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THE FRUIT INDUSTRY CRISIS.

On page three of this issue of The Times appears a page advertisement which has or will probably appear in every paper in the state this week, and we believe that it heralds an awakening of the grower to the fact that the citrus industry is at a critical point in its growth.

Every citizen of the state whether a grower or not is vitally interested and we are glad the Exchange is facing the problem squarely and we believe offering the solution to the present chaotic condition in our marketing system.

The organization committee of the exchange points out, as many newspapers, including The Times, have pointed out before, that the growers in California control the packing and shipping of a majority of the fruit produced in that state with the result that the California grower receives a better price than Florida although even Californians admit that Florida produces a better grade of fruit providing of course that the fruit is allowed to ripen before it is shipped.

If conditions continue for another season or two as they have been the past two seasons, it is plain to the most unobservant person that our chief industry will be ruined, which of course, means the ruin of every business in the citrus belt that doesn't depend on tourists for support, and it will even injure the tourist trade.

The cherry growers of Canada, the apple growers of Washington, the potato growers of Colorado and the fruit growers of California have solved their marketing problem by co-operation, which leads us to believe that it should at least be given a fair trial by the citrus growers of Florida.

The Department of Agriculture, both state and national, encourage co-operative marketing, so if there is anything wrong with the system it must be the growers themselves.

Only one lynching in Florida during the past year, indicating that civilization is making progress.

BOWLING GREEN is to have a Strawberry Festival January 14 to 17. Just try to imagine anything sweeter than that.

The traditional New Year's dinner in Germany is composed of carp stewed in beer. Well, its worth all prohibition costs not to have to eat a dinner like that, even once a year.

With unemployment so prevalent, it is hard to understand why some 150,000 miners went on strike in Wales the other day. It would seem wise to hold on to most any kind of job these times.

If you had a dinner of hog jowl and black-eyed peas on New Year's day, you will be lucky throughout the year. And you will be particularly lucky if you have that good dinner every day during the year.

"Spend" is good advice for those who have plenty, but for those with little the old-time virtues of thrift and saving were never so timely and advisable. Too much spending by people who could not afford it is responsible for the length of the breadlines all over the country today.

One of the best fairy stories is told in a dispatch from a Georgia town, stating that the bank there had notified depositors it was quitting and asked them to come in and get their money. Let us hope this example will be followed by all banks that get affected with the closing urge.

The government has appropriated large sums for public works, but the man who depends on one of these projects for a job is likely to become a little peaked. Of necessity the Government moves slowly in such matters. Better dig up a job, even if it is not a very desirable one, and clamp on to it until better times show up.

Let us enter the New Year with hope and courage, each of us doing our part to restore confidence by so living that our neighbors will have confidence in us. If we could get back to the good old times when men could say of one another, "This word is as good as his bond," business depression would disappear like the mists before the morning sun.

If you are looking for something to do and some where to go you could invest a little time very profitably by visiting Bowling Green next week during the Strawberry Festival.

tival. It even makes the natives open their eyes a little wider and it certainly gives the winter visitor something to write home about.

This is "Courtesy Week," and it is drawing to a close. But let us not allow our courtesy to wane with the week, but keep it active at all times for the benefit of the stranger within the gates. And it would not be amiss for our home folks to try it more frequently on one another. Courtesy, like so many of the best things in life, costs little or nothing, but, like the quality of mercy, "it blesses him who gives and him who takes."

In a country where over-production is given as the cause of business depression, i. e., where there is too much food stuffs on hand—certainly no one should be compelled to want for food. When little children are hungry red tape should not be permitted to stand in the way of them having something to eat. The Red Cross, or whatever agency is entrusted with the task, should feed the people first and untangle the red tape afterwards.

A closed Tampa bank has on hand some \$700,000, but none of it can go to depositors because of "preferred creditors." We know nothing of banking further than we once had a check for \$4.50 cashed at a bank, and it seems we remember hearing a bank cashier say something like "Sorry, but we are not making any loans just now." Still, we believe we could improve the banking system somewhat. We'd just change things about so that the depositors would be the preferred creditors.

Californians have been living under a cloud lately—a cloud so dense and dirty that schools had to close for several days, furnishings of homes were ruined, and trains collided. The cloud was caused by smudge pollution to ward off damage to fruit groves during twelve days of freezing or near freezing weather. It is hard for Floridians to understand such conditions, but they sympathize with their friends of the West Coast, while mildly wondering why people will live in a country with such a climate.

Every day dispatches from all over the country emphasize the fact that Florida is better off than any other section of the country. Our deep sympathy with the people of the struggling States as Arkansas, where it is estimated that a quarter million people must be fed by the Red Cross, is mingled with profound gratitude that despite talk of hard times there has been no real destitution in this State, and that conditions admittedly are steadily improving. Our troubles seem small when we compare them with those of other parts of the nation.

The proposition to pay the exservicemen the full amount of their compensation certificates instead of waiting for the maturity of these certificates, is undoubtedly favored by a large majority of the veterans. A dollar at this time is bigger, we believe, than it will be again, and it would now be worth many times as much to the former soldiers as it will be fifteen years hence. This is a case where a bird in the hand is much preferred to the same bird fifteen years from now, when it may be that many veterans may have lost interest in birds.

The Lake Wales Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a debt-paying campaign, 100 checks of \$10 each being circulated for a period of six weeks, every person getting one of the checks to pass it on promptly in payment of a debt. If all will co-operate in the plan an immense amount of debt can be wiped out by these checks. Any movement that will tend to getting people's minds on paying their debts is very much worth while, and it is likely other communities will try out this plan, which originated in a suggestion from Roger Babson. Reports from Fort Myers state that a trial of this idea has produced fine results in debt cancellation in that city.

Echoes of the State Press

Governor Roosevelt Gives Utterance TO A VITAL TRUTH IN HIS ADDRESS.

Governor Roosevelt, of New York, in his annual address to the legislature of that state, gave utterance to a vital truth when, in commenting upon a letter from a citizen imploring him to abolish local governments and substitute therefor, state control of cities and towns, because of the "archaic" forms of local government, he said:

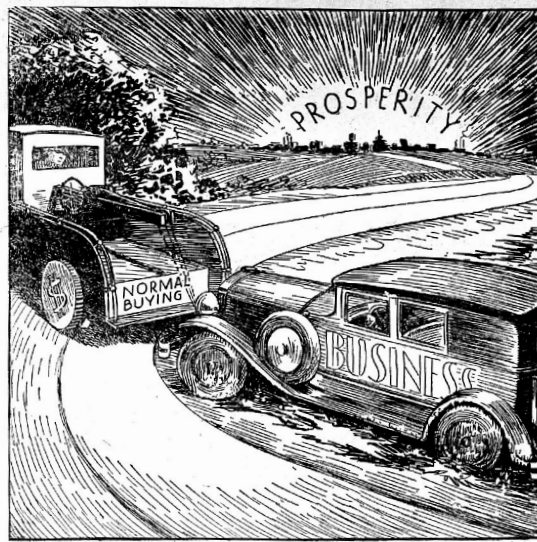
"Our local governments are archaic in design, unsatisfactory in their functioning and profligate in the spending of the money of the taxpayers but they are all that because of the indifference of the individual citizen toward local problems" and he added that this indifference had resulted in the waste of untold millions of dollars of public funds.

The governor was speaking of writing of New York cities and towns but what he said regarding the indifference of individual citizens to local problems applies to almost every community in every state in the union.

The correspondent to which the governor referred pleaded for state control of community governments because he said he believed that if the state did not take over local government an appeal must be had to the military in order to prevent actual anarchy.

That picture may have been a bit overdrawn but the fact remains that there is too much dissatisfaction which if not checked by a return to safe and sane administration of local affairs will result in a breakdown of morale which will be deplorable.—Barlow Record.

PULLING POWER



Washington's Courtship and Wedding To Martha Custis

Wedding Took Place January 6, 1759

So much has been written on the more spectacular phases of George Washington's life that it is sometimes difficult to appreciate the really human qualities of the man. One of the finest stories ever told of Washington is that of his courtship of Martin Custis and their subsequent marriage. In this story are revealed some of the best and most attractive qualities of America's greatest hero. The firm, strong-willed leader of men who unflinchingly would face death on the battlefield found that he needed the companionship and helpful counsel of a woman. Fortunately, he met the sort of woman he wanted to preside in his home, and they were married on January 6, 1759.

The story of George Washington's marriage to Martha Custis is told by the Division of Information and Publication of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission, in a statement intended to call attention to the 172nd anniversary of this notable event.

George Washington first met the Widow Custis at the home of Major Chamberlayne in May, 1758. The lady had then been a widow for about a year. She had married Colonel Daniel Parke Custis when she was seventeen years old, and was left at his death eight years later, with two small children and a considerable fortune. Although it is said that Washington was formally presented to Mrs. Custis for the first time by Chamberlayne, it is almost certain that the famous soldier and the charming widow had at least heard of each other before that time.

Fate must have taken a hand in the events of that day in May when Colonel Washington was detained at William's Ferry over the Pamunkey by his friend, Major Chamberlayne, who earnestly pressed upon the young man an invitation to stay his journey and enjoy the hospitality of the plantation. But Washington was hastening to Williamsburg where he intended to ask the Governor in person for men and supplies for the frontier, which previous urgent letters had failed to obtain. Chamberlayne was insistent, however, and when it appeared that all his importunities must fail to alter the plans of the Colonel, he informed the latter that he was then entertaining the charming Mrs. Custis. This argument, apparently, was potent enough to convince the young warrior where all others had been vain, and Washington consented to remain only long enough to partake of the meal which was then being prepared.

Bibb, the personal servant of Washington, who had served under Braddock, was instructed to hold the Colonel's horse in readiness for a speedy departure as soon as the dinner was over. The old soldier knew very well his master's reputation for punctuality, and since the business at Williamsburg was impor-

tant, he fully expected that this wait would be a brief one. But the dinner hour passed, the sun sank lower into the west, and still Washington lingered. At last in the warm dusk of the May evening, the faithful Bishop received orders to stable the horses for the night and the journey was postponed until the next day.

There is something amazing in this scene of budding romance, although it is no wonder that Washington tarried. Martha Custis was beautiful, attractive and accomplished. She has been described as being short, slightly plump and of engaging personality. Certainly the Colonel's interest in the lady was matched by her own interest in the renowned young soldier, and such mutual agreeableness was surely sufficient to crowd prosaic business into the background.

However, the Governor had to be waited, so the next day found Washington on his way to Williamsburg. But as soon as the business which took him there was taken care of, the now fully armed Colonel proceeded to the White House, the Custis home on the Pamunkey, where it appears Mrs. Custis expected him. When he left there he must have been in high spirits, for he took with him the lady's promise to marry him as soon as he should finish his military service on the Ohio.

Washington did not see his betrothed again for several months, for it was December before he returned from this expedition. His duties fulfilled, the Colonel resigned from the army and hastened plans for the wedding. It was during Washington's absence on the frontier that he wrote the only letter to Martha which alone remains of his premarital correspondence with her. This dignified and grave letter under date is dated Fort Cumberland, July 20, 1758:

"We have begun our march to the Ohio. A courier is starting for Williamsburg, and I embrace the opportunity to send a few words to one whose life is now inseparable from mine. Since that happy hour when we made our pledges to each other, my thoughts have been continually going to you as to another self. That All-powerful Providence may keep us both in safety, is the prayer of your faithful and ever affectionate friend.

G. Washington."

It still is uncertain whether the marriage occurred in Saint Peter's Church or at the bride's home, the White House. At any rate, the Reverend Mr. Mason, rector of the church, has been called to officiate at Saint Peter's, officiated at the ceremony. Jared Sparks, one of Washington's earliest biographers, is the authority for the date of the wedding which he established as January 6. But no matter whether the wedding took place at the White House or in the Church, it was a notable event and was attended by a great number of Virginia's prominent people. The Governor him-

self was there with civil and military authorities, and many of the socially elite. Only a traditional account of the festivities on that occasion exists today, but certainly the celebration left nothing lacking.

Martha's wedding gown has been thus described by one writer: "... a satin quilt, over which a heavy white silk, inter-woven with threads of silver, was looped back with white satin ribbons, richly brocaded in a leaf pattern. Her bodice was plain satin, and the brocade was fastened on the bust with a stiff butterfly bow of the ribbon. Delicate lace finished the low, square neck. There were close elbow sleeves revealing a puff and frill of lace. Strings of pearls were worn in and out of her powdered hair. Her high-heeled slippers were of white satin, with brilliant buckles."

The attractive appearance of the bride was equalled by that of the tall, well-built bridegroom. Always particular over his dress, Washington, on this occasion, was elegantly arrayed and, according to all accounts, was the most gallantly magnificent figure in all that assemblage.

At last Mount Vernon had a mistress, but months elapsed after the wedding before the young bride saw her future home. Washington had just been elected to the House of Burgesses as the young couple remained in Williamsburg while that Chamber remained in session until May. When Washington did return with his wife to his beautiful estate on the Potomac, the place became home to both of them for the remainder of their lives.

Washington's marriage was a singularly happy one. In Martha he found all those womanly qualities which were needed to supplement those of his own character. Who can measure the value of the encouragement she must have given him during the weary days of the Revolution? Certainly she was always a faithful and devoted wife, and the Father of his Country owed a great deal to her for the measure of success he attained. Among the significant events of the many important dates in the life of George Washington, this one of his wedding holds an element of human interest which no doubt is appreciated by all his countrymen.

LAKE ISTOKPOGA NEWS

T. A. Casin of Winter Haven was here on business Thursday. Mrs. Orrin Howard spent the week in Sebring visiting relatives. Jessie Elliott spent the week and here with his sister, Mrs. Nease McClelland.

Under Honey made a business trip to Avon Park, Friday and returned Saturday. Mrs. Charley Gillispie was visiting relatives in Cleas last week and returned home Saturday. George Boney and Sons, George and Lear of Wauchula spent the week end attending to business here.

Bro. S. E. Miller from Sebring was here and led singing for us Saturday night which we always enjoy so much. Bro. Rufus D. Bowman of Elgin, Ill., preached an enthusiastic sermon here Saturday night. Mrs. Bowman is traveling with him this year and we sincerely hope for their return next year.

Flower lovers of Beauvais, France, are reviving their garden, which were raided and every flower picked to place on coffins of the victims of the R101 disaster.



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SOCIAL and Personal News

B. P. W. C. Hold Regular Meeting.

There was a good attendance of members at the Business and Professional Woman's regular meeting, held Tuesday evening in the club room, State Bank Building, there being nineteen members present. Considerable business was transacted, one matter under consideration being the proposition of the Club taking over the miniature golf course in Donaldson Park and running it, which would provide a source of amusement not only to our winter visitors but to residents of the city. A committee, consisting of Mrs. Catherine Bristol, Miss Kate Tompkins, Miss Millie Pearson, Miss Grace Reddick and Miss Mattie Tompkins, was appointed to obtain all information possible with respect to cost of operating the golf course, possible patrons etc., and if this committee thought it advisable to have an interview with Mr. Alderman with the idea of taking over his lease.

After the business session there was a debate on the question "Do business women make the best wives?" Mrs. Frances Clark and Mrs. Fannie Reeves took the affirmative while Miss Grace Reddick and Miss Verta Bradley took the negative. The judges consisting of Mrs. O. C. Wilkes, Miss Kethie Powers and Miss Mattie Tompkins decided the best argument was in favor of the negative side of the question and brought a decision in favor of girls who contemplate matrimony not taking a business training.

Refreshments, consisting of hot chocolate and oatmeal cookies, made as no one but the Cooke Jar can make them, were served after the debate.

Those present were: Miss Verta Bradley, Louise Browne, Eleanor Bryant, Hutchinson, Millie Pearson, Keitha Powers, Grace Reddick, Lora Shatto, Kate and Mattie Tompkins, and Mesdames Catherine Bristol, Frances Clark, Thelma Dilley, Fedalma Hagood, Helen Mann, Wilma Penn, Fannie Reeves, Kathryn Wells and O. C. Wilkes.

Pabor-Geibel Wedding.

Miss Dorothy Geibel, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Geibel of White Plains, New York, was married to Mr. Palmer Pabor, son of Mr. Charles W. Pabor of Avon Park, Saturday, December 27, 1930 at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal church in White Plains, N. Y. The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a white chiffon velvet gown of princess style with a long train. Her veil of tulle and lace was made cap style and was caught at the sides with orange blossoms. She carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. She was attended by Miss Mary Pabor, a sister of the groom, as maid of honor. Miss Pabor's dress was made of a delicate shade of pink satin and tulle. Her quaint outfit was completed by a hairscarf hat of the same color trimmed with tulle and white lace mits. She carried an old-fashioned colonial bouquet of pink roses. The bridesmaids were Miss Rita Marie Hasselbach and Ethel H. Towne. They were dressed in similar gowns of delicate blue satin bearing an arabesque design. Their veils were trimmed in coral lace and blue velvet. These girls wore blue hairscarf hats fashioned in a polk bonnet shape trimmed with veils of the same shade and pink rosebuds. They wore the coral lace mits and carried the old-fashioned colonial bouquets of pink roses.

The bridegroom was Miss Rita Marie Hasselbach and Ethel H. Towne. They were dressed in similar gowns of delicate blue satin bearing an arabesque design. Their veils were trimmed in coral lace and blue velvet. These girls wore blue hairscarf hats fashioned in a polk bonnet shape trimmed with veils of the same shade and pink rosebuds. They wore the coral lace mits and carried the old-fashioned colonial bouquets of pink roses.

Mr. Palmer Pabor was attended by Mr. Harold W. Ames, who acted as best man, and Mesdames Stanley Mercer and Selwyn L. Birrell, a cousin of the bride, who acted as ushers.

The Reverend Roland C. Ornsted officiated at the ceremony. A reception was held immediately after the ceremony for about seventy-five guests at the home of the bride's parents.

After the reception the young couple left by motor for a wedding trip south to Avon Park to visit Mr. Pabor's parents of Avon Park, where they spent several days, and returned to their home in White Plains, New York, on Monday.

Luncheon and Bridge at Pine Crest Lakes Club.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeAnguera wish to announce that there will be a Luncheon and Bridge at Pine Crest Lakes Club, Tuesday, Jan. 13th. The luncheon will be at 1 p. m. and the charge will be \$1.00 per person, including luncheon and bridge. Reservations may be made any time prior to the date named.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Curry motored to Tampa on business Monday.

B. Y. P. U. Hold Convention Friday.

The members of the B. Y. P. U. held their regular convention at the Bowling Green on Friday evening of last week at the Church house there being nineteen members present.

A welcome address was given by the Pastor of the Bowling Green church. Response by President Clifton McClelland of this city.

A business meeting was held in which it was voted to elect officers at the beginning of each fiscal year. The following officers were elected: President, Clifton McClelland; Secretary, Clifton McClelland; Treasurer, Clifton McClelland.

A talk was then enjoyed, given by Miss Genevieve McClelland, the subject being, "How To Make the Bible Readings." The following members had charge of the entertainment for the evening. The program was on New Year's Resolutions.

The church house was decorated with white and green, the B. Y. P. U. colors. Nearly two hundred members were present at this meeting, and a good time was had by all. Delicious refreshments of cake and fruit punch were served by the hosts and hostesses.

Those from Avon Park to attend were: Miss Wava Gowdin, Miss Kitty Lou Martin, Miss Virginia Reddick, Miss Katherine Seagraves, Miss Minnie Sagus, Miss Shirley Page Shepherd, Mrs. W. E. McFarland, Miss Genevieve McClelland, Miss Thelma Perry, Miss Lorena Zitow, Miss Alma Folsom, Miss Elsie Mae Armstrong, Miss Clara Mae Givens, Miss Gertrude Clifton McClelland, Clifford Craft, Devan Reddick, Lusby Rawlin, Paul McFarland, Ray Wells, J. B. Martin, Leroy Dellaney, Roy Doals, J. H. McClelland, Rev. and Mrs. W. K. McClure.

Misses Carter-Marston Joint Hostesses.

Miss Luzzelle Carter and Miss Marion Marston were joint hostesses at an informal dance at Lake Byrd Lodge on Friday evening.

The spacious lobby of Lake Byrd Lodge was decorated in the red and gold color motif. Dancing, prisms and music entertained the guests for several hours after which light refreshments of date sandwiches and orange juice were served throughout the evening. Mr. and Mrs. Roland Drott made charming party chaperons.

