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the council until that resolution was presented.

Q. Well, before its passage was any statement made?

A. No sir.

Q. They just presented that resolution and voted on it without any discussion?

A. We had some discussion on it, yes, but there was no reports made.

Q. Well in that discussion were any statements made about the investigation made by any member of the council other than yourself and their findings?

A. Nothing only the resolution. The resolution when it was presented by Mr. Masters, it was read, and there was no discussion except what applied to the resolution.

Q. But these questions of coercion and so forth appearing in that resolution: they were discussed?

A. They were, yes sir.

Q. And the majority of the council found that those investigations were proper and passed that resolution, did they not?

A. I don't know what they found proper about it. They passed it.

Q. They passed the resolution?

A. Yes sir.

Q. After this discussion?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Mr. DeLaney, did you file the petition for recall?

A. How's that?

Q. Did you file the petitions for recall?

A. File the petition?

Q. Did you sign them... pardon me.

A. I did not.

Redirection Examination. (By Mr. Lee)

Q. Mr. DeLaney, I believe you stated under cross examination that at this council meeting that somebody said they wouldn't consider the petition at that time?

A. I did.

Q. Who made that statement?

A. Mr. Masters.

Q. Now with reference to the meeting on the 23rd, Mr. DeLaney, will you go to just state to the Court in your own language what happened at that meeting with reference to the petitions for recall?

(Objection overruled after argument.)

A. Well, at the special meeting when the petition came up, I think it was the chairman of the board asked if there was anything else to be considered and wanted to talk about the petition, or something to that effect, and they brought the petition in and laid it down. And Mr. Masters at that time said then that he had been told that the resolution had been signed out in an orange grove under a tree—he didn't state the kind of tree, but said a tree—and he thought that we ought to investigate it. And I said to him I certainly think you are right and I think it should be investigated. And that was under—the petition was under investigation, I offered the same resolution that I offered on the 19th, and introduced the same resolution, and which there was no record made of, and when I introduced the resolution the city attorney said he couldn't do that at a special meeting, and some of the rest of the board said Well don't start that now, and everybody got up and there was no official record made of the resolution being introduced: we just got up and walked on out. We was in executive session at that time.

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Q. You had heard of it, had you not?

A. Oh yes, I had heard of the petitions.

Q. How did you hear of the petitions? What was your information?

A. Well, I had heard of them from the street: from different ones that they were out trying to get the names signed to this petition.

Q. Did anyone tell you personally that they had been to them and what the conditions were that they came to them?

A. Yes, I had one fellow come to me—well, I had several, but one in particular that came to me and wanted to apologize I suppose more than anything else. He said "I signed that petition and I didn't know what it was when I signed it," and he says "Don't have anything to do with the way I vote."

Q. Did you have any reason to believe from your conversation that people who had signed the petition for recall?

A. Well I had quite a number of them, and I felt like I ought to be sure that they didn't dare to do anything else.

Q. Now what happened at that meeting, Mr. Masters? (January 28th.)

A. Well there was quite a lot of discussion one way and another, and I explained that things had been coming to my mind right along, hearing on the street and different ways, and there was quite a number of them taking their names off, and I said Mr. DeLaney spoke up and said "Well I hear they are doing some strong arm stuff to get some of their names off, and I said 'Well there's some things of that kind done both ways... I don't know.'"

Q. In your presence did any other member of the council answer Mr. DeLaney's statement that the resolution had been signed by the 68 names?

A. Yes, Mr. Ford spoke up and said "Well they aren't using it on all of them because quite a number had come into the city hall here and asked to have it taken off." And I believe—I don't know whether this would be in connection—this happened at that meeting—but the next morning when we went down to examine that petition on the 19th Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Ford was down looking over the petition, why Mr. Kingsley came in at that time and asked what we could do to get his name off there...

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before this meeting or after?

A. Yes, we told the clerk to have the names of the petitioners and whatever there was in there, and supposed he had brought them in there all the time with the other things.

The Court: When did you make that request?

A. Well I don't know just whether it was in the afternoon, but I think it was the night before we met there we spoke to Shockley and asked if he had these things all on his desk there and he said they were.

The Court: Was any request made after the convening of the council and before the resolution was acted upon?

A. No, I don't think they had been mentioned before that time. I didn't hear anyone say anything about it.

The Court: All right; go ahead; I want to keep it in chronological order.

Q. (Mr. Haskins continuing) You thought all that data was there throughout the discussion?

A. I thought it was all on the desk there.

Q. The petitions for withdrawing names were discussed?

A. Yes.

Q. How many councilmen stated at that meeting that they had examined those petitions for withdrawing names?

A. I think Mr. Pendleton and Mr. Ford and myself was all that claimed they had examined them.

Q. After the resolution was introduced and passed did any member of the council then call for copies of the petitions withdrawing names?

