

Here and There

About Avon Park

By W. M. Hetherington

Members of the school board, who had their salaries raised without their knowledge or consent, should retaliate for the rough-shod manner in which their rights have been trampled—and refuse to accept it.

The county commissioners discussed the building of the two-mile stretch of road from Sebring into Highlands Hammock park, and we judge from reports emanating from the county seat that the commissioners figure to use county funds for the purpose. It is less than six months ago, some Avon Park people proposed a road from this city to the park, and we were told that it was a fine idea, provided we wanted to pay for it out of district funds. We can see no difference in building from Sebring with county funds. The commissioners have tabled the proposition and want to know what the people think of the idea. With the present what-we-use-for-money cry, that's easy. It's been tabled. They might leave it as is—or refer it to a committee.

Besides which, the park is a great natural asset to the county. Everything in it is being preserved in its natural state, and in order that there may be perfect harmony, let's leave the road in its natural state, also.

Everybody is so tired of riding on wide asphalt roads and concrete bridges. It gets so monotonous. The park road is a different thing. It should be an old-fashioned country road and it should wind about a bit and be grown up with along the sides so that the branches would swing around the windmill, especially on the curves. This idea is practical as well as economical. Winding about and following the high land would save grading and bridges. A sand-dune mixture would suffice to give the country-lane effect. Any amount of money could be saved over the present type of construction, and at the same time preserve for the future generations of the county a real country road. We believe the idea has possibilities.

THE CROSS ROADS

By George Turner

Fishermen along the shore of Lake Okechobee are known to the surrounding country as the rough and tumble lot, especially when they come to town after a week's trip down the lake. They are likely to wreck a cafe or hang up a new high water mark in the corner drug store. It is just their way of having a big day. They think nothing of a black eye. But the boys about town with their hair parted down the middle steer clear of these "rough necks on parade."

All this tends to put the stranger on his guard and has much to do with the initiation of a stranger before he has been in the land of sugar cane for any length of time. It comes about in this way: The boys with the patent-leather hair are not exactly cat-eaters and have their own original way of initiating the newcomer into the land of milk.

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Avon Wins First Game Second Half

Head Pulls Triple Play As Locals Take Game From Wauchula 5-4

A triple play, the first of the season, added a touch of brilliance to yesterday's game and aided the local team up from Wauchula in a 5-4 tilt at Cardinal field.

Jack Head was responsible for the triple in the second inning, Smith first up for Wauchula was passed and was safe at second when Head dropped Koenenman's throw of Coward's roller, in an attempted double. With both runners safe, Douglas lined to Head at short, who stepped on second to force out Smith and threw to base to force Cowart before he could get back to first.

Avon drew first blood in the second when mostly errors and one hit accounted for three runs. Koenenman started the inning with a walk. Dilley singled, and Head went out short to first, advancing both runners. Peden hit to short and Koenenman scored as the catcher dropped the ball at the plate. My Ferrin was safe at first on a third strike, filling the bases. Head popped to short. Bass lined a hot drive along the sides to short and Peden scored.

Dilley drove to deep center in the third inning for three bases, but was caught by third when he stumbled trying to get back after Head's roller to short. Dilley had a stick working in good order yesterday, getting three hits out of four trips.

Avon added another score in the fourth when McFerrin and D. Martin hit safely. Bass walked, and McFerrin scored on C. Martin's fly to Peden at short. Head's roller, in the 6th, when D. Martin singled, stole second and scored on Bass' double.

Bryant for the visitors used a curve ball continuously, and at times was effective, but costly errors accounted for three runs. Wauchula scored in the third. Bass was safe on Head's fumble of his roller, after two were out. He was likely to wreck a cafe or hang up a new high water mark in the corner drug store. It is just their way of having a big day. They think nothing of a black eye. But the boys about town with their hair parted down the middle steer clear of these "rough necks on parade."

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30 BOYS TURN OUT FOR JUNIOR BASEBALL

Legion Gets Plan Under Way With Saturday Set For First Workout

Thirty boys of Avon Park attended a meeting at the city hall Wednesday night, called by the Junior Baseball committee of the American Legion for the purpose of organizing a junior ball team to be sponsored by Highlands Park.

Junior baseball, which is being attempted by the post this season for the first time, is meeting with hearty response by youthful ball players, and since the meeting a dozen or more youngsters have returned and will try out for the team.

Glenn Spink and W. M. Hetherington of the Legion committee and Norton P. Smith met with the boys. Spink and Hetherington outlined the Legion plan, and Saturday afternoon was set for the first team try-out at Cardinal field. At first and second team will be organized, and if sufficient material turns out, both teams will be made up. Each boy will be given a chance to show what he can do, and the selection of a first team to represent the Legion in the tournament this season is the ultimate aim of this season's activities, the boys were told.

As soon as a team is selected games will be arranged with Junior teams of nearby towns. Sebring, Wauchula and Frostproof are expected to furnish the opposition.

Boys attending the meeting and registering for the try-outs were: Edward Jones, Albin Ehl, Daniel Hunt, James Armstrong, Paul Thomas, Junior Tooten, Vernon Lander, Junior Reynolds, John Villard, Hobbs Hobbs, Copeland James, Cecil Wilcox, T. J. Hart, Everett Marshall, Clifford Wiggins, Phil Lacey, Charles Carter, Billie Martin, Connie Hart, Bill Lacey, Archie Bryant, T. T. Willford, Archie Bryant, W. L. Linsch, John Clemis, Webster Henderson, Cecil Clemis, Claude Daly, and Junior Stebbins.

Cemetery Association Will Widen Street To 18 Feet and Beautify

The nine-foot street on the south side of the cemetery will be widened to 18 feet, clayed and beautified immediately, it was decided at a meeting of the cemetery association Tuesday. Japanese oak trees, heads of domestic animals, employees beginning with a given percentage applied to the higher salaries and the new department as the lower salaries are reached and also suggests that a percentage reduction be applied uniformly to the several departments and institutions.

Suggestion is made that under the present emergency the activities of the state be kept to a minimum, as far as practicable for the next two years to the fulfiling of outstanding contracts, highway maintenance and matching Federal aid.

