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Here and There About Avon Park

By W. M. Etherington

HONORING DR. DAVISON.

Upon the retirment of Dr. W. A. Davison as executive secretary of the Vermont Baptist State Convention in Burlington, Vermont, this week, his co-workers took occasion to do him honor for the 32 years of faithful service rendered his denomination. The loss of his forceful leadership will be keenly felt by his former associates, and we could sympathize with them more deeply if it were not that his resignation paves the way for him to take up his permanent residence in Avon Park and devote his entire time and energies to the development of his property interests here.

The Vermont Baptist Anniversaries program carries a full page picture of the genial doctor, and facing it appears this tribute:

Rev. William A. Davison, D.D.
By Walter Rice Davenport, D.D.

All hail the name we love to sing,
The name to Baptist dear,
The man who led our hosts of might
From year to ripening year.

His stalwart form stands up aloft
With eyes enkindling light,
His heart of love gives forth its meed
To nerve us for our fight.

Full thirty years his falchion gleams
Beyond our foremost spear;
Full thirty years his call was heard
In accents loud and clear.

And all these years the hosts he loved
Have moved ahead in might
Until today they span the state,
All panoplied in light.

Their coffers glow with shining gold
His hand brought in amain,
And churches stand and manses rise
Where once seemed naught to gain.

The converts won have multiplied
Because he led the van
We're larger now than e'er before
Since when we first began.

Today our friend resigns his role
For younger hands to take,
But yet fore'er will love his own
Nor will that love forsake.

With leisured years and honors sealed
We wish him space ahead
Until his God shall take him home
To table richly spread.

Motorists Saved From Flaming Wreck

William Camfill, aged 81, of Boston, Mass., and his daughter, Miss Mary Elizabeth Camfill, narrowly escaped death last Saturday afternoon when their car overturned and caught fire on the Fort Meade cut-off about ten miles from Avon Park They were saved by passing motorists who pried open the coupe door and dragged them to safety before they were consumed by the flames.

Miss Camfill, driver of the car, lost control on a rough stretch of the road and went into the ditch overturning, and the car caught fire. The car frame was twisted in the wreck and the occupants were unable to open the door. They were rescued by Mrs. E. A. Brown, of Plant City; Miss Alice Taylor, Richmond, Va.; and Mrs. Carnelia Taylor, Durham, N. C.

The Camfills were brought to Avon Park and are receiving treatment at Dr. Touchton's hospital, where they are reported to be recovering from their injuries. Mr. Camfill received lacerations of the scalp and other bruises, while his daughter was painfully burned before she could be helped out of the wreck.

School Band Gives Concert Thursday

The Avon Park High School band, led by Prof. P. J. Gustat, rendered a concert from the balcony of the Jacaranda hotel Thursday evening, beginning at 8 o'clock.

The following program was rendered:

1. March—National Emblem (Bagley.)
2. Overture—Energy (Bennett.)
3. Characteristic—Aunt Hannah (Harold.)
4. Comedy—Have a Little Fun (Bennett.)
5. Selection—Inspiration (Hayes.)
6. Overture—The Buglers (Bennett.)
7. Reverie—Dawn (Harold.)
8. Patriotic—Star Spangled Banner (Key.)

JOINT MEETING OF CITY AUTHORITIES OPPOSES TAX BILL

Meeting at Sebring Wednesday Evening Passes Resolution

A joint meeting of the city officials of Sebring, Avon Park, De Soto City and Lake Placid held at the city hall at Sebring Wednesday evening, protested a proposed bill now before the legislature whereby state and county taxes would receive priority over municipal taxes, and passed a resolution calling on Representative J. M. Lee and Senator W. D. Bell to fight the measure. P. A. Naylor, president of Sebring's governing body, announced the purpose of the meeting and E. A. Delaney was named to preside.

After the proposed resolution was introduced by Mr. Naylor and open for discussion, S. C. Pardee, Avon Park's city attorney, pointed out that as there was not a copy of the proposed bill at hand it was hard to discuss it intelligently and stated it had always been a question among attorneys as to the status of state and county taxes against city taxes and the general opinion was that the state and county were a prior lien. The proposed legislation would be fine for the state and county, he said, but there would still be the question of constitutionality and it might be several years before this was settled. He suggested that the resolution also include street assessments and thought it would be a good idea for a delegation to go to Tallahassee and get the "low down" on the matter otherwise they might be acting in the dark.

E. J. Etheredge of De Soto City moved that street assessments be included and that copies of the resolution be also sent to the governor, the speaker of the house and the president of the senate.

Mr. Naylor pointed out that Sebring is a member of the Florida League of Municipalities and any information could be easily obtained from the league's representative at the state capitol.

The resolution passed was:

WHEREAS, it has been called to the attention of the governing authorities of the cities of Avon Park, Sebring, De Soto City and Lake Placid that a bill has been introduced in the legislature of the state of Florida for the purpose of making state and county taxes superior and a prior lien on taxes to that of cities and towns, and

WHEREAS, the governing authorities of said cities have this day assembled in the City of Sebring for the purpose of considering said bill,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the governing authorities of Avon Park, Sebring, De Soto City and Lake Placid that we most earnestly oppose the passage of any such bill and request the Honorable J. M. Lee, member of the House of Representatives and the Honorable W. D. Bell, senator from the 27th Senatorial District to do all in their power to oppose and defeat the passage of said bill.

We further recommend that if any such law is passed on said subject that the liens for taxes and paving assessments for municipalities be made equal to the lien of state and county taxes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of these resolutions be be sent to Hon. J. M. Lee and a copy to Senator W. D. Bell, the Governor, the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate at Tallahassee.

A telegram from E. P. Owens, the league's representative at Tallahassee, regarding legislation that would combine county and city governments in counties of over 50,000 population was read. The telegram asked that the measure be opposed but as the act would be in the form of a constitutional amendment and require a referendum of the people no action was taken.

Present at the meeting were:

Sebring: Mayor W. B. Crawford, Councilmen H. K. Brown, O. Garrett, E. L. Greene, P. A. Naylor and A. F. Spooner.

Avon Park: Mayor C. S. Donalson, Councilmen, E. A. Delaney, W. T. Hall, C. R. Head and J. L. Masters and City Attorney S. Colquitt Pardee.

De Soto City: Dr. E. J. Etheredge.

Lake Placid: City manager Jack Sims, Commissioner A. M. McAulay and Tax Collector O. C. Parrish.

Big Basket Picnic Highlands Hammock Next Thursday Eve

The Highlands Hammock basket picnic which Rex Beach has suggested to the residents of Polk and Highlands as a means of understanding the marvels of the Hammock will be held on Thursday afternoon and evening, May 21st.

Highlands County Band of 130 pieces will give a concert. Sebring will provide coffee, Lake Placid and Avon Park will provide orange juice, but visitors will be expected to bring their solid foods. Cars can be driven to the Hammock by following around Lake Jackson in Sebring. There is a short stretch of sandy road not fully built, but no difficulty need be feared. Several hundred cars can be safely parked in the Hammock groves.

Thursday was chosen for the event on account of the majority of stores and business houses closing at noon on that day. The commencement exercises of the Sebring high school are on the same evening and the band plays for both.

Davison Resigns As Executive Secretary Vermont Convention

The retirement of Dr. W. A. Davison from active service as executive secretary of the Vermont Baptist State Convention after 23 years of continuous service in that office brought men high in the councils of the Northern Baptist Convention as well as in Vermont to the 1931 Vermont Baptist Anniversaries in Burlington, Vermont, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Laymen and ministers from many parts of the country attended to pay respects to Dr. Davison and address the convention. Dr. Davison becomes executive secretary emeritus on his retirement, and his work will be carried on by Paul J. Morris as the new executive secretary.

Last Meeting Music Department Women's Club, Friday 3 P. M.

The music department of the Woman's Club will hold its last meeting of the fiscal year at the Parish house Friday afternoon, May 15th at three o'clock. A program will be given by the members of the Junior Music club. Those who will take part are: Lois Anne Eisele, Buddy Sherman, Jannie May Smith, Charlotte Eisele, Francis Browne, Hazel Wilkenson, Sarah Hancock, Elizabeth Rawlins, Francis Cloud, Marie Kinsey.

Friends of the children taking part in the program are cordially invited.

J. C. Donoghue Dies at Age of 93

J. C. Donoghue, aged 93, and a resident of this city for the past five years, died Wednesday morning, funeral services being held in the afternoon, with burial in Bougainvillea cemetery.

Mr. Donoghue was a native of Ireland. He joined the English army in 1856 and fought in the Indian mutiny in 1857. He had been a resident of Florida for the past seventy years. He had no known elatives.

Jordan Elected Director Jewelers

F. S. Jordan, Avon Park jeweler, was elected a director of the state jewelers' association in state convention in Clearwater last week. He was also a member of the resolutions committee. Mr. Jordan attended the Thursday and Friday meetings returning last Saturday, reporting a splendid convention. The convention goes to St. Petersburg next year, and Jordan states that he will make an effort to bring the jewelers to Avon Park the following year.

Local Methodists Attend Conference

Rev. A. H. Hancock, Dr. C. F. Weigle, Mrs. Emily Philips, W. P. Martin, and S. E. Roberts attended the Orlando district conference of the Methodist church at Lake Wales Tuesday and Wednesday. Rev. J. H. Daniels, presiding elder was in charge. Dr. Weigle, local preacher and a member of the Avon Park Methodist church preached the three conference sermons. Matters affecting the church and coming under the jurisdiction of the conference were passed on.

HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK TREE PRESERVATION

Modern Methods of Surgery To Lengthen Lives of Forest Giants

By R. C. ROSENBERGER.

In the Hammock, three huge oaks, rated among the largest in the country, have been preserved for all time by modern tree surgery treatment. Their size and the magnitude of the operation makes them a point of great interest.

The smallest, a Live Oak, dedicated to the donor of the park at the formal opening day exercises, is a most beautiful specimen of this species growing in swamp conditions. Its straight bole rises from the undergrowth to push out a symmetrical, vase-like crown, far above the surrounding foliage. Measuring over 90 feet high, and spreading well over 125 feet, it presents a picture not soon to be forgotten. Creates an atmosphere of monarchy—of ruling this forest of growing things, and of protectiveness to the granite and bronze tablet reposing beneath it.

Although the second in size stands but 86 feet high, it stretches, for almost the same distance and out over the Hammock drive, a single limb that measures as far around as the memorial tree itself (14 feet) to create probably one of the most unusual driveway arches in natural parks.

Many specimons of this species of oak in Florida swamps do not run true to form. It is a belief in botanical circles that the Live, Laurel and Willow oaks all will cross-pollinate, and therefore, as these trees have only predominating characteristics by which to identify them, it has been with reserve that the first two have been classified as Live Oak (Quercus Virginiana) and the third and largest as a Laurel Oak (Quercus Laurifolia). The Laurel stands down a winding sawdust path, at the edge of the swamp. A freak in growth, sort of hiding out from the beaten road, and rearing its misshapen crown from a curiously twisted and gnarled trunk to mingle patronizingly with the "common trees," for few trees, whatever age or species in Florida, can boast of a 31 foot girth.

When the Hammock was opened, these trees were practically covered with air plants and Spanish Moss, and in grave danger of being suffocated within a few more years—merely the natural progress of nature's cycle in the forest. The first treatment was to remove these plants to give light and air to the leaves. All dead and diseased branches were also removed to arrest infection of the remaining healthy ones. Already they show an almost unbelievable improvement in color and density of foliage. Fungous growth, in the case of each tree, entering the heartwood through bark abrasions of various kinds, had reduced it to mere pulp, and the whole structure bid fair to crumble under the weight of its own branches in a heavy wind, as had already some of the larger limbs. The purpose of the surgical work was to replace the strength lost through these processes of decay.

All decayed as well as infected wood was removed by long, tedious hours of excavating with mallet and chisel. The structural points shown to be weak were reinforced with steel brace rods, and the remaining wood disinfected and waterproofed. The open cavity was then filled with a Portland cement mortar, packed in a semi-dry state, and blocked off in sections with cushion dividers to allow for the sway and twist of the wood. The whole filling was built up to conform to the original contour of the trunk, and sealed with waterproofing against the elements, including re-infection from the ever-present fungous growths. The new bark is healing rapidly over these fillings, and eventually will entirely cover them.

It is believed that the saving of these trees was one of the largest as well as the most difficult operations of the kind, and it can well be appreciated when one learns that some 80 tons of concrete, 2000 feet of steel bracing, and 60 gallons of waterproof disinfectant, as well as other great quantities of tree surgery materials were used in giving them their new lease on life, and that the operation required the services of eight experts for a period of 12 weeks, at a cost of several thousand dollars per tree.

It was found in delving into the internal regions of these trees, that they grew much faster at some periods of their lives than at others.

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CANNED GRAPEFRUIT DEMANDS INCREASE

Exchange Making Arrangements To Pack Million Cases Next Season

Canned grapefruit ditribution received considerable impetus in the past week, according to Carl Fish, sales manager of the canning division of the Florida Citrus Exchange, who has just returned from contacting distributors and appointing brokers in all the leading northern markets.

"The Exchange shipped 51,270 cases of Seald-Sweet canned grapefruit during the past 12 days," said Mr. Fish. "These shipments went to practically all parts of the United States.

"We are receiving advices daily from brokerage houses in the middle west and east and as far as California, Oregon, Washington and Hawaii, all indicating a strong tendency to advance prices rather than the reverse.

"These brokerage houses already recognize the substantial stabilizing factor injected into the Florida canned grapefruit industry when the Florida Citrus Exchange stepped in at a time the deal was demoralized.

"In addition to this," he continued, "the ready response came also because of being able to handle a nationally advertised and recognized quality product that the Seald-Sweet brand enjoys. This, backed up with the Exchange's thorough financial responsibility, makes the account a very appealing one.

"We are also being besieged by foreign brokers to handle our account exclusively in their territory. During the past 60 days we have packed over 150,000 cases and are making arrangements for a million case pack this coming season. From reports already received in the trade it looks we might run up our pack to a million and a half cases.

"One of the greatest handicaps heretofore in the distribution," he said, "was the lack of assurance these brokerage houses had of continuous supplies to their trade of one uniform pack. With the Exchange controlling, as it does, a large proportion of the grapefruit crop, it has eliminated this handicap and has materially helped their sales.

"Quality pack and a nationally advertised product, with assurance of continuous supplies, is a combination hard to surpass," concluded Mr. Fish.

William Sempler Funeral Sunday

Funeral services for William Sempler, killed in an automobile wreck last Friday, were held at the home of Mrs. Mac Carnes in South Avon Park last Sunday afternoon, and interment was made in Bougainvillea cemetery.

Sempler who was employed by Ritter's saw mill near Fort Myers, was delivering a truck load of cross ties near that place, and collided with a truck parked at the end of a bridge, vision of which was obscured until too late to come to a stop. The cross ties, loaded endways were driven through the cab by the impact and Sempler's chest was crushed. He was taken to Ft. Myers hospital, where he died Saturday morning.

Mr. Sempler was 28 years of age. He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Lillian Carnes, and a sister of Mrs. B. M. Fussell. He also leaves two children, a brother, Gus Sempler and a sister, Mrs. Norton, of Avon Park.

Mandis Dairy To Handle Ice Cream

Mandis Dairy announce the addition of ice cream to its other lines of dairy products which are now being distributed to Avon Park, Sebring, Frostproof and Wauchula from the modern dairy east of this city.

Machinery for making ice cream is now on the way and will be installed at the dairy within the next few days. Meanwhile Frigidaire storage facilities are being installed in the uptown store in Avon Park and in the Sebring milk depot to supply these two cities with ice cream from the local plant.

A full line of flavors is being carried, and ice cream will be on sale in the Sebring store for the first time Saturday. It is possible that the retail sale will be extended to Avon Park, Frostproof and Wauchula at a later date.

Seven Teams Lined Up In Orange Belt League With Deposits

Representatives of seven teams in this section joined up in the Orange Belt League at a directors meeting in Avon Park last Friday night, and put up $50 forfeit checks. One other team is expected to join in making an eight team league. Word is expected from either Arcadia, Lake Wales or Winter Haven to make up the other team. In event one of these does not join, the league will probably be cut to six teams.

Okeechobee, Sebring, Avon Park, Frostproof, Bowling Green and Wauchula are the six teams definitely in, and Fort Meade's check was accepted tentatively, pending the possibility of one other team coming in to make up eight teams.

May 12 was set for the opening day of the league, the schedule of which will be made up by President Gilbert Freeman and Secretary L. F. Strickland as soon as the number of teams is definitely settled.