A. Mr. DeLaney, I believe, said "Where's these?" or "Can we see these petitions?" or something of that kind and we said they were in. And several of the newspaper boys was in there and wanted to know if they could copy them, and Mr. DeLaney said he thought there'd been accusations made against people by not telling just who had been responsible for some of the names that were put there to get anybody into trouble, so we told the clerk to show us the petitions and he said—well I believe he looked in his pile of papers there and said they are in on my desk I guess, so we told him to bring them in and he brought them in. (Cross Examination of Mr. Masters.)

(By Mr. Lee)

Q. Now Mr. Masters, you say Mr. DeLaney introduced the resolution that he had signed, is that right? (January 19th.)

A. He introduced a substitute motion I believe he called it.

Q. Well it was a resolution, wasn't it?

A. Well, I suppose so.

Q. Now Mr. Masters, you immediately introduced a motion, a motion, to table those petitions, didn't you?

A. Well, as soon as after we had laid out the title of the motion, I said "What discussion did you have before you made that motion?"

A. That would be hard to tell, Council, there was so much of it there.

Q. Your memory is had on some points, isn't it, Mr. Masters?

A. Well, I don't know; I can remember that—

Q. Well tell us what discussion if any was had before you made that motion.

A. Well the most of the discussion was to ask for a little more time. The most discussion I made was to just give us a little time to look over.

Q. Wasn't Mr. DeLaney asking that "go into it" and he said "I don't want to know as he asked we go into it now. He said—I think Mr. DeLaney said—that the clerk certify and read these different things all the time."

Q. Well did you or did you not make the statement that you knew the reason why it should not be called?

A. No, I never did get to where I felt like that I was satisfied that it should be called. That was why we were running down these different things all the time.

Q. Well did you or did you not make the statement that you knew the reason why it should not be called?

A. I don't remember making that statement.

Q. Didn't Mr. Pardee on that occasion advise the city council that another reason why they should not call that election was that there would be an injunction filed against the holding of it the next morning... or sometime immediately?

A. I don't know.

Q. You don't remember that?

A. No.

Q. Now Mr. Masters, with reference to the meeting of February 2nd, did any of the council members were present on that occasion?

A. February 2nd? I believe they were.

Q. Well I will ask you this question, Mr. Masters: Under the request coming from the chairman of the city council for any further business you then brought up the recall of the petitions for recall, didn't you?

A. Yes, I did.

Q. You did that by drawing from your pocket a resolution denying the calling of that election and presenting it or introducing it, didn't you?

A. I think so.

Q. Now upon the actual passage of the resolution denying the recall of the petition for recall, was there any evidence of request for withdrawal had ever been submitted to the city council for its consideration, had it not, Mr. Masters?

A. No, I don't think so.

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF L. H. FORD, BY MR. HASKINS

(Excerpts only. The questions are asked and but answers are verbatim.—JNB.)

Q. Tell Judge Barker what occurred on the occasion of the filing of the petitions for recall election, had it not, Mr. DeLaney?

A. Well, I think there was a few things discussed before they were presented. They were lying on the table, I think, when we took our seats. And I think a very few things were discussed before they were presented to the chairman.

Q. You met about the same time. And I don't remember much else happened on that occasion, I think Mr. Lee began to state that we had to call the election and said we had a petition there and it had to be called immediately, and Mr. Masters I think said he'd like to have some time to investigate and think it over... said his head was aching and he was on something he didn't know what he was passing on and he wanted to see what he was passing on. And of course, Mr. Lee was running backward and forward around the table there from Ed DeLaney to the clerk, and the clerk would now there was a kind of an uproar.

Q. Do you recall what motion was by Mr. Masters there?

A. Well he made a motion that we accept the petition for approval—that is, we examine and investigate it to see whether it was OK or not.

Q. Was that seconded?

A. Yes, I think I seconded it, yes sir.

Q. Was any motion substituted or changed for that?

A. Mr. Lee I think ran around Ed DeLaney and said "Pull that one on him," or something to that effect... I don't know whether he said papers or what... said, "Pull that one on him," and Mr. DeLaney pulled this resolution out of his pocket and he wanted that as a substitute motion, and of course it was voted on and that time Mr. Lee I think informed the clerk to call the roll.

Q. Had any investigation been made by the city council, at the time Mr. DeLaney introduced the resolution calling the election?

A. No, I didn't have a chance.

Q. He asked the other members of the council that, didn't he?

A. He might have.

Q. And you told him that you were satisfied there was, didn't you?

A. I was satisfied there was the required amount on there, yes.

Q. He asked the other members of the council that, didn't he?

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Q. And they gave the same answer?

