Washington in supreme control. This now general sentiment in Washington's favor broke forth once more in the "Newburgh address." It would have been easy for the army to have got out of hand and taken command of the United States. There was no one there to stop it. Nowhere in the Colonies was there a vigorous governmental control. Nothing stood in the army's way—nothing but the firm hand and will of its General, George Washington. Single-handed he grasped the situation and put down the danger.

On August 26, 1783, he joined Congress at Princeton. The army having been won, it was essential that all the fruits of victory should be secured, and at once the military leader became the leader in state-manship. One of the first things to be guaranteed, he saw, was American possession of the great West. England was willing enough to grant independence to the Colonies on the eastern seaboard, and it cost Washington much in anxious effort to safeguard the West which for some time England had no intention of giving up. In the treaty of peace of 1783 the Mississippi was recognized as the western boundary.

After his two months' work with Congress, that body voted him thanks, and the Commander-in-chief left, ultimately to take formal occupation of New York to his farewell to his officers, and finally to resign his commission to Congress on the great occasion of the occupation of New York.

Within the space of a few months, George Washington had been offered and refused an empire dictatorship over the United States, and, far from yielding to any ill-temperament, had with simple dignity handed back his powers to Congress and returned to Mount Vernon just another American citizen.

Lake Worth—Improvements and beautification of park progressing.

Any wife can keep her husband happy if she'll treat him as he's treated at his club.

There's something about quitting when the whistle blows that big pay never quite makes up for.

Celery seed that are planted should be free from late blight fungi.

From now until fall is the best time of year to call your poultry flock. If you need help call the county agent.

Sleeps Like a Baby

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

DR. MILLER'S NERVINE

Says Agricultural Editors Classified As Educators

Through newspapers and radio stations, and also through their own publications, the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the State agricultural colleges are making a valuable contribution to adult education in the United States, and at small cost to the taxpayers, M. S. Eisenhower, Director of Information of the Federal department, said last week at Corvallis, Oregon, in addressing the association of agricultural college editors.

"For the benefit of those who may still be in doubt about the matter," said Mr. Eisenhower, "I say vigorously and unequivocally that the information people of the department are in no wise publicity agents in the malicious sense of that term. We are not interested in acquiring prestige for ourselves for the institution as a whole, nor for any of its head officials, nor to 'sell' the department to the public nor to advertise the achievements of department workers, nor to make it possible for the institution to obtain larger appropriations but to make public the results of the department's manifold activities and to give facts the widest possible distribution."

Tracing the haphazard growth of education, and pointing out that most institutions had centered on matriculated students, the speaker said adult education had been all but neglected. "Today," he continued, "no other institution or group of institutions anywhere play so vital and effective a role in adult education as do the State agricultural colleges and the United States Department of Agriculture. Our efforts in the field of adult education are very young. Being young, unbound by shackling traditions, we are not afraid to use every means developed by science to reach our objectives."

"In agriculture there was never a time when adult education was so important as it is now. The farmer suffers some delay in teaching better breeding practices, or improved fertilizer practices, but if economic information is to be of any value

at all, it must have an almost instantaneous and widespread distribution. Our plan, consequently, is not to decrease our press and radio efforts, but to increase them with the whole-hearted co-operation of more than 50 percent of America's radio stations and practically all of America's newspapers, farm papers, and trade journals."

State Pig Club Show October 27-28 To Be Held In Tallahassee

The annual pig club show and contest will be held at Tallahassee, October 27 and 28, according to an announcement by R. W. Blacklock, state boys' club agent in Gainesville. It will be held in connection with the Leon County Live Stock Show, sponsored by the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce and County Agent G. C. Hodge.

It is expected that between 100 and 150 pigs, both breeding animals and barrows, will be shown by club members from the central and western part of the state. A number of prizes will be awarded the winners.

In addition to hogs, the county live stock show will include beef and dairy animals exhibited by both club members and cattlemen.

State Sale Purebred Dairy Calves Will Be Held In Gainesville

Decision to hold a state sale of purebred dairy calves in Gainesville during November was made by the State Dairywomen's association during its recent meeting there in connection with Farmers' Week. The sale will probably be held on November 19. Committees have been appointed, and definite plans will be announced later.

The Agricultural Extension Service will assist the association in making arrangements. This will be the second annual sale of the association, the first one having been held last October at Monticello. It is expected that 50 or more calves will be consigned and auctioned.

Storax May Bring An Added Revenue From the Woods

Storax, or "sweetgum," yielded by the red-gum tree which ranges in mixed forests from Connecticut to Missouri and south to Florida and Texas, is seen as an additional source of revenue from the woods, says the United States Department of Agriculture.

Storax is valued for use in mildly medicinal and pharmaceutical preparations, and as well as for use in perfume, for perfuming such products as soap and glove powder, and for flavoring tobacco.