The guest list for the affair included the following: Miss Estelle Carner, Miss Lora Lee, Miss Joyce Powell, Ethel Clark, Miss Ella Barker of Sebring, Miss Margarette Battey of Gainesville, Miss Susie Lynn, Mrs. Zed Scarborough, Miss Dorothy Roberts, Miss Eliza Mae Wilson, Miss Hazel Cameron of Lakeland, and Mesdames T. J. McGinnis, Eddie Clark, Freddie Holmes, Clyde Leach, Colquitt Pardee, Charles Rief of Wauchula, Jack Griffin, Zed Scarborough, Roy Durrance, Bert Simpson, Phillip Boardman, George Turner, Sammie Campbell, Buck Pardee, Roscoe Bass, Nelson Smith, Frederick Wild, Charles Harris, Miss Barbara Weaver, Miss Wava Gowdin, Miss Inez Dawson, Edna Overstreet, Miss Kitty Martin, Miss Jerry Helm and Mesdames Stuart Thayer, C. B. Martin, Lusby Rawlin, Anvil Muff of Sebring, Rufus Chappell of Sebring, Paul Jett of Lake Wales, Devan Reddick, Harry McPherrin, Curt Lawhorne, Bill Mackey of Sebring, Wendell Roberts, Francis Roberts, and Bert Turner.

Desmond Roberts Has Birthday Party.

Mrs. W. A. Roberts entertained in honor of her little son's, Desmond, seventh birthday anniversary at their home on Lake Lotis, Saturday afternoon.

The games and contests enjoyed on the lawn furnished the guests much entertainment during the afternoon. Refreshments of Dixie cups, angel food and gold cake were served by Mrs. Roberts, Mrs. J. L. Dutton, Mrs. N. G. Langford, and Mrs. Tom Culler.

Horns, lolly pops and cups of orange juice were also given the little folks as delightful mementos of the occasion.

The little folks helping Desmond celebrate his birthday were: Solomon Abrams, Lee Everett Hagood, Dale McFarland, Sonny Skipper, Mr. and Mrs. Fred DeAnguera, Conrad Dutton, Thomas Culler, Jim Dutton, Bill Langford, Mary Pardee, and Catherine Motrin.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Thompson of Sullivan, Ind., are now making their home here for the winter months.

C. W. Rainey of Lakeland was fielding a short business Monday this week staying at the Jacarana hotel.

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First Tourist Tea at Jacarana Hotel.

The first tea to be sponsored by the Woman's Club was held at the Jacarana Hotel on Monday afternoon of this week in honor of the winter tourists of Avon Park.

There were about seventy guests present among whom were many tourists.

The palm room was decorated with autumn leaves and Japanese hibiscus which formed a very pretty scene.

Mrs. M. E. Covington, president of the club, presided at the tea table. During the afternoon the guests were delightfully entertained by Mrs. George Scott McKinley who sang two songs accompanied on the piano by Mrs. Francis Shackley.

Dainty cake and tea were served to the afternoon guests. Mrs. Olive E. Anderson was in charge of the affair assisted by Mrs. Roy Chapin, Mrs. E. F. Carmichael, Mrs. Hil Beas, Mrs. Lula East, Mrs. J. H. Baldwin, Mrs. Blumenthal, Mrs. J. E. Brick, and Mrs. W. T. Coates, and Mrs. Virginia H. Cloud.

Marie Ruffo Meets at Powell Residence.

The regular monthly meeting of the Marie Ruffo was held at the home of Miss Joyce Powell with Mrs. Powell and Miss Barbara Weaver as joint hostesses.

A very interesting business session was held after which refreshments served refreshments of sandwiches and coffee. The home was decorated with autumn flowers which were very attractively arranged in vases.

Those present at this meeting were: Mrs. R. Ginn, Jr., Mrs. E. P. Lacey, Miss Lora Lee, Miss Eleanor Bryant, Miss Grace Reddick, Miss Helen Schweigart, and Miss Millie Pearson.

The next meeting will be held at the High School building with Miss Lora Shatto and Miss Eleanor Bryant as hostesses.

Mr. and Mrs. Ott Hosts at Dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Ott entertained at their charming home on Lake Verona with a dinner, on New Year's Day, a number of their friends.

The dining room was effectively decorated with an abundance of red radian roses. Two tall lighted tapers were arranged on the table. The guests were served a delicious five-course dinner.

Dinner guests at the Ott home were: Miss Soutie Lee Kemp, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hartt, Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ramdahl, Mr. and Mrs. C. Allen, Mrs. Kathryn Bristol and Mrs. Kathryn Wells.

Misses Hundertmark Honor Margaret Pardee.

Friday evening the Misses Hundertmark entertained at a delightful Chow Mein supper and bridge at their home on South Lakewood.

Miss Margaret Pardee of Avon Park, who is home from Tallahassee for the Christmas holidays. The home was prettily decorated in green and red with Christmas evergreens and novelties emphasizing the Yuletide season. Five tables were in play and table prizes were given for high and low scores.

Mrs. Nona Hunter arrived this week to spend the winter here from Brookline, Mass.

Father Johnson motored Monday to Dunedin, where he was the guest of Father Whitehead.

Bedford Clements of Tampa was the recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Godwin.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Powell spent Tuesday in Winter Haven on business.

Mrs. B. F. Ames of Loughman was the guest of her daughter Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Jr., over the week end.

Mrs. Mona Hunter of Brookline, Mass., is spending the winter at the Mid-State hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Kimp of Carnegie, Pa., arrived to spend the winter here at the Palmetta hotel.

Mrs. Dorothy Roberts motored Monday to Sebring, where she was accompanied home by Miss Eleanor Bryant.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Homer of Buffalo, N. Y., arrived on Sunday to spend several days and now are registered at the Jacarana hotel.

Mrs. M. K. Radcliff and daughter, Barbara Ann, Mrs. Bob Standfield, Mrs. Jim Thompson and Mrs. E. T. Radcliff were visitors in Lake Placid, Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Maddox and son, Roy, were recent business visitors in Bowling Green.

Mrs. R. O. Evans of Wauchula was transacting business in this city Friday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Owen of Garrettsville, O., arrived this week to remain during the winter season.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stone of Boston, Mass., are spending the winter months at the Mid-State hotel.

Mrs. Paul Garber, Mrs. Parke Anderson and V. Y. Anderson spent Monday transacting business in the city of Tampa.

Miss Lois Hartt motored to Lakeland Tuesday where she was the guest of Miss Mary Joe Keune for a few days.

Miss Kitty Lou Martin, Devan Reddick and Ray Wells motored to Lakeland Sunday where they attended the show.

Rudolph Conley returned to Davidson, N. C., where he will resume his studies at the Division College.

Mrs. Fred DeAnguera has arrived from Chicago to spend the winter months here with Mr. DeAnguera at their home at Pine Crest Lakes.

Pate Grace of Lake Wales, formerly of this city, was visiting his friends here Thursday evening.

Miss Karen Hagen returned here Sunday from St. Petersburg visit with her aunt in Palatka.

Miss Hazel Cameron left Saturday for Lakeland after spending the holidays here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Cameron.

Miss Murfee Grace who has been the guest of Miss Vera Heim for a few days has returned to her home in Lake Wales.

Colquitt Pardee and Fredrick Wild left Monday for Gainesville, where they will continue their work at the University of Florida.

Mrs. W. E. Dawson, Miss Barbara Weaver and Miss Inez Dawson motored to Arcadia Sunday where they attended the show.

Miss Alice Green of Winter Haven spent part of the holidays with her relatives, Mrs. E. A. DeLaney and Mrs. J. D. Walls of Avon Park.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stone of Boston, Mass., arrived recently to spend the winter here and they are registered at the Mid-State hotel.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Pond had as their dinner guests Wednesday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Langford and family of Sebring.

"Doc" Williams of Zolfo, formerly of this city, spent several days here as the guest of his sister, Mrs. D. G. Parry.

Paul Jett of Lake Wales, a former resident of this city, has returned home after a short visit here.

James Wood of New York, has left for his home after spending several days here as the guest of Mrs. Kate Wilson.

Lusby Rawlin left Sunday for Rouses Point, where he will resume his studies at V. P. L. He has been visiting his parents here during the two weeks' vacation.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Stinson of Detroit, Mich., are the guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Overstreet, at their home on Bell street.

Mrs. J. E. Olson and daughter, Margaret, returned Saturday from Thompsville, Ga., where they spent the Christmas holidays with relatives and friends.

Miss Olive Gladhill of Montevia, Md., left Saturday for her home after spending several days here with Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Schweigart and family.

Mrs. C. S. Cobb of Louisville, Ky., has arrived to spend the winter here as the guest of her brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Covington.

Mrs. Winifred Beck of Buffalo, N. Y., is now staying at the Jacarana hotel. Mrs. Beck intends to be a winter guest here for some time.

Miss Eleanor Bryant returned Saturday to resume her duties as a High School teacher after having spent a pleasant two weeks vacation with her parents in Gainesville.

Miss Ethel Windham, Miss Royle Lynn, Miss Edna Overstreet, Roy Lagravere, J. M. Maxwell and Charles Harris motored to Lake Wales Sunday afternoon.

One Step Nearer Perfection



Alhambra, Calif.—Photo shows! The radio directional compass for use on ships equipped with receiving sets.

Miss Joan Bryant has returned to her work at Southern College after having spent the holidays here with her parents.

Miss Edith Ginn of St. Petersburg has returned to her home after spending several days here as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Jr.

Miss Mammie Barnett has returned to her work at Southern College after spending the Christmas holidays here with her parents at their home on Central street.

Miss Lois Hartt returned Wednesday from Lakeland where she was the guest of Miss Mary Joe Keune the earlier part of this week.

Ed. A. DeLaney, as deputy grand master of Odd Fellows, installed the officers of Mulberry Lodge last Thursday night. He was assisted by C. E. Mann of Highlands Lodge.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. James and son, Earl, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Roberts, and daughter, Anna Dee, motored to Barlow Sunday to visit Mr. and Mrs. Fred Durrance.

Miss Ruby Hargraves, Miss Lora Lee, Eddie Clarke and Carson Sullivan of Frostproof motored to Ft. Pierce Tuesday afternoon, where they were the guests of friends.

C. B. Martin and Robert Roberts left Monday for Madison, Ga., where they will return to the A.

HUMAN PROJECTILE AT SOUTH FLORIDA FAIR

One of Many Acts On the Program at Tampa Feb. 3 To 14

Tampa, Jan. 7.—Sensational entertainment features at the South Florida Fair will be climaxed with the greatest thriller known to the outdoor show world this year as the result of contracts just closed with the management of Vittorio Zaccini, the human projectile, who will be shot from a cannon each afternoon and evening from February 3 to 14.

For nearly two years Zaccini has been the sensation of Europe with his giant cannon and last summer he was brought to America where he has appeared in a few northern cities. He will perform for the first time in Florida at the South Florida Fair on February 3. Zaccini's cannon, designed from the "big Bertha" which shelled Paris from a distance of 70 miles during the world war, weighs nearly eight tons and has a barrel that measures more than 22 feet in length. Zaccini crawls down into the barrel, the cannon is fired and he is hurled two hundred feet into the air, landing in a net.

Contracts call for Zaccini to be hurled through the air and over the huge grand stand if the fair management desires, but because of the danger to spectators, officials are now arranging to have the flight from the cannon to the net made on the race track in front of the amph-theater.

The booking on the "human projectile" marks a new precedent for the South Florida Fair.

The many friends of Charles H. Walker, president of the Avon-Florida Citrus Corporation, will be glad to learn that he is improving rapidly after an operation at the Lakeland hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Epperson and family returned Wednesday from a vacation trip spent in Williston and Wachoota visiting relatives. They were accompanied home by Mrs. J. B. Epperson, mother of R. C. Epperson, who will be their guest for a short time.

THE GREAT AMERICAN VALUE

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Mon. and Tues. Jan. 12-13th
"Only Saps Work"
A Paramount Comedy Drama—Also Comedy and News Reel.

Wed. and Thurs. Jan. 14th-15th
"A Soldiers Play-thing"
A feature length Comedy with Harry Laughton. Also Cartoon Comedy and Universal News Reel.

Fri. and Sat. Jan. 16th-17th
"Trail of the Golden West"
A Western Drama. Also Comedies.

Coming Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 20th and 27th. "TOM SAWYER."

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VITAPHONE TALKING PICTURES

Sun. Mon. and Tues. Jan. 11th, 12th and 13th
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With Harold Lloyd. The best comedy Lloyd ever made. Also a doc comedy that talks with human voices. Also News.

Wed. and Thurs. Jan. 14th-15th
"Skin Deep"
With Montie Blue. Also Shorts

Fri. and Sat. Jan. 16th-17th
"A Lady's Morals"
With Wallace Beery, Grace Moore and Reginald Denry. Also Comedy and News Reel.

Coming Jan. 18th. "LIGHTNIN'" with Will Rogers. Coming Jan. 25th. "JUST IMAGINE"

Grove, Farm and Garden

NOW IS TIME TO MAKE PLANS FOR BABY CHICKS

Mehrfhof Gives Timely Hints
In a Recent Radio Address

This is the season when poultry producers should be considering plans for the 1931 crop of chicks. Norman R. Mehrhof, extension poultryman, recently told WRUF farm listeners. He pointed out that the most important point to consider now is the breeding pen, or the source of hatching eggs or baby chicks if they are to be bought.

The breeding birds should be mated two or three weeks before eggs are to be saved for hatching. Hens that are used in the breeding pen should be selected carefully. Other things being equal, give preference to the older birds. As a general rule it is not desirable to breed from pullets. The birds should also be sturdy and vigorous, which will mean better fertility and hatchability. They should be selected for absence of physical and breed defects. The next spoke of egg quality as a very important factor, and suggested selecting those hens that produce eggs of a large size, that are the proper shape, and are true to the color for the breed. Then the final test is egg production. They should be studied from trapnest records or external characteristics, and only the best producers allowed to go into the breeding pen.

Breeding males should be studied about the same, paying special attention to type, width of back, depth of body, and head points, as well as the production of their parents.

He suggested using one male to about 20 Leghorn females, 15 general purpose females, or 10 hens of the heavier meat breeds. Average figures indicate that for every pullet wanted in the flock it will be necessary to hatch about three chicks, which will mean setting approximately five or six eggs. Eggs should not be saved more than 10 days before incubation.

He particularly suggested making plans early, and that quality birds in the breeding pen will be a large measure determine 1931 profits.

County Agents Meet To Discuss Farm Problems

Florida county agents, extension district agents, and extension specialists have just concluded a series of meetings at Lakeland, P. Pierce, DePue, and Live Oak in which plans to meet the farm problems of the coming year were discussed.

Each of the agents brought their plan of work to these meetings, and other agents, as well as the district agents and extension specialists, added their experiences and opinions in an effort to reach the best solution to each particular problem.

Such meetings are held at regular intervals by the Florida Agricultural Extension Service.

Two New County Agents Are Added To Florida Force

Florida county agents, number 45, N. G. Thomas, graduate of Clemson College, South Carolina, and with considerable experience as a county agent, farmer, and plantation manager, began work at Live Oak as county agent for Suwannee county January 1.

D. M. Treadwell, for three years Wakulla county agent, was transferred to Dixie county December 1, and Henry F. Hudson, graduate of the University of Florida, and recently with fruit fly forces, later began work as the agent for Wakulla county. Mr. Treadwell's headquarters are at Crawfordville, and Mr. Hudson's at Crawfordville.

A man who does not read and observe has only his own experiences to guide him, one who reads and observes what others are doing has the whole world as a guidepost.

About nine acres of cucumbers were recently planted at Stuart, and are now being grown under shade cloth, according to C. P. Henck, county agent.

California State Automobile association estimates \$500,000,000 will be paid in gasoline taxes by motorists of the nation this year.

WRUF Farm Program

Gainesville, Jan. 7.—What did the Experiment Station learn last year about Florida farm problems? How important is nitrogen in citrus production? These and other important questions, as well as the first of a series of poultry disease talks, are a part of next week's farm programs from WRUF, state radio station located here. These programs will begin each day at 12:15, Eastern Standard Time, and will be given according to the following schedule, just announced by the Florida Agricultural Extension Service:

Saturday, Jan. 10.—Florida Farm News and Hints. U. S. Farm Science. Stagnation.

Monday, Jan. 12.—Nitrogen a Factor in Citrus Production—E. F. DeBuck. Bill and Abe. A Study of the Methods of Planting Cucumbers in Different Sections of Florida—D. E. Timmons.

Tuesday, Jan. 13.—Thrips on Citrus, Roses, and Weeds—J. E. Watson. Farm Question Box.

Wednesday, Jan. 14.—Another Year's Progress in Solving Florida Farm Problems—J. Francis Cooper. George Washington; Farmer James Speed. Primer for Town Farmers.

Thursday, Jan. 15.—Poultry Disease Control in the Incubator—Dr. E. F. Thomas. Poultry Breeding Plans at the Florida College of Agriculture—Dr. N. W. Sanborn. Friday, Jan. 16.—Green Corn Production in Florida—Fred H. Hull. Bill and Abe. Fertilizing Green Corn—J. D. Warner.

RURAL COMMON SENSE

By Spuds Johnson
ENCOURAGE THE BOYS AND GIRLS TO ENROLL IN RURAL CLUB WORK

Our children are the hope of the future, and we should give them every chance for development. One of the greatest opportunities which rural boys and girls have today that they did not have 20 years ago is the chance to enroll in 4-H club work. This work is conducted in the counties by the county agents and home demonstration agents. I see reports that during 1930 there were 83,000 rural boys and girls enrolled in this work in the United States. There are at present about 12,000 4-H boys and girls in Florida.

It is one kind of club that costs nothing to join. The boys and girls simply agree to conduct what is known as a demonstration in the raising of a pig or calf, the growing of an acre of corn, peanuts, or other crop, the improvement of the home, canning, sewing, etc. While this is usually fun for teaching them a lot of good in finding them how to conduct their farm and home operations in the most modern manner. It also does the older people of the community good, for they see how things are being done by the boys and girls and get the urge to do a little better themselves.

I have watched this club work in the county, and am firmly convinced that it should be reaching more boys and girls. I know the county and home demonstration agents are doing a great deal, but with the help of the people of the various communities, they can do more. It is just a question of us all getting together and pulling.

I believe, and I have had considerable observation to prove this belief correct, that 4-H club work is one of the best possible ways to get boys and girls interested in rural life and betterment of the home and the community. Club work should do much to keep the boys and girls on the farm, and to make farm life more pleasant and more profitable. Let's have more boys and girls enrolled in it during 1931.

American flour is being used by biscuit factories of British Malaya.

FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By F. O. Alexander
(Illustrated by Walter Thompson)



Watson Suggests Poison Bran Bait For Mole-Crickets

Mole-crickets, dirty white insects that look very much like crickets except that they have shovel-like front legs with which they make run-ways in the soil very much like moles, are not at all particular about what they eat, and along with the tender vegetables and ornamentals they destroy they will eat a poison bran bait, J. R. Watson, entomologist with the Florida Experiment Station at Gainesville, says.

He suggested making the bait out of 25 pounds of bran and one pound of paris green. Mix this and dampen it with two gallons of water that contains a quart of syrup and a grated grapefruit or half dozen oranges or lemons. Some growers prefer ordinary laying mash instead of the bran. Calcium or white arsenate may also be used instead of the paris green.

This bait should be put out in the evening, just as often as mole-crickets are seen. The mixture is simply scattered about where the mole-crickets feed.

Other methods, including soil fumigation, pouring carbon bisulphide in the burrows, or trapping with a light over a kerosene pan, may be used to destroy the pests.

Truckers should take care not to bring them in on manure. The manure should be inspected, and if found to contain the pests, it should be treated with a solution of sodium cyanide in water or the double treatment of sodium cyanide and

At present most of the Crotalaria seed planted in Florida are obtained from Porto Rico, where hand labor for harvesting is cheap. Last year 105 tons of Porto Rican seed were planted. If the combine proves practical, and reduces the cost of harvesting to the point where Florida seedmen can compete with Porto Rican producers, the seed industry should become established in this state. In addition to local demands, it is expected that a considerable demand in Northern states, where the plant will not mature seed, will be created in the next few years.

Only one species, Crotalaria spectabilis, is adapted to machine harvesting at the present time. It matures all of its seed at one time, thus permitting the seedheads to be cut and threshed. The Crotalaria striata, which is the most popular variety in the state at present, matures its seed at intervals. Station agronomists believe that the spectabilis will gain in popularity with the adoption of machine harvesting.

Three Floridians Attend the Farm Economists Meet

A representative from each the research, extension, and teaching of the Florida College of Agriculture at Gainesville has just returned from attending a meeting of the American Farm Economists Association at Cleveland, Ohio.

The Florida representatives were Frank W. Brumley, extension economist in farm management; M. A. Brooker, assistant agricultural economist with the Experiment Station; and Dr. H. G. Hamilton, associate professor of agricultural economics.

Timmons Appointed Extension Economist

D. E. Timmons has just been appointed extension economist in marketing with the Florida Agricultural Extension Service, Gainesville. Mr. Timmons received an M. S. A. degree from the University of Florida in 1927, and since that time, except for a year leave of absence to pursue graduate study at Cornell University, he has been instructor in farm records and accounts at his alma mater. He will take up the new position February 1.