A. I don't remember the answer.

Q. Then didn't he ask a question, Mr. Lee, when we called the election, if that's right?

A.

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election specifically set forth by the resolution?

A. Yes.
Q. You have checked and found the number of those withdrawal petitions at that time?

A. Yes sir.
Q. When did you do that, Mr. Ford?

A. Well I don't think I knew the number until just before the meeting. I think I was down there early and we were down there in the clerk's office where the petitions were—these affidavits—and checked over them. In fact I had seen a number of them at different times in the clerk's office.

Q. Are you sure that at this meeting those petitions were discussed and the fact that the petitions were sworn to and stated the reasons for withdrawing was also discussed... in the presence of Mr. Delaney and Mr. Head?

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Do you know whether or not those petitions for withdrawal names were then before the council?

A. I mean right in their immediate presence?

A. Well I don't... They weren't at that time.

Q. Were they brought in at any time during that meeting?

A. Yes they were brought in when Mr. Delaney said he thought the public was entitled to know, or the entire council, or something to that effect, he said that the public was entitled to know and said he'd like to get a list of them, and I think a newspaper boy at that time said he'd like a list of them, so at that time, best I remember... that he and Mr. Delaney would write a list of them.

Q. Did Mr. Delaney state any reason why he wanted these petitions for withdrawal brought in?

A. Well he stated, I think the first thing he said he wanted to know was, and somebody, I couldn't say just who, said why certain you are entitled to a list of them and reached to get them and failed to find them there.

Q. After these petitions for withdrawal of names were brought into the council room, did Mr. Head or Mr. Delaney question the sufficiency of any of them?

A. No, sir.

Q. During the discussion on the resolution were any remarks made by any member of the council which would indicate that different members of the council were under the impression that the names for recalling names were actually before them on the table at that time?

A. * * * Well I don't know if any of them exactly said they were on the table, but they were referred to and mentioned as being on the table; that's the way I look at it. In fact I thought they were there all the time and when they reached to get them, the affidavits, they failed to find them. Mr. Masters asked him, I think Mr. Masters asked Francis where they were and he said he was looking for them and failed to find them. Mr. Masters then to his office and brought them in there.

(Note—Cross examination not available from court reporter.)

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF S. J. PENDLETON (By Mr. Haskins)

Name: member of city council, president of city council.

Q. Tell Judge Barker just what transpired when these petitions were presented (on the 19th), by whom, and what happened.

A. Best of my remembrance Miss Louise Browne brought them in and they wanted to know what that night—wanted us to vote to call the election. And Mr. Masters made a motion to table it for a day or two so we can investigate it, and there was an argument about it, and about an hour, and got kinds a little bit hot, and Col. Lee was telling Ed what to say, and Mr. Masters and Colonel was exchanging a few hot words, and I said "Gentlemen you just want me to get rid of my job and I am just not going to do it; this is the first political job I ever had and I am going to keep it." And that got kind of a laugh and we went on. But all we asked was just to see that the names were on there; we didn't want to see how they voted or anything about it. But I agreed to go down the next day, the 20th, and investigate it, and of course Col. Lee and Ed wasn't there in it and they didn't come, but me and Mr. Masters and Mr. Ford did go, and while we were there there was a couple men wanted to see their names and asked Miss Louise Browne what they'd have to do to get their names off and she referred them to Mr. Shockley. Then when Mr. Kingley and he fixed up the papers and he taken his name off. And I told Mr. Ford and Mr. Masters—Mr. Masters and myself was looking at the book at the time and we says well that looks like there's something wrong somewhere, and we began to count the names and see if they filed with the registration book. But the names on there didn't agree with the names that was on there and Miss Louise said she had transferred them in her own writ-

ing and of course we couldn't tell about that.

Q. Was there any motion made after the petition for recall was submitted to the council?

A. Yes, the motion to table it for future reference and investigation.

Q. Then what happened, Mr. Pendleton?

A. Then Mr. Delaney brought a substitute motion and was going to make us—Col. Lee said we just had to vote and call the election that night; there was nothing else to do but that, because so many names said so. "Well," I says, "I haven't got to do anything but pay taxes and die," or something to that effect.

Q. You were here in court when Mr. Delaney identified the resolution as the one he submitted at the meeting on January 19th, 1932, were you not?

A. I was.

Q. Didn't that resolution set forth that the council had made an investigation and found and determined that this was a sufficient reason? Had you made the investigation?

A. We were investigating then, and I tried to call a special meeting to investigate and I called Mr. Head and he said you couldn't call a special meeting, he told me over the phone, unless you gave more time than that. I tried to call it for one afternoon; and I tried to get Mr. Delaney and couldn't.