Doepke Takes Over Receivership of 3 More Florida Banks

A. W. Doepke, receiver of the First National bank of Avon Park and the First National Bank of Sebring, returned Tuesday from Punta Gorda, where he took over the receivership of the Carlton National Bank of Wauchula, the American National Bank of Sarasota and the First National Bank of Punta Gorda. His appointment as receiver for the three additional banks was received recently from Washington, to succeed L. J. Blakey, resigned. He was accompanied by W. W. Tarpley, deputy receiver, who will assist him in handling the three banks, in addition to the two local banks.

Winter Haven I. O. O. F. Installs Grand Patriarch

Winter Haven, May 13.—John S. Howard, 80, for more than a half century a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Indiana and Florida, was installed last night by Ridge encampment No. 23, here, as grand partiarch of Florida. He was elected to this office at the recent convention in Avon Park. It is the highest office the I. O. O. F. of the state can bestow.

Checks Being Made Out For Dividend

Checks representing a ten per cent dividend to the depositors of the First National Bank of Avon Park are being made out and will soon be ready to be forwarded to Washington for the signature of the comptroller of the currency. It is expected that they will be ready for distribution in about two weeks. The dividend will amount to about $35,000 and will make 20 percent paid to depositors.

Brooks Moves Studio To West Main Street

Albert H. Brooks, who has been conducting the Sun Court Studio in the Sun Court building has moved to his residence at 615 West Main street, where he will continue to do portraits, commercial photography and kodak finishing. Mr. Brooks' work displayed at the recent Eisteddfod in Lake Wales attracted much admiration.

Local Rotes Attend Tampa Home-Coming

Local Rotarians attending the home-coming day of the Tampa Rotary club Tuesday were: C. R. Head, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Coen, Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Francis, and Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Freeman. Avon Park Rotarians attended in response to invitations extended to members of clubs organized through the efforts of the Tampa club.

Dr. Vaughn Will Give Book Review

The book review hour at the library Tuesday, May 26th, will be filled by Dr. A. P. Vaughn, pastor of the Union Congregational church who will review "Day to Day" by Goetel. The review will be held at four in the afternoon, and the public is cordially invited.

HEAD IS ELECTED PRESIDENT SCOUT BODY IN AVON PARK

Avon Park Boy Scout Council Gets Under Way After Rotary Luncheon

C. R. Head was elected president of the Boy Scout Council of Avon Park at an organization meeting of the council Wednesday, following Rotary luncheon. Neal H. Trent was elected vice-president; Jas. Schweigart, secretary and treasurer; and Rev. Harcourt Johnson, scoutmaster.

A finance committee composed of J. S. Francis, E. G. Todd and M. E. Covington was apopinted by the president.

The local council composed of E. G. Todd, C. R. Head, N. H. Trent, M. E. Covington, Herbert Reck, J. Paul Garber, J. S. Schweigart, J. S. Francis, and E. A. DeLaney were guests of Rotary luncheon. Rev. C. B. Toombs, pastor of the Presbyterian church of Sebring addressed the club on Boy Scout work with which he has been connected since the second year of the organization of the national body.

Norton T. Smith reported 116 reservations had been made for the "Me and My Buddy" dinner at the Parish house Thursday evening.

The Rotary club has been working on a plan to take over the scout property on Lake Lotela. A proposition has been submitted through Receiver A. W. Doepke to the comptroller at Washington for the settlement of a mortgage against the property. The city has agreed to allow the mortgage to apply as an offset against city funds in the closed First National bank, and the Rotary club will finance a cash balance necessary to make the deal, if the proposed settlement goes through.

Maddox Injured In Smash-Up Near Plant City Sunday

J. E. Maddox of Avon Park sustained severe bruises and cuts in an automobile wreck last Sunday, when the truck which he was driving collided with a car at the intersection of the Tampa-Hopewell and Turkey Creek road near Plant City. W. A. Maddox, his nephew, riding with him received slight injuries.

Thomas Metz, 34, of Mulberry, was fatally injured and died shortly afterwards in a hospital. Mrs. Kathleen Driggers Pully, was also seriously injured, and died later.

Mr. Metz and party were on their way home in a coupe, after attending an all-day church meeting at Pleasant Grove, when they collided. Both coupe and truck were badly damaged.

Passing motorists telephoned to Tampa for an ambulance and the injured were taken to Plant City. Mrs. Pully, who was sitting on the driver's seat with Mr. Metz, suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries from which she died later. Theodore Gibson, his wife and Miss Inez Driggers were riding in the rumble seat, and suffered minor injuries.

Nazarene Church Services Sunday

Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the subject of "The Desire of the Nations." Unfolding the panorama of the ages, he will show that Christ is all in all and that He can satisfy every human desire.

The church will cancel its night preaching service to join in the graduation exercises at the high school.

Other than that the regular schedule of the church will be maintained.

Trees Stolen From Cemetery; $25 Reward

A reward of $25 has been offered by the Avon Park Cemetery association for the arrest and conviction of parties who stole two Italian Cypress trees from a lot in the cemetery sometime during the past week-end. The trees, about four feet in heighth and very rare, were stolen from the Norton T. Smith lot, the theft being discovered by M. E. Covington Tuesday.

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LAST WEEK'S DOINGS IN THE LEGISLATURE

End of Fifth Week Finds Many More Bills Introduced

(By Florida Press Association Correspondent)

The end of the fifth week of the legislature found the Senate exactly 45 percent ahead of 1929 in the number of bills introduced, and the House desks have been piled almost 35 percent higher with measures than two years ago. As Monday morning of this week thawed, legislators found themselves facing over 1,000 bills and they had only 28 working days remaining.

By the end of this week, more than 1,500 bills will have been introduced and since only two score of the measures had passed both houses up until last Saturday it was evident the two-session days will have to be increased to "three-a-day" if the calendars are to be cleared. Probably a third of all bills introduced will never reach the floor of either house, but real speed will be necessary if an extra session is to be avoided. Despite complete willingness of Senators and Representatives to accomplish all that remains to be done in record time, observers of the legislature declare it will be a miracle if practical measures are adopted for new revenue and the relief of real estate taxation within the limits of the regular session.

"More has been accomplished during the week just finished than at any one period during the present term," E. Clay Lewis, speaker of the House, stated Friday night at his room in a hotel at the capital. He attended last Thursday's session after being ill for two days, and was forced to return to bed that night. "The chancery act which completed its journey through the House successfully will mean a lot to this state," Speaker Lewis declared. "This was a commendable piece of work, in my estimation," he added.

Representative Tomasello summed up the procedure of the week as follows: "The legislature has progressed materially in the past week, most particularly in committee work. There has been a most unusual number of expressions of desire to co-operate by the magnitude of witnesses at the many committee hearings. My previous prediction that this legislature would be very intolerant of superfluous legislation is being further affirmed daily and I look for the enactment of such constructive legislation as will be enacted within the next 10 days, which will at the same time forecast if an extraordinary session will be necessary."

Much of the time of the legislature last week, and particularly in the House, was taken up with discussion concerning schools and the legalizing of racing and parimutuel betting. Heavy work by committees was realized with regard to both of these matters and the two shared in demands for investigations of lobbying. Seeing the hours go by with but little else than minor wrangling over problems of investigation that were practically fruitless, legislators were impatient whenever any new question of a lobby or suggestion of an investigation was made. This feeling helped in the decision by the House to act, for the next two weeks and at two sessions a day, only upon matters pertaining to finance and taxation, educating and banking.

In sustaining the governor's veto of the original inheritance tax bill, the Senate and House evinced a majority desire to place the public schools of Florida on the basis of a statewide eight months' term, but to do so by finances to come from some more annually definite source than a tax to be collected on the estates of deceased persons. The inheritance tax bill passed last week calls for the placement of all money so received with the general fund of the state. With the Senate passing, 27 to 8, a bill to distribute school money on a teacher-unit basis, instead of the present system of average daily attendance, the next step for the House along the line of adequate educational provisions will be a decision as to what funds are to be used for and by the common schools of Florida.

One measure that has come up for action every two years for the past several sessions seems to have been set aside once again. After having passed the Senate about two weeks ago, the workman's compensation bill was indefinitely postponed by the House last week, after brief discussion on Tuesday and more lengthy debate on Thursday.

The first sign of real tax relief was the passage by the House of a bill extending the time for refunding bonds from 30 to 60 years. The next day the Senate passed a bill allowing payment of taxes on the installment plan. Economy measures of last Saturday were those passed by the House, calling for abolishment of the office of state equalizer of taxes, and the prohibiting of publication of periodicals and bulletin matter by state departments not specifically arranged for by the legislature.

The week ended without any decision with regard to the new Fifth Congressional District. Another bill was introduced in the Senate, with reference to this matter, and served to complicate committee action whereby a bill dividing the present fourth district had been favored.

"New revenue" bills of the week added to those already introduced would bring to the state, according to their proponents, a total of more than $40,000,000 annual revenue. As the appropriation bill calls for something over $14,000,000 and probably will be pared down to the extent of a million only a third of the "new revenue" measures will have to be passed and prove satisfactory in order to eliminate the state ad valorem tax, with the exception of the constitutional one mill for school purposes. However, there are many who believe, and most staunchly, that a great majority of the "new revenue" sources would "fail to produce," either because of excessive collection costs or because of mistaken estimates of anticipated returns; and there are of course many legislators who believe a number of such bills have been introduced for the purpose of confusing the legislature to the extent the ultimate result may be a general sales tax—in order to avoid a host of apparently revenue-producing minor taxes. Opponents of any sales tax measure are beginning to assume that such would be the course pursued in an extra session, purely out of necessity, and in order to affirm pledges for relief of real estate.

By a Senate resolution, voters of the state will be given an opportunity to decide whether or not they wish homestead lands to be exempted from state and county ad valorem taxes. Provided this measure is turned over to the electorate in the form of a constitutional amendment and passed by the people there is a likelihood of thousands of acres of land now held by the state being turned over to new settlers, from which much good would ensue.

Florida may be permitted to excel California in point of state advertising if two bills now before the legislature are passed. One calls for an appropriation of $250,000 annually from state revenue for advertising purposes, and the other would permit cities to levy a tax not in excess of one mill with the same idea in mind.

Among the bills introduced last week that stress economy are those reducing the salaries of state officials 25 percent, and setting up of a pool of county fees, out of which officials of counties would be paid on a salary basis, generally considerably lower than the annual sums now being received by such officers. Three other economy bills would create county budget commissions, allow consolidation of governments in cities and counties of more than 50,000 population, and authorizing consolidation of city tax collectors and assessors offices. A bill having to do with the regulation of ad valorem taxation income would require sworn tax returns on tangible and intangible real and personal property, and a bill regulating state expenses to some extent calls for the creation of a state purchasing agency.

Bills calling for taxes of the "nuisance" class and supposed to be capable of producing large returns are those calling for a tax on the gross receipts of public utilities, and professional men and corporations. The former bill is an alternative for the other proposed "nuisance" tax, whereby electricity and gas would be taxed on a scale of the quantities used, which bill is being vigorously combatted by utility companies of the state and by petitions signed by users of electricity and gas.

After having received their first scent of the coming gubernatorial battle at the Wakulla Springs picnic, May 2, many legislators participated in a straw vote, conducted by the Daily Democrat at Tallahassee, wherein choices from first down to twelfth were made for the twelve men either already in the race or being considered as practically sure candidates. Although former governor Hardee of Live Oak received 29 of the first choices offered by the 57 legislators "voting," a number of others amassed strength by virtue of second, third and fourth choices. One legislator considered the tally at length and then gave the "candidates" 12 points for each first choice vote, eleven for second choice votes and so on down to one point for twelfth choice. The summary then ran as follows: Hardee, 568; Stafford Caldwell, 359; John Taylor, 344; Fons Hathaway, 259; Charles Durrance, 242; John Martin, 213; Franklin King, 206; Hayes Lewis, 172; John Mathews, 163; with Robineau, Axson and Eberhardt as "also rans." But, as some of the "57 Varieties" who voted declared, there is many a baby hand to be kissed and ballot-writing hand to be shaken in the piney woods of the North and West and the palmetto thickets of the Center and South! However, straw votes by the various Florida papers might give their readers something new to talk and argue about—and that's what makes each new day so much more worth the living.

American tractors are being used on farms in Iraq.

ENACT WASHINGTON'S LIFE IN PAGEANTRY

Bicentennial Commission Has Arranged Programs For Community Use

The United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission began its work of planning the celebration of Washington's Two Hundredth Birthday Anniversary in 1932 with the aim of carrying this celebration to the people, rather than staging some one extensive central commemoration. In line with this aim, the Commission early arranged the writing and publication, as well as the selection, of plays, and pageants for groups and communities all over the United States.

Nothing helps more to an understanding of the facts of history and the lives of great men than to see striking incidents in their careers re-enacted. Participation in these events intensifies interest and enthusiasm, and makes more real and sincere the honor that is being accorded.

In arranging these plays, playlets and pageants, the Bicentennial Commission has aimed to make them accurate yet simple, so that any and all members of a community may have a part, and thus actually participate in the celebration.

As study and care are needed to insure accuracy and completeness in these dramatizations of Washington's life and times, much thought has yet to be put upon them, but already the experts engaged by the Bicentennial Commission have received a great number of requests for these plays and pageants. It is gratifying evidence of the nation-wide interest already awakened in this commemoration of George Washington.

To keep this interest alive and growing, it is the desire of Percy J. Burrell, the authority on pageants engaged by the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission to direct its Department of Pageantry, that all persons or groups in the United States, wherever they are, should notify this department of their plans, so that helpful material may be sent them as soon as it is ready. Members of various communities are writing original plays and pageants. This splendid initiative the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission wishes to encourage to the utmost. The names and address of these people are wanted at once.

The one caution urged is that this material from the Bicentennial Commission be not expected before next Autumn, as time is required in its preparation and organization. Every care, for example, is being exercised in order that designs for costumes and settings shall be accurate to the last detail. The same attention is being paid to the dramatic material itself. All summer the artists and others in the Pageant Department will be engaged in this work, so that all that pertains to presenting Washington's career in pageant form may be complete and available in plenty of time for rehearsal and release during the Bicentennial Year.

By autumn of 1931 all instructions regarding the various uniforms of the Revolutionary Army, and the costumes worn by the women of the time, will be ready in accurately colored plates, together with patterns for the making of this apparel. Nothing will be overlooked in assisting toward the presentation of these enactments of incidents and events of these former colorful days. Even when this pageant material has been distributed and placed in rehearsal, the experts of the United States George Washington Bicentennial Commission will be ready at all times to offer suggestions and advice.

Finally, helpful material pertaining to the proper staging of these revivals of historic people and scenes will be available in such quantity that no school, church, society, club, community group, or other gathering desiring to enter into this reverent and yet entertaining activity need be without the means of carrying out their desires.

April Production Chevrolet Cars Is Above Schedule

April production of the Chevrolet Motor company was 106,096 cars and trucks, more than 20,000 units above the original schedule for the month and within a few thousand units of the output in May, 1930, the biggest production month of last year, W. S. Knudsen, president and general manager, announced today.

The April output falls only 4,000 units below the comparable figure for April, 1930, which was one of the two biggest months of 1930, and compares with 79,603 cars and trucks built in March this year, Mr. Knudsen said.

The output for the month just ended was the first in 11 months that crossed the 100,000 mark. Repeated increases in schedules had to be made during April to keep production in step with the demands of the sales department, as dealer commitments were increased to meet the opening up of retail outlets.

While no schedule for May was announced, it is understood that the company expects to maintain the present high rate of output for at least the current month, with prospects excellent for running ahead of last year's production during the later spring and summer months.

As a result of the schedule increases during April, a full six-day week, including Saturday afternoons, had to be maintained at certain assembly points. All plants of the company are now operating on a normal average of five and one-half days a week. Employment increased 1,500 men in the month, bringing the current payrolls to above 35,000 men, working on an average week of 50 hours.

April output is believed to have led the industry, and placed Chevrolet in the position of the world's largest manufacturer. A comparable position has been maintained in the domestic passenger car market, where for the past four months for which registration figures are available Chevrolet sixes led all other makes of passenger cars.

County Court Postponed.

In county court Monday before Judge M. C. Whitehurst, a number of bonds were estreated and several pleas heard but the majority of cases were reset for hearing next month due to the absence of the county attorney, J. M. Lee, in Tallahassee.