Order 20 Jersey. With orders for 20 fine Jersey heifers from Walton county farmers, County Agent Mitchell Wilkins recently left DeFuniak Springs to go to Tennessee and select them.

L. H. FORD, Prop.

Avon Park, Florida

HINTS TO HOUSEWIVES

Weekly from Home Demonstration Specialists, Tallahassee

CRYSTALLIZED CITRUS.

There are methods for crystallizing citrus fruits that will preserve the product for a long time, but when it is for immediate consumption quick methods may successfully be used.

Grapefruit Peel.
Select bright fruit with a thick peel, and wash it carefully. Break the oil cells by grating the peel lightly. Remove the peel, cut in narrow slices or shapes, and weigh. Then cover in water and boil for 10 minutes. Pour the water off, and repeat three times, or until as much of the bitter flavor is removed as desired. Dry the peel between folds of cloth.

For each pound of peel add 1½ pounds of sugar to six ounces of water. Dissolve the sugar, add the prepared peel, and cook until the syrup is absorbed. If the peel is cooked in the sugar too long it will be hard and unattractive. A good test is to roll a piece that has been cooked transparent in granulated sugar. If after a few minutes it stiffens enough to retain various shapes it is sufficiently cooked. When this point is reached remove the peel, and roll it in sugar.

To make a product that will stay soft much longer follow the above method, and add one-fourth pint of ammonium sulphate. The double treatment is the one recommended for root-knot, and will add much to the value of the manure.

clear corn syrup along with the sugar. This method will require slower cooking, and the crystallization point is harder to reach.

Another method is to boil the sugar and water until it will spin a thread. The peel is then added and cooked until transparent, poured into containers and allowed to stand for 10 days. It is then lifted from the syrup, and placed on a rack to sun for a few hours. This product should remain in good condition for an indefinite time.

Kumquat Chips.
Clean one pound of kumquats, sprinkle with one tablespoonful of soda, and cover with boiling water. Let stand for 10 minutes, pour the water off, and rinse through three changes of water. Cut the fruit into quarters, and drop into a boiling sugar solution, prepared by dissolving one cup of sugar in two cups of water. Boil for 30 minutes, and then drop in a heavy syrup, made by dissolving one cup of sugar in one cup of water. Boil for 30 minutes, allow to stand, and the next day boil for 30 minutes in the same solution. Place the fruit on a platter to dry. Then it may be rolled in sugar.

Lemon and Orange Peel.
Rough lemon and sour orange peel may be crystallized by about the same method as grapefruit. Two changes of water should remove the bitterness from orange peel, and the oily part of lemon rinds may be grated off to make a more tender product. Oranges may also be cut in slices, cooked in a heavy syrup of two cups sugar to one cup water, until transparent, allowed to drain, and rolled in sugar.

Farmers Can Secure Rural Hints Calendar

A 1931 illustrated and farm hints calendar has just been published by the Florida Agricultural Extension Service, and a few copies are left for free distribution to Florida farmers. Dr. Wilmon Newell, extension director, has announced.

The calendar is a medium large one, and each page contains the months farm hints by College of Agriculture specialists, as well as half tone pictures that depict farm improvement and rural development.

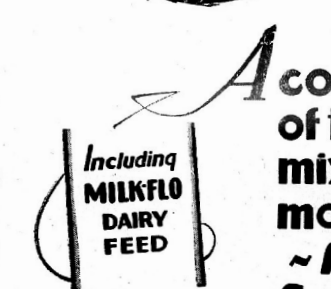
Farmers desiring one of these calendars should write the Agricultural Extension Service, Gainesville, Florida, at once.

Dr. Wilmon Newell, extension director, has announced.

"NERVES"

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SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JANUARY 11, 1931.

SUBJECT: The Childhood of Jesus.
GOLDEN TEXT: "Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and man. Luke 2:52."

LESSON TEXT: Luke 4:8, 9.
In our lesson for December 21st we studied about the birth of Jesus as set out in Luke 1:1-26.

In Matthew, Ch. 2, he tells of the visit by the three wise men and the effort of King Herod to kill Jesus by destroying the children in Bethlehem, of the warning by an angel to Joseph to take the child Jesus into Egypt, of the visit of Joseph and Mary with the child into Egypt, until Herod was dead, of their return to Palestine and taking up their residence at Nazareth in Galilee, where the family lived until Jesus was 30 years old. Our lesson today begins with verse 4 of Ch. 2 of Luke, "And the child grew and waxed strong in spirit, filled with wisdom; and the grace of God was upon him."

As a boy Jesus received good physical, mental and spiritual cultivation. The Hebrew schools were simple, but they taught the old scriptures and the history of the Hebrew people, and the religion of the Jews. One of the writers says, "The passover was the great annual commemoration of the Jews' escape from bondage in Egypt, when the death angel passed over the houses of the Israelites, marked with the blood of the passover lamb sprinkled on doorpost and lintel, and went on to destroy all the first-born sons of the Egyptians. The festival began in the evening of the fourteenth day of the month Abib or Nisan, corresponding roughly to our April, and lasted for a week. Men alone were required to attend and it was an indication of Mary's piety that she took the long and laborious journey with her husband."

Verse 42 says, "And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast."

At the age of 12 years a Jewish boy assumed his religious duties as a "Son of the law."

"And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it." The feast lasted seven days, but only two days stay were actually required.

Joseph and Mary were poor, and some say they returned after two days, while others say that on account of their strong religious tendencies they probably remained the whole seven days. Jesus became interested and remained in the temple to hear the teachings of the scriptures.

The strangers at the passover were often more than a million. Verses 44-46 say, "But they, supposing him to have been in the company, went a day's journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions."

"The three days" probably mean "one day for their departure, one for their return, and one for the search."

The Jewish method of teaching was largely by asking questions and answering them. There was nothing unusual in Jesus answering or asking questions, except his remarkable knowledge for one so young. His parents were astonished and worried. His mother asked, "Son, why hast thou thus dealt with us?" and Jesus said, "How is it that ye sought me? Wist ye that I must be about my father's business?"

These are the first recorded words spoken by Jesus. They indicate that he was beginning to realize that he was the Messiah, and his duties and sonship to God.

Verse 50 says of Joseph and Mary, "They understood not the saying which he spake unto them." They probably saw that Jesus was ceasing to be a child and that his relations to them were changing. This same experience comes to nearly all parents, when they first observe that a child is beginning to think and act for him or her self. But our lesson says of Jesus, "He went down with them, and came to Nazareth, and was subject unto them." He recognized his sonship to God, but also his duty to his earthly parents, and was subject to them. He recognized his sonship to God, but also his duty to his earthly parents, and was subject to them.

But how often might we hear the cry, "boy lost" because his father, or his mother or his church devotes more time to business, or social duties or to building fine church buildings, than to gaining his confidence and teaching him the principles of salvation.

BILL THE BARBER SAYS
There are men who are so impatient they can hardly wait until tomorrow, except in a speakeasy

THE TIMES' WEEKLY PAGE OF COMICS

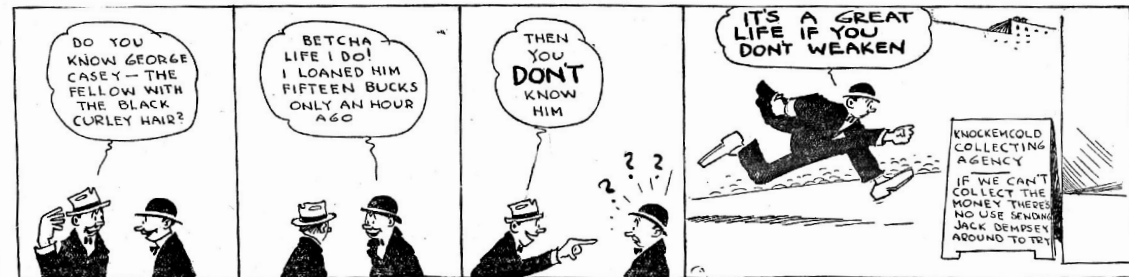
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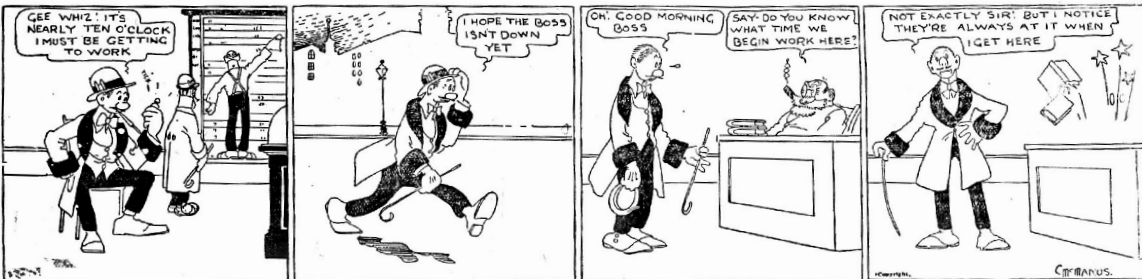
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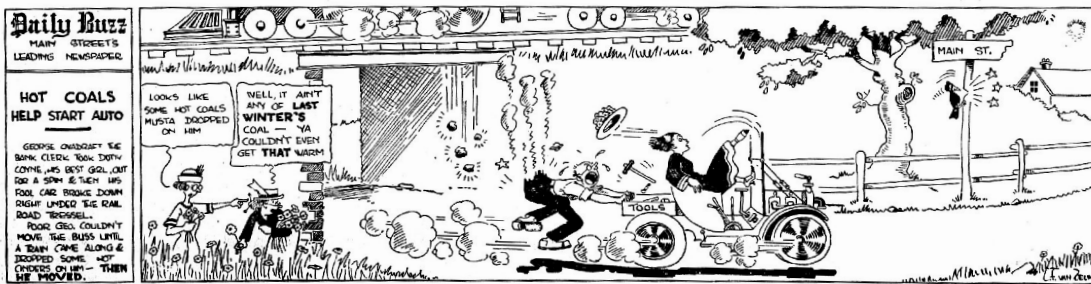
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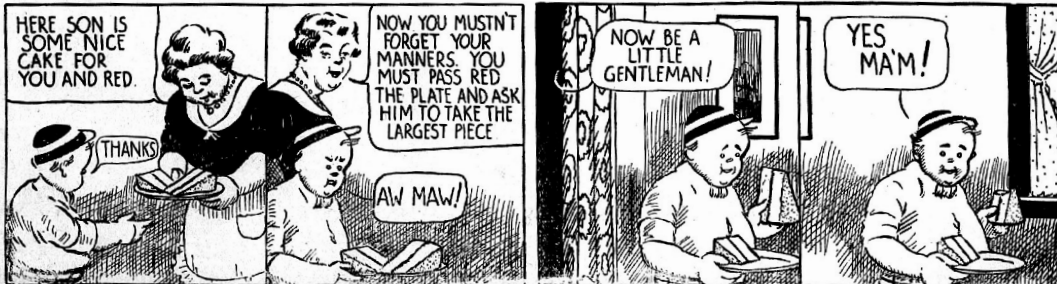
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BACK YARD KRONIES

"ET" IN ETIQUETTE

By M. B.



COL. BAILEY TELLS OF SCHOOL ADVANTAGES

Praises Accredited School System and Feel Schools Will Run Full Term

A history of the public schools was the subject of an address given by Col. F. N. K. Bailey, county superintendent of schools at the regular monthly meeting of the Parent-Teachers association in the high school auditorium yesterday afternoon.

Col. Bailey began his address with a history of the public schools and showed the advantages of the present system over haphazard methods of older days. He spoke of the advantage of the accredited school system and how fortunate Avon Park was in being on the accredited list. He discussed the uniform use of text books in all schools and colleges, thus eliminating the necessity of buying new books with a change of schools.

Col. Bailey complimented the teachers in the Avon Park schools, saying that Avon Park was fortunate in securing a teaching staff of such high calibre. He spoke of the need of a trained nurse in the schools and hoped that during his term of office this need would be supplied. He stated that he felt no uneasiness of Avon Park schools running the full term this year.

In the vote for the largest number of patrons present representing each room, Miss Louisa Chesson won the prize for the grammar school and Miss Eleanor Bryant for the high school.

Mrs. Henry Stevens gave a reading from the National Parent-Teachers magazine on "Some Findings of the White House Conference."

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.

Baked Bean Soup.

3 cups cold baked beans

3 pints water

2 stalks celery

1 1/2 cups stewed and strained tomatoes

1 tsp. chili sauce

Salt and pepper

1 tsp. onion, minced

1 tsp. cornstarch

CROUTONS.

Chop onions, water and celery in saucepan, bring to boiling point and simmer thirty minutes. Rub through sieve, add tomato and chili sauce, season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook onion in oil two minutes, add cornstarch and cook two minutes. Stir into soup. Boil three minutes and serve with CROUTONS.

Bermuda Soup.

6 med. onions

2 cups corn oil

2 cups water

1 tsp. butter

2 cups flour

2 cups milk

Salt

Cayenne pepper

1 egg yolk

1 can (3 1/2 oz.) Pimientos

Grated cheese

Chop onions; place in a saucepan with oil; cover and cook over a low flame until straw colored; add water and boil uncovered for 30 minutes or until onions are tender. Rub through a sieve. Melt one tablespoon of butter, add flour and milk gradually, and heat to the boiling point, stirring frequently. Add onion puree, season with salt and cayenne pepper. Just before serving stir in slightly beaten egg yolk and minced pimientos. Pass grated cheese with soup. Serve six.

Mushroom Soup.

3 cups corn oil

1 tsp. chopped onion

2 cups mushrooms

2 cups cornstarch

1 tsp. salt

2 cups milk

2 cups mushroom stock

Whipped cream

Heat oil and in it cook onion one minute. Slice and chop mushrooms fine and cook with onion three minutes. Sprinkle with cornstarch and season, stir well until blended. Add milk and stock and stir until mixture has boiled three minutes. Tender portions of stems may be chopped with mushroom caps; rest of stems should be cooked in water to make stock. Serve with spoonful of whipped cream on top.

Corn-Tate Chowder.

1 med-sized onion

1 cup boiling water

1 cup potatoes, diced

1/2 tsp. paprika

Ten British aircraft manufacturers exhibit to this season's Paris automobile show.

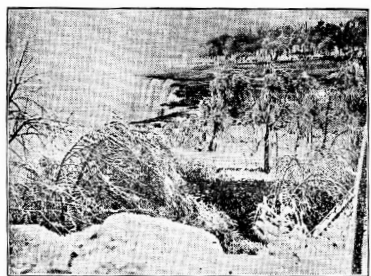
Directors C. of C. To Meet January 13

The regular December meeting of the board of directors of the chamber of commerce has been deferred to January 13, next Tuesday. The annual meeting of the membership will be held Tuesday, January 27th.

Sheriff's Uncle Dies.

Sheriff and Mrs. Oscar Wolf, Mr. and Mrs. Lamotte Wolf and their father and mother, called to Tampa Tuesday afternoon on account of the death of the sheriff's uncle, W. M. Nelson. Mr. Nelson died Monday at the age of 65 following a long illness, and burial was Tuesday afternoon.

"King Winter" Paints a Picture



Buffalo, N. Y.—American Falls (Niagara Falls), Buffalo, N. Y., as they appear covered over by the first snowfall of the season.



"Soup's On"—And Never Mind the Noise!

Emulate Hilda, the grumpy old cook of Andy Gump's flustered household, and cry "soup's on" if you should have your cold weather meals satisfying and full of warmth. For soup's a dish that graciously stimulates the vitamins and the calories in a medley of flavors that are so healthfully pleasant you will not mind the slibance that sometimes accompanies its consumption.

The truly successful soup is not the article some have defined as "just like hash, only looser." The vegetables that go into it should be so cooked as to retain their own distinctive flavors, by first frying them in a bland corn oil, which will avoid giving them any "fatty" taste. The texture of this cookey-warming dish should be smooth as velvet, neither too thick nor too thin, and this makes the choice of the thickening agent an important one.

Note in the recipes here how the vegetables are first prepared and how they are thickened. Follow the directions and then let a note of pride creep into your voice when you cry to the hungry brood "Soup's on!"

Baked Bean Soup.

3 cups cold baked beans

3 pints water

2 stalks celery

1 1/2 cups stewed and strained tomatoes

1 tsp. chili sauce

Salt and pepper

1 tsp. onion, minced

1 tsp. cornstarch

CROUTONS.

Chop onions, water and celery in saucepan, bring to boiling point and simmer thirty minutes. Rub through sieve, add tomato and chili sauce, season to taste with salt and pepper. Cook onion in oil two minutes, add cornstarch and cook two minutes. Stir into soup. Boil three minutes and serve with CROUTONS.

Bermuda Soup.

6 med. onions

2 cups corn oil

2 cups water

1 tsp. butter

2 cups flour

2 cups milk

Salt

Cayenne pepper

1 egg yolk

1 can (3 1/2 oz.) Pimientos

Grated cheese

Chop onions; place in a saucepan with oil; cover and cook over a low flame until straw colored; add water and boil uncovered for 30 minutes or until onions are tender. Rub through a sieve. Melt one tablespoon of butter, add flour and milk gradually, and heat to the boiling point, stirring frequently. Add onion puree, season with salt and cayenne pepper. Just before serving stir in slightly beaten egg yolk and minced pimientos. Pass grated cheese with soup. Serve six.

Mushroom Soup.

3 cups corn oil

1 tsp. chopped onion

2 cups mushrooms

2 cups cornstarch

1 tsp. salt

2 cups milk

2 cups mushroom stock

Whipped cream

Heat oil and in it cook onion one minute. Slice and chop mushrooms fine and cook with onion three minutes. Sprinkle with cornstarch and season, stir well until blended. Add milk and stock and stir until mixture has boiled three minutes. Tender portions of stems may be chopped with mushroom caps; rest of stems should be cooked in water to make stock. Serve with spoonful of whipped cream on top.

Corn-Tate Chowder.

1 med-sized onion

1 cup boiling water

1 cup potatoes, diced

1/2 tsp. paprika

Pepper

1 tsp. salt

3 cups milk

1 cup canned corn

1 tsp. corn oil

Heat oil and in it cook onion, sliced thin, until brown. Add seasoning, boiling water and potatoes, and cook until potatoes are soft. Add milk, corn and mere salt if needed. Bring to boiling point and serve.

Tomato Bisque.

3 cups tomatoes

1 bay leaf

4 cloves

Paprika

1/2 onion

2 cups sugar

1 tsp. salt

1/2 tsp. white sauce

Cook tomatoes, spices, onion, sugar and salt together five minutes. Strain, add soda and when ready to serve add two cups hot white sauce. Serve at once with croutons. Do not heat after cooking.

White Sauce: One and one-half tablespoons corn oil, one tablespoon minced onion, one tablespoon cornstarch, one-half teaspoon salt, pepper, and one cup milk. Heat oil and cook onion in it over low fire until yellow. Stir in cornstarch and seasoning. Cook two minutes, stirring constantly. Stir in milk and stir over fire until sauce thickens. Boil three minutes, strain and add.

HIGHLANDS COUNTY POST V. F. W. INSTALL

First Post In County Comes Into Being Monday Night at Sebring

Highlands County Post No. 1988, Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States formally came into being Monday night with the installation of officers by Charles Boone of Miami, national deputy chief of staff who was accompanied by Messrs. Reynolds, Young and Smith, also of Miami. A large crowd of veterans and their families assembled at the Sebring place to enjoy the "feud" prepared by Capt. W. R. Maynard and the Patrie Bureau of Chicago.

The trip will be conducted through the heart of Florida's most fruitful agricultural lands via the Seaboard Air Line Railway and will cover practically all of Florida that is served by that line. The trip will take the visitors down the center of the state through the great lake region of Indiana, Florida with its wonderful citrus groves and rich yields of vegetables and then to both Miami and Tampa on the East and West coasts of Florida, also through the Everglades.

Capt. Maynard had butchered a young beef and this, steam cooked, together with plenty of other viands including hot coffee provided a very appetizing meal. Music and entertainment added to the gaiety of the evening.

Post officers installed into office were: commander, Frank P. Dure; senior vice commander, W. R. Maynard; junior vice commander, Clyde Collins; adjutant, Paul R. Price; quartermaster, W. R. Crawford; advocate, M. C. Whitehurst; chaplain, Dr. J. M. Gilbert; officer of the day, Bay State Post trustees, E. E. Barton, O. Halliburton and John Morrow; service officer, R. W. Goss.