City Being Sued On \$1,000 Bond Alleged Unpaid

Suit has been filed against the town of Sebring by the Dade County Development company, claiming \$1,000 damages for the nonpayment of one \$1,000 bond and the interest thereon. The bond in question, of which there is a photo-static copy attached to the bill of complaint, is series A bond, number 64, dated December 1, 1924 and due December 1, 1930.

The bill alleges the bond has not been paid nor has any interest since June 1, 1930. Appearance has been entered by the city through its attorney, M. R. McDonald.

There is also a judgment against Sebring for \$25,000 obtained in Federal court by Henry Idema of the Old Kent Bank, Grand Rapids, Mich., on the golf course rapid, which was issued to mislead the golf course several years ago.

Constance Bennett At Avalon Theatre

Constance Bennett fans will have an opportunity of seeing the popular home rule star at the Avalon Theatre next Monday and Tuesday, June 13 and 14, in one of her latest pictures, "Born to Love." This is rated one of the best productions of the year.

"Always Goodbye," "Women of All Nations," "The Love Songs," and "Laughing Sinners" are among the attractions booked for this month at the Circle theatre in Sebring.

Committee Report New State Needs

Letter From Lee Encloses Report of Special Tax Committee

A letter was received from Representative Lee yesterday enclosing a copy of the report of the special legislative committee appointed to investigate and make recommendations regarding the needs of the state with reference to the tax situation. The report makes interesting and presents a series of figures to show that new revenue must be produced if the present ad valorem tax is to be eliminated.

According to the figures given, the anticipated revenue for schools is \$7,215,000 which leaves a deficit of \$225,000. For general state expenses the anticipated needs are \$9,235,000 which leaves a deficit of \$4,014,000 after allowing for the anticipated revenue of \$5,221,000. This makes a total \$4,239,000 to be raised.

The constitutional one mill will produce \$150,000, according to the report, and the committee suggests for raising the balance include cigarette tax, intangible tax, occupational license, and stamp tax, tax on transfers, tax on bill boards, amusements, bank and finance corporations, an additional one cent tax on gasoline, excise tax on non-essentials, kilowatt hour tax and a three cent tax on horsepower.

Scrutiny of the report reveals that pensions cost the state \$1,100,000 and the state prison \$700,000 to operate while the free text books for school children cost \$85,000 and the state board of health \$300,000.

The report further states it is contemplated by the committee that only sufficient of such new sources be taxed as will meet the actual needs of the state. The application of the tax will be made on the basis of the actual needs of the state, and the provisions of said bill and that reductions and eliminations be made without impairing the efficiency of the governmental machinery.

The committee suggests that a uniform scale of reduction be applied to salaries of all state officials, heads of departments and employees beginning with a given percentage applied to the higher salaries and the new department as the lower salaries are reached and also suggests that a percentage reduction be applied uniformly to the several departments and institutions.

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Bank Statement Shows Barnett In Strong Position

Quarterly statement of the condition of the Barnett National Bank of Avon Park, appearing in this issue, shows the strong position of the local institution, and a steady growth since organization February 3, 1926.

Cash and quick assets amount to \$423,353.25, while deposits are listed at \$364,018.03. The report shows total resources of over half million dollars, indicating that the bank has made substantial progress since it was started a little more than a year ago.

Presiding Elder Will Preach at Methodist

Rev. J. H. Daniel, of Orlando, Presiding Elder of the Orlando district, will preach at the Methodist church in Avon Park Sunday night. He will also preach at Lake Placid and DeSoto City the same day, holding quarterly conference at the latter place, which are under the same charge.

FAILURE TO AGREE HOLDS UP CONTRACT

Present Contract Expired Year Ago and Not Yet Renewed

A new light and water contract between the city and the Florida Public Service company is being held up pending a settlement of rate to be charged from the expiration of the old contract. The old contract expired in July 1930. A new contract has been ready since that time for several months, but the city wants the new rates to be retroactive to last July, giving the city the benefit of the new rates for the past year. Meanwhile the utilities company has been billing the city at the old rate under the old contract, and because of the delay in getting this point settled the new contract is being held up, so City Attorney E. C. Pardee told the council Monday night.

In the meantime, the installation of five plugs on North Butler, ordered by the city nearly a year ago, are being held up, and houses on that section are without fire protection.

Fahr appeared before the council and explained of a junk yard which has been started across from his bakery property. Mayor Donaldson said he would attempt to the matter.

Institution of suits to collect taxes in the outside territory was discussed, and City Attorney E. C. Pardee, instructed to hold up actual filing until after hearing in Circuit Court on the 15th on suit now pending against the issuance of refunding bonds.

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Roberts Brings Youth Back To Face Theft Charge

J. C. Blance, wanted for breaking and entering, was returned to Highlands county yesterday by Constable W. A. Roberts, who traced the youth to Taylorville, Ga., and went after him Monday with a warrant from County Judge Murray Whitehead. Blance was turned over to county authorities today and awaits circuit court.

Blance is charged with breaking and entering the C. E. Shaffer home on May 26. He was implicated by confession of Henry Giddens, who admitted the thievery after being caught by Roberts with the goods, which included rings, a pistol and \$23 in cash. Giddens also admitted breaking into the Guesdon Smith home a few days later, when a watch, ring and \$14 in cash were stolen. Giddens was caught shortly after the Smith robbery, and confessed, naming Blance as his partner in the Shaffer robbery. When arrested Blance denied his guilt, but willingly submitted to arrest and stated to Roberts he was anxious to get back to Florida. Both young men are about 20 years of age.

GUARDSMEN TO LEAVE SATURDAY FOR CAMP

Headquarters Battery, 56th Brigade, Field Artillery Go To Ft. McClelland

Headquarters Battery, 56th Brigade, Field Artillery, Florida National Guard, left Sebring at 1 p. m. for a two-weeks' encampment at Ft. McClelland, Anniston, Alabama. They will leave over the Seaboard.

The horses and material, occupied by the battery, left Sebring Tuesday over the Atlantic Coast Line.

An advance detail consisting of Master Sergeant Charles Sherman and Privates Garvie Wells and Troy Cox left Wednesday morning to join the advance detachment there. Lieut. Herbert Beck also left for camp Wednesday morning.