NEW HIGH RECORD SET AT EGG LAY CONTEST

Florida Birds Stand High Among Entries From Many States

Chipley, May 13.—Making another successful assault on existing records, the 580 birds in the fifth Florida National Egg-Laying Contest have just turned in an April lay of 80.4 percent. This surpasses the 79.5 percent record made during March, and the March record was the best made in this or any of the previous four contests, according to E. F. Stanton, supervisor. At the same time the high pen record for a month was raised by several points, and the contest mortality so far stands at a new low level. During the seven months of the contest the birds have layed an average of over 119 eggs, and they average seven eggs ahead of the November through April lay in any of the previous contests.

One of the entries from Pinebreeze Farm, Callahan, Florida, was the high pen for the month with a score of 294 points for 279 eggs; thus the 10 birds averaged over 29 points or nearly 28 eggs during the 30 days.

During the month two birds layed the perfect score of 30 eggs, and 16 received over 30 points. The highest was a Barred Rock owned by Pratt Experiment Farm, Morton, Pa., which received 32.3 points. One of the Pinebreeze birds was second with 31.85 points.

When the April lay had been added the A. J. O'Donovan Leghorn entry, from Kotonah, N. Y., was leading for the seven months with 1,465 points for 1,522 eggs, and the Pinebreeze entry was forced into second place with 1,461 points for 1,383 eggs. Gilbert's Chipley Hatchery, Chipley, Florida, stood third with 1,397 points for 1,471 eggs.

In the individual race W. E. Seidel, San Antonio, Texas, owned the leader. She has 183.25 points for 177 eggs, while one of the Pinebreeze birds is a close second with 183.10 points for 178 eggs.

The average death rate for the seven months were a little over six percent, which is lower than for the same period in any of the previous contests, and far below the national average. It isn't unusual for a contest to show 25 percent mortality for the year.

At the end of March, the sixth month, the Florida contest as well as Florida poultrymen owned the highest pen of White Wyandottes and the highest pen of Silver Laced Wyandottes in all standard contests in the United States. The White Wyandottes are owned by Fairvilla Poultry Farm, Orlando, and the Silver Laced by J. A. Bistline, Longwood.

Spring Time In California.

Los Angeles.—Really people his looks belie his true disposition for "Precious" has the reputation of knowing his way around with the ladies and what is a poor girl to do now that spring is here and the only males left are those who paint their fingernails. Lillian Rogers is the girl.

Club Women Make Store Building Into Club House

The home demonstration club women of Newberry have bought and remodeled an old store and are using it as a club house and community center, reports Mrs. Grace F. Warren, home demonstration agent. The women are utilizing a plot of ground at the back of the store as a club garden spot. At a recent working bee, the ground was cleaned, the land was broken, and some shrubbery was set. Grass and flowers will be planted soon.

As all but 620 of the 45,000 apartments in Helsingfords, Finland, are occupied, making a record for occupancy for the city, a movement to build more has been started.

Duval County Grown Products Served

A Duval county products luncheon was recently given the county commissioners and County Board of Education at the Home Demonstration Work Shop at Jacksonville. According to Miss Pearl Laffitte, home demonstration agent, all of the products served except the coffee and flour were raised in the gardens and poultry yards of the club members. The commissioners expressed themselves as much impressed by the luncheon and the short talks by the women about what home demonstration club work had meant to them.

WRUF Farm Program

Gainesville, May 13.—With farm radio talks scheduled for noon each day next week, the University of Florida Agricultural Extension Service has just announced another series of Florida Farm Hour programs from state radio station WRUF, located here. The programs will begin at 12 o'clock, Eastern Standard Time, each day. The list of principal talks follows:

Saturday, May 6—Florida Farm News and Hints. U. S. Farm Science Snapshots.

Monday, May 18—Summer Fertilization and Cultivation of Citrus—E. F. DeBusk. The Federal Perishable Agricultural Commodities Act—Farm Reporter.

Tuesday, May 19 — Beneficial Birds and Insects in Pecan Groves—F. W. Walker. Farm Question Box.

Wednesday, May 20—We Believe in Peanut Pork Products—H. McDowell. Primer for Town Farmers.

Thursday, May 21—Protecting Cotton From Boll Weevil Damage—E. F. Grossman. Farm Reporter at Washington.

Friday, May 22—Why it Pays to Market the Extra Cockerels—Norman R. Mehrhof. Farm Reporter at Washington.

The weather forecast will be given early in each of the programs. Market reports will be broadcast from the State Marketing Bureau in Jacksonville at 11 a. m., 12:45 p. m., and 4:45 p. m. each week day.

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A large number of Florida's unemployed have expressed a willingness to accept the job of Governor.

Some one bent on taking the joy out of life is suggesting an extra session of the Legislature. Heaven forbid.

Lots of tall fish stories indicate that the schools of fishes are not observing vacation time like the other schools.

Representative Matthews told the Legislature the other day he was afraid of but two things—God and rattlesnakes. Is the gentleman unmarried?

Prosperity is just around the corner, but because of respect for the traffic laws it evidently slowed up at the corner. And perhaps stalled the engine.

It has been suggested that Smedley Butler be sent down to Nicaraugua to wipe out Sandino, but if he did along would come some fellow with the statement that there never was any Sandino.

The King of Siam had an operation to improve his eyesight shortly after his arrival in this country. Perhaps he never realized how valuable good vision is until he got an eyeful of a typical American girl.

And now they say there is much more drinking in the "dry" Southern States than in portions of the country admittedly wet. We Southerners excel in many things. Can it be that hypocrisy is one of them?

Over on the East Coast they have developed another new industry—catching, breeding and selling diamond-back turtles. A Fort Pierce man is getting ready to ship them north in large numbers, evidently believing the turtle business is not necessarily slow.

Possibly the Arkansas man who got drunk while his family was being cared for by the Red Cross deserved a licking, but it was hardly the province of two ministers of the gospel to give it to him.

Some one will ask "Why bring that up?" but what has become of our old friend Sidney Catts, while all these announcements for Governor are being made? Last time we heard of him he was doing well—said to be making money.

After many days devoted to a recount in the Heflin-Bankhead election, it is claimed that Heflin has 255 more votes than was originally credited to him. As Bankhead's majority was about 50,000, Brer Hef now needs to find only 49,755 votes to be declared the winner.

King George has completed his twenty-fifth year on the throne of England. He has been a good monarch as monarchs go, kindly, conscientious, somewhat futile. He has not done badly as furnishing a figure necessary to a people with royalistic tendencies and traditions ingrained into its nature for centuries. But, with due respect to Wales and York, he may be the last of England's Kings.

Miss Anna Jarvis, founder of Mother's Day deplores that the idea has been commercialized, and cites the fact that a million dollars worth of flowers are sold for the day. Possibly some objectionable practices have grown up in this connection, but we do not see anything wrong with the sale of flowers for this occasion. Giving mother flowers on this day seems to us a beautiful custom.

Recommended — William Hazlett Upson's "Divine Curiosity," in last week's SEP. For one thing it bears out our observations on art in a recent issue of this paper. The story hinges on the fact that a statue made of wax by a young artist was so damaged by fire that it was abandoned by its creator. By mistake the ragged, jagged, partly melted piece was shipped to an exhibition, where it won first prize because of its "quality of dynamic, flowing, melting semi-fluidity." But look up and read the story.

"WHAT A TREE THAT IS!"

Sir James Jeans, the world's greatest astronomer, says the universe is disintegrating and that the final smash-up will occur about, one hundred and fifty billion years hence (E. S. T.) Always thought if the old world had to go to pieces or burn up anyway, we would like to be among those present at the grand finale—but, heck, we can't wait that long.

Our schools are perhaps our most important public interest, and we should not be niggardly in providing for them. At the same time, because it is the popular thing to do, there has been a tendency to rank extravagance in appropriating moneys for our school system, and such moneys are not always wisely spent. Efficiency with economy should be the slogan in the operation of Florida's schools. Certainly we have wandered far from economy in the past few years.

The best gardening is done at a desk, in an office, and by an optimist. Witness this from the "Short Talks" man of the Jacksonville Times-Union: "Gardening in Florida is just a matter of preparing the ground, planting the seed, and then sitting back and watching the stuff percolate." Practical gardeners, however, will not concede that it is as simple as that. Gardening in Florida, as anywhere else, requires some intelligence and a reasonable amount of labor. It is true that the results attained, surpass those in other sections, proportions of effort considered.

Buncombe county, North Carolina—the county in which Asheville is located—recently set out to reduce county operating costs, with the result that it is now saving the taxpayers an average of $1,636 a day. That seems an enormous amount of money to have been wasted heretofore. In many instances county government is the most wasteful phase of public expenditure. Many Florida counties could well look into the means and methods used by the North Carolina county in effecting such a tremendous saving to the taxpayers.

Dr. Michelson, perhaps the world's greatest scientist in certain fields of research, the other day dictated the final passages of his report establishing the speed of light; then, satisfied, he fell asleep and died. His experiments were successful; he had the satisfaction of seeing his findings accepted by the scientific world. And so they said his work was done. But to the inquiring mind the solution of one problem is but the removal of an obstruction which allows many more, crowding upon one another, to be dimly seen. These pioneers of science forge a little ways toward the gateway of the garden of knowledge, then death ends their efforts. Over that garden wall there come to us only imperfect and withered windfalls, to tantalize us with suggestion of the perfect fruit clustering on the trees beyond. Yet from the spot where a man like Michelson falls asleep, another will take up his task and win a little farther—and so, slowly, progress is made toward the eventual attainment of knowledge, that compared with the feeble glimmerings of our present vision will be, indeed, "as the sunlight to the moonlight, as the water to the wine."

Echoes of the State Press

TRULY A DEMOCRAT.

With reference to an editorial entitled "On Your Toes, Democrats!" which appeared in the News-Journal last week, the Tallahassee Daily Democrat says the following:

"The above editorial, taken from the Okaloosa News-Journal, Crestview, indicates, very clearly, two things: The Okaloosa News-Journal is "On Its Toes," and the Democrats of the South have work to do, now.

"The News-Journal points out the way for the individual Democrat to assist his party. We have been lax in our duties to the national party because we have felt secure in our own Democratic community and state. Our duty is to not only see that the Democratic party remains supreme in Tallahassee, Leon county and Florida, but we must assist the national party in getting a Democrat in the White House.

"Until this is done, and until we have secured enough of a majority in the national law-making body, Florida will not get the things that are rightfully hers. The Democratic party contains able statesmen who are capable of guiding the nation's affairs as well or better than the statesmen of any other party. It is a matter of getting them in there. Organization, and the preliminary work before the campaign has much to do with it. Let us right now set about building up a united front that will sweep the Democratic candidate, whoever the choice of the convention may be, into the presidential chair in Washington."

Yes, Friend Democrat, it's true that we should perfect an organization NOW—far in advance of the campaign—if we are to expect a Democratic victory in '32. We must not wait. We must organize TODAY. And we must give our unstinted efforts to the old party.

Just as an example of what is being done in our county, a Democratic meeting was held in observance of Thomas Jefferson's birthday; donations were made to the Democratic National Victory Fund; a total of $42 was mailed to headquarters; Democrats are already "lining up"; forces are rallying around the Demo banner and when election time comes if all the local Demo organizations are as well organized as are Okaloosa Democrats there is little possibility that Republicans will get to first base.

Keep up the good work, Friend Democrat!

If all other newspapers and true Democratic workers will do likewise we shall certainly see some pleasing results at election time.—Crestview News-Journal.

WAYS UP FOR FLORIDA.

Materialism, methods and means are swamping our ship of life. Without compass, chart or known destinations, some are trying to sail the unknown seas of the future. History has taught them no lessons.

False flashes of theoretical thought, as lightning bolts, have spasmodically struck and shone, but only destruction has descended.

Confusions have become current and currents. Our vessels of life are without pilots; they are not loaded but light; they float high upon water and waves—aloose from strong moorings, and are rudderless wrecks.

Conditions are largely the results of conceited conceptions. Earthy, and watery, have been our purposes and thoughts—mere aims, ends and objects—near at hand. Epicureanism in despair prevails.

Sordid possessions, inanimate interests, miserly mentality, concrete contraptions, have controlled some of our courses. We are in need of strong, virile, militant ideals.

Ideals are our highest type of excellence or ultimate objects of attainment. They are guiding stars. Foresights, imagination and vision create rich ideals.

Ideals should be clear as crystal, pure and precious as of gold, sparkling as the sun, beacon lights through the night, and the havens and harbors of hope and eternal might, until we rest in peace, above earth and sea, beyond all mundane reefs and bars.

Florida is a land of bountiful privileges. Ideals alone can make it, in the hands of wise, industrious, far-seeing and high-minded men. Our forms of life are many and great. Ideals will make them gems and jewels of lasting wealth.

Ideals are in demand in Florida. Supply them.

Mariners steer by the stars. They select heavenly, high, fixed, steady, luminous and permanent objects without variableness or shadow of turning celestial lights.

As sailors, upon the seas of life, we should select life's stars for our ideals. The star of service, to others, is our brightest, safest, steadiest, and best of all ideals. Let Florida serve through us—others, not self.

It is no matter that "one star differeth from another in glory."—Judge John W. Dodge, in Jacksonville Journal.

KEEP IT IN THE STATE.

One of the bills that will come before the legislature this year is one to provide for the printing of all state documents, stationery forms, booklets and what not, within the state. The bill should pass for many seasons. The printers of the state are paying taxes to keep the state from getting into the red. It is only fair that these taxpayers do the printing and thus increase their business so that the paying of taxes will be easier—and more prompt. When a printer knows that thousands of dollars are being spent by the state in outside states for printing he is apt to get sore about it. If his own business is suffering from lack of work he is more apt to get peeved. It will be difficult, if not impossible, to collect any taxes from him. There are enough large, small and medium sized printing plants in Florida to do all the printing the state could ever need. There are so many of them that there would be a lively amount of competition for the work. There is absolutely no need whatever to send a single printing job outside the state lines. As far as private business is concerned, the owners can do as they please. They can send their work out and patronize foreign countries if they like. But it would be much fairer to the state —and to themselves—if they would have printing needs attended to in the state where they are making a living. They would not want possible customers for their goods to send out of the state for what they needed. Therefore they should show a good example and have their own work done and make all other purchases in the state where they are doing business. The same applies to counties and cities. The county printing should be done in every county where the county taxes come from. The municipal printing should be done in the city where the taxes come from. To deliberately avoid dealing with taxpayers is stupid. It is not even business, if small sums of money are saved by doing it.—Miami Post.

PITY OUR LEGISLATORS!

The legislature is reported to be in a terrible sweat, with individual members actually striving to think of some method of collecting enough in taxes to satisfy all our politicians and have something left over for the bond houses.

The problem of securing enough money to keep things going is an old one to most small newspaper publishers, and while we may smile at the cavortings of the law makers, we drop a tear in genuine sympathy as we contemplate their herculean task of securing enough money to quiet the clamorings of the feeders at the public trough without collecting a tax of some kind from some person who swears he can't pay it.

It seems that one possible source of revenue has been overlooked. If a moderate official tax was collected from the vast number of lobbyists who are reported to be at Tallahassee, it should bring in a large amount of money; moreover, it might be collected without the people of the state feeling the burden, since the majority of us do not seem to realize that we are paying the present expenses of lobbyists and lobbying.

Bills for securing large sums of revenue from racing laws which would legalize betting are touted as being guaranteed producers of several million dollars in revenue for the state are being considered. Then if the "hangers-on" at race tracks, the tipsters, hold-up men, lottery fakers, crap shooters, card sharps and other professionals of their class paid a moderate tax into the state treasury, the whole problem might be solved, and by the time we realized that the burden was being borne by the people of the state the present generation might be too old to worry about it.—Wauchula Advocate.

THE COST OF SCHOOLS.

Quoting from a report recently made public at Tallahassee by Representative Herman Dann, of Pinellas, the school expenditures of Hillsborough county in 1920 were $831,110.97. In 1930, they were $2,870,977.52.

The increase in school expenditures in the 10 years was 345 percent. In the same period the increase in the population of the county was 73.9 percent. So the cost of schools in this county increased at a rate approximately five times greater than the population.

The schools of Hillsborough county may be 345 percent better now than they were 10 years ago. That's for the public to decide for itself. But the figures are interesting in the current discussion of the demand of the schools for from $7,500,000 to $9,500,000 of additional revenue.—Tampa Tribune.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By EDSON R. WAITE
Shawnee, Oklahoma

THAT to some cities an era of prosperity seems just "around the corner."

Some of them will catch it and be crowned with success, judging by the energy and enthusiasm displayed by their citizens.

The cities that are shining spots on the map are the ones whose entire citizenship work tirelessly towards that end.

Live cities are full of boosters. Boosters are the fellows who know the truth when they see it and then get busy and let others know it.