First Post No. 1988 was made an honorary member of the post, not being eligible for full membership. He was formerly a captain in the Royal Canadian Air Force and has 500 hours in the air to his credit. Service Officer Goss stated he intends to maintain an office at his home and will keep a file of all ex-service men in the county and stands ready to render all assistance he can at all times. He keeps all papers necessary in filing claims and says there are men in the county at present entitled to compensation who are not getting it. He will have connections with the Veterans Bureau, both headquarters in Washington and the regional office at Jacksonville, with Congressional Deane and national and other officers of the veterans organizations.

The post will meet at Sebring on the first and third Mondays in each month.

Depression Not Psychology Says Roger W. Babson

(Continued from page one)

the first state to suffer from depression. Three years ago Florida went through what states are now experiencing. Values collapsed, banks failed, no one wanted to buy, taxes, towns defaulted on their bonds, there was a general attitude of "I won't try to pay." Money had come so easy during the preceding boom that people had forgotten the word "savings."

Struggling had become a lost art. As a result, Florida lost its credit, citizens of the state could do business only on a cash basis, and all affairs have been absolutely stagnant for three years.

Today one finds a very different attitude in Florida. Citizens of the state—led by the churches, chambers of commerce, Rotary and Kiwanis clubs—are starting "Gold-Rule" movements to clean up all back indebtedness and to trust the other fellow. A very interesting example of this is going on in Lake Wales, Florida—a city in the center of the state near my winter home. On Jan. 1, one hundred men and women met in the city hall to start a "Gold-Rule" movement. The campaign started New Year's day with a great mass meeting at which all the ministers took part. The meeting was presided over by the president of the chamber of commerce, and messages were read from the governor and other prominent men. At the close of the meeting one hundred certified checks for ten dollars each were put into circulation. These checks can be held only twenty-four hours by one individual. The checks can be used only by endorsement for the payment of debts. The committee member whose check pays the most bills will receive at the close of the campaign on February 16, a loving cup.

Paying Debts Without Money.

The bankers of Lake Wales estimate that in six weeks, the circulation of these checks will pay up back indebtedness at the rate of from \$1,000 to \$2,000 per day and at the close of the campaign by far the larger part of these back debts (mortgages, unmatured bank loans and other indebtedness excepted) will be paid. The checks read "This check is accepted in payment for any indebtedness incurred previous to December 1, 1930, for my mortgage, labor, insurance, rent, fertilizer, tax, interest, garage bills, doctors' and dentists' bills, church pledges, printing bills, etc." (newspapers will especially be interested in the last!)

I earnestly recommend this Ten Dollar Check plan to cities, and towns throughout the United States. To be a success in any

community, however, it must be a religious movement which will appeal to the hearts and consciences of the people. In fact, the right appeal and the change of attitude is—to my mind—more important than getting the debts cleaned up. As a result of this change of attitude, I believe that Florida will lead the rest of the country in a return to prosperity.

"Business by the Babsonchart now registers 57 per cent below normal compared with 11 cent below normal at this time a year ago.

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Annual Election of Officers of the Woman's Club

Annual election of officers was held by the Woman's club at its meeting in the Florida afternoon.

The club rooms. These officers will be installed at the May meeting, which is the last meeting before the summer recess, the new officers taking up their active duties in October.

The election resulted as follows: Mrs. W. A. Davidson, president; Mrs. H. A. Able, recording secretary; Mrs. Lala Bass, registrar; Mrs. C. S. Donaldson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Julia Mason Smith, treasurer.

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Here and There About Avon Park

By W. M. Hetherington

That the recent cold wave is caused by a big high pressure area that covers the Mississippi valley and the middle gulf states, while a low pressure area hangs over North Carolina, is the way the weather man puts it. Some of us crackers are wondering if arrangements could be made to turn off some of the high pressure and turn on a little more steam.

A membership campaign will be put on from Monday to Wednesday to secure members for the chamber of commerce, and incidentally to get sufficient funds to keep the organization operating through the coming year. A review of the activities of the chamber of commerce for the past year should prove sufficiently conclusive that the organization has been on the job, and that the comparatively small amount of money expended has been well handled. Working in an unostentatious manner, with out blare of trumpets, and with limited funds, much good has been accomplished for Avon Park. Through its efforts, the city has been "kept on the map" in a very creditable manner, and the chamber deserves widespread support in its drive for membership for the new year. Meet the soliciting committee with a smile and a check.

Avon Park

At Avon Park the sun shines bright. Nor brings too long a day. At Avon Park 'tis a delight. In pleasant paths to stray. The palms and flowers on the Mall. The blue sky bending over all. Are scenes 'tis pleasure to recall. At Avon Park.

At Avon Park one day shall grow more bright along the way. At Avon Park the friends we know are dearer every day. And when we go our several ways We hoard in memory these days And we shall lift our voice in praise Of Avon Park.

So Avon Park shall be the theme To guide my thoughts aright; And Avon Park shall be my dream Through the long moonlight night. Then come where winter skies are blue.

Where life beats high and friends are true, Where happiness is calling you. To Avon Park, my friends, I say. —Prof. C. H. Stone.

The author of the above poem, Charles H. Stone, was born in Vermont. He is a graduate of Tufts College, Massachusetts, with the degree of B. S. For the past 21 years he has been in charge of the Department of Chemistry at English High School, Boston, but is now head of department at the Memorial High School for Boys, Boston. Mr. Stone has written a great deal of both prose and verse for publication.

He is accompanied on this second visit to Avon Park by Mrs. Stone, who has been a visitor to this city four times in the past six weeks. Copies of the poem are being distributed by the chamber of commerce.

Guild To Hold Bazaar and Turkey Dinner January 28

The Guild of the Church of the Redeemer will hold a bazaar and turkey dinner on Wednesday, January 28. The bazaar will open at 1 p. m. Dinner will be served at 6 p. m. Anyone wishing to entertain may reserve tables by applying to the president or members of the Guild.

Sunday Matinee at the Circle Theatre

Manager Charles F. Johnson announces the first Sunday matinee of the winter season at the Circle Theatre in Sebring this coming Sunday. The Sunday matinee starts at 3:30, and from that hour on there will be a continuous performance through till 11 p. m. The Circle offers Will Rogers in his latest picture, "Lightnin'" this Sunday. Sunday matinees will be operated regularly through the winter season.

B.P.W.C. To Operate Miniature Golf Course

The Business and Professional Women's Club has taken over the miniature golf course in Donaldson Park and will operate it the rest of the season. The opening date will be announced later.

30 PLANES WERE WITH AIR TOURISTS MONDAY EVENING

Many Notables Among Pilots Who Visit Highlands County Airport on Tour of the State.

Over 30 planes of various makes and all sizes dropped out of the skies Monday afternoon and landed at the Highlands County airport for the first stop of the Miami following the air races at Opa. One accident marred the afternoon when Arthur Davis and Halley Sackett made a forced landing in a swampy place on the Arbutus road, the result of a connecting rod in the engine of their Waco plane. The plane nosed over and was wrecked but the occupants were unhurt. The plane was later brought in for repairs.

Following the landing of the planes the visiting airmen were taken to Harder Hotel where they spent the night. They also attended the dance at the Lake Sebring Casino and were entertained royally. The management of Harder Hall very kindly provided for the visitors for the night free of all charge as last year and the guests expressed themselves as being very appreciative of the arrangements made for their entertainment.

An exhibition of stunt flying was staged for the hundreds of men, women and children who watched them land and Tuesday morning before leaving for Wauchula the planes gathered in formation over Harder Hall and the aviators bade their friends farewell.

Besides the plane that was wrecked one other was left behind when the visitors departed, but not having recovered sufficiently from liquid refreshment imbibed. He and his pilot left yesterday morning after dipping over the jail in an airman's farewell, the jail having been his hotel for Tuesday night.

Included flyers were in the tour and included Eddie Stinson, head of the Stinson Aircraft Corporation, Miss Antonie Strassman of Berlin, Germany, who holds the woman's solo record for Europe, Freddie Lund, premier stunt flyer and who thrilled the crowd Monday afternoon and Swaine Taylor, who is famous for his announcing capabilities.

Commissioners Vote Further \$500.00 For Hammock Drainage

At the meeting of the board of county commissioners Tuesday afternoon R. N. Durrance and J. W. Hawkins, representing the Highlands County Association, appeared before the board for further funds to complete the drainage ditch around the hammock. On behalf of Alexander the delegation requested the board for the assistance already rendered by the county and said the repairs on the drainage had been so heavy that the cost had been more than expected. They thought that providing no more breakdowns occurred \$500 would be sufficient to complete it.

After considerable discussion and explanation of the work to be done the commissioners decided to allow the appropriation of \$500 provided the road into the hammock is built 16 feet wide. It was explained that the drainage ditch had completed a lot of the work done but was useless as during the rainy season the fill would be washed out and other parts become undrained.

Martin Roberts Buys Pressing Club

Martin Roberts purchased the L. D. Roberts pressing business Saturday, and he is in the future. L. D. Roberts has not announced his plans for the future other than that he will continue his residence in Avon Park.

Rea Beach Boys Chevrolet Rex Beach, popular fiction writer and local resident, has been ordered a new Chevrolet with special station wagon body from the Avon Motors company Monday. Mr. Beach stated that he plans to use the car for hunting and rambling around the Florida woods. The special car was ordered from Jacksonville Thursday.

NO DAMAGE REPORTED FROM COLD WAVE

Coldest Weather of Winter Predicted, But Fails to Materialize

The season's lowest temperature, predicted for Wednesday night by the weather bureau, failed to materialize in this section, and no damage to citrus fruit or young trees was reported Thursday. An official temperature of 33 was recorded at the Army weather station Wednesday night. A bright sun yesterday brought rising temperatures and warmer weather last night, upsetting the prediction of heavy frost Friday morning.

Little Damage Expected. With the recession of the cold front the danger of damage to citrus and vegetable crops, both of which were reported to have suffered little Wednesday night. Friday will see rising temperatures, with a forecast last night of a minimum of only 38 or 40 degrees, increasing cloudiness Friday will bring with it warmth and a possibility of more rain tonight, according to the forecast.

The Florida Citrus Exchange reported no known damage to either fruit or trees from the cold of Wednesday night and yesterday morning. Several factors combined to prevent damage, principally the absence of sustained sub-freezing temperatures. Minimum temperatures throughout the citrus belt lasted only a few minutes, nor were they as low as had been feared.

Barrow, an index point for interior south Florida saw a temperature no lower than Tampa's 32, for a short time early yesterday morning. Fort Myers, 36, and Miami 38. At the Orlando belt, Eustis and Titusville shared Orlando's 30, while near Florida cities, including Jacksonville, Pensacola and Gainesville, were the state's coldest spots with 28 degrees.

Citrus Trees Prepared. Damage to citrus trees was negligible. Sub-normal temperatures of the past 30 days have held back growth, and there was little for the cold to nip.

Coldest On Dec. 24th. According to the official weather bureau, the Army, the coldest day this winter was on December 24th, when a temperature of 30 was recorded, according to Sebring. The lowest recorded weather records. The highest reading for the winter was 81 on January 12th, though it dropped to 58 last night.

L. C. PEARCE RESIGNS AS COUNTY COMMISSIONER

Joins Sheriff's Staff and Perry Etheredge Named in His Stead

Changes in the official family of Highlands county came to light this week with the resignation of L. C. Pearce as commissioner for district number three and the appointment of Perry Etheredge of DeSoto City to the commission by Governor Doyle Carlton. Pearce joined the staff of Sheriff O. E. Wolf as deputy though he denies the rumors he is to be chief deputy. Perry Etheredge is a nephew of Dr. E. J. Etheredge, receiver of the Highlands Bank and Trust company and former state senator for this district.

The bond of the new commissioner and of Pearce as deputy were approved by the commissioners in executive session Tuesday afternoon and the resignation of Etheredge was also accepted at that time. The new commissioner will take his seat with the rest of the board at the meeting next Monday.

Youth Has Peanut Removed From Throat

Vernon Chilson, small son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Chilson got a peanut lodged in his windpipe last Thursday, and was taken to the Municipal hospital in Tampa where the obstruction was successfully removed. He was brought here Saturday and suffers no ill effects from the experience, though he was in serious danger when taken to Tampa.

HAWAII CITY MEET TO DISCUSS ACRES NOW UNPRODUCING

Associated Boards of Trade Meeting Will Be One of Most Important Gatherings of the Year.

One of the most important meetings of the Associated Boards of Trade of the Seaside Highlands and from which it is hoped much good will materialize will be held at Haines City next Monday. The general subject of the meeting will be "Making Unproductive Acres Produce" and will seek to help solve what is considered one of the most serious economic problems in the State of Florida today. The meeting will have real interest for every owner of unproductive property in the territory and a large attendance is expected.

According to a letter received from O. F. Gardner, president of the Associated Boards, the trustees of the subject will be divided into five sections, meeting separately if the attendance is over 500.

1. Cattle and grasses to be discussed practically by research men of the University of Florida.

2. Reforestation—With Harry Lee Baker speaking "Fire Control as Affecting Production." Moving pictures of fire fighting will be part of the program.

3. Quick-growing trees for wood pulp. Experienced men will tell of various quick-growing, non-resinous trees that could put Florida into the producing column for the paper needs of the United States, now using 12,000,000 tons of paper materials a year.

4. Game as an inducement for profitable leasing of large unbarred areas.

5. Fibers, vegetable oils, and products of sugar.

In the evening a dollar dinner will be served "Dutch," and Perry Wall of Tampa will speak on "Taxation as Affecting Unproductive Acres."

Thursday is familiar with the economic significance of such a meeting, because the last state census on cultivated areas showed 1,500,000 acres in active cultivation out of 33,000,000 acres in the State. The Florida crop report of 1930, issued from Orlando Dec. 27th, shows only the following acreage:

Staple crops	1,221,300
Truck crops	141,840
Citrus	323,000
	1,686,140

As lands producing nothing fail to furnish employment, and the employment being the time requisite of the human being under our form of society, the most important factor in the economic problem involved in the ways and means of using our soils, our sunshine, and our rains to produce things that will not crowd the American market to the point of depressing prices, Mr. Gardner says.

Airplane Models To Compete at Tampa

Florida's juvenile aviation enthusiasts will have their inning at the South Florida Fair at Tampa on Saturday, Feb. 7th, when a state-wide flight model contest for boys under 16 years of age will be held as a feature of the Juvenile day festivities.

Fifty dollars in cash prizes will be awarded to the boys designing and building the best flying model planes. The contest will be held Saturday morning in the infield of the auto racing course and each youth will fly his own ship in the air.

Many Activities Past Year of Chamber of Commerce

Chamber of commerce activities for the past year have been many and varied, and a review of projects undertaken and things accomplished indicates that the organization headed by Fred M. Smith as secretary has been on the job continuously and persistently through the year.

When the membership committee goes out on the annual drive between Monday and Wednesday and asks the support of the people of Avon Park for the organization, the workers can meet the public and show some more than empty promises. They have a record of successful achievement behind them that should appeal to all forward-looking citizens of the city.

The most outstanding material accomplishment during the year was the establishment of three new packing houses to handle the ever-increasing crop of citrus fruit. The G. & J. Macey, the Lat Macey and the American Fruit Growers packing houses were built and put into operation during the year, and while their coming was not entirely unexpected, the chamber of commerce, the organization was largely instrumental in getting them built.

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Citrus Tour and Meeting Today and Next Week

County Agent Louis Alsemyer announced a trip to the Citrus Experiment Station at Lake Alfred has been arranged for today, the plans calling for arrival at the station at about 10:30 a. m. The county agent has sent letters to all growers in the county advising them of the trip and asks all that can do so to attend. Growers are expected to learn much as to the economical production of citrus as this phase of the industry has been carefully studied at the experiment station.

On Friday evening next week the citrus growers of the county will meet at the court house at 7:30 with O. F. Gardner of Lake Florida in the chair. Discussion will center around spring fertilization and the use of several premium growers will give their experiences. The county agent will also report on the citrus industry in Texas and what future condition can be expected from that state.

The organization was instrumental in having the railroad keep the main crossings open for traffic while cars were shifted, resulting in saving of time to the traveling public. Also had railroads repair and rebuild crossings and secured the suppression of loud annoying locomotive whistles.

The chamber furnished and posted signs to regulate soliciting and peddling by out of town parties, serving notice that these people must have the endorsement of that body.

The chamber has rendered daily and efficient service to tourists, meeting and assisting at least 100 tourists, supplying road maps, literature, etc., and securing information and answering hundreds of letters from out of town property owners, prospective visitors and purchasers.

Thousands of sales letters have been sent out, and among other pieces of publicity 4,200 folders, 9,000 bulletins with contour map, and 8,000 "What St. Petersburg says about Avon Park," and also hotel booklets and folders.

The chamber sponsored a "Turkey Shoot" and "Toy Matinee" which brought in over \$100 in cash. 10 keys, much wearing apparel, useful articles, distributed to the poor through the United Charities of Avon Park.

New benches were furnished for the park by the chamber, and these and the old benches were painted and repaired.

The chamber has been prominently mentioned over the air through broadcasting of Rod Arkell in cooperation with the chamber of commerce. The chamber played a vital part in the formation of Florida Parks Association and thus secured Hooker Hammock for a public park in Highlands county.

The chamber has been active in aviation matters, and affected the organization an secured a site for an aviation field when conditions make it possible to finance the undertaking.

The chamber furnished data and was instrumental in securing the Old Fellows and Rebekah convention to be held in Avon Park in April.

These are some of the things the chamber of commerce has been actively engaged in during the past year. In addition to these things, the office of the secretary has been a clearing house of information about Avon Park and Highlands county. Statistics have been gathered and furnished for many purposes, and numerous services rendered that are impossible of enumeration.

The chamber was instrumental in obtaining from the state fish hatcheries 60,000 bass to restock lakes in the water.

In the matter of amusements the chamber aided in making arrangements for re-opening the motion picture theatre.

Chief McCarthy Back on Job After California Visit

Fire Chief W. H. McCarthy returned on Tuesday from San Francisco, California, where he has been visiting his mother for the past three months on a leave of absence, and is again back on the job at the head of the fire department. California is suffering from business depression in common with other sections of the country, according to McCarthy, who says the unemployment situation is especially acute in the large centers throughout the west. Bread lines are common in all cities along the Southern Pacific route over which he traveled home, and park benches furnish flops for the care-worn and foot-weary. He is glad to get back to his home, and says he is convinced that Florida is better off than any of the country through which he traveled.

City Defers Action on New Contract for Lights and Water

A brief session of the city council was held Monday night for the purpose of settling on light and water rates for a new contract with the Redemon, Blythe company. Rates of other nearby cities were compared with the Avon Park rates, but action was deferred until the next regular meeting, Monday, January 12th.

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C. OFFER TO LAUNCH ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERSHIPS

Fifteen Directors Agree To Act as Solicitation Committee to Put Over Membership Drive

A chamber of commerce drive for membership will start Monday morning and end Wednesday night in a final clean-up to raise funds for carrying on work of the organization for another year. Plans for the drive were made at a directors' meeting Tuesday night, when it was decided that the fifteen directors would act as a solicitation committee to put on the campaign for memberships.

H. E. Keller, as chairman of the membership committee, will head the drive, and at the Tuesday night meeting each director present pledged a full day Wednesday to put the drive over. Last year's membership list has been divided into sections, and each section of the solicitation committee, and these lists will be placed in the hands of the solicitors not later than Saturday. Some solicitations will be made Monday and Tuesday, with a final wind-up Wednesday.

Wednesday will be chamber of commerce day at the Rotary club, and all directors not members of the club will be guests of the club at lunch.

In calling upon the people of the city to support the membership drive, Mr. Keller asks those approached to respond freely and quickly so that the work will be as light as possible on the committee members. "The public is familiar with the fact that the chamber of commerce, and I believe the people of Avon Park realize the absolute necessity of continuing the organization," said Mr. Keller. "It should not be necessary for the committee to be forced to put up a selling argument for each prospect approached. I feel confident that it is simply a matter of supporting or disbanding it. I feel confident that Avon Park people will step to the front as they have always done, and put this thing over with a bang," Mr. Keller said.

Active memberships are \$5.00 each, and there is no limit to the number of memberships that an individual may subscribe for. Last year's drive brought in \$1000 with which to operate the chamber of commerce. No definite goal has been set for this year, but it is expected to equal or better the mark made last year.

The executive committee will act as a solicitation committee are: M. A. Smith, E. G. Todd, C. D. Ordway, J. B. Coen, Mrs. Nellie S. Traylor, Gilbert W. Traylor, Miss Fedalina Hagood, M. E. Covington, E. E. Melton, W. J. Head, H. E. Keller, P. M. Smith, W. T. Coates, Miss Mattie Tompkins, and W. W. McFarland.

Photographers and Artists Are Asked To Exhibit at Eisteddfod

One feature of the Eisteddfod of the Seaside Highlands, to be held at the Ocean Hotel, March 4th, is an art exhibit in oil and water painting, or photography, produced by residents of the Seaside Highlands. The display will not be complete, but is aimed at showing the large numbers who are expected in Lake Wales, March 4th, the art productivity of the Seaside Highlands.