The roster of the battery consisting of officers and 25 enlisted men, who will attend camp, follows:

Commander, Captain Mark W. Lance; Second Lieutenant, Herbert P. Beck; Master Sergeant, Charles D. Sherman; Staff Sergeant, Glen H. Spink; Staff Sergeant, George C. Cox; Private, H. S. Jordan; Sergeant, Byron Shockley, Corporal, Tom L. Barrow; Private, Royce, Albert A. Demorest; Private, Frank E. Green.

Privates, first class, John L. Bogie, John M. Brown and R. Deon Devan; and Privates, David C. Harwood, J. T. Cox, Burrell H. Hancock, Walling B. Hamilton, Malcolm L. Lassiter, Royce L. Mock, John W. Pickett, Oscar D. Prescott, Jimmie M. Tomlinson, Garvie G. Wells, Frederick M. Wild, Arthur Williams and Oscar L. Williams.

Tuberculosis Clinic At Sebring Monday

The Florida Tuberculosis and Health association in co-operation with the State Board of Health will hold a tuberculosis clinic at Sebring, Monday, July 13 from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., at the Buckeye Inn.

Dr. W. A. Claxton, specialist of the state of the state board will be the examining physician and the clinic is free. Any person of High school age or over who desires examination should attend. Mrs. T. C. Hobbs, president of the P. T. A., and Mrs. G. P. Thayer of the Sebring House, will assist, and Avon Park doctors are co-operating. The clinic is made possible by the sale of Christmas seals.

Harry McFerrin Has Fractured Rib

Harry McFerrin has a fractured rib as the result of a collision with Jack Head in a ball game two weeks ago. The two collided while going after a fly ball. Head got a muscular bruise on the leg, and McFerrin fell on his chest. An X-ray examination Wednesday revealed a rib fracture.

Going into second in yesterday's game, McFerrin was tripped over the second baseman, and it was thought he would be forced out of the game, but he finished the game, a dependable hitter and a sure fielder. Mac is putting out some good baseball this year.

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Lee Explains His Actions To Co. Board

Discusses On Many Phases of Recent Session At Tallahassee

The majority of the time of the county commissioners at their meeting Monday morning was consumed by Representative J. M. Lee telling of the actions of the legislators at Tallahassee during the recent sessions and explaining his own ideas and why he voted the way he did. He defended his actions in the legislature which raised the salary of the county school board, saying no business would hire men for the work they are doing for the salary they have been receiving. They handle approximately \$1,000,000 a year and have a number of schools in their charge, he said. He predicted the increase in salary would be more than offset by economy in efficiency and further savings.

Regarding taxes, Tax Collector D. F. Canfield, who was present, said a little over 50 percent of the taxes in the county had been paid to date and about 60 percent of the property owners had paid their taxes and 10 percent of the property owners owed 40 percent of the taxes which are still unpaid.

Rep. Lee said Highlands is the only county in the state which has paid its delinquent bonds and reduced millage since the bank failures and made a concerted effort to collect delinquent taxes at 100 cents on the dollar and for these reasons is receiving favorable comment from the state.

Mr. Lee also discussed on assessments and stated the representative of a large Florida county has paid its delinquent taxes at 100 cents on the dollar and for these reasons is receiving favorable comment from the state.

Mr. Lee said he was learning the facts is now greatly in favor of it.

The commissioners discussed the issuance of state bonds. At a time recently authorized by the legislature and which will be used for paying up indebtedness from the state's debt for the purchase of bonds. No action was taken pending further information from Tallahassee.

The time for the equalization of taxes and setting the budget was extended to August 1 and if the legislature fails to act by that time the time for that time regarding state finances the time will be again extended to September 1.

During an afternoon session the commissioners discussed the completion of the two-mile stretch of road approaching Highlands Hammock. Commissioner O. C. Pardee said something should be done as soon as possible on account of the promises made the park association and the Roebeling interests.

Commissioner Charles Beresford was of the same opinion as were the other commissioners, with the exception of Commissioner John Hood who claimed he knew of no such alleged promises.

A lengthy discussion followed during which Mr. Beresford pointed out the great good the Roebelings had been to the county in furnishing work for a number of men and in their donations. Commissioner Hope thought the condition of the road should be improved. Mr. Pardee said the Roebelings in their further developments in the county and for this reason it should be completed as soon as possible. Commissioner Perry Etheridge said he was personally for a millage to do the work, but suggested that the matter be left to the voters. Mr. Pardee pointed out that the commissioners finally decided to hold the matter in abeyance until the sentiment of the people could be obtained and everyone is asked to get in touch with the commissioners and express their views on the completion of this road.

Methodist Junior Choir.

A junior choir, being organized is singing at the Sunday evening services during the summer at the Methodist church, Sebring. The choir takes a part-time rest. S. C. Pardee has charge of the young people.

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SOCIAL and Personal News

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Miss Connoley Has Announcement Party.

Miss Myrtle Connoley announced her engagement to Malcolm Gager of Boston, Mass., at a bridge party at her home Wednesday afternoon. Each guest was presented with a small tally on which two hearts were tied bearing the names Myrtle Connoley and Malcolm Gager. After several hours of bridge honors were awarded Mrs. Parke Anderson for high score and Miss Marjorie Lacey for low score.

The party rooms were decorated with roses and lace ferns. A dainty ice course was served by the hostess.

The invited guests were: Mrs. Tom R. Culler, Mrs. Parke Anderson, Mrs. Francis Sheehy, Mrs. Wheeler Sheffield, Mrs. Paul Garber, Mrs. Horace Garner, Miss Joyce Powell, Miss Marjorie Lacey, Miss Lois Wood, Miss Mamie Barnett, Miss Christine Reeves, and the hostess Miss Connoley.

Miss Powers Married In Indiana

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Keitha R. Powers to Mr. Harold B. Powers of Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Sunday, June 28, has been received by Avon Park friends. Miss Powers was a first grade teacher in Avon Park public school the past term, and her marriage is of interest to a wide circle of friends.

Turner Circle Meets on Tuesday

The Turner Circle of the Woman's Missionary society of the Methodist church met with Mrs. Virginia Cloud and Mrs. Fred Stevens on Tuesday afternoon.

A regular business meeting was held after which an interesting book was read and discussed. Refreshments of Waldorf salad, saltines and mint iced tea were served.