Sometimes a live city has a few knockers, but the people generally think the way the boosters think.

Boosters get going and keep going. Every new booster is a new unit that can be used in the building of a city.

Every dollar invested in the home city means a dollar enlisted in the service of the city.

WIDE AWAKE PEOPLE REALIZE THE POSSIBILITIES OF THE HOME CITY AND USUALLY BENEFIT BY THAT KNOWLEDGE.

BEAUTIFICATION WORK IS SHOWING PROGRESS

Meeting at Apopka Saturday Shows Many Constructive Ideas

County reports made at the Sixteenth Semi-Annual Beautification Conference held at Apopka last Saturday revealed that beautification activity in Florida continues to grow along constructive lines. More programs looking toward permanent beautification with definite objectives are being carried on than in the past.

"After eight years of constant work in the promotion of beautification," said J. Ray Arnold, of Groveland, chairman of the Florida State Chamber of Commerce Beautification committee, "the progress evidenced at the Apopka conference is most encouraging. We have a State that lends itself to beautification with a minimum of expense and effort. It is gratifying indeed to realize that Florida communities are capitalizing this great natural asset to a greater degree than ever before through intelligent planning of programs and their application.

"Resolutions were adopted by the conference," continued Mr. Arnold, "urging the support of the beautification movement by the schools of the State; urging the planting of home gardens under the slogan 'Plant Brightly Blooming Flowers in Every Florida Front Yard.' A resolution of appreciation to Mrs. W. S. Jennings, of Jacksonville, for her leadership in beautification work in the State was unanimously adopted.

"Twenty-two communities answered the roll call when the conference was called to order in the auditorium of the Apopka High school where the morning sessions was held. Following a delightful luncheon at the William Edwards Hotel the delegates drove to Rock Springs, in Kelly Park, where the afternoon session was held. The discussions of the conference," concluded Mr. Arnold, "centered around the following major themes: 'Community Beautification,' 'Rural Beautification,' 'Preservation of Beauty Spots' and 'Practical Beautification underway'."

The next place of meeting of the Statewide Beautification Conference was left in the hands of the State Chamber of Commerce Beautification committee. These conferences are held in the Spring and Fall of each year.

No Action Yet By Limits Committee

The second meeting of the committee of ten appointed to settle on new proposed boundary lines for the reduction of city limits failed to materialize Wednesday afternoon as scheduled, only four members being present, and action was deferred until a full committee meeting can be held.

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Mrs. Wm. Reck Complimented.

Mrs. E. G. Todd delightfully entertained in honor of her mother, Mrs. William Reck, who celebrated her birthday anniversary, at her home on Lake Lotela with a bridge party, Monday afternoon.

Four tables of bridge were in play during the afternoon and after five progressions scores were totaled with honors going to Mrs. Julia Mason Smith, holder of high score, Mrs. R. W. Swearingen, second high, and Dr. Louise Eastman, low score.

Mrs. William Reck, the honoree, received many pretty gifts, and Mrs. Henry Timm also received a gift in honor of her wedding anniversary.

Cut flowers in various shades were effectively arranged about the rooms. A salad course with ice cream, cake and tea were served, all which carried out a lavender and white color scheme.

Guests present were: Mrs. William King, Mrs. H. A. Winter, Mrs. Norton Smith, Mrs. Henry Timm, Mrs. S. Y. Hartt, Mrs. C. S. Donaldson, Mrs. Julia Mason Smith, Mrs. R. W. Swearingen, Mrs. John E. Brick, Mrs. G. P. Thayer, Mrs. Olive Anderson, Mrs. S. C. Pardee, Mrs. A. C. West, Mrs. D. V. Rouse, Dr. Louise Eastman, Mrs. H. F. R. Reck, Mrs. C. F. Lanier, Mrs Earl Hartt, the honoree, Mrs. William Reck, and the hostess, Mrs. E. G. Todd.

Bible Class Meets at Martin Home.

The Friendship Woman's Bible class of the First Methodist church held its regular monthly business and social meeting at the home of Mrs. W. P. Martin Monday evening of this week.

A short business meeting was held after which a pleasant social hour was enjoyed.

The hostess served a delicious sweet course.

Members present were: Mrs. Augusta Ott, Mrs. Mary Skipper, Mrs. W. H. McKalip, Mrs. J. A. Jackson, Mrs. K. J. Bailey, Mrs. B. F. Wilson, Mrs. Mary Roberts, Mrs. Tom Graham, Mrs. A. H. Hancock, Mrs. Ida Callender, and Mrs. Martin.

Miss Tompkins Honored.

Mrs. S. C. Pardee and Mrs. C. H. Pardee entertained jointly for Miss Mattie Tompkins on her birthday anniversary, with a dinner party on Tuesday evening.

The dining room table was graced with an immense bowl of garden flowers. A lovely gift was given Miss Tompkins by all the ladies present.

A four-course dinner was served by the hostesses. Four progressions of bridge were enjoyed after dinner.

Prizes were awarded Mrs. W. H. McKalip, high, Mrs. D. V. Rouse, low and Miss Mattie Tompkins received a guest prize.

Those present were: Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. Olive E. Anderson, Mrs. G. P. Thayer, Miss Kate Tompkins, Mrs. L. E. Hagood, Mrs. A. M. Morgan, Mrs. D. V. Rouse, Mrs. R. W. Swearingen, Mrs. W. H. McKalip, Mrs. H. E. Godwin, and the honoree, Miss Mattie Tompkins.

Reeves-Spink Marriage.

Glenn H. Spink and Mrs. Fannie Reeves, both of this city, were quietly married at three o'clock Saturday afternoon at the home of the bride on Lake Avenue. The ceremony was performed by Father Harcourt Johnson, rector of the Church of the Redeemer.

Witnesses to the ceremony were the bride's father, A. W. Sargent, her daughter, Miss Christine Reeves, her niece, Mrs. Christine Southerland, and Harry R. Dilley.

Mr. and Mrs. Spink left immediately after the ceremony for West Palm Beach, Miami and Key West to return in a week.

Little-Douglas Marriage.

Earnest Little, 23, and Miss Juanita Douglas, 18, both of Avon Park, were united in marriage last Saturday by the County Judge M. C. Whitehurst, in Sebring.

The bride is the daughter of Henry Douglas, and attended the Avon Park high school.

Mr. Little has made his home here for the past two years, coming here from Georgia.

Miss Louise Wolff of Lakeland was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Wolff, over the week-end.

Miss Sangster Hostess at Informal Party.

Miss Frances Sangster entertained the members of the popular younger set at her home with a delightful informal party on Friday evening.

The evening was spent in playing games, dancing, promanading, and various other sports. The pretty young hostess served punch and cookies to her guest at a late hour.

Those present were: Miss Gwendolyn Wever, Miss Almaroe McGinnis, Miss Gertrude Sangster, Miss Pauline Langford, Miss Reba West, Miss Zelda Langford, Miss Mildred Epperson, Miss Lucille Langford, Miss Dorothy Hobbs, Miss Katherine Roades, Miss Frances Sangster, and Messrs. Boots McCrannie, Cleo James, Martin Roberts, Clarence Zimmerman, Harry Hancock, Eddie Merrick, Ted Farr, Phil Lacey, Nelson Smith, Billie Martin, Bill Lacey, Fred Reddick. Cameron Epperson, and Carrol Bailey.

Joint Hostesses at Bridge Friday.

Mrs. Rolland Droit, Mrs. Francis Shockley, and Miss Lillian Smith entertained jointly with a bridge party at the home of Mrs. Rolland Droit, in the Rabb Apartments, on Friday evening.

Pastel shades of lavender, pink, and green were prominent in the floral decorations. Four progressions of bridge were enjoyed during the evening. Honors for the evening were awarded Miss Joyce Powell, high, Mrs. E. F. Carmichael, second high, and Miss Barbara Wever, was lucky on the cut. Miss Virginia Childress, of Lake Placid, was presented with a dainty guest prize.

A salad course with iced tea was served to the guests by their hostesses, assisted by little John Wilkes.

The guest list included: Miss Inez Dawson, Miss Joyce Powell, Miss Virginia Childress, Mrs. Parke Anderson, Mrs. Mel Bass, Mrs. E. F. Carmichael, Mrs. Jack Head, Mrs. M. K. Radcliffe, Miss Ethel Clarke, Mrs. O. C. Wilkes, Miss Barbara Wever, Miss Louise Browne, Mrs. H. E. Keller, Mrs. D. V. Rouse, Mrs. Russell Tinney, Miss Lillian Smith, Mrs. Rolland Droit, and Mrs. Francis Shockley.

Mrs. Lee Hostess To S. S. Class.

Mrs. J. M. Lee entertained for her Sunday school class of the First Baptist church, with an informal party at her home, Thursday evening of last week.

Punch was served throughout the evening during which games were participated in by all members present.

A refreshment course of frozen fruit salad and angel cake was served to the following: Miss Virginia Baldwin, Miss Reba West, Miss Frances Bowman, Miss Dorothy Willis, Miss Irene Goff, Miss Lucille Saggus, Miss Willie Mae Sibley, Miss Mildred Lee, Miss Ona Underwood and the hostess, Mrs. J. M. Lee.

Sara Smith Has Candy Pull.

Miss Sara Smith entertained a number of her friends with a delightful old-fashioned candy pull at her home on Friday evening, of last week.

The young folks met at seven-thirty o'clock and enjoyed bridge, dancing and games until a late hour. A refreshment course was served after which the guests pulled candy.

Those present were: Miss Martha Wever, Miss Melba Connell, Miss Virginia Baldwin, Miss Lucille Saggus, Miss Gwendolyn Connell and the hostess Miss Sara Smith.

Monday Bridge Has Regular Meeting.

The Monday afternoon bridge club met with Mrs. E. F. Carmichael at her home in the Covington Apartments, on Monday afternoon.

Two tables were in play during the afternoon. Scores were taken with trophies awarded Mrs. S. E. Booth and Mrs. M. V. Pilcher.

A delicious ice course was served at the close of the afternoon by the hostess.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nickols, who have been making their home in Eustis for some time, were visiting friends in Avon Park last week. They left on Saturday on a motor trip to the state of Washington, and expect to be gone for several months. They carried camping equipment with them and will go across country over the southern route.

Mrs. Lucy Crumley and Mrs. Mel Bass spent Sunday in Lakeland visiting friends.

Cyril Baldwin and R. C. Epperson were business visitors in Tallahassee on Tuesday.

Tom Pitts and Roy Rawlinson of Okeechobee, were the guests of Roscoe Bass, Thursday.

Miss Mabel Seybert spent Sunday with her parents who live near Fort Meade.

Mrs. Parke Anderson is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pitts in Okeechobee for a few days this week.

Parke Anderson and C. E. Crabtree spent the week-end in Jacksonville on a business trip.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dawson, and sons, Billy, Buddy, spent Sunday at Chadwick Beach.

Miss Frances Hargrove of Frostproof, spent the week-end with her sister, Mrs. Virginia H. Cloud.

Paul Garber returned Tuesday after spending several days in Washington, D. C., on business.

Mrs. Fred Keune of Lakeland was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Hartt, for a few days this week.

Miss Billie Smith, Mrs. Jack Head and two children, spent Sunday in Fort Meade, the guests of their mother.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Touchton went to Orlando Wednesday to attend the state convention of the Florida Medical Association.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Rawlings and daughter, Elizabeth, spent the past week-end in St. Petersburg visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Leon Ragsdale motored to Sebring on Sunday afternoon, where they attended the band concert.

T. C. Hobbs was called to Wytheville, N. C., on account of the critical illness of his father, who lives there.

Mrs. A. R. Pringle, Mrs. Eva Van Wie and Mrs. J. R. Thompson, all of the Mid-State hotel, spent the day in Tampa Wednesday on business.

Mrs. D. G. Perry motored to Lakeland Friday and was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Lola Williams, who is a student at Southern College.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Pitts, Roy Rawlinson, and Aubrey Lindin of Okeechobee, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Mel Bass for the week-end.

Mrs. W. S. Butler accompanied by Miss L. Vera Lindgard left Tuesday, May 5th for Oak Park, Ill., where she will spend the summer, returning to her home here in November.

Dr. and Mrs. George Scott McKnight and Miss Marjorie McKnight motored to Haines City Sunday afternoon and visited Mrs. McKnight's parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Hopley.

Mrs. W. E. Dawson motored to Kissimmee Friday and was accompanied home by Mrs. Hunter Dillard, and two children, Ann and Hunter Junior, and Mrs. George Robertson, who will be her guests over the week-end.

Among those from this city who attended the dance in Sebring Monday night were: Miss Wilna Roberts, Miss Inez Dawson, Miss Barbara Wever, Miss Ruby Hargraves, and Charles Harris.

Dr. and Mrs. Archie M. Morgan and daughter, Nancy, were visiting friends in Tampa Sunday. Mrs. Morgan's aunt, Miss Sarah Chapman, returned with them to Avon Park for a visit.

Miss Lora Lee and Miss Grace Reddick of Tallahassee, were guests of their parents over the week-end. They were accompanied by Miss Margaret Cox, formerly a resident of this city who will be remembered by a host of friends.

Stork News.

Mr. and Mrs. L. V. Pringle announced the birth of an eight pound baby boy, born Wednesday morning at 4:30. Mr. and Mrs. Pringle have named the new arrival Charles Kistner. Both mother and son are reported as doing nicely.

Will Make Final Arrangements For Fire College

State Firemen's Association to meet at Jacksonville Beach on May 18th, 19th and 20, at which time final arrangements will be made for the Fire College which will be held in Sebring on June 10th, 11th and 12th.

The services of Sherwood Brockwell, fire marshal of North Carolina, have been assured to teach drill evolutions. For this purpose a four story drill tower is being erected in Sebring and firemen from every city in the State are urged to attend and receive thorough working knowledge of all phases of fire fighting.

The course has been endorsed by the Florida League of Municipalities, Southeastern Underwriters' Association and the Florida Inspection and Rating Bureau. It is being financed by the Florida State Firemens' Association. There will be no cost to firemen who attend this school nor will there be any registration fees.

Celo Company Buys Building In Tampa For Headquarters

Purchase of the four story Bentley Gray building located at the corner of Zack and Pierce streets, Tampa, by the Celo Company of America to be used as their national headquarters was announced Tuesday by Dr. R. A. Thorne, Sr., president. According to Dr. Thorne the purchase of this building was made necessary in order to meet the rapidly increasing growth of the business. Dr. Thorne stated that additional new equipment for the manufacture of syrups and extracts when installed in this building will give Celo Company of American one of the most modern and efficient laboratories in the entire country. This sale reperesents one of the largest real estate transactions in Southern Florida in many months.

"The buying of the building is simply a matter of expediency," Dr. Thorne stated. "It is necessary to expand because we cannot adequately handle the increasing volume of business from our present quarters.

It is understood that the new Celo building will house the executive offices and main laboratories, and will be utilized for the manufacture of Celo Syrup, concentrates and by-products. The present building at Polk and Pierce streets, which adjoins the Bentley Gray building on Pierce, will be remodelled to allow for an increase in bottling facilities. The two buildings will give the company a total of about 70,000 square feet of floor space.

The Bentley Gray building is one of the most modern in Tampa, being constructed of reinforced concrete and steel. It is equipped with sprinklers and with passenger and freight elevators.

E. T. Buterbaugh, local rerestentative of Celo Securities company, is making Avon Park his headquarters for an indefinite stay in this territory.

Cemetery Drive Named for Canfield

The largest individual donation to be received by the Avon Park cemetery association has been made by D. F. Canfield, county tax collector, and in appreciation of this service, the association has named one of its principal throughfares as Canfield Memorial Drive. The money will be used in further beautification of the cemetery.

Highlands Hammock Tree Preservation

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This, coupled with the fact that so much of the heartwood had entirely fallen away, made the calculation of their ages largely conjecture. Cross-sections of the wood showing the annual rings were taken from several points, an average yearly growth determined, and used as a scale with the girth measurements to arrive at an approximate age. The Memorial Tree was found to be about 426 years, the Live Oak arching the drive about 960 years, and the Laurel 820 years.

What tales these ancients could tell—of forest life and struggle—could be but read them. Of fat years and lean years, of nesting birds and fighting mammals, reptiles. Living histories, bringing tales from another age—ruling the Hammock by reason of this age and wisdom as well as their position in the vegetable kingdom, and finally, representing so fittingly the spirit in which Highlands Hammock was founded—the preservation of the Florida verdure of years and years ago.

Kiehnel and Elliott, Miami architects, are rushing to complete final plans for the Annie Russell theater at Rollins college and it is expected that bids will soon be asked.