The storax from the red-gum tree grown in the United States, sometimes known as the star-leaved gum tree in the South, appears to be fully as satisfactory as a similar product imported from Asia Minor, now more widely used.

Storax gum exudes from the new wood that grows after the gum tree has been wounded. Tests by the Forest Products Laboratory of the United States Forest Service indicate that small cuts yield more storax than large ones. Girdling and extreme defoliation of the bark damage or kill the tree but do not increase the gum flow. Not more than two cuts, one above the other, are recommended, and a vertical bar of bark should be left between pairs of cuts. Metal turpentine cutters or aprons set close to the gum may be used to collect the gum. Working the trees for gum just ahead of a lumbering operation may increase the income from the woods and prevent insect or fungus injury to the scarred trees.

Where trees are scattered, farmers and high-school boys may be able to carry on small operations in spare time. The collected gum is usually cleaned by heating in a double boiler and filtering through cheesecloth. After cleaning, the gum should be kept cool to prevent fermentation before it is shipped. It can be stored and shipped in flat-top-top boxes. Trees properly tapped may yield as much as 2.5 ounces per tree per year. With careful working to avoid damaging valuable timber,

it is believed additional revenues can be gained from red-gum forests through domestic storax production, especially since importations from other countries now amount to about 40,000 pounds annually, import prices ranging from 40 cents to \$3 a pound.

The youth gets together his materials to build a bridge to the moon, or perchance a palace or temple on the earth, and at length the middle-aged man concludes to build a woodshed with them—Thoreau.

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SYRUP, Bonita, per gallons 79c
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TOILET SOAP, 3 cakes for 22c
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RIBS, 2 pounds 25c
PIG TAILS, 2 pounds 20c
PIG EARS, 2 pounds 25c
PIG LIVER, pound 10c
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LITTLE COUNTIES ORGANIZED FOR THE FIGHT IN GAS SUIT

Complete Organization Effected at Gainesville Yesterday; Counsel Engaged For Opening Gun Friday.

A fight to the finish and one that will be carried to the highest courts in the country if necessary was decided on at the little county meeting at Gainesville yesterday, called to finally decide on action on the gas allocation suit brought by Rep. Matthews of Duval county. This meeting followed the one held here Saturday and was attended by more county representatives. Engagement of counsel to assist Attorney General Landis in defending the suit was announced and everything will be in readiness for the opening gun Friday. An Associated Press dispatch to the Tampa Morning Tribune says of the meeting yesterday:

Gainesville, Aug. 27.—Fifty-two Florida counties, beneficiary under the 1931 state gasoline tax allocation, voted here today through their county commissioners to defend the act to the highest court in the land if necessary. A "war chest" of \$15,000 was set as the defense fund and announcement was made that the Jacksonville law firm of Cooper, Adair, Knight, Cooper & Osborn, had been retained to assist Attorney General Landis in opposing an attack upon the bill. The small county associations' steering committee was instructed to levy assessments against the beneficiary counties on a pro-rata basis to raise funds to defend the act. A provision was that any unexpended balance would be returned to the counties on the same pro-rata basis by which they benefit under the act.

Injunction Sought.

The allocation act has been attacked by Representative John E. Matthews of Duval county, a suit seeking to enjoin state officials from paying out funds according to its provisions. Matthews contends the law is unconstitutional because it gives to counties of smaller population money raised in the thickly populated counties.

Today's meeting closely followed one held at Sebring when a steering committee was named. Matthews with the attorney general and decide on defense. Hearing on the Matthews' suit will be before Judge E. C. Love at Gainesville Friday.

The small county bloc first considered asking postponement of the hearing but today announced the defense would be ready Friday.

Three Added To Committee. Three central and north Florida commissioners were added to the steering committee today and a permanent organization was effected. Representative J. M. Lee, Avon Park, was named chairman; R. C. Horne, Madison, was named chairman; Grace Reddick, Avon Park, secretary; O. H. Thomas, Gainesville; Ben Lindsey, Perry, and W. R. Bingham, Coleman, are the new steering committee members.

The steering committee, which was given a unanimous vote of confidence, was instructed to stop where short of victory in the fight to uphold the distribution act. The committee was given to understand that if the case went to the federal courts, with additional expenses incurred, new funds would be raised at another meeting of the beneficiary counties.

150 Attend Meeting.

More than 150 small county legislators, commissioners, county attorneys, citizens and proxy delegates from 42 counties were present, while 10 other counties telegraphed their support of whatever action was taken.

The attack on constitutionality of the gas tax distribution was described on the convention floor by L. W. Drummond, Bronson, as the "personal efforts of a half dozen disgruntled politicians, who, despite their protestations of public interest have no interest in those they pretend to save."

On Drummond's motion, the conference voted to invite large counties of the state to lend their moral support to "the honest effort of this meeting to sustain a fair and just law, and forever eliminate the brand of partisan political jockeying in which the attack was born."