Q. Did you ever investigate these petitions for recall at any special meeting you called for any purpose?

A. We did at one meeting.

Q. What meeting was that?

A. I don't remember what meeting it was.

Q. What manner did you investigate?

A. Well, we had investigated it, myself and Mr. Ford and Mr. Masters, at the city hall, to find out and kept on investigating and was investigating when you brought mandamus proceedings.

Q. Was that in the city hall meetings, Mr. Pendleton?

A. No, Col. Head wouldn't come and I couldn't get him.

Q. Did you notify Mr. Head and Mr. Delaney to be present on the morning of the 20th when you investigated that at the city hall?

A. No. They said that night it ought to be investigated, and I thought they had a perfect right to be.

Q. As chairman of the city council of Avon Park you engaged in an investigation without the knowledge of the associate members, didn't you?

A. They wasn't interested any.

Q. As chairman of the city council of the city of Avon Park you entered into an investigation of those petitions without giving knowledge to the other members of the city council of Avon Park, didn't you?

A. No, they had the same right to investigate me as I have you.

Q. Did you give them notice of that?

A. They were notified we were going to investigate it at one of the meetings.

Q. Did you advise Mr. Delaney and Mr. Head as members of the city council that you were going to the city hall on the morning of January 20th for the purpose of investigating these petitions for recall?

A. No.

Q. You didn't?

A. No... Because they wasn't interested... they wasn't in favor of it.

Q. They wasn't members of the city council in your opinion, were they?

A. Yes, but they were in favor of recall.

Q. Did you ever invite them to any meeting for the purpose of investigating these petitions as filed for recall?

A. I tried to but I couldn't get them.

Q. You mean to testify to this court that from January 19th to February 2nd you couldn't invite these gentlemen to a special meeting for that purpose?

A. Oh, I guess I could have.

Q. Then you didn't do it, did you, Mr. Pendleton?

A. I tried to one time and couldn't get them, so I just let it drop.

Q. The facts are you didn't want them present?

A. I did. I knew they wasn't interested though.

Q. Wasn't interested in what?

A. I knew they were wanting the recall.

Q. And you didn't want one.

A. I wanted to investigate these names first. I didn't say I wanted it or didn't. After I investigated, then I said I didn't want it.

Q. Isn't it a fact that before this petition was ever presented to you or to the city council that you declared as chairman of that board that that election would not be called regardless of the petition?

A. Well some of them wanted to bet some money and you know I will bet and I told them I'd had the money in the bank, and anyone would bet that...

of public importance involving the affairs of the city of Avon Park been presented to the council and the council refused to act and consider them?

A. Yes, they have.

Mr. McNicholas: We object to that line of testimony as irrelevant and immaterial.

Mr. Haskins: All right, we withdraw the question.

Mr. Lee: What was the question?

Mr. Haskins: All right, we withdraw the question if its objected to. He didn't understand the question.

The Court: The question is withdrawn, gentlemen.

Mr. Haskins: Your witness.

CROSS EXAMINATION OF MR. PENDLETON, BY MR. LEE:

Q. Did you ever call a special meeting for the purpose of investigating the recall petitions?

A. Seems like there was one, now I don't recall whether we investigated that night.

Q. Just take your time, be easy.

A. It was mentioned at every meeting.

Q. Maybe you misunderstood my question. Did you as chairman of that city council ever call a special meeting of that city council for the purpose of investigating these petitions for recall?

A. I don't know whether it was for that special recall. We called some special meetings.

Q. Mr. Pendleton, did you call such a special meeting or not?

A. I don't remember what it was for.

Q. Do you remember calling any meetings at all?

A. Sure, I remember one or two, three, four.

Q. Did you ever investigate these petitions for recall at any special meeting you called for any purpose?

A. We did at one meeting.

Q. What meeting was that?

A. I don't remember what meeting it was.

Q. What manner did you investigate?

A. Well, we had investigated it, myself and Mr. Ford and Mr. Masters, at the city hall, to find out and kept on investigating and was investigating when you brought mandamus proceedings.

Q. Was that in the city hall meetings, Mr. Pendleton?

A. No, Col. Head wouldn't come and I couldn't get him.

Q. Did you notify Mr. Head and Mr. Delaney to be present on the morning of the 20th when you investigated that at the city hall?

A. No. They said that night it ought to be investigated, and I thought they had a perfect right to be.

Q. As chairman of the city council of Avon Park you engaged in an investigation without the knowledge of the associate members, didn't you?

A. They wasn't interested any.

Q. As chairman of the city council of the city of Avon Park you entered into an investigation of those petitions without giving knowledge to the other members of the city council of Avon Park, didn't you?