NEWS of Highlands County

VENUS

F. K. McGee sold his place to Perry Sellers.

Alex McDugald sold his place to Ira Southerland.

Tobe Hendry and family have moved to Lakeport.

Rev. Glazier is helping to complete the Methodist church.

Miss Senie Albritton, was the guest of Mrs. Rilla Jones, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hargrove were visitors in Lake Placid Sunday afternoon.

Rev. and Mrs. G. M. Glazier spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cassels.

Mrs. James Cassels and children are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Cassels, this week.

Cecil Crews of Lake Placid was visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Crews, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Whitting, of Wauchula were the week-end visitors of Mr. and Mrs. McDougald and family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Summerall and Miss Jennie Collier were the guests of Mrs. Sam Sheppard Sunday.

Mrs. Mamie Hendry and two daughters visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves last week in Orlando.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hendry of Fort Green, were Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. McDougald and family.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Cannon and daughter, Mrs. Hugh Farrington and son Bobby, are in Sebring for a few weeks.

Miss Julia Cooper, formerly of Venus and now living at Madison, graduated from high school May 11. Congratulations from all your friends.

Mrs. N. B. Jackson and daughter Sarah Virginia, Mrs. A. H. Farrington, and son Bobbie Henry and Mrs. W. H. Cannon motored to Sebring Saturday.

Julian McDougald of Washington, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. McDugald and family will leave Wednesday for Cameron, N. C., where he will visit friends and relatives.

Mrs. R. J. Hargroves and children, Mrs. Arlen Stalls and daughter June, Mrs. Lewis Waldron, Mr. and Mrs. Q. A. Strickland, and daughter Louise, Mrs. L. M. Morgan and Mrs. Alex McDugald, were guests of Mrs. A. H. Farrington and son Bobbie Henry, Wednesday and Thursday.

Cleveland and D. Worth Poole motored to Sebring, Monday.

Mrs. Ellen Jones, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shepherd died at the hospital in Arcadia Friday and was laid to rest in the cemetery at Sebring Saturday. She leaves two sons and one daughter, her husband Robert, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Shepherd, five sisters Mrs. Martha Sellers, Mrs. Lizzie Browning, Mrs. Stella Langford, Mrs. Sallie Cline and Miss Lula Shepherd and two brothers John and Jordon Shepherd. The entire community extends their sympathy to the bereaved ones.

LAKE ISTOKPOGA

Little Paul Deahe has been quite ill, but he is showing improvement.

Mrs. G. W. Swan is spending a few days with her daughter, Mrs. J. D. Reish.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Boyd of Sebring spent Sunday with her sister, Mrs. J. D. Reish.

Dan Howard of Frostproof has been spending a few days with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Waldron and boys of DeSoto City spent Sunday with relatives and friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Gay, and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Taylor motored to Sebring Monday evening and attended the Foreign War Veterans meeting.

DeSOTO CITY

The P. T. A. met Tuesday at the school house.

J. C. Leaphart was the week-end guest of Hoyt Ewing.

E. L. Tappan has moved into the Barrow apartment.

Misses Edna and Pearl Pearce spent the week-end here.

Mrs. Galloway has returned from the hospital and is doing nicely.

Dr. E. J. Etheredge spent several days in Tallahassee last week.

Mrs. Alice DeMott left Tuesday for Rochester, Minn., where she will visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Perry Etheredge and daughter, Miss Allie Mae, motored to Arcadia, Saturday.

The Atlantic Coast Line section foreman has moved his headquarters here from Istokpoga.

Frank Tauchen and J. C. Leaphart made a business trip to West Palm Beach, Wednesday.

Mrs. E. J. Etheredge spent several days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Twitty in Sebring.

Miss Bennett and Bill Ewing of Jacksonville spent several days last week with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Ewing.

Mrs. Perry Etheredge and Rev. and Mrs. G. A. York and son Randall attended the Zone meeting of the Missionary society held in Lake Wales, Friday.

SPRING VALLEY

M. F. Crews was visiting in this community, Monday.

Sam Surrency of Naples was visiting at Hen Scratch.

R. W. O'Berry was a business visitor in Sebring, Monday.

William Rigdon was visiting at the home of R. W. O'Berry.

W. B. Crawford was here looking after business last Friday evening.

Raiford Durrance attended the banquet in Avon Park last Friday night.

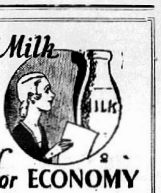
Col. F. N. K. Bailey and Mr. Masters called on R. W. O'Berry, Saturday evening.

The young folks held a delightful party at the home of R. W. O'Berry, last Friday.

Susie, Lettie and Ada Durrence were visiting at their uncles, G. W. Durrence, Tuesday night.

Curb Market Used.

During the first month of operation of the farmers' curb market in Tampa, 170 Hillsborough county farmers sold $8,500 worth of farm and home products, reports C. P. Wright, county agent. Farmers selling on the market are diversifying, and planning to grow summer vegetables, as well as a variety of vegetables and fruits for fall market.



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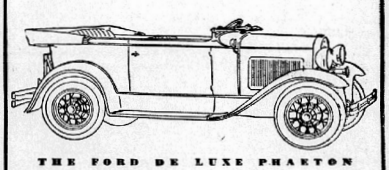

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BUSINESS PITFALLS IN FARM DISTRICTS

Bankers Point Out Hazards of Unsound Practices—Help Farmers to Avoid Them

WAYS in which bankers may discourage unsound farm practices are described by President F. D. Farrell of the Kansas State Agricultural College in the American Bankers Association Journal. He says:

"In Kansas in connection with the importation of dairy cattle, a large shipment of very inferior animals came into a county to be sold at auction to local farmers. The county agricultural agent informed the bankers that the cattle would be a detriment to the community. The bankers refused to finance the purchase of the cattle and the sale was abandoned. The cattle were shipped to another county. The county agent and the bankers there did as was done in the first instance and the second county escaped.

An Unneeded Industry

"A year ago creamery promoters began trying to capitalize the Kansas farmers' desire to improve his markets by inducing communities of farmers to purchase creamery plants before production and local conditions justified them. Informed of this by the State Agricultural College, the bankers association sent warnings to every bank in the state, leading many to refuse to support the creamery promoters until the college approved the plant for the community concerned. This saved many communities loss from the premature establishment of plants.

"A third way bankers can discourage unsound practices is to refuse to finance farmers who wish to pyramid their enterprises, a temptation difficult to resist. This is illustrated among farmers who buy cattle for feeding purposes. A farmer feeds two or three cars of cattle one year and makes a good profit. This induces him to buy twice or three times as many the second year, still more the third and so on, until he finally loses more by having too many cattle on feed in a year of bad prices than he made in several previous years with smaller numbers and better prices. When bankers discourage bad practices their action is a positive benefit to the farmers concerned."

WHAT A KEY BANKER DID FOR HIS COUNTY

The farmers of one county in Tennessee are receiving $400,000 additional annual income from new farm enterprises started since 1926 through the efforts of a "key banker" and the county agent, according to estimates from the Tennessee College of Agriculture. A "key banker" is a part of the state bankers' association voluntary field force cooperating with the American Bankers Association in its nation-wide plan for bringing about better agricultural conditions through combined banker-farmer effort. New projects started in this particular county are tobacco, Irish potato and cabbage production for cash crops, and dairying and poultry raising for livestock.

The key banker, looking for something to do to better his community, first attempted to procure a county agent but was unable to get the county to make the necessary appropriation, so he and other leading citizens made up the requisite funds through private subscription among farmers and business men and an agent was employed.

New Crop Ideas

Up until 1926 grain was the principal farm production in the county. The banker recognized the disadvantages of this. It afforded a low cash income, and the land was too hilly and rough for profitable grain raising. His idea was to introduce cash crops that offered more return per acre and were better fitted to the county. It was decided that the county should standardize on the Green Mountain potato and to market it in carload lots. Through his bank he sponsored the buying of a car of certified seed potatoes. He likewise bought some high quality tobacco seed and several hundred settings of purebred eggs. These supplies were distributed at cost through the banks to the farmers.

After considerable effort a market for dairy products was assured the farmers when in 1928 a national cheese company located a factory there. A county appropriation was secured for county agent work in 1928.

In 1929 the cash crop program resulted in farmers selling $45,000 worth of milk, $150,000 worth of tobacco and fifty-five carloads of potatoes and cabbage, mostly through cooperative sales. "This was some step from the $25,000 worth of cash crops in 1926," the county agent says, "and indications are that this amount will be doubled."

Judge Whitehurst's Car Lost By Fire

Judge M. C. Whitehurst suffered the loss of his car by fire Sunday afternoon on the prairie near Istokpoga when he and his family were driving in that neighborhood. They had left the car for a short time and on returning and starting to drive away the car stalled in a soft spot and in trying to get out under its own power it mired down and the heat from the exhaust ignited the grass that was very thick at that place.

Not having any means of fighting the flames, Judge Whitehurst had to let the fire consume his car and he and his family were brought into town by friends.

Dress Review and Model Home Shown

A County Home Demonstration Club Achievement Day was recently held at the Woman's Club Building at Ocala, and a model furnished home along with food demonstrations and a dress review were some of the achievements shown. The different clubs planned and furnished the different rooms in the model home. Two of the most interesting features of the dress review were a review of dress styles from 1837 up to the present, and a parade of dresses which were made at a cost below $1.00, Miss Tillie Roesel, home demonstration agent, stated.

RURAL COMMON SENSE
By Spuds Johnson

CITRUS GROWERS FACE NECESSITY OF CUTTING COSTS OF PRODUCTION

When the income is reduced, there is only one thing to be done, and that is to reduce costs. Although we may think that our costs of production are already as low as it is possible to get them, yet we must hustle to find ways to further reduce them.

Citrus growers are once more stirring their stumps to find methods and practices that will help to grow the citrus crop at a lower and still lower cost. Prof. E. F. DeBusk, extension citriculturist, has been advocating some things which seem to be feasible and worthy of consideration.

It seems that citrus trees will produce just as much fruit and just as good fruit with much less cultivation than is ordinarily practiced. The saving in cultivation is a saving in the cost of producing citrus.

Cheaper fertilizers are being used by many growers. These are obtained in two ways: by using higher analysis mixtures and by purchasing the fertilizer that gives the same amount of plant food at the lowest price, be these fertilizers derived from organic or inorganic sources. The Experiment Station at Lake Alfred and a number of growers have found that trees do just as well on inorganics as organics, provided needed cover crop material is furnished in either case. Then the price of fertilizer per unit of plant food should govern the purchase.

Prof. DeBusk urges growers to produce their own organic matter. Cover crops can be grown in the groves and on nearby land and hauled to the groves. If there is virtue in trading at home, then there is good judgment in growing our own organic matter. It puts the unemployed to work in the off seasons, and furnishes material that is as good as goat manure or tankage from South America or castor pomace from Italy. And it helps to cut costs of production.

By making greater use of natural control of insects, growers are enabled to cut costs of spraying.

Keeping the land and other factors in proper condition for tree growth enables the tree to help overcome diseases, and saves money in disease control.

Growers who cut costs most are the ones who make the most profits and the least losses.

Be ready to make the first application of poison for boll weevils just before the squares form, the Florida Experiment Station suggests.

CHAMPION 4-H GIRL HAS ENVIABLE RECORD

Gives Story of Work Done Since Enrolling In Club Work

Orlando, May 13.—Ruth Durrenberger, one of the two outstanding 4-H club girls in Florida who have just been awarded a trip to the National Club Camp in Washington, D. C. has been a member of the 4-H club for seven years. During this time she has made notable accomplishments, as will be seen from her own story of her work, which follows:

I was not quite 10 years old when I first joined the 4-H Club, enrolling in canning, gardening, and clothing as my projects.

At first I did not have any standard containers for my canning, so I used my mothers old jars until I was able to buy some of my own with the first money that I won at the fair. I was able to buy only a few at first but gradually increased the number with other prize money until I had several dozen of each. I always use the pre-cook method for all my exhibit canning, but mostly the open kettle for products for home use.

I used the 29 dollars that I won at the fair in 1928 on my canning to buy my chickens and in this way began my poultry project. My chickens have made a splendid record, enabling me to make many additions to my flock and to my bank account.

In clothing I have learned to be my own seamstress, making most of my own clothes for the past six years. At the Short Course this past year I won second place in the State Dress Revue on an informal party dress.

In home improvement I have taken up both the exterior and interior beautification of my home, winning in 1930 first place in the state for exterior beautification.

Gardening has proved to be one of my most interesting projects. I like my garden because it keeps me in the sun and fresh air, thus improving my health as well as my pocketbook. My garden furnishes fresh vegetables for the family dinner table and a large surplus to can and sell.

I won second prize in the East Coast District in the State Garden Contest sponsored by the Chilean Nitrate of Soda Educational Bureau last year.

My club work as a whole under the leadership of Mrs. Nellie W. Taylor has meant more to me than any other thing that I have ever undertaken. It has enabled me to see and to do things that would have been impossible otherwise.

Ruth Durrenberger.

Six-Minute Kisses.

Sweet little kisses in the chosen color scheme — little cookies, of course!—are proving the piece-de-resistance at Springtime bridge repasts. The guests relish them, and so does the hostess, for she may mix them in six minutes, bake them in twenty. The most successful method consists of beating one egg white until stiff, gradually beating in one-fourth cup of sugar, then folding in one-eighth teaspoon salt, a few drops of orange extract and a package of orange cocoanut frostettes. The kisses are then dropped by teaspoonfuls onto an oiled baking sheet and baked in a slow oven for 20 minutes. To vary the color according to scheme, rose flavoring is used with the pink cocoanut or pistachio with the green cocoanut.

A Chef's Secret.

A well-known chef in one of New York's famous hotels gave away one of his cooking secrets when he told how he imparts to the steaks and chops such a delicate brown color while bringing out the flavor of the meat. Before cooking the cuts, he dips them into a salad oil, dredging them thoroughly. A can of this oil made from corn is kept always at hand on top of his private cooking range.

Armaments and service pensions, apart from war pensions, require $3.50 of every $5 in the present English budget.

It Took a Century To Complete This Feat.

Portway, England.—The hundred year effort of a laburnum at Portway, England, which has caused the front garden railings of the old Portway School to now become suspended from the wall to which they were at first affixed. Despite this fact the railings remain a firm proposition due to the remarkable effort maintained by the tree which still flowers every spring.

HINTS TO HOUSEWIVES
Weekly from Home Demonstration Specialists, Tallahassee

MAY DAYS ARE HAYHAW DAYS.

The mayhaw, an inhabitant of pine-barren ponds and the sandy margins of streams, enjoys a wide range of popularity in Northern Florida on account of the delicious jelly made from its bright colored fruit. They should be gathered at the first indication of color and used promptly. Can the juice and make it into jelly as needed.

Juice, Jelly, and Butter.

Juice, jelly, and butter are the products to be made from the fruit of the mayhaw. The pomace, or pulp, left from the jelly drop, may be used for three of four extractions of jelly. Each process, of course, gives a different color, changing from the beautiful deep rose-red color to a lighter and lighter shade with less and less flavor. Though there may still be flavor aplenty left after several extractions, it is recommended that the fruit be cooked in an abundance of water and the pomace left from the first jelly drip be put through the Dilver or fruit press and a butter made. Use one-half cup sugar to each cup pulp and cook rapidly until the consistency desired is reached.

However, if the butter is not desired, the pomace may be cooked a second time, by covering it with cold water, heating gradually and allowing it to simmer slowly for 30 minutes. Drip and combine the second extraction with the first for jelly making. A good jelly may be made by proportioning two cups of sugar for three cups of juice.

When properly made, mayhaw jelly is of a beautiful, brilliant red color, delicious in flavor, sufficiently firm to stand when turned out and yet so delicate that it can be easily cut and smoothly applied to bread, rolls, etc. A delicious syrup may be made by terminating the cook just before the jelly stage is reached or when the mixture is about as heavy as honey. Pour this into hot sterile bottles or small jugs and seal immediately.

—Isabelle S. Thursby.

Potatoes Yield Well.

Yields of potatoes in the Hastings section are proving to be larger than at first expected, reports E. H. Vance, county agent. Particularly good yields are being obtained on land which had been grown to Crotalaria before the potatoes were planted, says Mr. Vance. The yield is averaging 50 barrels or better to the acre, and fields of 75 and 80 barrels are not uncommon.

Kiehnel and Elliott, Miami architects, are rushing to complete final plans for the Annie Russell theater at Rollins college and it is expected that bids will soon be asked.