Artists are requested to communicate with the Secretary of the Seaside Highlands, or to the art display committee, at the Ocean Hotel, Lake Wales, on or before February 15th, stating how much wall space is required. The display of amateurs and of professionals will be separately displayed.

Rev. Johnson Gives Talk at Rotary

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Grove, Farm and Garden

R. I. REDS BEST FOR THE MONTH IN EGG CONTEST

Heavy Hens Show Up Very Well During Month of December

Chilpey, Jan. 14.—A production of 15.2 eggs per bird was received from the 580 pullets in the Fifth Florida National Egg Laying Contest during the month of December. The total for the first three months is now 37.1 eggs per bird. The production for December was far ahead of anything done at this plant for the same month in any of the first four contests although the report shows that it was beaten twice when figured in comparison to the third month record. This is because of starting a month earlier this year.

The 40 S. C. Rhode Island Reds again turned out the best record for the month with a production of 65.2 percent. The 100 White Wyandottes came next with 57.1 percent and the 20 White Wyandottes were third with 54.0 percent. The 120 White Leghorns laid with 38.6 eggs each, the Reds are second with 37.5 eggs and the White Wyandottes and the 40 Barred Rocks tie for third place with 33 eggs per bird. The size of egg is still showing an increase and has about reached the average for the third month of last year in spite of the month earlier starting date.

The heavy hens came in for a good share of the honors for December with first, second and seventh high pens and first, second, third, fourth, sixth and eighth high hens. The highest pen record by points was made by the Red entry from the Yale Vulture Poultry Farm of Grand Island, Pa., with 238 points for 228 eggs laid. Second place was held by the Leghorn pen from A. J. O'Donovan, Jr., of Conant, N. Y., with 234 points for 243 eggs, and third place went to the Booth Poultry Farm pen of Roth from Clinton, Mo., with 226 points for 225 eggs. Considered from the standpoint of numbers of eggs laid the M. E. Murphy pen of Leghorns came first with 549 points and 513 points. The O'Donovan entry came second and the Yale Vulture pen third.

The Fluorine pen of Leghorns from Callahan, Fla., is still way in the lead for points earned, having 649 points to date for 567 eggs laid. Second place by points and highest by number of eggs laid is held by the Murphy entry with 702 eggs and 575 points. Third place by points and second by eggs goes to the A. J. O'Donovan entry with 617 eggs and 552 points. Third place by eggs and fourth by points is held by the Leghorn entry from E. H. Rucker, of Ottumwa, Ia., with 592 eggs and 521 points.

A Barred Rock in the pen from the Pratt Experiment Station, of Morton, Pa., made the best individual record for the month in both eggs and points by laying 31 eggs worth 32.75 points, and highest by number of points by eggs with 29 points and third by eggs with 29 eggs and 23.00 points. This third bird by points was a White Wyandotte in the entry from the Fairville Poultry Farm of Rt. 3, Orlando, Fla., with 25.00 points for 25 eggs laid. Another White Wyandotte in the pen from W. A. Jones of 1845 Cowden St., Memphis, Tenn., was in second place by number of eggs with 31 eggs and 22.45 points.

The highest individual by both eggs and points for the three months period is a Leghorn from M. E. Murphy. She has laid 83 eggs valued at 75.00 points since October first. Second high honors by points go to one of the Fanebreeze birds with 74.95 points for 71 eggs laid. Third place goes to the bird that held first place for two months, a Leghorn from R. K. Godwin of Jefferson City, Tenn., with 74.90 points for 72 eggs. Second high individual in the list by eggs is in the Leghorn entry from the White Feather Farm of Rt. 1, Clearwater, Fla. This bird has laid 82 eggs to date with 73.85 points credit. Third place by eggs is held by one of the Rucker Reds with 79 eggs and 69.30 points.

The general health of the birds at the contest plant this year is very good. There have been very few deaths during the first three months as the total to date has only reached 13 birds. This is below our usual rate, which really has never been very high. There has been quite an amount of moulting again this year which is very hard to keep down without the use of lights. The bulk of the birds are now over the moult, however, and production has been climbing and pretty nearly the latter part of the month. There has been an abun-

CLUB WOMEN AWARDS HOME IMPROVEMENT

Made Outstanding Improvements in Home During Last Year

Tallahassee, Jan. 14.—The women who were outstanding in improving their homes during 1930 have just been announced as winners in the home improvement contest among senior home demonstration club members in the 1st, held at the Miss Virginia P. Moore, specialist in home improvement.

Prizes from \$5 to \$10 in cash or value were given to the winners. The winners in the kitchen improvement were Mrs. J. A. Pelham and Mrs. O. C. Brandstatter, Hillsborough County.

Awards for the best living room went to Mrs. George Williamson, Hillsborough County, and Mrs. Della Carter, Holmes County.

In dining room improvements, Mrs. Lamb Worthington, Hillsborough County, and Mrs. Mabel Simonsen, Palm Beach County, were the winners.

Winners in the general bedroom class were Mrs. J. A. Pelham and Mrs. L. E. Miller, Holmes County. Prizes for the most sanitary homes were Mrs. J. A. Pelham, Alachua County, and Mrs. H. C. Constance, Orange County.

The outstanding ones in exterior work were Mrs. Della Carter, Holmes County, and Mrs. C. B. Dukes, Holmes County.

Those planning the best new houses were Mrs. Della Carter, Holmes County, and Mrs. E. M. Link, Dade County.

For remodeling old homes Mrs. Mary S. Murphy, Dade County, and Mrs. J. E. White, Pinellas County, were given prizes.

In the special bathroom class Mrs. A. E. Lee and Mrs. Frank Roach, Orange County, were winners.

WINNERS STATE GARDEN CONTEST ANNOUNCED

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Exhibitors are now pouring in for every department. From Italy, Spain and Holland, shipments are arriving daily for the huge national exhibits. Commercial displays, more numerous than ever before, are being placed in the various halls. The demonstration field, where modern agricultural implements will be shown in operation, will be crowded to capacity.

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FINNEY OF THE FORCE By F. O. Alexander

Snoop Oversells the Show

SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

FOR JANUARY 18, 1931

SUBJECT: The Ministry of John the Baptist.

GOLDEN TEXT: "Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance. Luke 3:8."

LESSON TEXT: Luke 3:7-17. TIME: A. D. 26; place, River Jordan.

INTRODUCTION: John's plainness, so suggestive of the wilderness where he had spent his years, was in perfect harmony with the life of careful self-denial and helpfulness which he taught. As Paul set extreme example of being chargeable to no man in the matter of his support while he was preaching, John the Baptist set the extreme example of rugged simplicity in appearance and mode of living. It is nowhere shown that John urged upon his followers the same type of asceticism that he himself followed. While some condemned Jesus because he often attended feasts, called him a wine drinker and a glutton, they also condemned John for his austere life, saying he had a devil.

Our lesson for January 4 was about the birth and growth of John the Baptist, and the lesson closed with, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel."

During the last years before today's lesson John had lived in the desert. Luke 3:3 says, "And he came into all the country about Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance for the remission of sins."

Then our lesson begins, "Then said he to the multitude that came forth to be baptized of him, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance."

A writer says, "An empty, hypocritical phariseism had taken the place of spiritual relationship with God. * * * Nothing short of a radical change of heart and life would prepare a way for the Lord. John's work was not to reform but to revolutionize the religious status."

"Begin not to say * * * we have Abraham to our father." Their boasted relation to Abraham could not cover their wicked lives.

"And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees; every tree therefore which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire." In Matthew 13:9-9, Jesus called attention to the fig tree that bore no fruit, and the giving to it one more year with which to improve before destroying it. In Romans 11, Paul compares the work of the holy spirit in regenerating the sinner to the grafting of good branches into the wild olive tree.

"And the people asked him, saying, What shall we do then? He answered and said unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath meat, let him do likewise."

Love and kindness to our fellow-man are inseparable results of a regenerate heart. John was at a ford of the Jordan and probably crowds were passing to and from the great feast at Jerusalem. You will recall that Jesus saw such crowds and by miracles fed five thousand (Matt. 14) and four thousand (Matt. 15).

Then came publicans (tax collectors) to whom he said "exact no more than that which is appointed you," and the soldiers to whom he said, "do violence to no man, neither accuse any falsely; and be content with your wages."

The scriptures do not condemn those who fill government positions, but require the officials and employees to deal honestly and kindly with the people.

"And as the people were in expectation, and all men mused in their hearts of John, whether he were the Christ, or not."

"John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh * * * he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand * * * and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable."

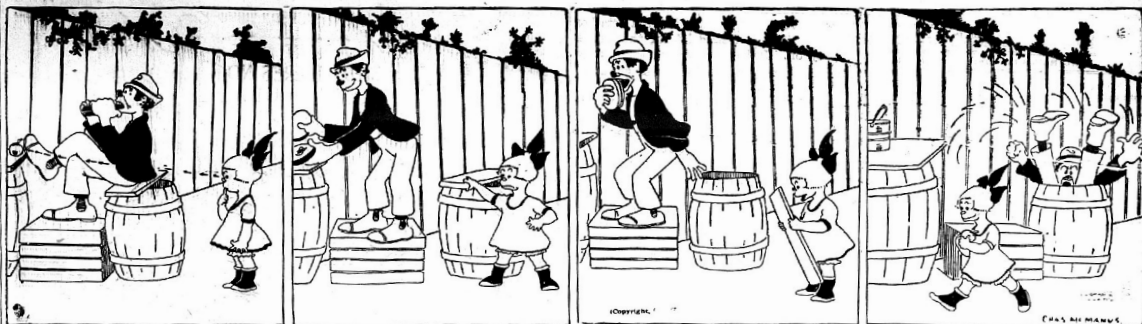
John here refers to the "threshing floor," the wheat representing the repentant follower of Christ, and the chaff those refusing to accept him. Such "floor" consists of some solid floor. The wheat bundles being placed in two circular rows, with heads lapping in the center of the double row. On each floor I have seen a boy ride one horse and lead another round and round until the wheat grains were tramped out of the straw, which was thrown aside into stacks, leaving the wheat and chaff to be separated by throwing the mass up into the air, letting the grain fall to the ground and the chaff blow several feet away. The wheat was saved and the chaff burned, because it was not good for man or beast.

Workers Left \$100,000
About 160 mill workers in Edenfield, Eng., are to share a legacy of \$100,000, bequeathed to them by Miss Margaret Gray. Miss Gray was a government director of the Trevel Vale Mills, and specified in her will that those employed at the mill more than two years should share the legacy.

THE TIMES' WEEKLY PAGE OF COMICS

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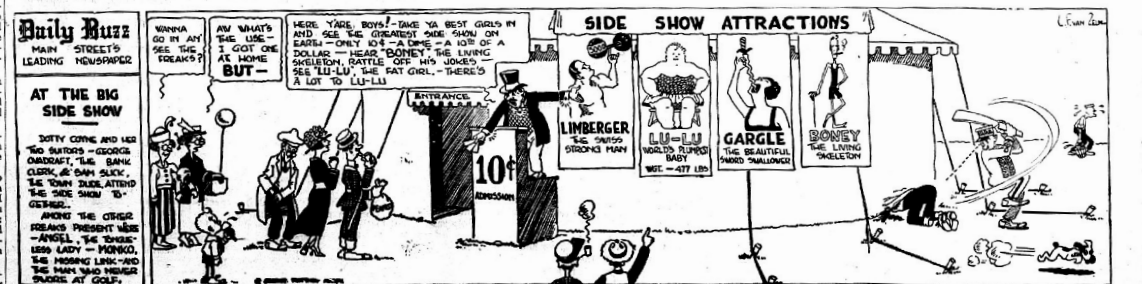
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Some women are like the modern movies—all talking.

Have you a little auto tag in your home? If not, better let the flivver cease to roam.

So many plants are resuming operations, giving employment to such numbers, that some of the Sons of Rest are getting fearful that a job will get 'em 'if they don't watch out."

It pays to be somebody. Calvin Coolidge gets \$2 a word for writing platitudes in a manner that at least a dozen Florida editors can excel. But the latter are not paid \$2 a word.

The State is filled with tourists, and they are worth cultivating. Pleased tourists return to the same place year after year, and influence others to come.

H. L. Mencken, destructive critic, sneers at the sentiment of Joyce Kilmer's poem, "Trees." That poem will live and be an inspiration long after Mencken and his puny efforts are totally forgotten.

When the news reel shows a picture of Al Smith almost invariably there is a round of applause. He seems to hold the popularity with the masses evidenced by the fifteen million votes he received in the Presidential election.

Florida's senior Senator, Duncan U. Fletcher, was the recipient of some fine tributes from his colleagues in the Senate on the occasion of his 72nd birthday, January 6. And all the good things said of him were well deserved.

It has been decided that it takes \$9,000 to raise a child up to the age of 18. And after they attain that age frequently they are not worth \$9,000. But we go on raising them, all of us supremely convinced that ours will turn out differently.

England, Arkansas, got on the front pages when 500 farmers stormed the town, demanding food. Few people had ever heard of England before, but the advertising it has received may give it a reputation as a resort where folks have sharp appetites.

Some of the people who are making the biggest fuss about high taxes are the identical ones who were too indifferent to go to the polls at the election when the bonds were voted which are making the taxes high. In fact, they scarcely knew that bonds were voted until they scanned their tax bill.

People who live on the land in Florida haven't been in danger of starvation, as have those in other states. The Fort Myers man who went to the woods to prove that he could live for six months on what the country provided took no equipment other than an extra set of false teeth. He expected to find so much to eat that he would wear out one set.

We hate to admit that we are inferior to other countries in any respect, but if London had Al Capone, it wouldn't take the English police 48 hours to bring him to justice. And it would be only a matter of a few additional hours until English justice would have effectively put an end to his notorious criminal career. They do these things better over there.

"Let's quit sobbing about prices and organize this industry," is the heading of a large advertisement put out by the Florida Citrus Exchange. Amen, say we. It looks like there should be intelligence enough in the ranks of the growers to handle their business properly and profitably. California growers have been able to do so. A "benevolent autocrat" at the head of the Exchange might help—a big man with Mussolini characteristics.

A Yale professor, speaking at Rollins College, predicts the passing of the small town. "There is no reason for all these small towns,

one every six miles or so, either economically or socially." The professor may be right—the tendency is markedly towards overcrowding the big city areas at the expense of the farm and the small towns. However, we believe it was never intended people should be huddled together in such fashion. Small town life has always been the best and happiest. Indeed, if we had the arranging of things, every family would live in a detached house, with a good-sized lot for the kiddies to play on. Just now, however, the chances for such arrangement seem not so good.

Suppose you knew that John Jones would do exactly what he promises to do—you would be glad to give him credit for what he wants. Suppose the bank knew that Jones will repay a loan if it is humanly possible for him to do so—the bank would loan him some money—it would have confidence in him. Suppose you knew that people owing the bank would pay their obligations—you wouldn't hesitate then to put some money in the bank. If we could restore confidence in one another, business conditions would improve overnight. Paying our debts, proving that our word is as good as our bond, will restore confidence, which is the basis of business life. The practice of simple honesty would correct the business ills of the world.

Orphan Annie, it appears, bids fair to get a better education than lots of people who consider themselves educated. Daddy Warbucks has delivered an ultimatum to her tutor that she must be taught how to read, write, know something about arithmetic, and that she must be able to spell and use good grammar. That sounds like an order for old-fashioned stuff, but a person who masters these subjects is educated or, at least, has the foundation without which a real educational superstructure is impossible. Yet, anyone who has to struggle with the manuscript that comes into a newspaper office wonders if these things are given any attention in our schools. Certain it is that many high school graduates show a lamentable ignorance of writing, spelling and grammar.

Echoes of the State Press

JOURNALISM: SCIENCE OF THE PEOPLE.

Because of the popularity which has greeted the formation of classes and courses in journalism at various institutions of learning, the public seems to have concluded that within another generation or two the newspaper editor, reporter or correspondent will be certified and licensed and listed, as in medicine, the law or the ministry. The idea is interesting; but the situation is hardly such as to warrant an early accession of the college-made newspaper-folks to the majority of positions with "the press." There were times, in the past—not necessarily when every man was his own lawyer or doctor, and preachers are yet heard who merely decided to preach and started in, without other preparation than clearing the throat and announcing his or her intention. But newspaper men and newspaper women appear to have grown up in the business or profession—if that word pleases better—and no one is found disputing the position attained by those who actually lead; and there is never a question asked about "how many years did you study journalism" and where? That excellent work is being done in the institutions with departments for study, leading to a certificate or diploma, in journalism, is not doubted. But the work is not necessarily committing the student to such employment, later. Whatever he learns receives the theory of the newspaper in service, in any profession, trade or calling. It is important, for all who wish to succeed in a world; or part of the world that is called civilized; that man or woman be able to read and write, "do sums" and talk in a way to be understood by their neighbors and friends. Students in the journalistic course are instructed, or helped along in these things, no doubt. And then we are told, they hear lectures on how to approach a politician, or a financier for an interview. How to write headlines? and what to say about the meetings of the Dorcas Society. All of which is harmless. But the newspaper folks are "born that way." They can't help it; and often wish they could get away from the thing; and try, then to come back to be newspaper folks again and always.

The Miami Herald has been hearing about the "ready to work" editors and reporters that will be handed over to the publishers shortly and doesn't incline that way. "Schools of journalism have their proper place in preparing some members of the newspaper fraternity," says that newspaper, "just as the schools of literature have their proper place in preparing writers, as schools of art prepare painters. But in this century at least the time will not come when a teacher of literature can stamp one of his products as a writer, nor a school of art certify that its products are painters, in the accepted sense of the word. What will occur, undoubtedly, will be that organizations of newspaper workers, headed by leaders of their craft, will prescribe certain standards of excellence to be attained, and may even license those who attain to those standards. Certainly this should be done if the quality of those who gather, interpret and present the news is to be improved."

The conclusion is that excellence in newspaper work cannot be taught academically. It is remarked as the science of meeting and interpreting the public, the people, and the procedure, while it is set forth in theory and some phrases of its workings be discussed and emphasized, it can never be put under rule and measure. As the Herald remarks, in conclusion, "some of the mechanical technique of print, the newspaper can be imparted, some of the technique of writing may be learned in schools, but the science and art of dealing with the public must be learned by hard work." To which could be added, by hard work while in actual contact with the public. —*Jacksonville Times-Union.*

SEEDS OF PROSPERITY



Alexander Hamilton Was One of Greatest in History

First Secretary of United States Treasury

It is given to but few men to improve individually indelibly upon the history of a great nation, but Alexander Hamilton achieved even more than this.

In calling attention to the 174th anniversary of his birthday on January 11, 1931, the Division of Information and Publication of the George Washington Bicentennial Commission points out the extraordinary versatility of the man whom Chief Justice Marshall ranked next to George Washington in importance during those critical years of his history.

The senseless sacrifice of this brilliant man, who was killed by a duel by Aaron Burr, caused an outburst of bitter and indignant grief among all parties throughout the nation, but his seldom been equaled in the history of the country.

Alexander Hamilton was born, as a British subject, on the island of Nevis, in the West Indies, on January 11, 1757. At the age of 12, following his father's death, he was thrown upon the care of maternal relatives at St. Croix, where he entered the counting house of Nicholas Cruger. In 1772 friends impressed by his astonishing poise and maturity of mind, made it possible for him to go to New York to continue his education. Arriving there the Autumn of that year, he prepared for college at Elizabethtown, N. J., and in 1774 entered King's College, now Columbia University, in New York City. His studies were interrupted by the Revolution.

A visit to Boston seems to have thoroughly confirmed the conclusion, to which reason had already led him, that he should cast his fortunes with the patriot rather than with the Tories. Into the cause he threw himself with ardor. Early in 1776 the New York convention ordered a company of artillery to be raised. Hamilton applied for the command and his examination quickly dispelled doubts of his fitness in those who suspected mere youthful presumption.

The artillery company quickly showed the talent of its commander, who, by his proficiency and bravery in the campaign of 1776 around New York City, won the admiration of General Washington and Greene. Hamilton shared in the brilliant campaign of Trenton and Princeton and so distinguished himself as a duelist and gallant officer that, although he was barely 20 years old, Washington appointed him his Aide-de-Camp with the rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Hamilton, despite his other remarkable abilities, was unusually ambitious for military glory—an ambition he never lost. As a member of Washington's staff his duties were various and highly responsible, but he longed for the field and fighting with an independent command. In February 1781, he secured a slight reprimand administered by Washington as an excuse

for abandoning his staff position and later secured a field command. Through Washington, and won laurels at Yorktown, where he led his column in the final assault against the British works.