This is not a battle between the little counties and the big counties," speakers said repeatedly.

Tomasello Explains.

Representative Peter Tomasello, Oklawaha, declared "these funds are not county moneys. They are state funds just as the income tax collected by the federal government makes up a federal fund. The principle for which we are fighting is merely that it is just as fair for the state to pay the counties for state highways they built yesterday as it is for the state to pay contractors

for state highways they build today and tomorrow.

"This bill provides that Hillsborough county shall be repaid in full every penny it has spent on a state road. It provides the same thing for Highlands county or Wakulla county. Nothing could be fairer."

Effecting their permanent organization, the steering committee chose D. G. Copeland, Everglades, as chairman and secretary; Ben Lindsey, Perry, vice chairman, and O. C. Parrish, Lake Placid, treasurer. These three also were selected as an executive committee to carry on the immediate activities.

Only Seven Out.

Holmes county today joined the list of counties supporting the defense of the act. Only seven of the beneficiary counties have not joined. They are Bradford, Calhoun, Marion, Seminole, Manatee, Wakulla and Washington.

The 1931 gasoline tax distribution act covered six cents of the total seven cents levy on the commodity. It provided that revenue from three cents of the tax should go to the state road department for construction and maintenance of state roads. Revenue from another three cents would be divided proportionately among the counties according to their population and money spent in constructing roads later turned over to the state as a part of the state highway system.

The one cent for area and the one cent for population would be distributed to a county on the proportion the area and population of that county bears to the area and population of the entire state. The one cent for roads would be paid proportionately, according to the state roads. When the revenue received payment in full for constructing state roads, it would cease to benefit under this one cent distribution and the amounts allotted to the other counties would increase proportionately until all were paid in full.

Avon Park Takes Charity Game 9-6

(Continued from page one)

Living, Sebring, each got a three base hit. The victories were, Avon Park: Dilley and C. Martin. Sebring: Whitehouse, Pollard and Wheeler.

The score: Avon Park 9, Sebring 6. Dilley, rf. 5 1 1 0 0 0. C. Martin, c. 5 1 3 1 0 0. C. Martin, c. 5 1 3 1 0 0. Hines, 3b. 5 2 3 1 4 1. Dilley, rf. 3 1 1 0 1 0. Lawhorn, 2b. 4 0 2 2 0 0. Tull, 1b. 4 0 2 2 0 0. Waters, lf. 4 2 3 1 0 1.

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Chevrolet Once Sold for \$2500

A standard Chevrolet passenger car listing at \$2,500.

That message, if heralded from billboards or the advertising pages of newspapers today, would cause considerable wonderment and speculation among the millions of present Chevrolet owners. Yet it was a more or less familiar sight back in 1913, when the company was getting into its second year of operation, and actually priced one model at that figure, the highest at which a standard Chevrolet has ever sold.

This 1913 car, an ancient prospectus says, had an average road weight of 3,700 pounds less passengers, and a wheelbase of 129 inches. With its gleaming brass headlamps and its touring-type body mounted high above the wheels, it bore little resemblance either in size or appearance to the modern output of the company.

Although in 1913, the first full year of production, the car then being built also listed above \$2,000, no Chevrolet since that date has been listed above \$1,000 per car. In 1922 none has ever listed as high as \$1,000. Today, the range of from \$475 to \$875 is considerably below any price ever listed, despite the fact that the 1931 car is larger than any Chevrolet since 1922, when four different models listed above \$1,000 were built on a 110-wheelbase.

If you're not pleasing yourself the chances are you're not pleasing anyone else.

The struggle for existence has developed into a struggle to outdo our neighbors.

ELLIOTT TELLS EFFECT RAIL RATE INCREASE

Bureau Says Increase Unfair to Florida

Quite a lot of discussion is now going on in regard to the 15 percent freight rate increase the railroads are seeking and what effect it will have on traffic to and from Florida. We have been able to secure a statement from T. C. Elliott, traffic manager of the Interior Florida Traffic Bureau on this matter which is as follows:

The question of what effect this proposed 15 percent rate increase is going to have on traffic in general is somewhat complicated, but for the peninsula of Florida, which covers that part of the state lying south of the Seaboard Air Line running from Jacksonville to River Junction, it is not hard to visualize its effect.

1st, we must get in mind that about one-third of all our traffic consists of shipments of fruits and vegetables. During the past season, such shipments moving out by rail reached a total of 101,300 carloads. This will mean about 600 carloads per day during the busy shipping period.

2nd, it is a well known fact that about 85 percent of our carload rail shipments move to markets north of the Potomac and Ohio rivers.

3rd, quite a substantial amount of traffic has already been moving out from Florida via water and truck transportation.

In so far as our fruits and vegetables are concerned, the market for 85 percent of them are from 200 to 1,400 miles distance. While it may be possible to send a truck load of such commodities to New York or Chicago, the present effective range of trucks as against rail transportation is 300 miles and under. It is, therefore, necessary for the Florida shipper to go beyond the 300 mile range before any market whatsoever is reached, and the market is nothing to speak of until after the 800 mile distance is reached.