Those present were: Mrs. A. H. Hancock, Mrs. S. E. Roberts, Mrs. Mary Skippers, Mrs. John Knox, Mrs. J. Martin, Mrs. Charles Harris, Mrs. Mac Wells, Mrs. Virginia Cloud, Mrs. Fred Stevens and Mrs. Hargrove.

Miss Reddick Hostess at Swimming Party.

Miss Grace Reddick was hostess to a number of her friends last Thursday afternoon at a swimming party in Fort Meade.

The guests enjoyed water sports and were then served with watermelons.

Those attending were: Miss Barbara Weaver, Miss Lora Lee, Miss Paula West, Miss Lora Lee, Miss Pauline Langford, Miss Gwendolyn Weaver, Miss Mildred Lee and Miss Reddick, the hostess.

Mrs. Smith Host To Library Committee.

The members of the library committee are being entertained by Mrs. Julia Maun Smith at her home, Covington apartments, this afternoon. Mrs. Smith is serving tea at five o'clock.

Miss Mary Lee Alexander of Zephyr Hills was a guest of Mrs. and Mrs. Mel Bass Monday.

Mrs. Parke Anderson spent the week-end in Okobee as a house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pitta.

Miss Barbara Weaver left Sunday for Tampa to be the guest of Miss Eleanor Moss for a short time.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ling spent the Fourth in Leesburg with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Ling.

Miss Joyce Powell returned Sunday from a two weeks' visit with her aunt in Tawara.

Mrs. W. H. Yates and Mrs. Paul Jones spent Wednesday in Tampa combining business and pleasure.

Col. and Mrs. J. M. Lee and Miss Grace Reddick left Monday for Tallahassee to remain for some time.

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Miss Frances Hargrove and little Miss Barbara Moseley of Lakeland were guests for the week-end of Mrs. Virginia Cloud and family.

Mrs. and Mrs. Dick Hutter and family, accompanied by Mrs. E. T. Butterbaugh, arrived Sunday night from Brookport, N. Y., for a

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wulf spent the Fourth of July in Punta Gorda.

Dr. A. H. Able, Dr. D. G. Perry and W. H. Yates formed a party to Fort Myers fishing over the Fourth.

Mrs. Charles H. Shepherd was called to the bedside of her mother in Washington, D. C., last Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Hobbs and family spent the week-end in Clearwater with relatives.

Mrs. Charles F. Johnson returned Sunday from a two weeks vacation spent in Anna Maria Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. W. McFarland spent Thursday afternoon in Arcadia and Nocatee visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Allen, Mrs. Annabel Joiner and Miss Agnes Martin spent the week-end in Punta Gorda.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ragsdale, Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Spencer spent the Fourth in Passmarie and Clearwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Caldwell and daughter, Mary Mildred, and son, Tom, are now making their home in Wauchoa.

Mr. and Mrs. M. K. Radcliffe and daughter, Barbara Ann, were the guests of friends in Tampa, Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Martin returned to her home here Sunday after spending the week-end in Clearwater with her sister, Mrs. L. N. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Davis and daughters of West Palm Beach were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry J. Chance.

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Bryant and Frank Deas and Miss Sue Simmons were visiting friends in Bartow Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. D. Appel and three daughters of Lake Eloise, were week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lamont Wolf.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Tarpley and daughter, Gloria, spent the Fourth here in Cocoa and Daytona Beach.

Mr. O. C. Wilkes and Frank Wilkes will leave Saturday for Valdosta, Georgia, where they will spend a short vacation with relatives.

Evelyn and Grey Singleton of Fort Lauderdale are spending this week here as guests of their cousin, Robert McElroy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dawson and daughter, Inez, and son, Billy and Buddy returned Monday from a short visit with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dawson in Jacksonville.

Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Smith of Atlanta, Georgia, are expected to arrive Monday to be the guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dawson for a short time.

Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Morgan and daughter, Nancy, and Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Chance and son and daughter, were the guests of Mrs. W. H. Dawson in Jacksonville.

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"We, therefore, appeal to individual growers and to grower ship- pers, whose interest in their production is paramount, to join with the Florida Citrus Exchange in achieving this program.

WRUF Farm Program

Gainesville, July 8.—Another series of Florida Farm Hour programs from state radio station WRUF has just been announced by the University of Florida Agricultural Extension Service. The programs will be broadcast from 12 to 12:45 p. m., Eastern Standard Time, each day. The schedule follows:

Saturday, July 11—Florida Farm News and Hints. U. S. Farm Science Snapshots.

Monday, July 13—What Farmers See on Farm Tours—J. Lee Smith, Farm Reporter at Washington.

Tuesday, July 14—The Black Hickory Apple—Fred W. Walker, Farm Question Box.

Wednesday, July 15—Farmers' Week and the Florida Farmer—Dr. Wilton Newell, Primer for Town Farmers.

Thursday, July 16—Soil Sterilization—Dr. Geo. F. Weber, Crimp and Anthracnose of Strawberries—Dr. A. N. Brooks.

Friday, July 17—What Potato Growers Think About Crotalaria as a Cover Crop—Frank W. Brumley, Climatic Factors as Influencing Potato Production—M. R. Ensign.

June 30 was the 25th birthday of the Federal Food and Drug Act, the law which insures citizens that they can't go far wrong when buying canned foods or drugs if they read the label.

New telephone subscribers are being enrolled in England at the rate of 11,000 a month.

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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.
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Christian Endeavor, 6:30 p. m.
Rev. A. P. Vaughn, Pastor.

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

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

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

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.
Sunday school session meets at 9:45 a. m. This quarter the subject matter deals with the gift of the Holy Ghost to this world. Come and enjoy a helpful discussion. At 11:00 the regular morning hour of worship and devotion. The pastor in charge will preach. At 6:00 p. m. the Juniors will meet with Mr. H. Gribble for a helpful yet interesting hour for the young folk. At 7:00 p. m. the N. Y. P. S. meet. The 17th chapter of St. John will be the continued study. More questions will be appreciated on this chapter for open discussion. At 8:00 p. m., will be the closing service of the day. This service is strictly Evangelistic and special attention is given for those who need special help along spiritual lines.

CHARLES E. DEW, Pastor in Charge.
"We Specialize in Religion."

Endeavoring of both the laborers and the capitalists of all industries is provided in a new law in Brazil.