Whether as a soldier, lawyer or statesman, he was a master in every field that he entered. Hamilton, beyond a doubt, had an innate genius for finance, and was beyond question a pioneer in what has since become the most important department of practical government.

He founded the financial system of the United States and converted the barren clauses of the Constitution into a living organism.

When he became Secretary of the Treasury, he found there was a great mass of work to be done in organizing the collecting and disbursing force throughout the country. Congress immediately submitted to him a number of queries and problems for solution. He there came forth from his pen a succession of papers that have left their strong imprint on the administrative organization of the national government.

Among them were two reports on the public credit, upholding an ideal of national honor higher than the prevalent popular principles; a report on manufactures, advocating their encouragement; a report favoring the establishment of a national bank, the arguments being based on "implied powers" in the Constitution and on the applications that Congress can do anything that can be made, through the medium of money, to subserve the general welfare of the United States. Hamilton's doctrines, through judicial interpretation, have revolutionized the Constitution. The success of his financial measures were immediate and remarkable.

Hamilton's plan, to establish a national bank resembling in great measure the Bank of England, aroused as great an interest in Congress as the proposal to assume the State debts had brought forth. The project was finally passed by both Houses in practically the form that Hamilton had suggested and came before President Washington for approval on February 14, 1791.

So heated had been the debates in the House on the constitutionality of a United States bank, that the President felt doubts as to the power of Congress to incorporate such an institution. He called upon his cabinet members for their opinions. Hamilton, and Knox, Secretary of War, favored the bank; Jefferson and Randolph, Attorney General, opposed. Hamilton, Jefferson and Randolph submitted written reports to the President.

Those written by Jefferson and Hamilton remain to this day among the most important expositions of our constitutional law and practice. Hamilton's arguments convinced Washington of the constitutional propriety of the measure,

which he approved on February 23, 1791.

The subscription books were opened on July 4, following, and within two hours, the whole capital was subscribed for; and many persons who had hoped to buy stock found themselves left out. Never in the course of history has there been so immediate and permanent a financial foundation laid for a country's prosperity as that which was built by Hamilton, the men of the First Congress and President Washington.

HOWEY SEEKS REDRESS FOR FLORIDA GROWERS

Working To Secure Aid To Florida Growers Account of Fly Quarantine

W. J. Howey, as chairman of the Florida Growers' Reimbursement committee, is making an effort to secure congressional appropriation to reimburse Florida fruit and vegetable growers who suffered losses due to Mediterranean fruit fly quarantine.

The following statement from Mr. Howey explains the work being undertaken by the committee: This committee wishes to call your particular attention to a movement now under way which has for its purpose congressional appropriation to reimburse fruit growers, truck raisers, shippers and other citizens of Florida who suffered losses by reason of the Mediterranean fly Federal quarantine.

Should this move be successful, it will result in bringing a substantial sum of new money into Florida and in this your own community will share.

We assume you are familiar with the merit of attempting to obtain some redress of a wholesale commercial destruction of oranges, grapefruit, vegetables; destruction of trees and host plants; the injury to trees by spraying; the vineyard methods used by the quarantine workers; the losses sustained by shippers; and the various other harm done to our agricultural industry; all of which has been an unwarranted burden to our people. The Federal government has been fit to aid other cities and other communities under less aggravating conditions.

Nearly 50,000 pounds of cacao, from which chocolate and cocoa are produced are being taken from plantations into Port au Spain, Trinidad, every day.

A little vision goes a long way—two such vision has wrecked more than two such.

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, NINTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HIGHLANDS COUNTY.—D. N. CHANCERY.

V. M. HENDERSON, Complainant, vs. RIDGE LAUNDRY COMPANY, a corp. Defendant. Notice is hereby given that by and under certain writ of execution issued out of the Circuit Court in and for Highlands County, Florida, between the said day of December, A. D. 1930, between the said certain cause therein lately pending wherein W. H. Woodruff, Complainant, a corporation, and Ridge Laundry Company, a corporation, and defendant, I, O. E. Wolff, as Sheriff in and for Highlands County, Florida, have levied upon the following described real estate of the said defendant, its successors and assigns, described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at the northwest corner of Lot 11, run a line south 125 feet to point of beginning, thence south 60 feet, thence east to right of way of Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, thence a northwesterly direction along said right of way of said railroad to a point which will be directly east of the point of beginning, and tract of land fronting 60 feet on a street and having feet 100 feet wide, situated of way in Lot 11, Block 2, Section 26, Township 11 North, Range 28 East, Highlands County, Florida;

and will offer the same for sale on the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1931, at 10 o'clock A. M., in the said month and a legal sale in front of the Circuit Court in the court house in the City of Sebring, Highlands County, Florida, between the legal hours of sale, that between eleven o'clock A. M. and two o'clock P. M., and will sell the same to the highest and best bidder for cash, the same being levied upon as the property of the said Ridge Laundry Company and being sold to satisfy said execution and costs.

O. E. WOLFF, Sheriff of Highlands County, Fla. Jan 8-16-31-32

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MANDIS DAIRY

Avon Park School News

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Senior News

The race has begun. Which will be the winner? The score stands 1 to 0 in favor of the Seniors. The teams are all most neat and new. Of course you know of what I'm speaking. It's a campaign between the two classes. The classes getting the most subscriptions for the Ladies' Home Journal, Saturday Evening Post or Country Gentleman. And what is the prize? The winner gives the loser a party. The way the race has started it seems like the two classes will either split on the party or call it off. It will be just too bad if the dear old Seniors have to give a party for the Jolly Juniors, eh?

Strange things happen among the Seniors. Did you know that Paul Mc. has turned peppy? Kat Scaggs made 49.3 words per in typing? Barbara is the new basket ball captain for the girl team? Blossom Wells has heart trouble? Margaret Dixon got that box of candy for Xmas? "Squatter" Roberts bought a pressing club?

You know the Seniors don't have many students that turn out for basket ball you must admit that in all of the sports that they take part in they seem to lead. For instance, there's Martin, the 1930 football captain. Also there's Barbara, the 1931 basket ball captain and Louise Hans who stands a good chance of being the boys' captain.

Junior News

Hello folks, here we Juniors are back again to give you latest gossip on Junior events and happenings this week. We had an English test Tuesday and here's hoping Miss Bryant had pity on us.

Have you noticed all the bright red school sweaters that the Junior class is producing? Well, that means that the Junior class is going to put out a real football team for the year of 1931 season. The Junior boys have been given a physical education test by Mr. Fairley, who said that we must go on a very strict diet. Well, here's hoping that the hamburger stand won't tempt us too much.

This week the Juniors and Seniors are putting on a salesmanship campaign sponsored by the Curtis Publishing company, for the purpose of helping the two classes to raise more money.

The Juniors are glad to have back with them one of their old class mates, Esther Nelson, who will be with us for the rest of the term.

Our space is up, folks, and the Juniors have to sign off, but watch "the old Junior column" next week - the latest Junior happenings.

Sophomore News

The Sophomores are surely showing up well in basket ball practice. Those who have been coming out for practice regularly are: Elizabeth Sherette, Homer Sue Roberts, Elton Perry, Carmela Reynolds, Gwendolyn Weaver, Harry Hancock, Leroy Delaney, Joel White, Charles Chilton, and C. Vandenberg. Most of these have a good chance to make first teams.

Those who were on the honor roll for December were: Mary Margaret Mills, Sherard Johnson, Charles Chilton, Dorothy Garrett, Grace Schweigart, Elizabeth Sherette, and Verna Heim. We are all starting off the New Year right and are striving to get on the honor roll this month.

We are very sorry to have lost Leslie Bottick, one of our members, during the Christmas holidays. This now reduces our enrollment to thirty members. Grace Schweigart has been appointed to serve as chairman of the "uesday morning home chap" program committee.

On this week's program the devotionals were in charge of Carolea Reynolds. Several readings were given by Freda Cummings, which proved very entertaining to the class.

Freshman News

On the 100 per cent spelling honor roll for December appears the name of Clyde Mack. On the 90 per cent honor roll appear the names of G. A. Christopher, Clarence Hewell and Oleta Hight.

The world is for the man who is able to put more butter on his bread. The struggles for existence is the most interesting part of existing.

Red Devilry

Speaking of weird typographical errors (even if the has mentioned it) reminds me of Karen Hagan, typing wildly the other day to establish a new record for her class, she imitated the Volstead Act, as being the Eighteenth Amendment.

And that brings to mind the Krug: Words Ed's story about a man under those sheets at the New Year's party. We think he is the same fellow we saw talking to another fellow on an electric car. Said the first man, "Shay, when time is it?" The other, who could not determine the exact position of the hands on his watch replied, after seriously considering the timepiece, "I'm exactly Thursday afternoon." "That's so!" said the first drunk. "Well, then, this is where I have to get off."

Several of the Avon Park teachers were playing the ancient game of Scotch on the links at Highland Lakes Saturday. The two out there says the stance of Miss Bryant is incorrect. He reports that she has the serious fault of standing too close to her ball when hitting it. Now can you tell that?

Mr. Hancock and Mr. McClure, the Methodist and Baptist ministers, respectively, came up to school Monday morning. Mr. Hancock offered the morning prayer and Mr. McClure delivered a very inspiring message to the students.

Wednesday night the Avon Park cagers go to Wauchula for their first scrap of the season. The boys have only a week's practice behind them but they'll make plenty of opposition for their opponents. The girls start on Jan. 15. The girls are all new and are all veterans anyhow. We expect them to burn up the Ridge this season.

At this time Don Ramey wants to make a confession for the K W ed's benefit. The Don got all hot and bothered when he saw that girl and passed himself off as Dave Jones. So, you see, nothing happened after all. Sorry but next time I'll pick another girl.

Around School

Now, that there is some competition between the Junior and Senior classes, we will see which one is the better class. Hurrah for the winning side! Squatter Roberts was the Junior's new boy. I wonder what Mrs. Dawson, Joyce Powell, and Barbara Weaver have to whisper so much about. Is it a dance, a new frock, new boy friend or what? Seems as if they would let us in on the secret, doesn't it?

My Virginia Chandler, what kind of bed-dog do you run into? Your upper lip is all swollen. Looks pretty bad for Virginia. Aren't our football heroes rushing their new A. P. sweaters too? Does look rather nice to have some new gear around.

The Seniors have turned from their boisterous ways and are quite settled enough to select for their class colors the delicate shades of pink and green. But just look at those Juniors. They will stick to the school no matter what happens. Their class colors are red and white.

How do you like the girls' new basketball uniforms? Well, from my point of view, I think they look much better.

Folks, it won't be long before we'll be much perplexed over something, for every day every one that you see has his or her head in a Chemistry book, and is mulling something about Chemical Arithmetic.

Good luck to you!

A.E.

Station WSRB

Hello, everybody. This is the smiling Senior prophets broadcasting from the Senior class room on a frequency of once a week. Folks, it won't be long before we'll be off the air last Wednesday, but circumstances prevailed us to be. We know that you missed the weekly broadcast as much as we missed giving it, but as far as we know now, we will be on the air every Wednesday from now on.

This time we take great pleasure in broadcasting the future of Mr. Fred Simpson. Fred has always been interested in movies, and by our prophecy, he will become a theatre manager, when he gets through the primary school at management of the Avon Park theatre. He will fire the old employees and hire a new shift. As close as we can observe him on his weekly road when the moon's a-kicking, and so it looks like marriage to

us... static. He will marry his old school day sweetheart Miss... static. Our prophecy tells us the first day that... saw Fred, she immediately considered herself entwined into the vine of love (so no doubt nature made them for each other). She had planned to go to college, but love can never be denied. Fred loves her, and she loves him, and he looks like his wife will have to stand. He plans on giving her the position at the theatre as ticket seller. We wish the future Mr. and Mrs. Simpson all the happiness and prosperity, that life can afford. Our prophecy gives this marriage first, but others seem to be coming into view.

We will sign off until next Wednesday at this time.

Yours with a smile, Station.

—W. S. R. B.

How To Be Happy

Sadness like most all other ills, has a remedy. Here it is:

First: Commit a pen every day—A bit of poetry, a Bible verse, a noble thought.

Second: Look for something to live on every day—A flower, a silver cloud, a golden star.

Third: Do something for somebody every day—a bright cheerful smile, a cordial good-morning, a word of encouragement—the little courtesies which help to enrich the lives of others and beautify our own character—Alice Freeman Palmer.

BULLETIN ON FLORIDA FOODS NOW AVAILABLE

Department of Agriculture Issues New Bulletin Dealing With Nutritive Value

A new bulletin on Florida foods, dealing with the subject from a new angle—that of the nutritive value—has just been issued by the department of agriculture, as a means of introducing Florida food products to thousands of homes throughout the country and thereby increase the demand for them.

People more and more want to know the food value of what they eat, and this book answers that question as it relates to one hundred and seventy-five Florida fruits and vegetables. As evidence that the department was not mistaken in its demand for this kind of information, over two thousand copies were requested from twenty-six states before the bulletin came from the printers.

The bulletin is for free distribution, and copies may be secured by addressing the Department of Agriculture, Tallahassee.

An outline of contents of the bulletin shows:

A 100-page bulletin, with sixteen pages of illustrations—eight of these in color.

Identification and discussion of the nutritive value of seventy-five vegetables and one hundred fruits.

Discussion of Florida's winter season production.

Latest material on the effect of cooking fruits and vegetables.

Summary of tested recipes for utilization of fruits and vegetables both fresh and cooked.

Means to include fruits and vegetables.

Valuable food tables for reference.

History of Florida's winter time fruits and vegetables are summer time fruits and vegetables in other states, and this booklet will be useful also to the home economics teachers, home demonstration agents, home-makers and public menu-makers throughout the year.

"Know Florida Better Week" Feb. 23 To 28

The Fifth Annual "Know Florida Better Week and Buy at Home Campaign" will be held this year during the week of February 23 to 28 inclusive, according to R. G. Grassfield, general manager of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce.

"This annual event," says General Manager Grassfield, "will again be carried out in co-operation with the Florida Junior Chambers of Commerce. Plans for the observance of the week embrace all civic organizations, commercial chambers of Commerce, schools, radio stations and the state press. The object, as in the past years, will be to present to the visitors to the state as well as our own citizens pertinent information about the state through the primary work at community gatherings and through the air. Every community in Florida is invited and expected to participate in the campaign.

Berlin's latest style of hairdressing is the wide part. German school boys and women have adopted the mode and some have spaces half an inch wide down the top of their heads. The wide part is necessary to produce the starting effects.

CLEARING HOUSE WILL PROBE FRUIT PRICES

Meeting at Tampa Monday To Seek Causes of Poor Fruit Market

The post holiday habit of retrenchment indulged by the average citizen and the general business depression in the north are not insurmountable obstacles even though they are tremendous handicaps in the marketing of Florida's current citrus crop. Unquestionably there is some solution to this problem, and the industry has no choice but to find it, says a bulletin from the Clearing House.

This is the situation and condition which will be discussed from all angles at an emergency meeting of the members of the board of directors of the Florida Citrus Growers Clearing House Association and the shippers who are affiliated with it, to be held at Clearing House headquarters Tuesday morning, Jan. 20. The technical phases of marketing fruit are more familiar to the shippers than the growers, and it is to obtain the practical suggestions that the shippers will be called in for the conference Jan. 20.

Proof that the cause of the low market prices now obtaining for Florida citrus is the north market does not lie wholly with marketing methods is evidenced by the low prices being paid for California fruit. The directors in discussing this phase of the matter explained that Florida does not necessarily play second fiddle to California in the business of marketing oranges and grapefruit, but it is well-known that California's merchandising methods probably are as effective as it is humanly possible to make them. These methods include an impressive advertising campaign as well as a highly organized sales system. Yet with this advantage the Pacific growers are taking in more money than Florida growers, says the Clearing House.

President Alfred M. Tilden of the Clearing House, in commenting on the meeting to be held with the shippers, pointed out that the work the Clearing House has been doing since its formation is generally appreciated. "The grower is interested primarily in the returns he gets for his fruit," President Tilden said. "Ordinarily he is only mildly interested in how his returns have been obtained. In a big crop year such as this he is even more interested in the size of the check he receives and less concerned as to how a profit is obtained for him. It is rather human to criticize during conditions such as confront us this season.

Our growers realized that the Clearing House has been doing everything conceivable in an effort to raise the price level of our fruit, they would not be generally understood that some vital problems are actually beyond our control. It is popularly thought that the volume of fruit leaving the state is too heavy, and that the Clearing House is not doing all it could to control this volume. It so happens that the responsibility for this heavy volume of fruit during the past six weeks rests with growers and shippers outside the Clearing House.

"In the movement of both oranges and grapefruit since the middle of November the Clearing House has at no time shipped its prorata of 80 percent of the volume leaving the state each week. On the contrary, the Clearing House percentage of fruit has varied from 74 per cent (the highest percentage the Clearing House has moved in any one week since Nov. 15) to as low as 35 per cent. The percentage of the Clearing House shipments in the orange movement from Nov. 15 through Jan. 3 is only 61 per cent. On grapefruit the percentage is even less, the Clearing House having moved only 57 per cent while outside growers and shippers have moved 49 per cent instead of their normal proportion of only 20 per cent."

Growers and shippers of the Clearing House are still hoping to see the outside shippers organize so as to be able to cooperate with the Clearing House and provide a more complete and effective control of the volume of fruit leaving the state. The outside shippers were approached on this matter by the Clearing House more than a month ago, but as yet no reaction among the outsiders haven't been completed.—Florida Citrus Growers' Clearing House Association.

Deep-Sea Divers at School.

With adoption of the policy of the new German navy requiring that one qualified deep-sea diver be in each torpedo boat, a school for the divers has been opened at the navy base at Kiel. Each member of the class is given a bronze medal on completing the course. When the students, clad in their grotesque costumes and masks, descend the navy view before a dive they present a most unusual sight.

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.

UNION CONGREGATION CHURCH
Morning service, 11 a. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Christian Endeavor, 6:30 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 Saturday.
Sunday—Church school, 9:30 a. m. Service with sermon, 11 a. m. Preacher, Rev. Henry S. White.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE
Rev. Paul A. Southard, Pastor.
10 a. m. Sunday school.
11 a. m. Sermon.
6:30 p. m. Junior N. Y. P. S.
7:30 p. m. Evangelistic service.
A cordial welcome is extended to all who enjoy hearing the old-fashioned gospel.

The regular prayer meeting is held at 7:30 every Thursday night. This week the cottage prayer meeting will be held at the home of Mrs. Jack Meredith.

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. E. Coen, Jr., followed by choir practice.
Brotherhood meeting second Thursday evening of each month at 7 o'clock, in the basement of the church.
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Prunes, Fresh in Syrup 21c

Meal or Grits, 5 lbs. 19c

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Western Beef Stew (rib), lb. 18c

Fla. Beef Steak (any cut) lb. 25c

Fla. Beef Stew (rib) lb. 12 1/2c

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Western Pork Roast, lb. . 23c

Pig Liver, 2 lbs. for 25c

Spare Ribs, 2 lbs. for 35c

Neck Bones, 3 lbs. for 25c

Lamb Stew, per lb. 21c

Here and There

About Avon Park

By W. M. Hetherington

"It is too bad that the committee found, that as a group, the people with the best salaries, and in a majority of cases drawn from public funds, were the poorest donors to the drive. It is a peculiar situation that people who draw their salaries from the public purse will give the least to public enterprise." So said one of the members of the chamber of commerce drive, at the close of the hard grind to get sufficient money to keep the organization working for another year.

The speaker was a business man, one, feeling a keen sense of responsibility to his community, has taken an active part in the drive. Before asking others to give, he made his own subscription, and in addition gave several days' time to the campaign. Other members of the committee did the same, but he is typical of the conscientious business man, upon whose shoulders, falls the bulk of civic work.

The unwillingness of salaried people to subscribe to the drive is based on an erroneous theory. They reason without logic that the chamber of commerce should be supported by the business houses of the city. It is true that the business houses do furnish most of the money for this and other civic enterprises. The business man is without a doubt the most imposed on, most taxed, most solicited individual that ever struggled for existence. Every subscription list for whatever cause—good, bad or indifferent—is shoved under his nose, and under pain of criticism, and even boycott, he is called upon to "put his name down" for his bit.

In some few cases, which are worthy, there is justification for this. When a small amount of money is needed quickly, the natural thing is to turn to the business houses for it, and this is done frequently throughout the year. So much so, in fact, that the Barker issued an order authorizing them to do so Monday and some time was consumed selecting a list of names to fill the job, and this matter was continued over until Wednesday when Mr. Etheredge, now a fully qualified commissioner.

Tax collector D. F. Canfield introduced some correspondence with regard to the collecting of a county license and after the expression of a legal opinion by County Attorney J. N. Cox, the tax collector was authorized to refund the license already collected. It was pointed out that the drive derived from that organization affect the welfare of every individual within the confines of the city, from the rubber boy to the bank president. The business man, the investor, the salaried man may all share in the good to be derived, and by the same token may contribute in proportion to the benefit received.