It is not proposed in this 15 percent rate increase that any discrimination be made against Florida and in favor of any other state or section of the country. But the conditions actually existing here in Florida place us in a different position from any other state east of the Mississippi river. For example, a 300 mile circle through around Winchester, Va. would likely enable its apple industry to market a major portion of their apples. So, also, would a like distance from Cincinnati enable its manufacturers to dispose of most of their commodities. It is easily to be seen, therefore, that perishable long-distance traffic will be hard hit by these increases, while short-haul traffic may well easily

divert to other means of transportation.

There is still another class of traffic which will be difficult to divert from the rail lines, and that is known as low grade traffic, such as coal, lumber, brick, cement, fertilizer and phosphate-rock. However, for short hauls and where water transportation can be reached even this traffic will be diverted to some extent.

We must not lose sight of the fact that a rate increase to the railroads will likewise boost up rates of transportation via the water lines and trucks, for those rates are and will continue to be governed, more or less, by the cost of transportation by rail carriage. This, of course, would not be true as to persons transporting their property in their own private trucks.

From what is being shown and stated herein, it must be quite clear to every one that as far as Florida is concerned, this rate increase will be a long time before any considerable percentage of our traffic will be shifted out by any other method than railroad, so we may well make up our minds that if these increases are made it will hit us.

Florida Traffic Under High Rate. It may be interesting for your readers to know that traffic moving out from Florida by rail is at the present time paying an extra penalty of from 15 percent to 40 percent higher rates than for the same traffic moving between any other points east of the Mississippi river. Of the hundreds of thousands of items, we know of only one, and that is fertilizers, that are moving on the same rate level to and from Florida as to any other part of the South and East.

The proposed 15 percent rate increase will add to the cost of transporting our citrus fruits from 13 to 15 cents per box and an average of about \$40 per car to the cost of transporting our vegetables. While the citizens of the smaller counties of central and interior Florida, such as Hernando and Citrus, will be required to dig up an additional freight cost of from two to four hundred thousand dollars, the larger counties, such as Polk and Volusia, will be called upon to come along with additional freight costs of from one to two million dollars a year.

The remedy for preventing this additional money going out of the pockets of our citizens has been placed in the hands of the various county commissioners from Ocala to Arcadia and Sebring and from Orlando to Inverness and Brooksville.

It may be of interest to our vegetable shippers to know that while only last week, the Interstate Commerce Commission ordered it to effect radical changes in all of Florida vegetable rates, in which reductions were secured on shipments of cabbage, tomatoes and beans, and on shipments of celery and potatoes increases were authorized, such shipments will be further affected by a 15 percent rate increase. For example, all of those

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rates were predicted upon a percentage of the 1st class rate. It so happens that if a 15 percent increase is made it will boost the 1st class rate just that much. The present 1st class rate to Chicago is \$2.72 and the new cabbage rate is to be 40 percent of 1st class or \$1.09. A 15 percent rate increase on the present 1st class rate of \$2.72 will raise it to \$3.23 and 40 percent of that would be \$1.29, or a new rate on cabbage after the 15 percent increase is made.

Of course it is generally understood that these proposed increases will also advance the freight costs on shipments of fertilizer, roadway materials, brick, lumber, canned goods, salt, sugar, furniture, hardware, drugs, groceries, naval stores, paints, iron and steel, cement, lime, dry-goods, flour and feed, etc., so it is quite evident that no citizen will escape its effect."

RURAL COMMISSIONER SAYS

By Spada Johnson

SLASH PINE, QUICK GROWER, SUITABLE FOR CUT-OVER LANDS

The planting of slash pine and the protection of growing stands are recommended by the Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture at near rates to insure a steady income from many non-agricultural lands.

"Fire must be kept out and efficient forest management is essential, if satisfactory net returns are to be obtained," says the Forest Service.

"Slash pine is the great dual-crop tree of the Southern coastal plain. This tree produces the heaviest crops of saw logs and also produces valuable timber. It is also the quickest grower of the four leading Southern pines." And now Dr. Chas. E. Herty, speaking at the recent Farmers' Week in Gainesville, says that the unchipped slash pine can be made into either newspaper or white bond paper pulp. Still another possible use which may be developed some day before long.

Slash pine is found throughout practically all of Florida. It has a tendency to spread widely on cut-over lands and old fields, possibly due to the fact that it makes frequent seed crops, while the other pines seed rather infrequently.

The Forest Service recommends protection of the stands from fire. Thinning methods also are suggested, and some types of management being best adapted to lumber production, others to growing crops of pulpwood or turpentine, or to the production of all three.

On account of its quick growth habits, and the fact that he believes it will be used in the manufacture of pulpwood, Dr. Herty recommends it as an excellent cash crop. He says it is one forest crop which can be raised and realized on in our own day.