Beauty Spot To Be Opened.
One of the most romantic highways in Britain, the private road formerly owned by the Duke of Montrose, between the Trossachs and Aberfoyle, Scotland, is to be reconstructed and will be thrown open to all traffic without charge. Since 1884 the road has been closed to all motorists, and horse traffic has had to pay toll at each end.

AVALON THEATRE

MOVIEPHONE AND VITAPHONE TALKING PICTURES
AVON PARK, FLA.
Mon. and Tues. July 13 and 14
"Born To Love"
With Constance Bennett.
Avon Park Program for July Not Complete but There Will Be a Show on Each Monday and Tuesday on Friday and Saturday.

Circle Theatre

VITAPHONE TALKING PICTURES
SEBRING, FLORIDA
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"The Black Camel"
With Warner Oland and Sally Eilers— one of the Charley Chan carries on stories.
Sun. and Mon. July 26 and 27
"Daddy Long Legs"
With Janet Gaynor and Warner Baxter.
Fri. and Sat. July 31 and Aug. 1
"Laughing Sinners"
With Joan Crawford and Neil Hamilton.

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Avon Park Florida

FOURTH GAME GOES TO SEBRING, 3 TO 2

Firemen Maintain Perfect Record As Avon Losses Hard Fought Game, July 4th

Before a record-breaking holiday crowd the Sebring Firemen took the long end of a 3-2 count against Avon Park last Saturday at Sebring, and maintained a 1,000 percent record for the first half of the Orange Belt League schedule.

The game was one of those "heart-breakers" to lose, as Avon Park failed in the pinches to put over the extra punch time and again with the winning runs on bases. Twelve Avon runners died on bases, when a little safe poke would have meant a tie or possibly a win.

The game early developed into a pitchers' duel between Whitehouse for Sebring and Konekman for the locals. Konekman, making his first start for Avon, held all expectations and came through in creditable style, allowing only five hits for the nine innings, losing one pass and striking out five. Such pitching would ordinarily have won, but the Sebring outfit had a rabbit's foot in each glove and every pocket, and aided by steady playing and Whitehouse's pitching were not to be denied. Whitehouse struck out nine, walked six and allowed six hits.

Box Score.

Sebring—A. B. R. H. P. O. A. E.
Gallagher, ss. 3 0 1 2 2
Gearing, c. 0 0 0 0 0
Pollard, rf. 4 1 0 0 0
H. Long, 2b. 0 0 1 1 0
Parker, 3b. 3 1 2 3 0
Mackay, lb. 4 0 0 0 0
Fwing, if. 4 1 2 0 0
Whodley, c. 0 0 1 2 0
Livings, cf. 0 0 1 1 0
Whitehouse, p. 3 0 0 4 2

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McFerrin, rf. 4 0 1 2 2
D. Martin, cf. 0 0 0 0 0
Bass, lb. 5 0 0 7 0
C. Martin, c. 3 0 0 8 0
Dilley, if. 4 0 0 0 0
Konekman, p. 2 0 0 1 0
Lawhorn, 2b. 4 1 1 2 0
Head, ss. 4 0 1 2 3
Armistead, 3b. 0 0 2 3 0

Score by innings—1, R. H. E.
Avon Park. 010 000 100—2 6 4
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Batteries: Konekman and C. Martin. Whitehouse and Gearing, Wheeler.

Summary: Three base hits: Parker. Double plays: Gallagher to Mackay, Fwing to Wheeler. Base on balls: off Whitehouse, 6; off Konekman, 5.

Umpires: Burton and Eades.

NEW BRIDGE OPEN AT PUNTA GORDA

Named For Barron Collier and is Link In the Tamiami Trail

Punta Gorda, July 8.—A new mile long—\$1,000,000 bridge has just been completed over the Peace river at Punta Gorda, and named after Barron Collier, the state's largest single landowner, Senator Pat Harrison, of Mississippi, delivered the dedicatory address. Governor Carlton, Collier and other prominent men were present.

This bridge supplies one of the last links in the famous Tamiami Trail, a modern roadway across the Everglades between Tampa and Miami. Five years ago this route was part of a jungle, regarded by many as impossible to span. Collier, insisting a highway could be built, financed most of the work. Included in those who participated in the bridge opening were half a dozen white men and two Seminole Indians who, a dozen years ago, over a period of several weeks, fought their way on foot across the present highway route. The distance now can be covered in a motor car in little over an hour. Since much of the surrounding country still is unsettled, high speed is possible.

Collier's friendship for Florida in general and Punta Gorda in particular is responsible for the bridge, built jointly by the state and national governments, being named after him. Collier, county, the land of which he owns out, is south of here, but he has large Punta Gorda interests. He has been active in improving the river front and modernizing other parts of the town. A few years ago when Collier learned that two of three local banks would not open that day, he hastily imported a large amount of greenbacks, and from Tampa, dumped them on the counter of the one open bank, and quickly restored business confidence.

ORANGE BELT LEAGUE

SECOND HALF.

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Lake Wales at Okeechobee.

July 23.
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July 26 (Sunday).
Bowling Green at Wauchula. Okeechobee at Avon Park. Only games scheduled.

July 30.
Bowling Green at Lake Wales. Fort Meade at Frostproof. Wauchula at Sebring. Avon Park at Okeechobee.

August 6.
Frostproof at Avon Park. Okeechobee at Fort Meade. Lake Wales at Sebring. Wauchula at Bowling Green.

August 13.
Fort Meade at Lake Wales. Avon Park at Bowling Green. Frostproof at Okeechobee. Sebring at Wauchula.

August 16 (Sunday).
Lake Wales at Avon Park. Wauchula at Frostproof.

August 19 (Tuesday).
Fort Meade at Sebring. Only one game scheduled.

August 26.
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August 27.
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August 30 (Sunday).
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September 3.
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Sept. 6 (Labor Day, Morning).
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Farmers' Week Dairy Day Set For August 13

Dairy Day at the 10th annual Farmers' and Fruit Growers' Week, to be held at the University at Gainesville August 10-14, has been set for Thursday, the 13th. At this time the annual meeting of the Florida State Dairyman's Association will be held. The preliminary program has just been announced by the association and the Experiment Station dairy barn.