This is one instance where the business man's loud could and should be lightened.

Dr. W. A. Davison Named Receiver for Highland Lakes

Appointment of Dr. William A. Davison as receiver for Highland Lakes Club, Inc., was made Monday by Judge W. J. Barker in circuit court at Sebring. The appointing Dr. Davison as receiver followed hearing on a suit instituted by Howard S. Bennett, as trustee, against the defendant corporation.

The operation of the development company's extensive affairs will be carried on without interruption by the receiver, under the court order. The receivership was asked by Bennett as a protection to the group of financial backers of the development. It was stated.

Reply Brief Is Filed in Limit Reduction Suit

A reply brief was filed in the Supreme court in Tallahassee Tuesday, according to notification received by City Attorney S. C. Fardee from Walker & Boswell, representing plaintiffs in the city limit reduction suit. Copy of the reply brief had not been received by the City Attorney up until Thursday night.

ETHEREDGE TAKES SEAT ON BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Trouble Over Fence in Istokpoga Section; New Jury List Drawn at Special Session Wednesday.

Perry Etheredge, newly appointed county commissioner from district three, succeeding L. C. Pearce, resigned, took his seat as a member of the board at the special session Wednesday. His commission failed to arrive in time for the regular meeting Monday, although he sat in on the board's deliberations.

R. L. Stokes, a resident of the Istokpoga district, addressed the commissioners regarding a road in his community and which he said could not be used as an access to a fence running down the middle of the right of way. According to the conversation between Mr. Stokes and the commissioners it appeared the road in question had been designated and declared a road some four years ago but never been opened up and used. The fence in question was said to belong to the Consolidated Land company and to be on the section line. Mr. Stokes said he had approached the land company and offered to set the fence back at his expense but they had ordered him to leave it alone. The road was necessary for him and others in his neighborhood to get to the post office at Istokpoga, Mr. Stokes said.

Mr. Stokes asked the commissioners for assistance in getting the fence moved and after some discussion it was decided that the commissioners approach the Consolidated Land company and endeavor to get the question adjusted in a harmonious manner and to the satisfaction of all parties.

The commissioners not having drawn a jury list at their last meeting as required by law Judge Barker issued an order authorizing them to do so Monday and some time was consumed selecting a list of names to fill the job, and this matter was continued over until Wednesday when Mr. Etheredge, now a fully qualified commissioner.

Talking Picture Showing Trip Thru Ford Plant, Arcadia

The Ford show, advertised extensively throughout the state, will be shown at Arcadia February 6 and 7, under the auspices of the local Ford dealer, with the Park Motor company of this city cooperating. The show is a complete talking picture showing a trip through the Ford plant, showing in detail every operation of making and assembling the Ford car. In addition to the picture, there will be a display of all Ford's will be on display for the inspection of the public. Avon Park people who wish to see this picture are invited by the Park Motor company to attend the Arcadia showing, as this will be the closest exhibition for this section.

Rotary Entertains Chamber Commerce Workers Wednesday

Wednesday was Chamber of Commerce day at the Rotary luncheon, and the solicitation committee of fifteen developers engaged in the annual membership drive were entertained as guests of the club. Short talks were made by Norton T. Smith, chairman of the commerce secretary, Dr. W. A. Davison and E. G. Todd. Members of the solicitation committee turned in their reports to H. E. Keller, chairman of the drive. Gilbert Freeman presided in the absence of Z. S. Francis, president of the club.

Dr. Fossdick To Speak at Kenilworth Lodge On Sunday Evening

DR. HARRY EMERSON FOSSDICK, famous New York divine, who, with Mrs. Fossdick, is a guest of Kenilworth Lodge for a few weeks, will speak in the lobby of the Lodge Sunday evening at eight o'clock and the general public is cordially invited to hear him.

DISTRICT MEETING OF WOODMAN CIRCLE

Victory Grove Is Hostess To Visitors at Odd Fellows Hall, Tuesday

The district meeting of the Woodman Circle was held Tuesday at the I. O. O. F. hall in Avon Park with members of Victory Grove No. 248 as hosts. The meeting opened with Mrs. John Morrow presiding. A welcome address was given by Mrs. H. A. Latham, district manager, with response by S. W. Collins, district manager of the Woodman of the World and Mrs. Myrtle Dewey, state manager of Port Pierce. Mrs. Carrie Critchley, of Port Pierce, Mrs. Dewey and Mrs. Collins were each presented a remembrance by Mrs. Latham from Victory Grove. The meeting was then declared closed for lunch by the president.

A delicious luncheon was served at card tables placed about the hall with a beautiful bouquet of sweet peas centering each table, with novelty valentines used as place cards.

The meeting was reopened by Mrs. Morrow and turned over to Mrs. Dewey. Mrs. Ella Clark, Mrs. A. F. Sargis, Mrs. Myrtle Dewey, Mrs. Irene Smith, Mrs. Annie Boyd and Mrs. J. Tomlinson were initiated into Victory Grove. New officers of Victory Grove were installed with Mrs. Myrtle Dewey acting as installing officer. Mrs. E. E. Brown of Sebring, an installed attendant and Mrs. Carrie Critchley as installing chaplain. All the groups were honored by a hearty welcome by Mrs. Dewey. The fourth district meeting at Port Lauderdale Feb. 26, and the state convention at Clearwater, Victoria and Orange Blossom groves, Avon Park and Sebring, were to assist the host district in clothing a child, they have adopted from the Woodman home at Sherman, Texas, if all were favorable to the members of the fourth district.

An invitation was given by the Orange Blossom grove and accepted to hold the next district meeting at Sebring in April and the officers were elected.

Officers of the meeting were: Guardian, Mrs. J. Morrow; past guardian, Mrs. Rena Mae Hill; advisor, Mrs. B. Meadows; junior supervisor, Mrs. H. W. Reddick; inner sentinel, Mrs. L. A. Cook; outer sentinel, Mrs. H. L. Coker; chaplain, Mrs. G. F. Babcock; auditor, Mrs. B. Fussell; captain, Mrs. J. Register; attendant, Mrs. E. E. Brown; assistant attendant, Mrs. S. W. Lenz; secretary, Mrs. H. A. Latham; and banker, Mrs. J. B. Grimsley.

Those attending were: Mrs. S. W. Collins, Tampa; Mrs. Myrtle A. Dewey and Mrs. Carrie Critchley, Port Pierce; Mrs. Rena Mae Hill, Frostproof; Mrs. Ella Clark, L. A. Cook, Mrs. G. F. Babcock, Mrs. A. F. Sargis, Mrs. Irene Boyd, Mrs. H. W. Reddick, Mrs. B. Fussell, Mrs. H. A. Latham, Mrs. E. Meadows, Mrs. J. Tomlinson, Mrs. M. T. Tiller, Sebring Park; and Mrs. J. Morrow, Mrs. H. W. Long, Mrs. G. F. Babcock, Mrs. S. W. Lenz, Mrs. H. A. Latham, Mrs. M. L. Coker, Mrs. E. E. Brown, Mrs. H. L. Coker, and Mrs. J. B. Grimsley, all of Sebring.

Legion Plans To Give Dinner Dance

Highland Post, American Legion voted to hold a dinner dance at Highland Lakes the first part of February, at its meeting Wednesday. The committee in charge, O. C. Wilkes and J. S. Francis were named a committee to work with Commander Ed. Wick to make arrangements for the event.

MAYO ANSWERS CRITICS OF GREEN FRUIT HANDLING

Commissioner of Agriculture Issues Statement Giving His Views on Enforcement of Green Fruit Law.

By NATHAN MAYO
Commissioner of Agriculture
The Florida Green Fruit Law has been in the hands of the State Department of Agriculture since its passage in 1925. Its enforcement has been retarded by many difficulties, varying with the changing conditions of each season. Criticism, pro and con, has been freely offered, some of which has been freely accepted by this Department. Many suggestions have been successfully enforced by this law taken from the Department of Agriculture and placed in other hands.

The supervision of the Green Fruit Law would bring grief to whomsoever it might be entrusted. It has been said that it is a trouble to me than any other act. I am anxious for the citrus industry to be served in the most efficient way and if it can be improved upon, I sincerely welcome it. With no desire to boast, I feel that taken all in all, this law has been successfully enforced by my department. Improved methods of handling have been adopted from time to time, the most notable of which was made at the request of the Florida Citrus Growers' Clearing House Association and was a cooperative arrangement between the State Department of Agriculture and the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Federal Department of Agriculture under which the employment of all inspectors and the direction of their work has been more successfully carried out and at a cost decidedly less than formerly.

We have in preparation a detailed report covering the operations of our organization during the last inspection season which ended December 1st, 1930. This report will soon be available for distribution and will show, among other things, that more than 27,000 boxes of citrus fruits were condemned and destroyed during the inspection season, this being the largest amount destroyed any year since the passing of the Green Fruit Law. In this connection, let it be borne in mind that a large quantity of citrus fruits which have been destroyed was diverted to the canning industry. (The question of canning will be considered further in this statement.)

Recommendations.
To make the maturity law more effective and to more nearly assure a high quality of fruit, the following recommendations:
Number One: That the inspection season covering oranges and grapefruit be extended to December 20th.
Number Two: That the inspection covering tangerines be extended to December 1st.
Number Three: That every closed package containing oranges, grapefruit or tangerines shall bear conspicuously upon the outside thereof, in plain view, the statement: "The Contents of This Package Meets the Florida Citrus Maturity Standards."
Number Four: That the orange standards be made as follows: That the minimum soluble solids of the juice is not less than 9 and the minimum ratio of total soluble solids to acid is not less than 10.

NOTICE OF ELECTION

An election for the purpose of selecting fifteen directors of the Chamber of Commerce for the year 1931 will be held at the City Hall, Tuesday, January 27th, 1931. Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

FRID M. SMITH, President.

Caldwell Would Consider Moving Avon Crate Mill

Commenting on the removal of the Florida Citrus Exchange office from Tampa to Winter Haven, J. A. Caldwell, general manager of the Avon Manufacturing company of this city, is quoted in the Winter Haven Chief as being favorable to moving the mill from this city to Winter Haven, provided a suitable proposition is made there. The following article, with Mr. Caldwell's interview appeared in last Saturday's Chief:

"J. A. Caldwell, general manager of the Highland Crate company and its subsidiary corporation the Avon Park for labor and timber, owned and operated by the Polk County Citrus Sub-Exchange of Bartow, commenting on the removal of the Florida Citrus Exchange from Tampa to Winter Haven, had this to say: 'Personally I am not a grower of citrus fruits, but having been in almost 20 years engaged in the crate business, my contacts with growers and shippers have been many. For 12 years I have managed a co-operative crate mill for the Polk County Sub-Exchange, the affiliated houses are about 95 percent co-operative. 'Inasmuch as we have disposed of our timber rights on approximately a township south of Avon Park, we could operate our crate mill in the territory of Winter Haven just as well as we could at Avon Park. 'If this community wants another citricade payroll and will make us a proposition that will justify, I should not hesitate to recommend to the directors of the Polk County Sub-Exchange and the directors of the Highland Crate company that they give the idea serious consideration. 'Within the past ten years I have pulled millions of dollars into Avon Park for labor and timber. The citizens of that town have not and do not appreciate our industry. We are continually in controversy with the city council and are being severely penalized by taxation. At the present time we are up to the supreme court on the contest of annexation. I am called upon constantly for money, time and energy in law suits. 'In large years the turn over in our business approximates three quarters of a million dollars. As for the willing to bring this matter before my various boards, provided there is a desire on the part of this territory to be liberal as to a site and city taxes.

SIXTY-ONE PALMS ARE PLANTED IN CEMETERY

Palm Planting As Part of Beautification Program Is Well Under Way

Sixty-one palms, donated to the cemetery association, are being set out in the cemetery this week. The palm planting, part of a beautification program, was started Tuesday. The palms are being set along the east side of the cemetery, facing the highway, and the plan is to plant them down the main drive between each Australian pine and to plant palms to be planted around the circle.

More palms are needed to finish the planting as planned by the association and those who intend to donate for this work are asked to do so now, so that the work can be expedited, and all of the avenue planted.

Since the cemetery beautification started, there have been a number of inquiries from people interested in buying cemetery lots. According to M. E. Covington, who is actively engaged in the palm project, which will be a big work, and who is devoting a great deal of time to it. The association is trying to prevail on people to buy lots, which can be purchased for \$5.00 down and \$5.00 per lot.

J. C. Ragsdale Is Installing New Dry Cleaning Plant

A new dry cleaning plant is being installed in the Latch Key building on South Forest avenue by J. C. Ragsdale, who came here a month from Memphis, Tenn. He is a brother of Leon Ragsdale, who has been a resident of this city for the past six years or more and through whose influence he was brought here.

The plant is modern in every respect. Installation is about completed and the new firm, which will go under the name of Ragsdale, the owner, will be ready for business in a few days. Mr. Ragsdale is experienced in the business, having been engaged in the operations of dry cleaning plants for a number of years. Among other plants, he operated for three years the North, Va., plant of Howards Cleaners and has been the largest people of this kind in the country.

East Main Street Opened To Traffic

That portion of East Main street that borders on Lake Verona was opened to traffic Tuesday, after having been closed for several months on account of high water and the overflow from the lake. (Anomalous of late September sent the waters of the lake up over the street, and frequent rains since have kept a portion of the street under water. Opening of the street eliminates troublesome detours for through travel and is a great convenience to the public.

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ANNUAL CAMPAIGN FOR MEMBERSHIPS C. OF C. UNDER WAY

Total of \$890 in Cash and Pledges Reported Up To Thursday Night, With Additional Funds To Come.

The chamber of commerce annual membership drive conducted this week resulted in a total subscription of slightly over \$890 raised in cash and pledges up to Thursday night, according to report of H. E. Keller, chairman of the membership committee and active head of the drive. To this amount will be added numerous related subscriptions from local sources, and a number of subscriptions of corporations doing business in this city which have indicated willingness to aid in the campaign.

The drive was put on in a three-day campaign, the fifteen directors of the old board acting as a solicitation committee.

Annual election of directors will be held Tuesday, at which time fifteen directors will be elected. A nominating committee composed of M. A. Smith, E. G. Todd and H. E. Keller will place the names of thirty candidates in nomination, and these names are to appear on the ballot, from which the fifteen are to be chosen. The election will be held at the city hall, and the polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 6 p. m.

Following the election, there will be a meeting of the old board at which time final reports will be made on the affairs of the organization turned over to the newly elected directorate, which will select officers for the coming year.

COVINGTON IS NAMED PARK COMMISSIONER

Appointed at Dollar-a-Year Salary To Supervise Park Maintenance

M. E. Covington was appointed park commissioner by the city council Monday night, and will have supervision of park maintenance. The need of a park commissioner was pointed out by Mayor C. S. Doughton, who formerly devoted much time to the parks, but due to press of other business has been forced to give up active supervision of the work for some time past. The mayor stressed the need of securing some one who would have the necessary business training, after the upkeep of the parks, which he stated have been neglected and are badly in need of attention.

Just current Councilman J. L. Masters, Mr. Covington was appointed at a salary of one dollar per year.

The council took occasion at this time to extend by resolution a vote of thanks to Mr. Covington for his interest in behalf of the beautification of the cemetery. Mr. Covington, a director of the cemetery association, has been untiring in his efforts to get the cemetery put in presentable shape, and recently started a move that resulted in securing over six hundred dollars in looking along the drives in the cemetery.

A settlement was agreed upon between the city and the receiver of the First National bank, whereby the city took over claim of \$1500 held by the bank, and dividend checks due to the city, totaling \$1400 were paid.

E. E. Melton, local manager for the Florida Public Service company, presented some additional data on light and water rates, in the consideration of a new contract between the city and the company, but action on the new contract was deferred to a later meeting.

H. M. Hargrove Dies in Marshallville, Ga.

Hiram Martin Hargrove, father of Mrs. Virginia H. Cloud of this city, and Miss Frances Hargrove of Frostproof, passed away at his home in Marshallville, Ga., last one day, following a lingering illness.

AVON PARK High School News

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Sports Editor Jess Bowen
Junior Reporter Mary Turner
Senior Reporter Verma Heim
Bible Grade Reporter Verma Heim
Seventh Grade Reporter Wilfred Phillips
Eighth Grade Reporter Carmen Bouch

Red Devilry

Tuesday evening—Say, but this has been a big day, folks. We all nearly died of suspense this morning wondering who would win the subscription contest. It was certainly a relief when the final returns came in from the Senior room at 10:30 this morning. Everyone was very much surprised to learn that the Juniors won, even though they were the ones who all got busy yesterday after the seniors finished up and closed up the gap. After riding the contest for seven days. Their total number was 40 while the Seniors obtained 37. Both classes made out 25¢ on the magazine.

Under an agreement made previous to the contest, the losers will entertain the winners at a party. As yet the date has not been set, but the affair will come off in the near future.

The basketball game to be played Tuesday was postponed on account of rain. If the weather permits it will be played Thursday night. After that Frostproof night, we think the teams need the extra rest at all right. It is expected that they will do better when they play on their home court, Thursday.

We were figuring that the study-hall today and we find that there are only 88 more days of school. That makes 60 more days in each classroom. Doesn't time fly? Sometimes it would be great if time would fidget even faster but then again vacation goes so rapidly anyhow that it is much nicer as it is.

Thoughts while in study-hall: Coach must get tired of helping "young-uns" to get their algebra but he always seems interested. Gee, this libro de espanol is hard. Why did I ever take it?

Carroll Belin has a wonderful power of concentration. Nothing disturbs him.

Hope it stops raining by noon or I'll either have to go hungry or get wet.

In this period going to last the rest of my lifetime? The orchestra conducted by Miss Marsh is doing a whole lot of practicing lately. Sometimes when they are going to give a recital and won't that be sumpin? The musical training the members receive is one of the most beneficial things they receive in high school. They learn to appreciate the superiority of the old masters and to enjoy hearing their compositions rendered. After all lasting music must not be woven around a bunch of words saying "I love you so much" why can't you feel it? The composer must be inspired by something that is truly sublime. Pardon the digression. Anyway, Miss Marsh has an excellent orchestra.

Around School

Honestly, folks, this weather is too bad to even mention. Here we go swish swash back and forth to school shivering all the way. No one knows what we students go through with five days in a week. Now do the Juniors have to laugh on the Seniors? And how? The Juniors beat the Seniors in the subscription contest by one subscription (40-37) which simply means in plain English that the Seniors have to give the Juniors a party some time in the near future. No wonder the Juniors won—Miss E. Bryant, their sponsor, gave a tip top sales talk Friday in English class.

Two eighth grade pupils, Keta and Carliton Wingatam moved to Lakeland last week. In doing so, we may remember them they have donated to the School Library the following books: The Admirals Little Companion; Bluebird Lincoln Gould; Three Commercial Law Books; Sir Harry, by Archibald Marshall; An Old Fashioned Girl, by Louise May; The Bobbsey Twins, by Laura Lee Hope; The Professor's House, by Willis Cather; Alice's Wonderland, by Lewis Carroll; Little Prudy's Captain Ramo; by Sophie May; The Camp Fire Girls Across the Sea, by Margaret Vandecrook; Betty Jane of the "House of Smiles" by Ethel Cook Barrett; My Country, by Grace Turkington; Boy Scout Handbook; Gerald Cranston's Lady, by Gilbert Franklin; How Ethel Hollister became a Campfire Girl, by Irene May; Little Black Rock, by Ralph Connor; Five Little Peppers Midway, by Margaret Sidney; Tales of Sherlock Holmes, by Conan Doyle.

New Study of English Words, by Anderson. The school survey does appreciate this donation and any

one wishing to give books to the Library may see Mr. Fairley and he will gladly see that they get into the Library.

Had you ever noticed Shirley Page's new permanent—how many of the Freshman Spelling Class have to stay in after school—how many notes the Eighth grade girls write—how many Mrs. Ginn dresses—how Harrison James walks—how Miss Bryant fixes her hair—how Wava Godwin and Oleta Biggie "do up" their hair—how much personality Jimmie Roberts has—how old the school house is—that we haven't won a Basket Ball game—how sophisticated Roscoe Bass and Martin Roberts are in their Simpson's freckles—how "shicks" Claude Daily is—how many freshmen there are—how well Harry Hancock plays the piano—how herberts that Marjorie Benny wears—how hard the Bookkeeping and typing students work after school? We got out everything next week is test week and you know what that means. Then there will only be four more months until we will be free from the "Ball and Chain."

Buenos dias.