"Must the Cow Give Milk?" is the German title of W. S. Maugham's latest farce, which has been making a hit in Berlin.

Railways of France want freight rates increased.

Worse Than Prose

GOOD BYE FLORIDA—HAIL WISCONSIN!

Folks, it is with regret that I must say good bye, 'cause Avon 'ark has sorter got me smitten, o' course I've missed my beer while sojourning with you here, but I've had my orange juice, and that's more fitten. So it's for the North I'm leavin', kind o' feel like sorter grieven, but the grief and pain are assuaged by what lays there before, 'cause I'm leavin' for Wisconsin, famous home of Younny Yonson, where I make my summer home in Waunakee, right near Mendota's shore. Now 'cardin' to tradition, and location, and position, Waunakee (Beautiful Prairie) midst the fine farm homes and dairies, is located midst the rolling hills, some forested and green. Wish you all was goin', so as you could all be knownin', this fine, countryside, the finest that a feller ever seen. Its a long, long trail a windin', but I guess we'll be a findin', good roads and plenty stations where we can buy our gas, so its to Avon Park au revoir.

I 'spect I'll be a grieven, but I'm coming back next fall which is what I mean by au revoir. So I'm headin' north the flivver, over mountains, 'cross the rivers, and I 'opes like Gunga Din to see you, all some more.

* * *

AND ANOTHER THING.

I wish they would discover oil in Florida or some sorter thing like that, ain't nothin' happenin' nowadays which leaves AND ANOTHER THING sorter flat. Or perhaps another Actorine could go and lose her rep, wisr some sorter thing would happen so I could inject a little pep into the squibble I sails AND ANOTHER THING. Well anyhow, they ain't no use o' repinin', where there's a will there's a way, so I guess I'll go A FISHIN' thats the best job for to-day.

See you next week.

EEZEE CAMPBELL.

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Curb Market Used.

During the first month of operation of the farmers' curb market in Tampa, 170 Hillsborough county farmers sold $8,500 worth of farm and home products, reports C. P. Wright, county agent. Farmers selling on the market are diversifying, and planning to grow summer vegetables, as well as a variety of vegetables and fruits for fall market.

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4 CLUB MEMBERS GO TO NATIONAL 4-H CAMP

Winners of Free Trips Selected For Long Time Project Work

Free trips to the National 4-H Club Camp, to be held at Washington, D. C., have just been awarded to four outstanding Florida club members. The winners are Ruth Durrenberger, Orange county; Leila Mae Duke, and Arlington Henley, Walton county; and Jack Platt, Marion county. Each state is allowed to send two boys and two girls to the Camp, and to win one of the trips is considered the highest honor 4-H club work offers.

These winners were selected for their long project work as well as community leadership. The boys were selected by R. W. Blacklock, state boys' club agent, and the girls by Miss Flavia Gleason, state home demonstration agent. Two of the trips, valued at $100 each, were given by the Atlantic Coast Line Railway, and one by the Barnett National Bank, Jacksonville.

Seven years ago Ruth Durrenberger began club work as a 10-year-old girl. She has been most interested in garden projects, and besides furnishing the home table with fresh vegetables has had a surplus to sell each year. In 1928 she started a poultry project, buying 150 chicks with $25 she had won on canned products at the county fair. She has also learned to do her own sewing. Last year she was state 4-H winner of the exterior home beautification contest.

Leila Mae Duke has had five years of club work, and during the time has been outstanding in her garden, poultry, sewing, canning, and nutritional projects. From her garden last year she canned 120 quarts. Last year she was state 4-H winner of the nutritional contest, and as such made a trip to the National 4-H Club Congress held at Chicago.

Jack Platt has been in club work for four years, and during the time his records show a profit of $2,225. This is a fine business venture for the boy who borrowed $25 to buy a pig to begin with. Jack has also been carrying projects with corn, peanuts, and chickens. As president of his club he recently made a special visit to every member's home. At the Boys' Short Course here last year Jack, by examination, won one of the Banker's scholarships for $100 to the University of Florida.

Arlington Henley began club work seven years ago. After a few years the work was discontinued in the county, and he began anew in 1928. His outstanding achievements have been in the field of leadership, however he has developed a herd of hogs which now numbers two 16-months old sows, 11 pigs, and a registered boar. He was recently announced winner of the Tom Yon scholarship of $100 to the University of Florida.

While digging a grave in St. Paul's churchyard at Halliwell, Eng., James Richardson was killed by a falling tombstone.

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FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By F. O. Alexander

And Maybe That Didn't Tickle Ma

Sunday School Lesson

FOR MAY 17, 1931.

SUBJECT: Jesus enters Jerusalem as King.

GOLDEN TEXT: "He is Lord of lords and King of kings. Rev. 17:14."

LESSON TEXT: Luke 19:29-42; 45-48.

TIME AND PLACE: Sunday before the crucifixion,—at Jerusalem.

INTRODUCTION: "Jesus arrived in Bethany, on the eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, probably in the evening of Friday, March 31, and made his headquarters in the * * home of Mary and Martha and their brother Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There, in the house of Simon the Leper, on Saturday, April 1, a feast was given him, signalized by the beautiful act of Mary in anointing Jesus with the costly ointment. * * * The triumphal entry took place the following day, on our Sunday, April 2."

"And it came to pass, when he was come nigh to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount called the mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples."

You are familiar with the town of Bethany, as the home of Martha, Mary and Lazarus. Bethphage, as a town, has long since disappeared. Even the place where it stood is not certain. "Bethany" meant "House of dates," and "Bethphage" meant "House of figs." The two disciples sent by Jesus were probably Peter and John. The mount of Olives was about a mile east of Jerusalem. The top of that mountain is about 2650 feet above sea level and 208 feet higher than the land on which the temple stood. Jesus said to the two disciples "Go ye into the village over against you; in the which at your entering ye shall find a colt tied, whereon yet never man set: loose him, and bring him hither. And if any man ask you, Why do ye loose him? thus shall ye say unto him, Because the Lord hath need of him."

The donkey, or ass, was a symbol of peace, as the horse was of war. The young colt "whereon yet never man sat" was fit for royal and sacred use. When Solomon was to be crowned king at Jerusalem king David commanded, "Cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine own mule, and bring him down to Gihon."

Probably Jesus exercised his supernatural knowledge in knowing where the donkey would be found and what the owners would say to his two disciples.

"And they that were sent went their way, and found even as he had said unto them. And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? And they said, the Lord hath need of him." There was no objection nor any argument about the disciples taking the colt. Matt. 21:4-5 says, "All this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass."

"And they brought him to Jesus: and they cast their garments upon the colt, and they set Jesus thereon. And as he went, they spread their clothes in the way: * * * The whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen: Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest."

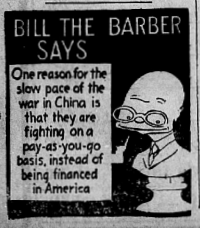
Thousands of people were in Jerusalem for the passover feast, and many of those came out to meet Jesus and his disciples, and then turned back in a great procession to the city. But when the Pharisees saw and heard this praise of Jesus they "Said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples." "And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out." This entry into Jerusalem was prophesied hundreds of years before by Zachariah (9:9), and referred to by other prophets. Jesus looked down upon Jerusalem "And wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, * * * the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes." This occasion and at the grave of Lazarus are the only times Jesus is said to have wept.

"The things which belong unto thy peace," are said to be the knowledge of God in Christ Jesus, the acceptance of Jesus as Savior, true repentance, sincere faith and a life of obedience to Christ.

"And he went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold therein, and them that bought; Saying unto them, It is written, My house is the house of prayer: but ye have made it a den of thieves."

Are any uses of your Church such as those in the temple?

Shell-Max, Ltd., has stipulated that no material of Soviet origin shall be used on its new building on the Hotel Cecil site in London.



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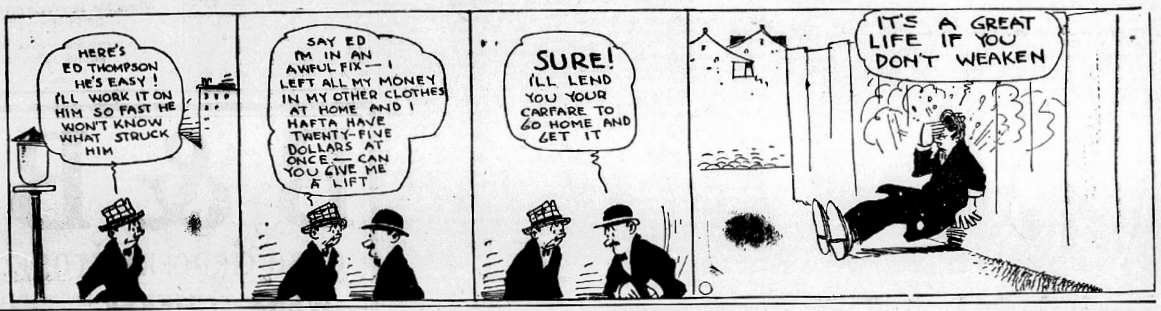

MR. BROAD OF WALL STREET

By Charles McManus

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BACK YARD KRONIES

ONE OF THE BOYS

By M. B.

V.F.W. AUXILIARY WAS ORGANIZED MONDAY

Twenty-Two Charter Members Are Enrolled at the First Meeting

Organization of an auxiliary to the Highlands Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, was the principal business before the post meeting at the Municipal Pier, Sebring, Monday. The auxiliary was organized with 22 charter members and the following officers: Mrs. Eleanor Crawford, president; Mrs. Ottie Burch, senior vice-president; Mrs. P. R. Price, junior vice-president; Mrs. Ruth Collins, secretary; Mrs. R. W. Gast, treasurer; Mrs. Lula Dottery, chaplain; Mrs. L. L. Futrell, guard; Mrs. Dora E. Mehaffey, musician; Mrs. Gladys Dimberline, conductress; Mrs. Kendrick, patriotic instructor; Mrs. M. C. Whitehurst, historian and trustee; Mrs. Ola Head, trustee; Mrs. Linnie Mae Haliburton, trustee; Mrs. Nettie Mildred Taylor, Mrs. Annie Taylor, Mrs. Sally Gay and Mrs. Blanche Maynard, color bearers; and Mrs. Horace Galloway, Mrs. Frank Tauchen, Mrs. Katherine G. Barton, Mrs. Martha Harrelson and Mrs. Ida A. Butler. The organization work of the auxiliary was done by Mrs. Nancy Stewart of St. Petersburg, to whom the meeting was turned over for the occasion.

The Highlands Post also voted to hold one meeting a month in Avon Park and the fourth Monday in each month was so designated. An increasing number of members are coming from this section of the county and as the post is county-wide in its membership it was thought only fair that meetings be held in the northern part of the county.

The offer of the services of the Boy Scouts to act as escorts during the sale of "Buddy" Poppies on Saturday, May 23 was accepted and a vote of thanks we extended to Judge W. J. Barker and the scouts for the use of their hall as the Veterans hall is undergoing repairs.

Progress was reported on the Poppy Day arrangements and the flag pole committee also reported considerable progress towards the erection of flag pole at the Sebring schools in compliance with the state law.

C. T. Bynum of the Veterans Bureau regional office at Jacksonville was extended a vote of thanks for his expeditious handling of the case of Comrade Oscar T. Haliburton and the consideration shown him on his trip to the hospital at Key West. The adjutant was instructed to write Mr. Bynum conveying the sentiments of the post and which letter will be forwarded through Mr. Bynum's superior. Commander Frank Burch also complimented Service Officer R. W. Gast for his work with veterans, other than members of the organization.

A collection was taken up to assist a disabled veteran who is confined in the county jail pending his removal to a government hospital.

BOY SCOUTS TO INSPECT FLOOD CONTROL WORK

Palm Beach Boys To Make Tour of Okeechobee Next Weekend

Arrangements have been made through Ben Herr, Chief Engineer and Executive Secretary of the Okeechobee Flood Control District, to permit members of four Boy Scout patrols to learn of the $9,000,000 flood control and navigation project by a tour of inspection of the territory where work now is being carried on.

F. C. McKenzie, Scout Executive of Palm Beach county, will be in charge of a group of approximately 30 boys from four West Palm Beach patrols who will combine a week-end camping trip with their educational program. The party will leave by truck early Saturday morning and proceed directly to Clewiston where Mr. McKenzie will report to J. W. McClure, government engineer in charge of the surveys which are being made preparatory to erecting the dike around Lake Okeechobee.

The general outline of the huge engineering project and especially the work which the engineers have been doing for the past three months will be explained as the boys are taken over the territory. From Clewiston the party will proceed to LaBelle and go aboard the government dredge Sarasota where Captain J. W. Richards and Inspector J. D. Stringer will explain the work of the dredge.

The boys will camp Saturday night on the banks of the Caloosahatchee River and return to West Palm Beach Sunday, making stops at the towns along the shores of Lake Okeechobee.

Several Bird Families Have Vanished From the Earth Within the Memory of Man; Paroquet Once Abundant in Florida

By R. W. WILLIAMS
(In Florida Game Commissioners Bulletin)

"Extinct" is a disagreeable word—it grates upon the senses—especially when associated with useful, beautiful and otherwise interesting forms of animate nature. Yet, the story must be told—it has been told before—and it is well to be told repeatedly lest the warning be forgotten.

1.—In the memory of some men now living the Great Auk or Gare-fowl, an abundant, flightless, handsome and interesting bird of large proportions, inhabiting the coast and islands of the north Atlantic nearly to the Arctic Circle, and even at one remote time extending to Florida, was swept from the earth by the ruthless hand of man. It became extinct about 1842, and all that remains to tell the tale are a few skins and eggs and some bones carefully guarded in museums and private collections. It was clubbed, shot and otherwise persecuted and its nests destroyed by fishermen, both in a spirit of wantonness and on the pretext that its flesh and eggs were needed for food.

2.—The Pallas' Cormorant, said to have been the largest of the family of Cormorants, which inhabited the region around Bering Sea, became extinct about 1850.

It was an abundant bird but could not survive man's persecution. It, too, was killed for food and wantonly by natives and fishermen. Four skins and a few bones are all that remain of this fine bird.

3.—The Labrador Duck, which bore a rather close relationship to the Eider Ducks, with a breeding range from Labrador northward and migrating in winter as far south as Long Island, N. Y., became extinct about 1875. It was killed for market, its nests robbed and feathers sought for domestic purposes. Some 42 specimens are said to exist in museums and private collections.

4.—The story of the Passenger Pigeon is familiar history to the older generation. Here was a bird ranging in flocks of countless millions from Rocky Mountain regions to the Atlantic Ocean and from the fur countries of Canada to the Gulf of Mexico. So abundant was it that as late as 1857 a select committee of the Ohio legislature reported on a bill to protect it that "The passenger pigeon needs no protection. Wonderfully prolific, having the vast forests of the north as its breeding grounds, traveling hundreds of miles in search of food, it is here today and elsewhere tomorrow, and no ordinary destruction can lessen them, or be missed from the myriads that are yearly produced." Yet, the bird became practically extinct between 1880 and 1890 and absolutely so on Sept. 1, 1914, when the last survivor, held in captivity in the Zoological Garden at Cincinnati, Ohio, died.

Passenger Pigeons were killed or netted on their breeding grounds and elsewhere "by the wagon-load" and prior to the '70s the markets were glutted with their dead bodies, so much so that in some of the large cities of the north they sold as low as 12 cents a dozen.

The Passenger Pigeon was overtaken by the inevitable fate that awaits any wild bird allowed to be marketed for food or other purposes.

5.—The Heath Hen, one of the Grouse family, much resembling the western Prairie Chicken and the eastern Ruffled Grouse, in early colonial days, abounded in the northeastern states, from Maine to the Carolinas. It was rather an unwary bird and easy prey for the market hunters and those who pursued it for sport or food. By 1870 it was exterminated on the mainland and all that remained of the race were confined to the island of Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts. It there survived, under extreme measures of protection in late years adopted by the state department of conservation involving an expenditure of some $70,000, augmented by large sums contributed from outside sources, though from effect of fires and disease gradually diminishing as the years passed, until 1930, when the species was reduced to one lone bird. The writer is under the impression that this bird has since been reported dead, but in any event, and obviously, the species is extinct—one bird cannot perpetuate its kind.