This demonstration will be in charge of Pat Bennett, field representative with the National Cottonseed Products Company. At 8:45 a demonstration in selecting dairy cattle will be given by W. J. Kegan, southern representative for the American Jersey Cattle Club; and Dr. R. B. Becker, associate in dairy investigations with the Florida Experiment Station. W. E. Stokes and Geo. E. Hittney, agronomists with the Station, will carry the visitors to a series of five demonstration pastures at 10:00. Then at 10:25 a salt sick demonstration will be in charge of Dr. W. M. Neal, assistant in animal nutrition at the Station.

The association meeting will be called to order at 11 o'clock by President V. C. Johnson of Dunmore. After a business session and the noon lunch, C. A. Cobb, editor of The Progressive Farmer and Southern Ruralist, will be the principal speaker. Mr. Cobb has a fine knowledge of dairying in the South and a pleasing manner of speaking. He will be followed by a number of other speakers.

Farmers' Week will begin Monday morning, August 10, and all Florida dairymen are urged to attend the entire week's program. Rooms and meals, very reasonable rates, will be furnished on campus of the University, and everything possible will be done to make the week an educational and recreational vacation.

NEWS of Highlands County

LAKE PLACID

The Methodist, Baptist and Presbyterian Churches of this city are conducting a two weeks' Bible Vacation school at the Presbyterian Church. The school opened on Monday at 9 o'clock with the pastor, Rev. G. H. York of the Methodist Church conducting the devotional services. Workers for this school are Rev. R. E. Huey, pastor Presbyterian Church, Mrs. R. E. Huey, Mrs. Tyler Jackson, Mrs. G. H. York, Rev. G. H. York and others. This school of instruction in Bible is open to all who would care to attend and participate in this school. The hours are from 9 to 11:30 each day for two weeks.

For the past two weeks A. E. Austin, choir director of the M. E. Church, South, has been conducting a course of instruction in vocal music at the Methodist Church and will continue same for five weeks. Mr. Austin will be glad to have all who are interested in vocal music to attend this school of instruction held on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evening at 8:00 p. m. Only three more weeks left in which to take this course of instruction.

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Rev. W. J. Peters filled his regular appointment at the Baptist Church, Venus, last Sunday. A large congregation was present at each service.

Mr. and Mrs. Doss and family of Lake Placid came to Hicoria for Miss Juddelle Peoples Saturday last and the party spent the afternoon fishing.

Mrs. E. A. Whitaker, Mrs. W. O. Casey, Mrs. Bill Skipper, Mrs. W. D. Hope, and Miss Mattie Hope motored to Moore Haven last Sunday afternoon.

J. W. Guethrie, depot agent here, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Peoples and children attended the preaching service at Venus Baptist Church last Sunday evening.

Information was received by Mrs. J. A. Newsum that her brother, J. A. Purvis, Jr., accompanied by Mr. Black, enroute to Chattanooga to see Mr. Black's wife, that their car was wrecked near or at the intersection of the two roads, the Cross City and that Mr. Black was not expected to live. Mr. Purvis was informed was not so seriously injured. Just how the accident occurred we could not learn.

Walter McDuffie has returned home.

Mr. Southerland of Hicoria was a business visitor here Wednesday.

J. H. Holcomb and W. E. Masters spent the Fourth at Punta Gorda.

Rev. W. J. Peters preached Sunday and was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Gillis.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Cline and family of Lakeport were in town a few days ago.

Mrs. Richard Stalls and daughter are visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Myers at Ft. Myers.

The members of the Missionary society met at the home of Mrs. Alex McDuffie, Wednesday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. F. K. McGee and family.

Mrs. and Mrs. H. E. Franklin spent the week-end in Fort Myers visiting Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mullins and family.

Mrs. Johanna Barton, mother of Major E. E. Barton, left last week to spend the summer with her son in Hicoria, Miss.

Col. and Mrs. F. N. K. Bailey and granddaughter Lilly Fuller accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Saunders of Sebring spent the week-end at Naples.

Mrs. J. W. Guthrie is visiting her father at Palm Harbor this week.

Mrs. Bill Skipper and son Billy visited her sister in Orlando last week.

The recent rains in this section has been a great help to the citrus growers.

Garvin Shackelford spent last Friday night with his friend, Byrd Hancock.

Miss Juliet Hope, and Donald Morton motored to Sebring Sunday afternoon.

W. O. Causey attended the funeral of Mrs. Birney Wilcox at Lily last Sunday.

L. D. Jones and son, Alton, spent the Fourth, and Sunday following at Palm Harbor.

Garvin Shackelford, and Joe Tucker visited in Arcadia last Sunday.

Little Mack Glasgow celebrated his eighth birthday last Friday. He gave his little friends a nice party.

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son Ferrel moved to Bunker Landing Tuesday. They will be missed by their many friends.

Mrs. Stella Langford, Misses Bessie Johnson and Vera Lee Langford were the guests of Mrs. W. H. Cannon and Mrs. A. H. Farrington, Wednesday afternoon.

Zyba Johnson of Moore Haven spent the fourth and fifth with Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Lee and B. S. Johnson. The Johnsons and Parkers had a reunion at the Joshua Creek cemetery, July fifth.

Rev. F. K. McGee united in marriage A. G. Williams and Miss Senia Albritton of this place on July second. They were married at the bride's home and left for Plant City where they will make their future home.

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Whitening of Wauchula, their granddaughter, Miss Rose Mary Cunningham and Mrs. Paige spent the third, fourth and fifth of July with Mr. and Mrs. Alex McDuffie. Miss Rose Mary is spending a few weeks with Mary Jane McDuffie.

Mr. and Mrs. Hargrove, Miss Bessie Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Daysey and two daughters Miss Sarah Jo and Louise, William McClelland, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Langford and two daughters Clarice and Vera Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Langford and Mr. and Mrs. Burr motored to Lake Wales and Sebring the 4th, where they enjoyed fishing and swimming.

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Here and There
About Avon Park

By W. M. Hetherington

Proposal of the county commissioners to spend \$30,000 on a road to Highlands Hammock park brings us to the realization that it is time we checked up on our intentions in regard to the park.