Nothing will ruin an interesting intellectual argument quicker than the arrival of a pretty girl.

Hollywood, Calif.—Just how tall J. D. Ballard of Hollywood, Cal., will eventually grow is a problem that is beginning to worry his parents as well as himself. Although he is only seventeen years old, he is almost seven feet six inches and is still growing. For the past year, he has been looking "down" on hundreds of movie stars from his station as doorman at the Pantages theater and all of them from tiny Mitzi Green to Gary Cooper look up at him when they hand him their tickets. Photo shows him with Miss Margery Putnam, guesting with him how tall he will be when he "grows up."

Speaking of Altitude Records, This Youth Has Them All and Is Still Growing.

22 20 18 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2

COFFEE Bulls Eye 15c

7 to 7 21c PURE SANTOS Fresh Ground

Cash Grocery

White Bacon, pound 10c

LARD, 8-lb. Pail83c POTATOES, 10 lbs. . .25c

Flour 12-Pounds PILLS-BURY 43c 24-Pounds SWANS-DOWN 85c 24-Pounds GOLDEN RULE 65c

QUARTS MUSTARD19c QUARTS APPLE BUTTER . . .18c

BLUE ROSE RICE, 5 lbs.22c GEM SYRUP, gallons59c

Vinegar, Bulk, gallon 30c

BARGAIN ON HEN FEED

8 1/2 Laying or Growing . .30c Roast Beef17c

25 lbs. Laying or Growing .75c Corned Beef19c

50 lbs. Laying or Growing \$1.60 Pot Meat, 7 cans25c

100 lbs. Laying or Growing . \$3 Va. Sausage, 4 cans25c

Meal or Grits, 5 pounds 15c

BANANAS, Fancy Ripe, pound . 03c

No. 2 CANS TOMATOES, 3 for . . .22c CALO DOG FOOD, can10c

POST TOASTIES, CORN FLAKES, 3 for 21c

EVAPORATED PEACHES, 2 lbs.25c FRESH SHIPPED EGGS, dozen30c

CUDAHY'S MONOGRAM BUTTER32c LONGHORN CHEESE, pound23c

BREAD "Jumbo" THE NEW LOAF 8c; 2 for 15c Butter Krust, regular loaf 6c

You Deserve the Best; Get It At

TRY OUR HOME-MADE FRESH SAUSAGE

Moore's Market

Good SLICED BACON, per pound 22c

VEAL CHOPS, per pound . . .25c

Home-Made Smoked SAUSAGE, 2 lbs. 33c

VEAL ROAST, per pound . . .22c

SPARE RIBS, 2 pounds for . . .25c

PAN SAUSAGE, 2 pounds for . .25c

Here and There

About Avon Park

By W. M. Hetherington

A column in a local newspaper is headed "On the Mall," but we believe more gossip could be told on the "Moll."

A guy in our town wants to know if the \$2.50 fine on the negro for shooting at another was for hunting without a license, or in violation of a closed season on coons.

An ad says that "prunes have it." A young lady in our town is also said to have "it." Things equal to the same thing are equal to each other. Therefore the young lady is a prune. Q. E. D.

If a prohibition agent, in his zeal for collecting evidence, gets drunk on the job and has to be taken to his hotel by another officer of the law, he may be no worse than the man he is trying to turn up, but you will never be able to convince the average free-thinking American of the fact. We are reliably informed that a local officer had to pilot one of those high-powered gentlemen to his hotel a few nights ago, after he had secured what he considered sufficient evidence.

Two raids this week coupled with a fire two weeks ago have made a clean sweep of Avon Park's Barbary coast, and it begins to look like prohibition will be a fact out that way for a week or two at least. So complete was the havoc wrought out on "three mile limit" that it is doubtful if a drink can be bought on the entire stretch between Avon Park and Wauchusa, a condition that has not existed in many years, according to our informants. It is only fair to say, however, that by far the most of the violations have occurred over the line, outside of Highlands county. And without going further into the subject, we will dry up.

Home-town laboring men will get the break on employment in packing houses and mills this season if efforts of the chamber of commerce bear fruit. Nothing could be fairer than this and employers should co-operate to the fullest extent. Year-round residents, who have their homes here and in some cases are home-owners and taxpayers should certainly have the first call when there is a job to be filled. If every town and city in the United States would follow this plan and absolutely take care of their own labor, instead of allowing it to drift from pillar to post, the ills of unemployment and depression would be solved. We can't help their drifting, but we are in on this winter, but we are not under obligation to take care of them. The home-town man should have first call.

THE CROSS ROADS

By George Turner

Came September! Which to my fancy is the most romantic month of the year. Whether it is the coming of autumn, the month of tropical hurricanes, the month of school or because it is the month of my birth. I can't just figure out. However, I think it is on account of the school days.