A. No, they had the same right to investigate me as I have you.

Q. Did you give them notice of that?

A. They were notified we were going to investigate it at one of the meetings.

Q. Did you advise Mr. Delaney and Mr. Head as members of the city council that you were going to the city hall on the morning of January 20th for the purpose of investigating these petitions for recall?

A. No.

Q. You didn't?

A. No... Because they wasn't interested... they wasn't in favor of it.

Q. They wasn't members of the city council in your opinion, were they?

A. Yes, but they were in favor of recall.

Q. Did you ever invite them to any meeting for the purpose of investigating these petitions as filed for recall?

A. I tried to but I couldn't get them.

Q. You mean to testify to this court that from January 19th to February 2nd you couldn't invite these gentlemen to a special meeting for that purpose?

A. Oh, I guess I could have.

Q. Then you didn't do it, did you, Mr. Pendleton?

A. I tried to one time and couldn't get them, so I just let it drop.

Q. The facts are you didn't want them present?

A. I did. I knew they wasn't interested though.

Q. Wasn't interested in what?

A. I knew they were wanting the recall.

Q. And you didn't want one.

A. I will bet any way a man will bet.

Q. And you carried out your bet irrespective whether anyone will bet or not.

A. They said they'd make up a pot and I said why don't you put up your own money?

Q. Then you disregarded the petition of the people solemnly signed and presented to you because you were gambling on the results.

A. No... Not necessarily so.

Q. Why did you—

A. I wanted to investigate these names on there, and take into consideration a lot didn't sign it too.

Q. How much money have you got up now that it wouldn't be called?

A. Well, I haven't put up any. I have got it if anybody wants to cover it after the show.

The Court: Let's don't make a spectacle out of this.

Mr. Haskins: Mr. Pendleton, when you offered to bet, was that after the petition for the recall, or when you first heard rumors of it?

A. When I heard rumors of it.

Q. Mr. Pendleton, you never have answered my question as to whether or not you stated, before this petition was presented, that irrespective of the petition there'd be no election called.

A. I told two or three if it was right I didn't mind having the election. I'd bet a thousand dollars I'd get more votes than I did before.

Q. Will, at any rate Mr. Pendleton, has never been a meeting of the city council of the city of Avon Park regularly convened at which time these petitions were examined and considered by the city council as to genuineness and sufficiency, has there?

A. Yes, I think so.

Q. When was that?

A. That was the last meeting, when we voted not to have the election.

Q. What consideration was given them at that time?

A. Well, the minutes will show it.

Q. Were these petitions in the council chamber that night?

A. Well, they happened not to be, but were referred to them as on the table.

Q. The facts are that these petitions were not before the council on the night of February 2nd.

A. It happened that way, but I was honest in it. I thought they were there, because they were mentioned as on the table and no one asked to see them for over an hour there they were discussing and discussing.

DIRECT EXAMINATION OF C. R. HEAD, BY MR. LEE

Q. Did the council check these petitions for recall as to the genuineness of signatures and the number of signers, on the night of January 19th when they were filed?

A. They did not.

Q. Did they at that time make any comparison of the petitions with the registered voters list of Avon Park?

A. They did not.

Q. Has the city council of the city of Avon Park while regularly convened as such city council ever made any check of these petitions for recall as to the genuineness of signatures or the number of registered voters thereon?

A. Not when I was present.

Q. Have they made any inspection or comparison of the petitions with the city registration books at any meeting?

A. Not at any meeting I attended.

Q. Now, Mr. Head, how many meetings have you missed since the beginning of the year?

A. One meeting.

Q. Do you recall what meeting that was?

A. That was the 28th of January.

Q. When did you first see these affidavits for withdrawal of names from the petition for recall?

A. Just before the meeting closed February 2nd.

(Series of questions and answers)—Says he visited the city hall twice on February 2nd and interviewed the city clerk at his request, but the clerk did not exhibit to him the affidavits or intimate they would be presented to the city council that night.

Q. At the meeting February 2nd, when was the resolution denying the petition for recall introduced by Mr. Masters?

A. After our regular order of

business had been transacted.

Q. Up to the time of introducing that resolution had the petitions for recall been considered at that meeting?

A. I think not.

Q. Up to the introduction of the resolution had the affidavits for withdrawal been presented or considered?

A. It had not.

Q. Had any reference been made at that meeting to affidavits purporting to request withdrawals of names from the petition for recall?

A. I never heard of it.

Q. Now what happened upon the introduction of this resolution?

A. There was some argument about it and there was a roll call and vote three for the resolution and two against it.

Q. What three voted for the passage of the resolution?

A. Mr. Masters, Mr. Ford and Mr. Pendleton.

Q. And what two voted against it?

A. Mr. Delaney and myself.

Q. Was such petition for recall ever checked by the city council at meetings at which you were present from the time they were filed up until the time this resolution was passed?