Up to now, the public as a whole has been on the sidelines watching in a more or less disinterested manner while the Roelings and those who could afford it furnished the money for the park's development. The public has not been asked for much—the Roelings have been the generous contributors from others toward the purchase and improvement of the park have been entirely voluntary.

But the people of the county will now be asked to pay an additional six mills in taxes to provide the money to build this road that is proposed—and there is nothing voluntary about that. The levy is to be made county-wide, according to plans of the commissioners, at least three of whom are said to be favorable to the proposition.

That such a levy should be made in the face of present conditions, when the people of the state are holding their heads off for tax relief seems unbelievable. The elimination of the state ad valorem tax means nothing to the counties, it piles on the county millage.

That a levy should be made for building an expensive road that will be used by the people of the county first express themselves on whether or not they intend to maintain the park lacks any semblance of rhyme or reason.

It is presuming a great deal to believe that the people of the county will maintain the park. At least no permanent improvements should be authorized until after the sentiment of the people has been expressed.

Commissioner Beresford of the Sebring district has a special fund of about a thousand dollars, part of which was donated by the Roelings, for the express purpose of putting the park road on a map. Certainly the expenditure of this amount on the two-mile stretch would put it in possible shape to accommodate the not too-heavy traffic on the road, and answer the purpose in a sensible manner until after the general election of 1931. I will know whether we want to take on the park for maintenance or allow it to revert back to its original state of wilderness which will probably be its fate, unless the Roelings provide a trust fund for its maintenance.

THE CROSS ROADS

By George Turner

Passers by Eddie Crabtree's new car scampers about there in a hoot. Mrs. H. J. Givens.

That evening rush of lovers for the shores of the big lake. Bless 'em every one. — Hazel Kieckhefer.

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What became of those cars in automobiles. — Mrs. J. Paul Garber in her miniature auto. — Red liquor is four dollars a gallon.

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Objection to Validation Rials Issue

Constitutional Amendment Is Named By Objectors As Applying to Election Under Which Bonds Were Voted.

Validation of \$97,000 worth of City of Avon Park refunding bonds was held up Monday in circuit court, where objectors to the validity of the bonds were named by attorneys representing John Henry Smith, Judge W. B. Barker has taken the case under advisement subject to future hearing.

Objections raised were practically the same as those advanced in the injunction suit now before the court.

Two principal objections were raised. One was the question of legality of refunding time warrants. The other was whether or not the election under which the refunding bonds were voted would be affected by the constitutional amendment approved Nov. 4, 1920.

The city refunding election was held October 28, 1930, seven days prior to the approval of the constitutional amendment.

"The proceedings conformed to the city charter requirements, both as to time warrants and to the bonds," City Attorney, S. C. Pardee said, "but the city election was not participated in by a majority of those entitled to vote."

"While not holding that the constitutional amendment is not retroactive, Judge Barker will, nevertheless, be inclined to follow the decision of Circuit Judge Gray, Jacksonville, that since bonds are not issued until they are actually sold, the constitutional amendment would intervene between the date the bonds were authorized at all to revert back to its original state of wilderness which will probably be its fate, unless the Roelings provide a trust fund for its maintenance."

The city attorney states that there has been legislation at the 1931 sessions which will probably permit the City of Avon Park to issue bonds without a referendum. This is a general act. He also believes that the court would have the power to validate the bonds now before the court, excepting those to take up time warrants.

"Either way the case is decided, it will be appealed to the city attorney," and "if it should be held that the time warrants in bonds then the amendment would not apply and the whole amount would be validated."

Avon Park Wins From Fort Meade 5-1

Avon Park journeyed to Fort Meade yesterday afternoon and took a 5 to 1 decision to climb on top of the second half of Orange Belt league standing, for the second straight win of the half.

Timely hitting of the locals and steady pitching of Komenan accounted for the victory.

Rev. Paul A. Southard and family left Thursday for Lakeland to where he goes to take the pastorate of the Church of the Nazarenes. Rev. and Mrs. Southard and family returned here Wednesday after an extended vacation spent in the north.

Junior Baseball Making Progress

About forty boys ranging in ages from 12 to 17 have turned out for practice this week to make the Junior baseball teams sponsored by the American Legion.

A first and second team has been organized which has had several practice games, a short game Tuesday and a full nine-inning game Thursday. The smaller boys were organized into a third and fourth teams and also have had games.

Another week of practice will probably enable the committee to make selections to fill first team positions. As soon as the first team is selected a number of games will likely be scheduled.

CAR SEIZURE NETS LIQUOR, WIFE, DOGS

Man Driving Car With Stolen License and Liquor Being Sought

A man said to named Ben Tillman and to reside in Polk county is being sought by the sheriff's office following his escape from a jail at Sebring Sunday night and the escape of a dog.

He was charged with possession of intoxicating liquor, having moonshine and homebrew, all forfeited their bonds. Levi Canty, said to have possessed moonshine and Charlie Black, arrested on a gambling charge, also failed to answer when called and their bonds went to the fine and forfeiture fund.

John Whidden, who was convicted at the last term of court on a charge of illegal sale of liquor, assessed \$100 and costs or 60 days in jail. D. W. Townsend was charged with selling liquor without a license and assessed \$25 and costs or 30 days in jail.

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Bonds Swell Finances By Estreatment

Judge Whitehurst Has Busy Session In Court Monday and Tuesday; Long Acts As Prosecutor Vice Lee

County Judge M. C. Whitehurst had a busy court session Monday and Tuesday, disposing of a number of cases. The prosecution was handled by W. L. Long in the absence of M. Lee, county attorney, whose duties at Tallahassee kept him busy. The fine and forfeiture fund was swelled to the extent of several hundred dollars, a number of defendants failing to appear to answer the charges against them. Cases heard and disposed of included:

David Carver, charged with illegal selling was acquitted by a jury and the charge of assault against Ed. Farley was dismissed. P. R. Read was charged with the violation of the city charter, improper license tag and this charge was dismissed on payment of the costs and Andrew Howell, charged with a similar offense, given a suspended sentence on payment of the costs in the case.

H. M. R. and D. W. Nicklow, all charged with having improper licenses on their cars, estimated their bonds as \$100 and costs or 60 days in jail. John Murray who was accused of having improper lights on his car.