6.—The Carolina Paroquet or Parrakeet as often written, had an expansive range throughout the eastern section of the United States. It was an abundant bird, very sociable, and ranged and bred in large flocks. It was abundant in Florida where it made its last stand. It was the only one of the great order of Parrots that has inhabited the United States in historic times. Its yellow and green plumage was beautiful to look upon—and, alas, one of the contributing factors to its extirpation. The late, and much lamented, Ned Hollister, superintendent of the National Zoological Park, Washington, D. C., who spent many winters in Clay and Bradford counties, Florida, told the writer some years ago that he had seen fairly large flocks of Paroquets in those counties in the late '90s. In 1904 a flock of 13 birds was reported to have been seen near Lake Okeechobee. Some few may have been seen since, at least up to the last 20 years. But if any now survive they have wholly escaped the assiduous search of naturalists since then and there can be no doubt, in the writer's mind, that the species is extinct. It was killed in large numbers by agriculturists, who believed it destructive to some crops, by wanton sportsmen, and by millinery agents, and was trapped extensively by professional bird-catchers.

7.—The Eskimo Curlew, smallest of the Curlews, was in its day one of the most numerous birds in North America, in numbers second only to Passenger Pigeons, if, indeed, it was not quite as abundant. It bred in the Barren Grounds of Canada, migrating in August to Labrador and Newfoundland where it fed on curlew berries and snails until extremely fat. Thence it set out over sea for South America where it wintered, chiefly in Argentina and Patagonia. As spring approached it wended its way back to its breeding grounds, but by an entirely different course—through Texas and up the western Mississippi valley. Mr. E. H. Forbush, whose facile ornithological pen nevermore can delight and instruct us, has truly said that the Eskimo Curlew's destruction followed that of the Passenger Pigeon, whose place it took in the markets of the country. Wagonloads were killed as it passed through the Mississippi valley, and the South Americans took their toll in winter. By 1892 they had ceased to exist in large numbers and since that time few have been seen in any portion of their range. The last taken in the west was in 1915. It is reported that one was captured in Argentina in January, 1925. Without doubt the curtain has fallen on the Eskimo Curlew.

These are they that have passed into oblivion. Others are fast approaching. But of these latter, mention will be made of two only that peculiarly concern Floridians, in whose custody the sorry remnant remains.

1.—The Ivory-billed Woodpecker, second only in size to the Imperial Woodpecker of Mexico, the largest in the world, was at one time quite an abundant bird in Florida. It often has been confused with the Pileated Woodpecker, another large member of the family and still fairly abundant in the state. Occasional reports of Ivory-bills are no doubt referable to the Pileated species. In 1897, during a two months' industrious search of the Ivory-bill's most likely retreat in south Florida, Mr. Robert Ridgway, the late veteran and distinguished ornithologist, was able to find not more than six. Two or three have been killed by collectors in recent years, and Mr. H. H. Bailey of Miami assures us that the bird "is still far from being extinct in Florida." Others of us are not so sanguine.

2.—Of the present status of the Roseate Spoonbill, or Pink Curlew as it was commonly called, Mr. Bailey truly says "The end of this beautiful and peculiar shaped bird in Florida is not many years distant. They have been shot by the natives for food, as well as by the 'plumers' for the millinery trade, until few remain of a countless number which might have been seen by the tourists in the ponds, lakes, and rivers of our state." (The Birds of Florida, p. 1925.) This bird was not uncommon in northern Florida 60 years ago, but it has long since disappeared from that section of the state. A few are seen occasionally, and perhaps a very few may be seen regularly in south Florida, but the bird is now so scarce that its disappearance from the vifauna of the state may occur at any time, such is the sudden havoc often wrought by disease and other natural casualties when a species is reduced to numbers unable to withstand them.

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BUDDY POPPIES MADE BY DISABLED VETERANS

Proceeds of Sale Are Devoted Exclusively To Relief Work

Every poppy to be sold throughout the United States during the week prior to Memorial Day by posts of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the U. S., has been made by disabled veterans confined to government hospitals.

The aim of the V. F. W., to "honor the dead by helping the living," established this method of producing the little red blossoms in 1923, when a national encampment of the organization ruled that only those poppies made by disabled ex-service men were to be distributed by the V. F. W.

The Buddy Poppy brings its annual reminder, "Lest we forget," and constitutes the V. F. W. appeal in behalf of comrades and their dependents in distress. Proceeds of the annual V. F. W. Buddy Poppy sale are used exclusively for relief purposes. Local relief work among disabled and unfortunate veterans, veterans' bureau service work in their behalf, military funerals and the maintenance of graves absorbs all but one cent of the proceeds from each poppy. This goes toward the maintenance and development of the V. F. W. National Home at Eaton Rapids, Mich., an undertaking created for the care of orphans of deceased comrades. The V. F. W. Home assumes responsibility for the rearing of these children, gives them all the facilities of a public and high school education, and an opportunity to learn a vocation or prepare themselves for professional endeavors.

Another interesting feature in connection with the production of Buddy Poppies by disabled heroes in government hospitals is the fact that convalescent patients are thereby provided with a means of earning independent incomes. In addition, hospital authorities have endorsed the practice as a distinct asset to the treatment these patients are undergoing, as it keeps their minds occupied and free from spells of melancholia or mental depression.

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.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
Rev. W. K. McClure, Pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 7:30 p. m.
Sunday School Teachers' Meeting, Friday evening at 7, taught by Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., followed by choir practice.
Brotherhood meeting second Thursday evening of each month at 7 o'clock, in the basement of the church.

CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER (Episcopal)
The Rev. Harcourt Johnson, Priest-in-Charge.
Services:
Sunday morning service and address, 11 a. m.
Church school, 2:30 p. m.
Week-days, every morning except Mondays, Holy Eucharist, 8 a. m.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE.
Rev. P. A. Southard, Pastor.
Rev. C. E. Deware, Supply Pastor.
Sunday school, 10 a. m.
Morning service, 11:00 a. m.
Junior N. Y. P. S., 6:00 p. m.
Senior N. Y. P. S., 7:00 p. m.
Evangelistic service, 8:00 p. m.
Wednesday evening Prayer meeting, 8:00 p. m.
Friday afternoon Women's Cottage Prayer meetings at the homes.
A cordial welcome to all.

County Court Postponed.

In county court Monday before Judge M. C. Whitehurst, a number of bonds were estreated and several pleas heard but the majority of cases were reset for hearing next month due to the absence of the county attorney, J. M. Lee, in Tallahassee.

HIGHLANDS HAMMOCK FUNDS CAUSE CONCERN

Chamber of Commerce Appeals For Redeeming of Pledges

Funds for the maintenance of the Highlands Hammock are presenting a serious problem to the Sebring chamber of commerce at the present time. A number of pledges made last August have not been fulfilled at all and a number only partly redeemed and it is necessary for the citizens of the county to raise $2,500 as the county's share of the budget for care and maintenance for the forthcoming period. A letter along this line and explaining the situation has been mailed out by the chamber and is as follows:

"A crisis has developed in the Highlands Hammock situation due to the fact that a number of those people who pledged financial support to the project last August have failed to pay any or all of their pledges.

"It will be remembered that at the time of the drive for pledges we were endeavoring to interest outside donors to contributing sufficient money to complete the road system in the Hammock. On the strength of what the people of Highlands County agreed to raise, these non-resident donors have not only completed what they promised to do but have provided additional funds for the construction of a protective fence surrounding the property and it is now being built. This will mean quite a nice little income during the summer season.

The maintenance of the park is distinctly a proposition that should be cared for by the people of the County, but in searching for sufficient funds to carry on this work an appeal was made to the Roeblings for help and they agreed to put $6,000 into maintenance if the County would provide the balance of $2,500.

The results of efforts to raise this money have been very meager and in view of the fact that the County raised less than one-fourth of the amount that was originally pledged, those who have charge of the Roebling funds feel that they would be betraying a trust imposed in them if they put in their money before Highlands County had done its part.

"Therefore, we feel that a plea should be made to everyone who promised to contribute to the fund, to make a substantial payment on his pledge and to urge those who have not either contributed or promised, to do so at once. With more than $100,000 invested in this project at the present time, it would reflect very little credit on Highlands County if it were to be discontinued for lack of interest on the part of the citizens. This means that we DO immediately or that we DON'T forever.

Respectfully,
Sebring Chamber of Commerce"

"After the Show."

Hostesses who like to serve their guests a bite to eat after the theatre will enjoy trying the combination originated by a Connecticut housewife—mashed cream cheese mixed with chopped dates, spread on crackers and toasted slightly under the broiler. This sandwich she serves with hot chocolate and marshmallows.

During hot weather animals, like humans, need a lot of fresh drinking water.

SUN COURT STUDIO

Conducted by A. H. Brooks, has been moved from Sun Court

To 615 West Main Street

Where Mr. Brooks is prepared to do Portraits, Commercial Photography and Kodak Finishing.

20 percent discount on all kadok work brought to the studio. Free instruction on kodaking.

B & B Coffee
7 O'CLOCK
PURE SANTOS
21c

CASH GROCERY STORE

White MEAT 09c POUND

CHEESE Longhorn 19c POUND

MONOGRAM CREAMERY BUTTER 25c POUND

Lard 8-lb. Pail 89c

NATIONAL BISC. CO.
Old Fashion Ginger Snaps, lb. 15c

SPECIAL DEMONSTRATION
Muellers—Macaroni and Spaghetti

MALT, Endlich . . . 35c

MATCHES 5c PACKAGES 3 for 10c

DEL MONTE Pineapple No. 1 FLAT Sliced or Crushed 13c 2 for 25c

MAIDEN BLUSH APPLE BUTTER Qt. Jars 15c

MILK DAIRYLEA 3 Tall ...20c 6 Small..20c PET 3 Tall ...25c

SWANSDOWN
CAKE FLOUR, Package 33c

PILLSBURY'S FLOUR 12-Lb. SACK 49c

PLAIN OR SELF-RISING 24-Lb. SACKS 88c

CORN BEEF 1-lb. CANS 19c

MAXWELL HOUSE COFFEE 29c

No. 2½ Tomatoes ARGO 10c Can

Peanut BUTTER Quarts ..35c Pints ...19c

MOORE'S MARKET

FLA. PORK ROAST, per pound 21c
PORK STEW, 2 pounds for 29c
NECK BONES, 3 pounds for 25c
PIG LIVER, 2 pounds for 25c
BEEF STEW, per pound 10c
HAM HOCKS, per pound 12½c
HAMBURGER or SAUSAGE, 2 pounds for 29c
ALSO FLORIDA and WESTERN BEEF — ANY CUT.

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Here and There About Avon Park

By W. M. Hetherington

OTHERS

By Judge John W. Dodge of Jacksonville.

Living within ourselves we live so meagerly—we miss so much of the wonderful things and people outside of ourselves. We become poor indeed, while acres of diamonds surround us.

The other day, for instance, I was reading that fascinating English writer, Arnold Bennett, who was drawing beautiful word pictures showing "what living chiefly is."

Bennett said: "It lies chiefly in keeping peace with those with whom one is thrown—keeping a calm cheerfulness; not judging and emitting verdicts; by a deliberate effort putting yourself in another's place; the do unto others business again."

Those are wonderful thoughts; so high; so beautiful. But, are they summit peaks of "what living chiefly is?"

What is "living chiefly"—not what you and I usually do; but what we should do if we are to "live chiefly?" How can we live as a chief among our fellow men?

Doing unto others as we should that others should do unto us, is the Golden Rule of life. It was preceded in 1500 B. C. by "thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself," and later accompanied by "thou shalt love one another." Love—loving others— is chiefly living. Without love we have only a morality—with it an approaching spirituality.

Even "loving as one's self" is not the summit. It is a high human standard.

The highest peak of "living chiefly" is only where we forgat self—as we are consumed with a burning passion like Him whom man is seeking—eternal truth.

Florida is our "Promised Land." As we make it a land for others—as we love our neighbor as ourselves—as we forget self—then will we approach our highest summit peaks of "living chiefly." In the light of love, let us blaze a trail, by our deeds, not mere thoughts, to light the way for others. Then watch Florida grow.

Associated Boards Take Up Kissimmee River Development

Following the recent unfavorable report of the proposal for the improvement of the Kissimmee river, the Associated Boards of Trade of the Scenic Highlands has written the chief of the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors at Washington for a copy of the report.

Indicating that the Associated Boards would follow up the project in an effort to get a government appropriation for the control of the Kissimmee, an extension of the limiting date for submitting information was asked in the letter of May 15, which follows:

"Acknowledgment is made of a formal notice from the office of Lieut.-Col. Mark Brooke, that a proposal for the improvement of the Kissimmee River has been reported upon unfavorably.

"The mandate of the River and Harbors Act was to report in relation of flood control. Therefore, if it is not contrary to public interest this association would appreciate having access to the report, the authority for such access resting in your office.

"If the report is lengthy and detailed as to drawings, profiles, etc., we should like to ask your office to give us an idea of what it would cost to have the report duplicated.

"The reason for asking this courtesy is that the Kissimmee River basin is the one great influence that affects the depth of water in Lake Okeechobee; and as the federal government and the state government together, will spend $9,000,000 on what is called Okeechobee flood control we consider it very important that we should be placed in full position of any argument against the control of the Kissimmee.

"In order that your regular routine may be followed up, will you kindly note that we expect to submit important data after due consideration of the report and, therefore, ask for an extension of the limiting date for submitting information."

Sherman - Alsmeyer Attend Grand Chapter

Charles Sherman and Louis Alsmeyer returned Thursday from Jacksonville, where they attended the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons in session in Jacksonville since Monday.

AVON PARK WINNER OF OPENING GAME IN ORANGE LEAGUE

Local Club Looks Good In Snappy Game Yesterday

By RAYMOND VICKERY.

The first ball was tossed in the Orange Belt League yesterday afternoon, when Avon Park copped the opening game from Frostproof at Cardinal field by a 3 to 1 margin. At 3:30 it looked like the crowd was due to get rain checks but around four o'clock the skies cleared and the teams took the field. The grounds were mighty damp, but the show went on.

Frostproof managed to get four men up to the rubber before being retired on infield outs. Martin lifted a long one to right which should have been snagged. J. B. Martin, Bass and C. B. Martin failed to deliver and Derr died on base.

Dilley couldn't control a wet ball in the second and issued Walker and Banks free tickets. They were followed by the weak end of the batting order, however, who were easy infield outs. In this canto Avon Park counted her first run. Sherman (the one with the big feet) hit a hot poled one out to deep left. The gardener couldn't get it in the basket so Hot aired out for the rubber. McFerrin was left on third by Dilley's out to second.

In the third frame Frostproof went down 1, 2, 3. Our gang did but little better getting only one man on through the visitors' generosity.

Things were evened up in the fourth. Dilley hit Young on the leg to put one on. The next get a pass followed by a single, one of Frostproof's 3 hits, which allowed Young to trickle in. A threatening second run was stopped by Derr Martin on his beautiful throw to C. B. which caught Gibbs. Ivy took the count for the second out. Weeks dittoed with a pop to Hot-Shot. Avon filled the bases in their time at bat but no one came through with a clean up hit.

Dilley fanned two more in the fifth, while Derr and Bass put the other away. The local club got right at this juncture and counted two more markers. J. B. Martin singled for a starter and Bass duplicated. The fielder couldn't handle it in time to prevent Martin from going three bases on it. Horns sounded like a human skeleton having a fit on a hardwood floor in appreciation of Martin's running. Then C. B. smacked out a clean double to clean the bases. His mates didn't have the punch to help him in as the next men went out in 1, 2, 3 order.

Frostproof went out on three in field hits in the sixth frame and the Avonians duplicated in their half. In the next Frostproof got two boys on but the rally was quelled by fine backing from the infield. Avon Park didn't take her time at bat as she already had the winning runs and the game ended as black clouds approached swiftly from the south.

Frostproof	AB	R	H	A	O	E
Hall, lf	4	0	0	0	0	1
McCollough, 3b	3	0	0	0	2	0
Milton, c	3	0	2	1	0	0
Young, ss	3	1	0	1	1	1
Gibus, 1b	2	0	0	0	9	0
Walker, rf	2	0	1	0	0	1
Banks, 2b	2	0	0	1	0	1
Ivy, cf	3	0	0	0	3	0
Weeks, p	3	0	0	4	3	0
	25	1	3	7	18	4

Avon Park	AB	R	H	A	O	E
D. Martin, ss	4	0	0	4	0	2
J. B. Martin, 3b	3	1	1	2	1	0
Bass, 1b	3	1	1	0	9	0
C. B. Martin, c	3	0	1	0	2	0
Pardee, rf	3	0	0	0	1	0
Sherman, cf	3	0	0	0	0	0
Armstead, 2b	3	1	1	2	2	0
McFerrin, lf	3	0	1	0	0	0
Dilley, p	2	0	0	0	0	0
	27	3	5	8	21	2

Two base hits. C. B. Martin; hit by pitcher—by Dilley, Young; left on bases, Avon Park, 7; Frostproof, 6; struck out, by Dilley, 6; by Weeks, 3; base on balls, by Dilley, 4; by Weeks, 1. Winning pitcher, Dilley.