A. They were not.

Q. What consideration has ever been given the petitions for recall by the city council daily assembled as such with reference to the signatures thereon and the genuineness of those signatures?

A. Nothing that I can recall.

Q. At the executive session at the meeting of January 23rd state whether or not any discussion was had of the petitions for recall?

A. I don't recall.

Q. Do you remember whether or not Mr. Delaney inquired of the city council why the election should not be called as prayed for in these petitions?

A. Yes, I remember that.

Q. Do you remember who answered that question?

A. I think the city attorney answered it.

Q. Do you remember the answer that he gave?

A. No in his words, no sir.

Q. Did the council do this in this executive session?

A. Well there was a motion made

by Mr. Masters that Mr. Haskins be retained as counsel.

Q. For what purpose?

A. To assist Mr. Pardee in the recall election.

Q. In what capacity with reference to the recall election?

A. As associate counsel.

Q. To defend against—

A. The city.

Q. The mandamus suit?

A. Yes sir.

Q. Did Mr. Pendleton telephone you with reference to a special meeting to be testified to?

A. He telephoned me three different times, the 22nd and 23rd and I attended those meetings. The 28th I was sick.

Q. At those meetings there was no consideration given to these petitions was there?

A. No.

Q. When Mr. Pendleton called you to invite you to the meeting of the 28th did he tell you that that meeting was being held for the specific purpose of considering these petitions for recall?

A. He did not.

Q. Has he as chairman of the city council ever called you inviting a council meeting to be convened for the specific purpose of considering these petitions for recall on that date, you would have attended that meeting?

A. I might have. The doctor told me to stay home but I think on an important question as that I would have tried to have gone. (Motion to strike denied.)

(Cross examination not available from court reporter.)

Melbourne—Melbourne Fair to open on February 29, at Wells Park.

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ADVERTISING RATES FURNISHED UPON REQUEST

Eggs are so cheap that a self-respecting hen doesn't cackle any more when she lays one.

Florida's frog-leg business is growing by leaps and bounds, despite considerable croaking.

Sorry, but we find it difficult to visualize Oklahoma's Murray as president of the United States.

The best, happiest and most intelligent people in the United States live in towns the size of Avon Park. New York City hicks please N. B.

A mighty long spell of warm weather, what with summer extending throughout winter. But there does not seem to have been enough warmth to thaw out many frozen assets.

It cost the country about a million dollars in advertising to give George's birthday party this year. Wonder if he would have approved that expenditure of public moneys.

We have lost count of the candidates for Governor — quit counting after the fifteenth entry. But we haven't lost track of the one who is leading the field — Cary Hardee. A new candidate struggles into line every few days — but that doesn't affect the situation.

A distinguished visitor to Florida suggests to young men that they "work hard and live within your means." Sound advice, but so dreadfully old-fashioned. What most people are looking for is a recipe which will enable them to live beyond their means and without working.

Heard this wise-crack, which is good enough to justify the advertisement we are giving to two well-known makes of autos. Some one asks why the new Chevrolts are all being painted green. The answer is "so they can hide in the grass when the new Ford comes out."

Uncle Andy Mellon is wisely spending a short vacation in Florida preparatory to taking up his duties at the Court of St. James. He is storing up all the sunshine possible against his residence in a country where the newspapers get out extras every time the sun peeps through the clouds and fog.

Saw where T. G. Futch was elected president of the Senate by the hold-overs, and since then note his announcement as a candidate for membership in that body. Seems like that's reversing the natural order of things. Suppose Mr. Futch is not elected to the Senate. He is probably the right man for the system.

Wonderful discoveries are being made occasionally — such as the one some one proclaims to the effect that marmalade can be made from the sour orange. We read in an old Florida newspaper a recipe which claimed that delightful champagne could be made from sour oranges. But of course, in these days of strict prohibition we could not publish the recipe. Only the Congressional Record prints things like that.

Some time ago in this column we suggested that one method to relieve unemployment and at the same time provide work of real benefit to the country would be for the government to lend sufficient money to the railroads to do the work necessary to eliminate all grade crossings. We never heard of the idea before or since that time, until we noted it as one of the propositions discussed at the conference of labor leaders and railway heads. We still think the idea sound.

We didn't think that a man named Cardozo could be appointed to the United States Supreme Court without the appointment being protested by somebody. As the principal protest comes from a man who had been convicted of forgery in a lower court, and whose conviction Cardozo as Judge of the Appellate Court upheld, the country generally will refuse to get excited about it. Criminals do not usually fall in love with the judge whose court convicts them.

Dr. Duke, of Tampa, in a speech at St. Petersburg, declared that all who oppose the present system of prohibition are "anarchists." There are many notable "anarchists" in the country today if we accept Dr. Duke's definition. Hamilton Holt, right here at home, may be cited as an example.