Juniors Win By One Lap

(Spark Plug romps home with a sensational sport)

"Ow, wow, wow! Amos and Andy and, 'ow, wow, wow! say the Seniors. Why can't they still shouting "mak" at the Juniors? Well I'll give you the low down. Late Monday night the Juniors started to feed their nag horsefeathers in the shape of subscriptions, and from nine laps behind they put on a sensational sport to win the seven day horse race. The Juniors are like that, you know. After riding the nag for six days, they got out their little paper of pins and stuck them into old Sparky and he began to ride one fine. That shows that with a skilful rider up, races can be won even on a glaucousfatory model steed. But, brethren, we're on the thoroughbred now with a total of forty subscriptions. The Seniors are close seconds with thirty-nine which is quite good.

The poets are to give the winners a party in the near future when all of the contest rivalry will be forgotten and the classes will be merely students of old Avon Park. Each class is to receive an average of \$25.00 from the Curtis Publishing Company for their subscription obtained. The Juniors have become such enthusiastic subscribers that they are now trying wildcat oil stocks. But, I repeat, the Seniors are pretty hard to beat.

The Senior campaign was managed by Wava Godwin while Paul Baldwin was up for the Juniors. Their respective classes feel that they have worked hard to win and are all for them.

Station W. S. R. B.

Hello, Folks! This is Radio Station W. S. R. B. broadcasting from the Senior class room, on a frequency of once a week. "See, though we'd drop in 'n' propound a little. We have looked into the future of Miss Kathryn Saggus, and find it very detestable mapped out. She will graduate from Avon Park High School in May, she then plans to go to Atlanta, Georgia, for the summer, where she will position awaits her. A position that all girls want—modeling clothes. She will probably make a model, being so tall. Then in January, she will leave for Washington, D. C., where she expects to go in training at the Garfield Memorial Hospital. She will probably get a "grand break" with the George Washington University boys, since she has several popular friends. The fact that Kathryn will have excellent opportunities in selecting husbands, lets say from the George Washington University, and by the way—(She might even fall in love with some of her patients.—It has happened.)

Self-feeding flour is always falling in love with some handsome unconscious man, (so be careful "Katy"). But our present problem is, we now, that she will become the wife of a tall, handsome blonde, a doctor—so it looks like Kathryn chose the right vocation. All that we can say, is we wish her all the success and happiness that can be had.

This is Station W. S. R. B. signing off until next Wednesday at this time.

Yours with a smile,
Station W. S. R. B.

Senior News

Well—how the satisfaction of riding the thoroughbred for a week at last. But now it seems that we have to give the winner a

party. Maybe it was all for the best because the Juniors might not have given the Seniors as good a banquet as they now will be able to. Don't think we're happy a little bit about it but we'll give you the party next * * * be sure and be there. Now Juniors don't get discouraged, we'll let you know soon enough.

Well, the Seniors have started thinking about the H.C. events before the graduation day comes off. It's the annual Senior play. It has been decided to give the play the last of February or during the month of March. We haven't decided what play we will put on for your approval, but we can assure you that it will be a comedy. Several students have made the last semester requirement of 40 words per minute in typing speed. Wava Godwin joined Kathryn Saggus in the last speed test. Wava made 42.5 words.

The Senior class program has been delayed because of cold weather. We'll be "on the air" within the next two months at least.

Sophomore News

Tuesday morning in the home-room chapel period the following program was given by members of the class:

Devotionals—Elizabeth Sherertz.
Current Events—Mary Margaret Mills and Marjorie Benny.
Story—"The Argonautic Expedition," Elton Perry.

SUCCESS

To make a success in life as far as material things are concerned we must first find a vocation suited to us. There are certain things that we would rather do than others. Our life work should be something that we like to do because we really make a success in our work we must really love it.

There are many vocations and professions so we should decide what we like to do best and set out with all our energy and ability to acquire training in order to become efficient in this one line. We may perhaps never reach the height of our ambition, but even so it is still trying for and as long as we are doing something we like to do and are striving to reach some certain position and class, then we are accomplishing something. Even though we have just a small part in any organization, if we do not mind, we are really making a success.

—Verma Heim.

Leslie Baetrick has been enrolled in school as a member of the Sophomore class.

More than 30,000 tractors are now used in Argentina.

Columbia may establish a match monopoly.

... SUCCESSFUL HOME MAKING

By GRACE VIALI GRAY

Pre-Leavened Flour Takes Guess-Work Out of Muffin Baking

Quick breads, of which muffins are a type, have an important place in our meals since they act as an emergency bread and are enjoyed by our families for their freshness and variety in flavor and texture. Success with muffins as with all other quick breads depends largely upon the kind and amount of leavening agent used and the method of baking. Accurate measurement of good material are necessary, with close attention to oven temperature.

To be wholesome, quick breads must be thoroughly baked and free from all heaviness. Freshness as muffins depend for their success upon the kind and amount of leavening agent used, that should be of utmost importance to us in their making. And we can have good muffins every time we make them if we use self-feeding flour in making them.

Self-feeding flour is pre-leavened flour. That is, it is flour to which the baking powder and salt have been pre-mixed in the proper proportions. This combining of the main ingredients of muffins makes baking simple and easy for all. All that we have to do is to add the egg or eggs, the milk and the fat and then we have our muffin batter.

Not only has the chemist done this accurate, difficult task for us by combining the flour and leavening in correct proportions, but under his direction the self-feeding flour has been sifted and mixed together by machinery for 15 minutes, which means that we have our pre-mixed ingredients—flour, baking powder and salt, sifted for us as we could never have got ourselves. Neatness of this self-feeding flour has made a standard muffin recipe which can be used as

a base for variations. If we master one good muffin recipe then we can make an endless variety of muffins. Such a basic recipe is as follows:

2 cups self-feeding 1 cup milk
1 cup flour 4 tbsp. melted
1 tbsp. sugar 1/2 tsp. shortening
1 egg

Sift and measure the flour. Add eggs, milk, melting and cooled shortening. Beat vigorously. Pour batter into well-greased muffin tins, half filling them, and bake in a hot oven (400 degrees F.) 15 to 20 minutes. This recipe makes 14 muffins.

Now, you can take this foundation recipe and make blueberry or other flavored muffins. And then there are cereal muffins, nut muffins, fruit muffins and many others you try some of the following delicious muffins:

Banana or Raisin Muffins.
The basic recipe with but three-fourths cupful of milk. Four-thirds cup, chopped and pitted dates or raisins and add to batter. If you like, a sweeter date muffin add one-fourth cupful more sugar. For variety one-half cupful dried cherries may be added instead of the dates or raisins.

Cornmeal Muffins.
Add one-half cupful shortening and one-half cupful shredded cornmeal. These are best when they are greased muffin tins so that you have about 24 small ones.

Basic recipe and stir in:
1/2 cup finely shredded raspberry jam, strawberry jam or any other desired jam.

Use Poppy Seed Muffins.
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The method of procedure by which the Florida Growers Reimbursement committee will push its claim before Congress for obtaining compensation to Florida growers who suffered loss through the Med fly eradication campaign, is told in the following statement to the press by W. J. Howe, chairman of the committee:

The writer is pleased to comply with your request for information pertaining to compensation to growers of citrus and vegetables and shipped to Florida and other states who sustained losses occasioned by the administration of the Medfly in Florida.

It is true, there has been much talk about adequate compensation to these people, but as Mark Twain observed there has been "a lot of talk about it but nothing done about it."

A bill has been introduced by U. S. Senator Paul C. Tamm in the Senate asking the Department of Agriculture to make a survey having for its purpose a determination of the losses of citrus and vegetable growers in Florida and other states who sustained losses occasioned by the Medfly infestation.

Then again a bill was introduced in Congress by the member of Congress from the Fourth District, Mrs. Owen, asking for an appropriation of \$10,000,000. The title of the matter is, she doesn't know whether the damage amounts to \$10,000,000 or one-tenth of this. Clearly then, that bill is purely political sophistry.

Then there has been much talk about compensation to the growers but no action has been taken by anyone having for its purpose gathering these facts and correlating them in a workable form so they may be presented and carry the weight through the committees necessary to secure this needed relief.

Largely because of the facts as stated above, it appeared that the only way to get anything for the growers, shippers and interested parties in Florida was to organize a composite board, a board consisting of representatives of politicians but of growers, shippers, bankers and lawyers; men who would be willing to devote some of their time and energy to the work in the nature of a fact-finding commission.

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Californians are doing poorly with their orange crop, too, if that makes you feel any better.

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"Big money in doughnuts," declares an advertisement of an outfit for making them. But there are lots of holes in the business—and you might get into one.

Forbes' map indicates "business fair" in Florida. That's better than a year ago when the State's business was rated as "quiet." Florida's biggest need now is better times in other parts of the country.

Be kind to the peddler who comes to your door. It might be the Prince of Wales or his brother, George, both of whom have packed their grips and set out for South America to sell British wares. They might ramble up this way.

Florida has had unusual weather this winter, and you needn't laugh at this statement. Every place in the world for which a perfect climate is claimed has unusual weather at times. And one thing may be said of Florida weather—whatever it may be, it is the best at the time that can be found in the United States.

There are many indications that the people of Florida are waking up to the importance of reforestation. Among the plantings at various points in the State, is a tract near Winter Haven, on which more than 10,000 baby slash and long leaf pine trees are being planted. Plant a tree—or better still—plant trees.

"I never said I never took a drink. Who doesn't?" asks Clara, of Tampa. Pretty hard to find anyone who doesn't take a drink when opportunity answers. Still, one of the dry heads is quoted as declaring that one can drink all he wants as an individual and yet be a consistent dry. This prohibition question has many confusing angles.

The lady editor of the Washington Herald, Mrs. Eleanor Patterson, writes a nice little sob story of an interview granted her by Capone. She says she "stopped her car on an impulse," and a little later she "had to fight the impulse to jump up and run blindly away." She neglected to state whether the latter impulse was the same one on which she stopped the car.

We got mighty sick of hearing about the Med-iv, but we are willing to listen to the latest echo of the visit of the pest, which is a proposition to reimburse the people of Florida for losses during the eradication campaign. Many persons suffered materially from the destruction of their property by the Med-iv eradication crews, and these losses should be made good by the government. There are encouraging indications that this will be done.

The Florida Citrus Exchange will remove its headquarters from Tampa to Winter Haven, nearer the center of the citrus output. Let us hope the organization will now get a move on itself in another sense, and bring a measure of relief to the growers, many of whom have grown somewhat dependent. Proper management could make it the salvation of the citrus industry of the State, and we trust it may be given the fullest opportunity for service by gaining control of 85 percent of the crop.

Congress has been wrangling over the proposition of giving \$25,000,000 to the Red Cross for relief work, and meanwhile the organization is asking the public to contribute an additional ten millions. The Red Cross usually does good and effective work, though sometimes it has seemed to allow its operations to be hampered a bit by red tape. There are situations over the country that call for the most direct and immediate aid, and it is hoped that all relief agencies will bear in mind that "he gives twice who gives quickly."

Arthur Gomez, State Senator-elect from Key West, has declared war on commissions and bureaus, and will seek the abolition of the hotel commission, State game department, State tax commission, etc. Some of these bodies may be necessary, but on the whole the Key West senator seems to be on the right track. Undoubtedly our State government is costing the taxpayers too much, and unnecessary frills should be cut out. Only by retrenchment and economy in expenditures can taxes be lowered. There are all kinds of suggestions for reform, but the only practical relief lies in the abolition of unnecessary expenditures.

"MAYBE THIS WILL HELP"



This week there was a gathering of distinguished people at Haines City, to discuss problems of production. One angle of the discussion, so far as we have been able to note, was not touched upon by the meeting—and that is, the possibility of too much production of certain things. Over-production of staples throughout the country is given as one of the major causes of the existing depression, and while Florida has not suffered from this condition, except perhaps as regards citrus fruits, such a situation in connection with many of her products could easily arise. Prevention of this, it occurs to us, could best be effected by diversification, coupled with the introduction of activities along certain lines in which the demand for the product is greater than the supply. For instance, we saw on sale in an up-to-date market not long ago pheasants and quail that were shipped into this State from England. Now, England has an area smaller than Florida, and about thirty-five times the population; yet, after many centuries of civilized occupancy, she produces game in civilized quantities not only to supply her own demands, but to ship to far distant markets. Florida, with her great uninhabited areas, could produce game in abundance through setting aside and properly protecting the vast preserves that are possible. There would certainly be no overproduction of these products, and there would be an unlimited market for them, at most profitable prices.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By EDSON R. WAITE
Shawnee, Oklahoma

Only two million of the six million farm homes in the United States are equipped with radio. Although the Department of Agriculture has for ten years carried on a continuous campaign to induce farmers to use the radio as an important adjunct to the business of scientific farming, relatively few farmers have purchased radio receivers.

While most farmers agree that radio on the farm is of tremendous value aside from its entertainment features, there has been up to now no wholly satisfactory set for farm use.

Now comes an announcement which promises to put the farmer on a basis of equality with city dwellers as far as radio reception is concerned. Following several years' research, sets are being built by a number of manufacturers which will operate as satisfactorily and about as economically as the city dweller's power set. Radio engineers, familiar with the intricate problems of power receiver design state that these sets operate better than AC receivers, because of the absence of background power line disturbing noises.

A new type tube has been developed which operates on only two volts, while a "breathing battery," which literally breathes oxygen from the air to sustain constant voltage throughout a long life without recharging, has also been perfected.

The new "air cell" sets—so called because of the "breathing battery" which supplies the "A" current—can be run on an average of three hours a day for an entire year without replacing the air cell battery. When the battery is dead at the end of that time it is discarded and another one purchased for less than half of what it would cost to supply "A" current for a like period with dry cells.

IT LOOKS AS IF THE FARMER AT LAST WILL BE ABLE TO USE THE RADIO BOTH FOR PROFIT AND PLEASURE WITHOUT THE EXPENSE AND ANNOYANCES WHICH HAVE MARKED HIS EFFORTS TO DO SO IN THE PAST.

The Public Forum

(Editor's Note: Under this heading Communications on United Subjects, free from personalities, are solicited on the theory that constructive comment and criticism are the basis of progress. The editors, however, assume no responsibility for the opinions expressed.)

WOULD SEGREGATE CONFIRMED CRIMINALS

Editor of The Times:

Going back in memory some eighty years to my early boyhood days, I recall a popular song of which the following was the first stanza:

"Of all the mighty nations in the east or the west,
This glorious Yankee nation is the brightest and the best.

We have room for all creation and our banner is unfurled.
Here's a general invitation to the people of the world.

Then come along, come along,
Make no delay;
Come from every nation,
Come from every way;
Our lands, they are broad enough,
Don't you be alarmed—
For Uncle Sam is rich enough
To give us all a farm."

Happily this song is long since out of print and out of use. The present generation sings quite a different song. Our people have discovered that we have room only for a comparatively small fraction of "all creation" and absolutely no room whatever for the criminal of Europe. Our prisons are crowded to the limit with foreign convicts. Read over any list of criminals and note how few names indicate native Americans.

Not a few of our prisons contain occupants far in excess of and some of them, double the capacity designed for them. Their numbers are steadily increasing and already reached an extent which the general public fails to realize. New prisons are demanded requiring an enormous expenditure of public funds.

We, who boast of our civilization, have the moral criminal record of any government on earth.

We close our gates at Castle Garden against pauper or one liable to become a public charge, a confirmed criminal becomes not only a greater public charge, but a constant menace.

What constitutes a confirmed criminal? The State of Michigan has enacted a statute which answers this question. That method may not prove the best one, but it is not let some of our criminologists offer a better one.

The writer professes no knowledge of political economy, the science of government nor of criminology, but suggests for consideration the following plan for disposal of all confirmed criminals, particularly those of foreign birth, via:

1. Set apart some island of the sea as remote as possible from our national boundary line, for the sole purpose of a penal colony to which all confirmed criminals shall upon conviction be immediately conveyed under sentence for life.

2. Provide a special court of last resort to which all cases of this character if appealed, shall be referred or adopt such legislation as shall prevent any delay or final disposition of such cases for more than sixty days.

3. Give to each convict so banished a life estate in five or more acres of agricultural land, the cheapest practicable shelter from the weather and a food supply sufficient for six months, no other or further aid to be given.

4. Leave this criminal population free to establish their own form of government. Permit no communication with the outside world except through

a U. S. government agency, and maintain an effective blockade of the island.

5. Provide that after one or more years a convict may at his option be deported to the land of his birth, but if ever again found within our national boundaries he shall suffer death.

In working out the necessary details of this general plan, difficulties may arise that do not appear on the surface, but I submit that our present methods are wholly ineffectual, the problem is a dangerous one and demands the serious consideration of our ablest statesmen.

W. H. RUSSELL.

Echoes of the State Press

Bill Hetherington is getting out a mighty good paper at Avon Park and the folks of that community should lend all encouragement possible. Advertising in Bill's paper is scarce, however. Avon Park folks should realize that it takes money to boost a community and get out a creditable paper, therefore, should advertise more frequently and help a worthy cause.—Brookville Journal.

In common with all other just common citizens, not identified in any way with the citrus industry, my only desire is to see the business put on a basis that will yield a profit to the grower. The Citrus Exchange is right in theory, as has been demonstrated in California and elsewhere. If the weakness is in management, it should be changed.

This is no time for personal preferences or sentiment. Pulling this industry out of the rough and putting it in position to benefit the citrus growers is a cold-blooded business proposition. Florida would be "sitting on top of the world" right now, in spite of our boom-time debts and everything else that has hampered us, if we had an adequate system of handling our fruit crop.—Nate Reese in Arcadia Arcadian.

SOMEWHAT INTERESTING.

It is somewhat interesting to note, or rather compare, the strawberry volume out of here to date of years prior to the most unusual season of a year ago. Most of us are prone to look back but a short way in the consideration of things, past and present. To the average grower of the season who also raised berries last year and perhaps for many years before, the berries appear to be very slow in coming along owing to the adverse weather of the last month or more. As a matter of fact the volume thus far is somewhat in excess of years prior to the 1929-30 season. However, individually, it may not be all it seems from shipment figures, for it must be remembered that the acreage this year is at least fifty percent greater than ever before. There, therefore, may be some basis for the grower's complaint. But on the other hand, the production has been considerably in excess of those former years, probably as much as fifty percent. All of which indicates that after all, we are nearer normal this season by far than we were last year. Of course it would have been mighty nice to have enjoyed that great degree of prosperity which came along with the unusually early production of berries of last season, but the weather, while being exceptional on occasion, usually runs pretty close to form. With the prospects which were this season any kind of fairly weather instead of the really adverse weather which has marked the season thus far, doubtless would have brought a great flood of berries by now. And too, there is some speculation as to whether or not it has worked out best as it is. That, of course, is something to speculate about.—Plant City Courier.

ARGUMENT DOES NOT HOLD WATER

A critic of our constitutional right in the United States to own firearms, recently presented an exhaustive article in which he attempted to prove the necessity of laws to prohibit private ownership of firearms by showing that a larger proportion of people are murdered with guns in this country than in any other.

By the same line of reasoning, he could probably show that more people per thousand are killed by automobiles in the United States, that more people per thousand are burned to death in fires and that more people per thousand die with accidents and death in constructing high buildings, at street crossings and in sports than in any other nation, all because our people are more active and generally more energetic, aggressive and careless than are the people of the rest of the world.

The critic of private ownership of firearms does not go on to show that in every time of national emergency, the United States has raised troops capable of using firearms, more rapidly than other nations. The argument that millions of law-abiding private citizens should be denied the ownership of firearms for either sport or protection on the theory that this would remedy the crime situation, the murder situation or the suicide situation, is visionary, far-fetched and impractical.

Prohibitory legislation which penalizes the masses in the hope of correcting the few, has always in times past created conditions worse than those it sought to remedy.—Moore Haven Democrat.

CLEARING HOUSE.

The Highlander's good friend, O. D. Jacques of Babson Park, in a letter to The Highlander and to the Tribune points out that if 100 percent of the growers were in the clearing house it would be a good thing and asks us to make editorial comment on his letter.

It would indeed be a good thing if 100 percent of the growers of Florida were members of the Clearing House. It would be better if 100 percent of them were members of the Florida Citrus Exchange, but they are not. Of course, if they were, though they have never shown any great aptitude for control of it.

In other words if the growers own organization were as strong as it ought to be, there would be no need for two organizations. However, don't you understand us? The Highlander is not in favor of doing away with the Clearing House until it can be shown that the Exchange will have fruit enough to dominate and control the market. If, and when, it does, there will be no need for the Clearing House. Until it does the Clearing House serves a useful purpose, we believe. The Highlander is not in sympathy with attempts to kill the Clearing House this year though it looks as if that were the idea in mind with some of the "big fellows."—Lake Wales Highlander.

Title Role of "Skipper."

Jackie Cooper, one of the "our gang" players, has been borrowed to play the title role of "Skipper" in the talking version of the book and cartoon strip originated by Percy Crosby. Announcement to this effect ends a nation-wide search for a youngster suitable to this part.

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