Every time I see a group of boys and girls on their way to school I have a mad desire to don my knee pants and go skipsey-loo, merrily whistling down to the little red school and try to make up for some of the time I so foolishly wasted when I was of school age. But realizing that I am past that age, I resolve yearly to give a word of advice to the high school pupil. But I never have, and it is probably just as well. Advice is one thing that is free and they get all they can use.

However, I wish it were possible for me to impress upon each of you just how essential an education is in everyday life. Take this year of school seriously. Forget about those little puppy-love affairs. Put them away with your summer vacation as they have been. You will have to hold the white flag at the end of my sophomore year. I don't regret it, exactly, but perhaps I should, for I certainly miss the education that should have been mine. She was beautiful. Ah, me! Curly chestnut hair, olive skin, long slim fingers and rosy cheeks—the kind of girl you read about in "Western story books." But that is all for—

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CIVIC LEADERS OF CITY TAKE PART IN SCHOOL OPENING

Avon High School Opens Wednesday With Enrollment of 196, to Give Year Good Start.

Avon Park high school opened auspiciously Wednesday morning with representatives of the school boards and civic bodies of the city giving words of encouragement and offers of cooperation for a successful term.

Total enrollment for opening day was 196 pupils, of which 49 were seventh grade, 44 in the eighth grade, 29 in the ninth grade, 30 in the tenth grade, 20 in the eleventh grade, and 24 in the twelfth grade.

Present on the platform were County Superintendent F. N. K. Bailey and T. C. Hobbs, representing the school board; Chairman J. S. Schweigert, J. A. Jackson and C. H. Pardee, of the local board; R. T. Fairley, principal of the school, and representatives of the Parent-Teachers association and the American Legion; Norton P. Smith, of the chamber of commerce; Mrs. G. P. Thayer, of the Woman's club; and T. C. Hobbs of the Rotary club.

Opening exercises began with the singing in chorus of "America, the Beautiful," led by Miss Furlew Anderson and Harry Hancock at the piano. Rev. C. E. Dewar read the scripture lesson, and Dr. A. P. Vaughn followed with invocation.

Opening announcements were made by R. T. Fairley, following which each of the representatives on the platform made brief addresses.

Prof. Fairley in speaking on behalf of the Legion called attention to the new flag on the outside pole that had been presented by the Legion post for opening morning. He also told of the Legion's intention to donate a wall flag for each room of the two buildings, and announced the Legion School Award medal to be given this year.

Prof. J. S. Gustaf made some brief announcements concerning the band and offered assistance to pupils who wanted to be instructed in the band practice for the following day, Thursday.

Mr. Fairley called attention to Miss Furlew Anderson's work as music teacher in the schools, and stated that Mrs. Gerrard would operate the lunch room again this year and urged the school to give it liberal patronage.

Mr. Fairley also announced the very generous donation of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Francis, who were making a gift of a pencil, tablet and ruler to each pupil in the high school.

Highlands Candy Company Purchases Avalon Sweet Shop

The Highlands Candy Company, wholesale candy company of Avon Park announced the purchase on Tuesday of the Avalon Sweet Shoppe from Charles F. Johnson, Inc.

Mr. Johnson disposed of the business in order to leave in the near future for Miami, where he has leased two theatres and will make his future home.

"Kenos" Hollingshead will manage the business for the candy company, and is making a number of alterations and improvements. A large stock of candy has been added, a lunch counter is being installed and other lines will be added in the future, according to J. R. Thomas, manager of the Highlands Candy Company.

White Way System In Business Section Undergoing Repairs

A section of the white way system in the center of the business section is being rebuilt with new cable and otherwise repaired. This part of the white way, three blocks in length, and part of the first installation, has been shored out for several months due to defective cable, resulting in very dim lights.

New cable for the job arrived Wednesday and Louis Evers started the repair job this morning. Five hundred feet of new cable will be installed to bring back the lustre to this section of the white way.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL MAKE SCHOOL AWARD

Will Be Given Boy or Girl in Graduating Class of Eighth Grade

The American Legion School Award, to be presented this year by Highlands post to a boy or girl of the graduating class of the eighth grade of Avon Park's public school, will be based on honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service. The award, which will be a gold medal, is a part of the local post's participation in the National Americanism program.

For the information of eighth grade pupils who will compete for the medal, the following is reprinted from "The Huddle," publication of the National Americanism commission of the American Legion.

"The primary purpose of the American Legion School Award is to cultivate good citizenship in the qualities of honor, courage, scholarship, leadership and service. Each year this activity has grown and educators in all parts of the country welcome an opportunity to co-operate. The American Legion posts because they realize in this award a medium through which is created a greater interest in scholarship and character building among the students. The activity has proven itself to be one of the best mediums we have of establishing contact with boys and girls for the purpose of teaching better citizenship lessons. From November 1930 to May 1, 1931, 1,924 posts had awarded medals to outstanding pupils of the graduating classes of the grammar schools of their respective communities. The award is made to the pupil of the graduating class from the eighth grade, in the public schools, who receive the highest total percentage on the following basis of weights:

"Honor: Strength and stability of character; high standards of conduct; keen sense of what is right; adherence to truth and conscience and devotion to duty and practice of clean speech—20 per cent.