It is better not to fall for offers of cheap transportation made by persons who are driving an auto to some distant point and want to take one or more passengers to help with the expenses. Such transportation is often unsafe, unreliable and may get the passengers involved in serious trouble. Moreover such transportation is against the law. If you wish to travel and have no car of your own the safest plan is to use responsible common carriers — railway trains or buses.

The people of the world are somewhat in the same condition as the colored slaves of the South found themselves when they were set free. Mankind for thousands of years has been seeking emancipation from the slavery of toil. Modern invention, through labor-saving machinery, has set us free from this slavery. But we don't know what to do with our freedom. In time we will learn, and all will be better and happier. But the period of necessary readjustments will be one of perplexity and pain.

This was the best birthday G. Washington ever had. Never before was there such general observance of the day, such definite manifestation of the high place the great patriot holds in the hearts of his countrymen. This is encouraging. There is hope for a nation that shows as the years go by increasing respect and reverence for the great men of its past, especially when that respect and reverence, as in this instance, is based upon appraisal of the virtues and high character of the one thus honored.

George Hilty, publicity man for the Florida Power & Light Company, has a plan to combat citrus overproduction. "Suppose," says Mr. Hilty, "one million of Florida's one million and a half-million population would eat one grapefruit and two oranges a day, in one month Florida would have consumed ninety million grapefruit and oranges, with the result that there would be added health, vigor and vim to every human system participating." Sounds something like figuring out a fortune raising poultry — but let's try it anyway. All right — all together now — let's go!

We have always felt that if we were charged with a crime of which we were innocent, we would almost as soon be found guilty as cleared on a technicality. Bishop Cannon, however, accepts acquittal on a technicality, and a rather flimsy technicality at that. Many people are anxious to believe the Bishop did no wrong. But he has involved the issues in a maze of litigation, has filled the courts with libel suits, and his main defense has consisted of abuse of those making charges which he has not disproved. How much better and easier it would have been for him to produce the proofs of his innocence, by making a straightforward, honorable accounting of the moneys he received and how he expended it. Surely that is not too much to ask of any person who handles money for other people.

DID YOU EVER STOP TO THINK

By EDSON R. WAITE
Shawnee, Oklahoma

The greatest community and business leaders are the men who advertise their own business.

A lot of people take themselves too seriously. They aren't half as important as they think they are.

Electrical appliances lighten labor. They are the greatest labor-savers in the world for the home. House work must be done regardless of season or weather.

A lot of people in this world who talk "Economy" don't quite understand the meaning of the word. Many people spend two dollars to save one and call it economy, especially the fellows who do not subscribe to the home newspaper and think they are saving money then by not reading the advertisements and buying where the best buys are. They lose many times each month the price of the subscription.

Good roads are the best friends of any community. Better business always follows good roads.

Harold Beck, editor of the Oceanside, California, Blade-Tribune tells me that Oceanside has a climate unsurpassed, where one can enjoy a vacation with every comfort that is possible to be had in these modern days.

E. D. Lambright, editor of the Tampa, Florida, Tribune says that Tampa and Florida is the best section in which to live in this whole world.

Citizens will get back from a community just what they put into it — with interest.

The present ills of the world cannot be cured by blind optimism.

The dear people would be greatly shocked if they knew just why certain newspapers pick certain candidates for public office.—Jacksonville Herald.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY.

By RUSSELL KAY

I knew if we kept up this here DAY and WEEK business we'd be in a jam sooner or later, and now I see where Dana is fixin' to celebrate TOMATO DAY.

But wait, don't go yet, this gets better as it goes along. The date they've set is March 17th. Imagine that. And I suppose Mr. St. Patrick can like it or not, or maybe it's the GREEN tomatoes they're celebratin'.

But this thing is just naturally gettin' so far ahead of me I'll never CATSUP with it.

Anyhow, who ever it was that broke out all over with this Tomato Day idea is no slouch. He's gonna put it over in a great big way, so to insure a record breaking attendance he has invited all the candidates for Governor.

And the announcement of the event or riot or whatever it is supposed to be states that two tons of steer will be barbecued, boy that sure sounds like a whole lot of BULL, but with eighteen (count 'em) candidates to be invited I suppose it'll take a lot.

Then they are offering all the tomatoes you can eat, but before I buy my ticket I'm gonna find out whether or not the Committee is willing to provide me with the tomatoes I want to THROW.

And now the Grand Army of Governorial Candidates has got a Chaplain. Dr. J. A. Sutton, Baptist of Orlando elected last week, and the text he has selected is "Retrenchment with a Vengeance." And all the other candidates are shoutin' "A-men" and "Alleluia" and even takin' the trouble to look it up in the dictionary. But if you ask me, the Gentleman has certainly picked a tough spot for himself tryin' to get anywhere with that troupe of Boy Scouts.