During the 18-month period ending Dec. 31, 1930, there were more fatalities from highway accidents in the United States than there were from American losses during 18 months of our participation in the World War.

Legislature Will Be Asked To Validate the Refunding Bond Issue

City Attorney S. C. Pardee left last night for Tallahassee, where he goes to represent the city in getting the passage of a special act of the legislature to validate an issue of $97,000 worth of refunding bonds, recently voted. Representative J. M. Lee and Senator W. D. Bell will pilot the bills through the legislative mill.

While in Tallahassee the city attorney will also endeavor to speed up action on quo warranto proceedings now pending in the Supreme Court, in which property owners on the outside edge of the city are contesting the validity of the present city and asking for a reduction of limits. The city attorney will ask the Supreme Court to set a date for a hearing of the case so that the issue may be settled as speedily as possible. His visit to the capital was decided upon at Monday night's council meeting.

SCOUT MOVEMENT IS LAUNCHED AT DINNER

Youths Are Guests of Business Men at the Parish House

The "Me and My Buddy" dinner arranged by the chamber of commerce last Thursday evening at the Parish house was attended by forty-six business men of Avon Park, who had as their guests forty-eight young boys to hear Rev. Harcourt Johnson, recently chosen scoutmaster, outline plans for the reorganization of the Boy Scouts of Avon Park.

Rev. Johnson impressed upon his hearers the serious side of Boy Scout work. His talk was impressive and patriotic as he drove home the ideals of scouting which would build "men for America."

The scoutmaster plans the organization of one scout troop and a cub troop, and announced that a date would be set aside for registration as soon as examinations are out of the way at the end of the school term.

Reuben Johnson, Cleve Smith, E. B. Sangster and Philip Boardman were named as the four assistant scoutmasters, who will help with the work.

The men attending and their guests were:

N. T. Smith, Harry Hancock.
A. McKee Elwell, George Elwell.
Charles Sherman, Charles Sherman, Jr.
R. T. Johnston, Sheridd Johnston.
J. C. Ragsdale, Art Johnston.
I. W. Chandler, Jimmie Lee.
Gilbert Freeman, Willie Bishop.
C. R. Head, Junior Pierce.
C. S. James, Wm. A. James, C. S. James, Jr., Dale Marsh, Junior Marsh.
W. M. Carter, Charles Carter.
H. Johnson, Nelson Smith.
P. J. Gustat, G. A. Christopher.
Mr. Rogers, Ed Goodman.
J. S. Schweigart, John Jackson.
Demos Mandis, W. M. Taylor.
W. D. Dorminey, James Jordon.
G. A. Stebbins, G. A. Stebbins, Jr.
T. A. McNicholas, Edw. Touchton.
R. T. Fairey, R. T. Fairey, Jr.
H. J. Chance, Gene Chance.
W. T. Coates.
Rev. A. P. Vaughn.
W. C. Touchton, Walton Touchton.
J. L. Wells, Junior Mercer.
Ed DeLaney, Leroy DeLaney.
E. W. Hartt, Sandford Hartt.
Chas. Sherman, II, Chesley Gibbons.
C. E. Lanier, Vernon Lanier.
S. S. Thayer, Bill Martin, Kelly Bailey, Jr.
George S. McKnight, Phil Lacey.
M. E. Covington, Marcus Covington, Jr.
F. P. Lacey, Bill Lacey.
M. V. Pitcher, Payton Covington.
W. M. Hetherington, Cyril Baldwin, Jr.
Francis Shockley, William Bennett.
W. W. McFarland.
Chas. Clements, Cecil Clements.
E. G. Todd, Donald and Herbert Todd.
H. E. Keller, Junior Tuten.
John Hood, Bill McCullough.
E. E. Melton, Wesley Lisenbee.
N. H. Trent, Buddie Trent.
W. J. Head, Paul Hobbs.
G. R. Smith.
H. F-R. Reck, Junior Reck and Ryland Reck.
L. D. Baker, Loren Baker and Harold Wingate.

LARGEST CLASS IN HISTORY PASSES THROUGH SCHOOL

Twenty - Eight Graduates Complete Course To Receive Diplomas

The largest class to pass through the portals of the local high school will graduate tonight, at which time Dr. John J. Tigert, president of the University of Florida will deliver the address to the class.

Miss Helen Schweigart is valedictorian of the class of 1931 and Misses Wava Godwin and Shirley Page Shepherd share jointly the honor of salutatorian, a unique situation brought about through the fact that only a fractional difference separated them in their grades.

County Superintendent F. N. K. Bailey will award the diplomas and T. A. McNicholas will make the Bailey medal awards. The Balfour medals will be given by R. T. Fairey, supervising principal of the schools. The high school band will furnish the music.

The program:

Music— High School Band.
Invocation—Rev. W. K. McClure.
Salutatory—Miss Wava Godwin and Miss Shirley Page Shepherd.
Music—High School Band.
Address—Dr. John J. Tigert, President of the University of Florida.
Valedictory—Miss Helen Elizabeth Schweigart.
Awarding Diplomas — County Superintendent F. N. K. Bailey.
Awarding Bailey Medals—Mr. T A. McNicholas.
Awarding Balfour Medals.

Class officers of the class of 1931 are:

Clifton McClelland, president; Elizabeth Chandler, vice president; Wava Godwin, secretary, Marshall Jordon, treasurer.

Class Roll:

Oria Ruby Baker.
Clifton Lemar Barrington.
Roscoe J. Bass.
Elizabeth Chandler.
Novella Valeria Connell
Ruth Inez Dawson.
Margaret Elizabeth Dison.
Floyd Garrett.
Wava Ina Von Godwin.
Karen Hagan.
Marshall Elmore Jordon.
Kitty Lu Mastrin.
Clifton Adamson McClelland.
Genevieve Favor McClelland.
William Kelley McClure, Jr.
Paul Alden McFarland.
Joyce Powell.
Martin Powell Roberts.
Laura Cathryn Saggus.
Helen Elizabeth Schweigart.
Shirley Page Shepherd.
James Frederic Simpson.
Ruth Elizabeth Smith.
Ruth Aline Sturdivant.
Nadine Belle Swann.
Mary Cathryn Vilkaitis.
Blossom LaFoste, Wells.
Barbara Elizabeth Wever.

Class colors: Killarney pink and nile green.

Motto: "En Avant."

Class Flower: Pink rose.

Commencement marshals: Virginia Chandler, chief; Agnes Vilkaitis, Carrol Belin, Oleta Bigbie, Frances Bowman, Raymond Vickery, Charlotte Shepherd.

Chas. Johnson Moves To Avon From Sebring

Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Johnson have taken up their permanent residence in Avon Park, having moved here last Friday from Sebring. They have taken an apartment with Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Rumpsa.

Mr. Johnson, who is president of Chas. F. Johnson, Inc., operates the Circle theatre at Sebring, the Avalon theatre at Avon Park and the Plaza theatre at Punta Gorda. In addition, he operates the Avalon Sweet Shoppe in this city. The move to Avon Park was made on account of the central location of this city and the fact that he has more interests here than in either of the other cities, Mr. Johnson said.

Avon Club To Hold Fish Fry Monday

Avon Club will hold its May meeting at the Scout camp Lake Lotela, Monday the 26th, with fish fry at 6:45, Chef Perry presiding. This will be ladies night. A round table program of stories and stunts, in which all do a good turn, is anticipated.

New Ordinance To Prohibit Parking In Center of Street

Parking in the center of the street when curb spaces are not available will be prohibited in future, according to mandate of the city council Monday night, and a new parking ordinance was ordered drawn by the city attorney for early passage to eliminate this practice, which has proven a menace to traffic and a danger to pedestrians.

The new ordinance will limit parking on Main street between the post office and Butler avenue to one hour between 5 and 10 p. m.

A reward of $100 was offered for information leading to the arrest and conviction of persons stealing plants from the cemetery or the parks, following the report of theft of plants from the cemetery last week.

DR. DAVISON HONORED AS "KINGDOM BUILDER"

Vermont Baptists Pay Tribute To Divine As He Resigns Post

The 1931 Vermont Anniversaries of the Vermont Baptist State Convention came to a close last evening with the formal installation by Dr. William A. Davison, for 32 years executive secretary of the convention, of his successor, the Rev. Paul Judson Morris, says the Burlington (Vt.) Free Press of May 14:

The church was filled with Convention delegates and visitors, the largest attendance of the three-day sessions. The ceremony was brief, informal and impressive. Dr. Davison called Mrs. Morris to the platform and invested her, too, in her share of duties which have come to her husband to perform. Dr. Davison's wife and eldest daughter, Miss Winifred Davison, were also in the audience.

Dr. Davison in a few words expressed the confidence he had in the abilities of Mr. Morris, as shown by his four years' service in Vermont to carry on the work of executive secretary of the Convention.

Dr. Davison, earlier in the day, announced that he planned to end his life in some phase of gospel ministry. Officially, he will retain the title of executive secretary emeritus of the Convention he served so long.

In the afternoon a reception was held for Dr. and Mrs. Davison in the church vestry, and each was presented a gold watch by the Convention.

Davison "A Kingdom Builder."

An appreciation of Dr. Davison's life was made by Mr. Morris during the afternoon session in an address entitled "A Kingdom Builder," printed copies of which afterwards were distributed to Dr. Davison's friends. An abstract of this address and excerpts from it follow:

"On September 15, 1866, a Scotch father and an English mother, living in the north of Ireland, were gladdened by the birth of a son to whom they gave the name William Anthony Davison. At the age of 14 this lad came with his parents to America and here chose for himself the Baptist faith. At the price of hard work, physical privation and financial struggle, he completed the course at Worcester Academy, two years at Brown University, and three years at Colgate Divinity from which he graduated in 1896 with the degree Bachelor of Divinity.

"While attending seminary he served as pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in Utica, N. Y., where in 1893 he was ordained to the Gospel ministry. After a ministry of three years in Utica he was called to the pastorate of the First Baptist Church in Montpelier, serving there from 1896 to 1899. It is marked was the missionary leadership of Pastor Davison that by the end of this first year of ministry in Vermont, he was elected a member of the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Baptist State Convention. He was asked to terminate his pastorate in Montpelier owing to the last illness of Mrs. Davison.

"Sorcely had Mrs. Davison been called to her eternal reward when a telegram came to Dr. Davison from Colonel J. J. Estey, president of the Board of Trustees of the Vermont Bantist State Convention, saving: 'Do not take another pastorate. We want you for State work in Vermont.' And so, in 1899 he took up work with the State Convention and has continued in that service unto this day, round-

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Polk and Highlands Bankers Organized For Uniform Service

The Polk and Highlands Bankers' Association was organized at Winter Haven last week with Harold Day of Bartow as president, Lisle Smith of Haines City as vice president, and Herbert Lloyd of Winter Haven as secretary-treasurer. Sixteen banks are represented in the association at present and which was organized for mutual help and to perfect a uniform service in banking business.

On Tuesday evening the by-laws committee met in Avon Park. This committee consists of L. B. Anderson, cashier of the Snell National bank of Winter Haven; W. T. Coates, vice president of the Barnett National bank of Avon Park and C. E. Lien, president of the Highlands County Bank, Sebring.

P. T. A. HOLDS LAST MEET OF SCHOOL YEAR

School Lunch Room and Aid To Library Are Worthwhile Achievements

The last meeting of the Parent-Teachers' association for this school term was held at the high school auditorium last Thursday afternoon with a large number of patrons and friends of the school present.

Mrs. T. C. Hobbs, president, gave a very interesting resume of the work which the P. T. A. has accomplished this year. She stated that a lunch room where wholesome and nutritious foods were served had been established and that a number of needy children had been fed by the organization during the present term. Mrs. Hobbs also spoke of the help given the school library and stated that approximately $300 had been spent on the library by the association.

A number of business matters were brought up for discussion and announcement was made that a committee will be busy in the school library on Tuesday, May 26 recataloguing the books and rearranging the shelves and that anyone willing to help in this work would be most welcome to come.

Miss Loula Chesser's fifth grade was again fortunate in securing the prize in the grammar school for the most patrons present, while the eleventh grade with Miss Eleanor Bryant, teacher, received the prize for the high school.

The hostesses, Mrs. T. A. McNicholas and Mrs. E. G. Todd served iced orange juice and cookies at the conclusion of the meeting.

Class of 1931 Gives Exercises Thursday Night

Class night exercises of the class of 1931 were held at the Avon Park high school auditorium on Thursday evening with a large attendance of relatives and friends.

The stage was fittingly arranged for the senior picnic with cedars and palms forming a background with the class all seated on logs and rustic seats around a most realistic camp fire.

Karen Hagan, class historian, gave a vivid sketch of the school life of each of the members of the class, followed by the prophecy of the class by Inez Dawson, who read the fortune by cards of this popular class of young women and young men.

Fred Simpson, class poet, gave an interesting version in poetry of the traits of the class, while Mary Vilkaitis read the "last will and testament" of those assembled around the camp fire.

Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Jr., class sponsor, was presented with a gift in token of the appreciation of the class for her untiring efforts in their behalf.

To Observe Pentecost at Congregational

Pentecost, the day when the Christian world each year celebrates the anniversary of the birthday of the church and the descent of the Holy Spirit, will be observed in sermon and service at Union Congregational church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Bible school with classes for all ages at 9:45.

Evening service at 7:30; sermon topic, The Dream and the Practical in Religion and Life.

MORRISON THOMAS HELD FOR SHOOTING OF GEORGIA MAN

Gives Himself Up To Sheriff and Jailed at Waycross Following Shooting

Morrison Thomas, brother of J. R. Thomas of this city, and associated with him in the Highlands Candy company, is held in jail in Waycross, Ga., charged with the killing of George W. Madray at Jesup, Ga., last Saturday night.

Thomas surrendered to Sheriff L. W. Rogers in Jesup Monday morning and denied all knowledge of the slaying Saturday night. Thomas was removed to Waycross by the sheriff on account of high feeling said to exist between the Thomas and Madray families.

Thomas' father, Judge James R. Thomas, was killed in 1928 while engaged in an argument over the presidential campaign, it is said. Madray was convicted of the slaying, but gained a new trial and was acquitted. He claimed self defense.

According to a newspaper story of the shooting received here, five eye witnesses told Sheriff Rogers they saw Thomas escape from the scene of the Madray shooting. They said Thomas approached Madray from the rear and fired a pistol at the man. Madray died about 30 minutes later in the hospital.

"I know nothing of the shooting," Thomas told the sheriff when he surrendered. "I learned through the newspapers that I was wanted and immediately returned to Jesup."

At Waycross he refused to make a statement.

He came to Jesup from Surrency where he told friends he had not shot Madray.

J. R. Thomas returned from Jesup and Waycross last night, where he saw his brother. He said that some of the eye-witnesses were not positive in their identification of Thomas.

Baccalaureate Sermon Sunday By Rev. Southard

The Baccalaureate service for the class of 1931 of Avon Park high school was held in the high school auditorium last Sunday night, Rev. Paul A. Southard, pastory of the Nazarene church, delivering an inspiring sermon to the class. All churches of the city gave way for the occasion, and a large attendance resulted.

Rev. J. H. McClelland, pastor of the Southside Baptist church, opened the service with prayer. Harry Hancock rendered several piano selections.

Rev. Southard took for his topic, "The Question," using for his text "Ye are not your own, for ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and your spirit which are God's," taken from first Corinthians, 6:19-20.

In the introductory, Rev. Southard said that Paul and Moses aside from Christ, were the two greatest characters in history, and that Paul summed up in one short sentence the solution of the problem of life for all the ages, in a perfect syllogism, "Ye are not your own." "The recognition of this would prove the solution to all our problems," said the speaker. "It will bring the next revival. We have no right to misuse our God-given powers, and no right to follow a purely human purpose."

"For ye are bought with a price," quoting further from the text, the speaker gave three reasons why God owns us—as Creator, Preserver and Purchaser. "God creates, man constructs, and the devil destroys," therefore glorify God in your body and your spirit which are God's, the speaker admonished, in conclusion. It was a most impressive and interesting sermon.

Benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. H. Hancock.

Paul Jordon Secretary Cemetery Association

At the meeting of the Avon Park Cemetery association held last Wednesday, Paul Jordon was elected secretary to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of F. O. Williams. Mr. Jordon will have charge of all business connected with the association and sale of lots.