"Courage: Bravery in the face of opposition and danger, and the gift to stand up for the right and do one's duty—20 per cent.

"Scholarship: Scholastic attainment; evidence of industry and application in studies—20 per cent.

"Leadership: Ability to lead and to accomplish through group action—20 per cent.

"Service: Kindliness, usefulness; fellowship; protection of the weak and promotion of the interests and welfare of associates without hope of personal reward—20 per cent.

Half Holidays On Thursdays Over

Last Thursday the merchants remained open all day, the season for Thursday half holidays having come to an end, with the approach of fall. The first signs of winter have appeared in the north and soon the annual trek of our winter visitors will begin. The merchants are preparing for a prosperous fall and winter. Many of the home folks that have been away on vacations are returning as the schools are opening.

LEGION POST WILL HOLD CELEBRATION ON ARMISTICE DAY

Committee Appointed to Plan Day of Events in Fitting Observance of National Holiday.

That some sort of an Armistice Day celebration should be put on this year by the American Legion was the unanimous opinion of Legionnaires at Wednesday night's meeting.

Glenn Spink called the post's attention to the fact that it had been passing up too many national holidays, and suggested Armistice day as a fitting occasion for the Legion to provide something in the way of a public celebration. He was named chairman of a committee of five which will meet next Wednesday night to formulate a plan to be submitted to the next Legion meeting two weeks hence. A foot ball game, public speaking, band concert and dance at night were suggested as possible features to the committee. Spink named as other members of the committee: A. McKee Elwell, R. T. Fairley, W. M. Hetherington and H. J. Chance.

Membership drive for 1932 memberships will begin about the first of November and will probably end on Armistice day, though the exact dates of the drive were left for later determination. A short intensive campaign was decided upon to secure 1932 members, and the drive will probably be opened with a banquet. Legionnaires decided. The post is anxious to get every eligible man in the Avon Park territory into the Legion this year, and better if possible its eligible record of the state. It is estimated that there are 100 men or more eligible in Avon Park. Nearly half of this number are active members at present.

Red Devils Begin Practice to Get in Shape for Season

High school football timber turned out Monday afternoon for the first practice of the season under Coach E. F. Carmichael, who returned from South Carolina last Friday and immediately began work on material for his Red Devil team.

So far, material is meager this year, the coach says, and with the exception of four backfield men and three linemen held over from last season, it is a little difficult to see where the pigskin toters are coming from.

While it is too early to get much of a line on the team, there are a few of the old stand-bys that can be counted on this year.

Cleo James, captain of the '31 squad, will likely take center again this year, the coach thinks. Paul Baldwin, assistant captain, will be at quarterback. Claude Daly and James Roberts will probably hold down end positions, while Cameron Epperson and M. L. Sibley, two dependable backs from last year's team, will be seen in action in the backfield again this year. Harrison James is out for a regular berth this year, and Dennis Hunt, a new man, is showing some speed and looks like he will make the line, probably at tackle.

Clarence Wilcox, who played tackle the last two years, is working this year and may be lost to the team. He has not decided whether he will return to school or not.

Nine games are on the schedule for this season. Four of the games will be played on the home grounds, and the rest away from home. The season closes with the annual Thanksgiving battle between Avon Park and Sebring, which will be played at Sebring this year.

The schedule: Oct. 2—Lake Wales here. Oct. 9—Ft. Meade there. Oct. 16—Mulberry here. Oct. 23—Haines City there. Oct. 30—Okeechobee here. Nov. 6—Auburndale here. Nov. 13—Punta Gorda there. Nov. 20—Frostproof here. Nov. 27—Sebring there.

Silver Tea Nets Sum Benefit of United Charities Fund

A silver tea given by the United Charities of Avon Park at the home of Mrs. A. C. West on La-Grande street last Friday afternoon netted \$26.50 which will go into the fund to aid unemployed and unfortunate of the city.

The house and lawn of the beautiful West home were profusely decorated with flowers and greenery. After a social hour the guests were entertained by a group of children presenting Shakespeare's Mid-Summer Night's Dream, under the direction of Mrs. Daisy Ten Eyck who for three months past has conducted the children's story hour each Friday at the library.

The story hour and this program were sponsored by the library committee of the Woman's club. The play was staged on the spacious porch, which provided a very attractive setting. The various characters were quaintly portrayed by the young children and was greatly enjoyed by both adults and children.