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McCarthy and Green Receive Certificates From Fire College

Fire Chief W. M. McCarthy and Assistant Chief Ellis Greene will receive certificates from the Florida State Firemen's association for completion of the courses of instruction as given at the Second Florida Fire College held at Sebring June 10, 11 and 12. The certificates have been received by Mayor C. S. Donaldson from A. C. Altavater, who says in part in his letter:

"You may well be proud of these men as representatives of your town as they studied diligently while in school and were present at all classes and punctual in their attendance, and are therefore worthy of recognition greater than the mere presentation of this certificate. If possible will you please arrange to present these certificates to these men at a meeting of your town commission."

Forty Botanists Will Be Avon Park Guests

Noted Botanists Will Visit Here Enroute To Miami Convention

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'Americanization' of Edward Bok' Subject of Review at Library

"The Americanization of Edward Bok," which is the very interesting autobiography of the late Mr. Bok, will be the subject for review at the book hour at the library next Tuesday afternoon, July 21, at four o'clock. Rev. A. H. Hancock, pastor of the Methodist church will give the review, which should prove especially interesting to Avon Park people, most of whom have visited the Singing Tower and bird sanctuary at Lake Wales. The public is invited.

New Pastor for Nazarene Rev. Chas. E. Deware will fill the pulpit as official pastor Sunday July 19, 1931. Rev. Paul A. Southard former pastor will begin his new pastorate at Lakeland. Rev. Deware was unanimously called as pastor in a recent meeting of the church.

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Tax Plan To Save County Large Sum

Administration Plan Looks Toward Elimination of Ad Valorem Tax On Real Estate and Saving of \$3.77 Mills.

According to a news dispatch from Tallahassee last Thursday, taxpayers of Highlands county will benefit to the extent of \$152,500.00 in event the proposed program looking toward elimination of the ad valorem tax on real estate is adopted at this session of the legislature. In terms of millage, based upon the assessment and levy for the past year for all purposes, the proposed saving represents \$3.77 mill.

Tabulations showing the benefits that would accrue to each of the counties were submitted to members of the House and Senate today.

Revenues accruing to this county under the proposed program were listed as follows:

From three cents of the gas tax, distributed on a basis of one cent on each dollar of gasoline sold, \$152,500.00.

Revenues from operation of race tracks under the Racing Commission, divided equally among the 67 counties, \$30,000.

Revenue county schools will receive under \$7,500.00 appropriation, distributed on teacher unit basis, \$15,250.00.

Benefit through elimination of 13 mill state ad valorem tax on real estate, predicated upon 1930 assessment, \$152,500.00.

Total revenue plus benefits from 13 mill state tax reduction \$229,250.00.

The gain in benefits was estimated through comparison with the revenues received by the county under the existing law enacted in the 1929 session and other existing laws. The items contained in the tabulation are:

Revenue received from two and one-third cents of the gasoline tax on a basis of two cents for the regular rate of tax and one-third cent for county road maintenance, \$41,000.00.

Revenue from 25 percent of the motor vehicle license fees for road maintenance, \$7,500.00.

Revenue from one and one-fourth mills of the state ad valorem and one-two-thirds cent of the gasoline tax; interest on common school funds and bank deposits, \$35,250.00.

Total revenues from all sources accruing to this county during the last year were reported as \$77,312.00. The difference between this amount and the \$229,250.00 under the proposed program represents the estimated saving of \$152,500.00 to the taxpayers of this county.

Under the proposed regulation and special session of the legislature many statements and estimates have appeared from various sources and it is difficult to make the results to the taxpayers of first one type and another of legislation if enacted into law.

The result of these many statements and suggestions so far presented has had a tendency to confuse the general public, due largely to the fact that the effect of the general program has been lost sight of.

Donaldson Booklet Treats Plant Life

Plants and Trees of Avon Park Region Classified and Described

Florida Plants and Trees growing in the Avon Park Region is a 22-page booklet descriptive of the specimens contained in the Mall with reference to their value in medicine, chemistry, food and industry. The work was written by Mayor C. S. Donaldson, who because of his active participation in planting the Mall and his natural enthusiasm about botanical life, is eminently fitted for the task.

Plant life in this section is classified in its various families, those plants which have commercial and medical value are fully treated in an easy style, with sufficient statistics shown in to make the work authentic and valuable without being tiresome to the lay mind.

Reside, a treatise on plant life in the Mall, which has by far the most important plants from a practical standpoint. Mr. Donaldson has so classified and treats on plant life found in Highlands Hammock park and other parts of this region.

The booklet is so filled with interesting and unusual facts presented in such entertaining manner that it should be read by all Avon Park people, who will thus be enabled to get a proper appreciation of these plants and trees which we pass by daily but of which we know so little.

Florida's Progress and Opportunities. Mr. Donaldson, said: "From plant life, growing wild in the hammocks of Florida have developed an amazing amount commercial output, both in volume and value. The crops of citrus, sugarcane and rice, the state have now passed the 100 million dollar mark as farm income."

Florida has 100 per cent of all fresh vegetables of the United States, and does it from less than 300,000 acres out of her 35 million acres. Our crop specialists have opened up new lines in the past decade. Florida cherries are now supplying the American florists annually with over 2 million dollars' worth of Asparagus Plutonium, sword ferns, etc. a new trade has been developing in San Francisco and other plants for bowl rockeries, now nationally popular shipments, running into the hundreds of thousands of dollars a year. One Sansevieria Laurentii garden of 3 acres I saw near Homestead, was valued at over \$50,000. The flower bulb business, starting from nothing a generation ago, is now carried on by 175 nurserymen who grow 100 million narcissus bulbs alone last year, in addition to many gladioli, amaryllis and other bulbous plants.

As an example of the possibilities of such an industry we have the Florida nurserymen, who send flower express to Northern Europe, receiving in payment about 25 million dollars yearly. Combined with this floral business of Southern Florida is a highly developed and profitable perfume industry.

That thrives despite the synthetic productions. The United States continues importing many of these plants, both finished and for comounding. Statistics are appended of imports of these and other articles for the calendar year 1929. Many of which Florida is capable of producing.

The re-allocation of the gasoline tax between the counties was intended to more equally distribute the burden of the tax, on a fair and equitable basis to all counties.

The effect of many of the revenue measures which have been passed in the past year and first year.

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