In conclusion, Mrs. G. P. Thayer, acting president of the Woman's club, told of the work carried on through the summer by the library committee in the following address:

"I believe it was an old Greek philosopher who said, 'We hold that any person who abstains from public affairs work is not only idle, but we hold that he is also useless.' One of our present day American statesmen has added, 'And not only useless, but dangerous.' I wonder how many in our little town besides the parents of the children who have entertained us this evening have known of this innovation of what was called 'The Children's Hour' and which was conducted each Friday morning throughout the summer with an enrollment of 112 members. This was fostered by the library committee of the Woman's club and Mary's Tales of Shakespeare is presented to Evelyn Thomas, as best representing the first qualifications. And to Walter Mandis is presented the Story of Pinocchio for being present at all meetings and for his spirit of willingness in the dramatizations."

The library committee presented Mrs. Daisy Ten Eyck with a beautiful handbag as a small token of appreciation.

The United Charities officers express thanks to those who so generously patronized the silver tea, and especially express appreciation to Mrs. West for the use of her home for the benefit.

1650 Bottles of Brew and Liquor Smashed by Agents

Prohibition agents raided the "Tower" filling station on the Wauchusa road in Hardee county late Thursday afternoon, and destroyed 1650 bottles of home brew and a quantity of liquor, estimated to be worth \$2200 at booting prices. G. D. Huss, operator of the place and Tom Collier, an employee, were placed under arrest on charges of possession and sale of liquor. Bonds of \$1,000 for Huss and \$500 for Collier were posted.

Three federal agents working out of the Tampa office, who have been in this section for several days, made the raid. They entered the store, according to Collier, and bought a pint of liquor, paid for it and each took a drink, commenting on the good quality of the liquor, Collier said. Then they quietly made their way to the back, where sleeping upstairs, was also arrested.

The home brew and all of the liquor except enough for evidence were carried out behind the store and smashed. Several jugs were taken along by the agents.

Workers Council Donates to Charity

The Workers Council of the First Methodist church Sunday school voted to make a sizeable contribution to the United Charities fund at its meeting Tuesday night. Transaction of routine business filled the balance of the evening.

The baseball committee is still at work on a plan to secure a big league club for spring training. The chamber is in communication with both the St. Louis Cardinals and the Brooklyn team. Owners of the Jacaranda hotel have been asked.

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EMPLOYERS ASKED TO GIVE BREAKS TO LOCAL LABOR

Chamber of Commerce Will Carry on Registration of Unemployed and Assist in Getting Them Work.

Approach of the winter season with its inevitable influx of transient labor prompted the chamber of commerce directors to pass a resolution at Tuesday night's meeting calling on local employers to give preference to local people.

The resolution for the protection of local labor was introduced by Mark E. Covington, who with O. C. Wilkes and Secretary Norton T. Smith were named a committee to make practical application of its provisions.

Identification cards have been provided, and local people looking for work may have a card filled out, which states that he is a permanent resident of Avon Park, and that any employment given to him will be appreciated by the chamber of commerce. Mr. Covington has announced that he will be at the chamber of commerce rooms in the city hall every morning at 9 o'clock, beginning next Tuesday morning, and will furnish an identification card and register for work all local people who apply to him. These will be classified according to the kind of labor to which they are best suited, and an effort made to place the applicants with local packing houses and other similar institutions.

The Covington resolution, as amended, was adopted.

RESOLVED, that in view of the vast extent of unemployment throughout the country, and the fact that, as heretofore, large numbers of people seeking employment may come into Florida during the coming season, it is but fair that local employers employ only local people in their establishments;

RESOLVED further that the Secretary be directed to communicate this resolution to the local employers and to advise them that this chamber sincerely trusts that they will do everything in their power to keep local people employed and to discourage outsiders from coming in seeking employment.

Payroll off old Debts

Settlement of old accounts dating back to boom days on a 30 percent basis is being made with creditors of the old organization, the finance committee reported that five out of the seven creditors of the body of the organization had agreed to a settlement. Payments are being made in three installments. Dividends from the First National bank are being applied on these accounts, which will require help from current funds to enable the chamber to clean the slate of debts contracted by former organizations.

No Cannery This Year

Norton T. Smith reported that plans for an Exchange cannery plant talked of earlier this summer would not materialize for handling this season's crop, but that local Exchange cannery grade fruit would be handled at the Lake Wales Exchange plant. The Lake Byrd plant was reported as not operating this season, and the Avon Florida Citrus Corporation fruit of cannery grade will also be handled at Lake Wales, it was stated.

Folders, Markers Ready

The publicity committee reported that new folders will be ready for distribution this week, and that other folders are being arranged for. Road markers have been bought and paid for and will be placed and the mileage painted on them sometime this week.

There are still some outstanding membership pledges due, the membership committee reported, and recent efforts to collect these have netted \$81.

Baseball Committee at Work

The baseball committee is still at work on a plan to secure a big league club for spring training. The chamber is in communication with both the St. Louis Cardinals and the Brooklyn team. Owners of the Jacaranda hotel have been asked.

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