And besides a lot of folks haven't forgotten the CATT-astrophe we went through a few years back.

And if there is anybody in Florida with a hat on their head instead of in the Ring, I suggest they stand up and tip it to the Tallahassee Democrat for its determined effort to defend the home town merchant against the itinerant racketeer.

Each year hundreds of thousands of dollars are taken from Florida communities by high pressure boys who float down here with that racket, and if you think they don't TAKE plenty, you just don't know.

When a stranger steps into your office or stops at your door with "An opportunity you'll never have again" you might ask him if he pays a state, county and city license. Find out how much he contributes to your Community Chest, and how much he has invested in your County. Then before you start crowding your MONEY on him, state and see if you can't think of a dozen citizens in the same line of business who might be able to make you as good, or even a better offer, if you'd give him the opportunity.

Over in Sanford Karl Lehman tells about a guy who went from office to office selling a cute little typewriter cleaner for a dollar a three and the same product was on sale in the local stationery store for 50c.

Of course it's your money and you can THROW IT AWAY if you want to, but remember, the dollars you put in your pocket are not yours until you've got them. If you're a racketeer racketeer don't add a whole lot to the local Prosperity you been cryin' and sobbin' for. When you're sure you can't GET IT AT HOME is plenty time enough to start worryin' about spendin' your money elsewhere. And don't forget the bird that steps up and takes it out of your pocket today and leaves tomorrow is ELSEWHERE and no mope so.

Echoes of the State Press

"FEE" BUNK AGAIN.

Candidates for governor and the legislature are beginning to publish their "platforms." Many of them favor abolishing fees of county officials and substituting a salary system. We have heard that bank in Florida for 25 years. But the legislature always fails to perform.

Fees should be abolished. County officials should be paid salaries based upon the amount of taxes NOT assessed but COLLECTED each year. When we say NOT assessed we mean that collection of real property, property, occupational licenses, etc. If none were collected there would be no salaries. That is the only manner in which we can hope to have fair and impartial collections of occupational licenses, and it is the only way we will ever get personal property on the tax books. The fee system is hardly less than additional taxes.

Commissions and bureaus should be abolished. When the Martin administration took the operation of the auto license tag bureau out of the control of the Comptroller's office, it created a big political agency, with a big increased cost to the purchasers of license tags. Then the tax collector sold the tags at a low commission. Now tag agents get \$1 or more for each tag issued, plus a notary fee, while up at Tallahassee is a Motor Vehicle Commissioner drawing a big salary.

Abolish this office and you will abolish a pernicious political agency, with workers in every county, which any governor can use for his own political purposes, and which Martin, it is alleged by his enemies, created and used it in his race for United States Senator.—Okeechobee News.

A DISILLUSIONED MOTHER.

A mother, puzzled and bewildered at the turn her particular representative of the younger generation has taken, writes in a leading magazine this concerning her daughter and twenty:

"She would not make a good wife; would not do her share, just as she does not do her share here at home. She would be fascinating for a time; but one tire of her fascination when one probes for depth back of it and finds only selfishness, expediency.

"She has no idea of interfering with controlling her impulses, no strength of character. She smokes incessantly, will never force herself to do a thing she dislikes to do but should—such as walking for exercise and health, dieting for the same reason.

"She has begun to take an occasional drink for sociability with friends, though she insists she does not need to; that she has pep enough without it.

"She is no worse, taken as a whole, than the young people she goes with.

"Read of her is the menace of life, grasping with

grim determination the business end of the hickory stick of experience that supplants the ruler I used to apply to her refractory little seat. And I have a dreadful premonition that I shall be the one who suffers most from her punishment.

"Seventeen years from now my memory may have dulled to facts, my vision brightened to the promise in baby faces. But at this particular twenty-year milestone as a mother—I would resign if I could."

And where lies the blame?—St. Augustine Record.

STATE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE CONFERENCE

Dr. Valeria H. Parker of New York City, director of Field Extension for the American Social Hygiene Association, a leader in education for social morality, will be the guest speaker at the District Child Welfare Conference to be held in Fort Pierce, Tuesday, March 1, at the New Fort Pierce hotel. The conference will open at ten o'clock and continue through a joint luncheon with the men's service clubs and women's organizations, as well as high school students. The district includes St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Okeechobee, Martin and Brevard counties.

The State Conference of Social Work and the State Board of Public Welfare are sponsoring the meeting and bringing Dr. Parker to the state. They have planned a valuable conference program on all phases of child welfare, particularly the problems facing smaller counties in handling their poor relief, juvenile dependency and delinquency problems.

"A Statement of Our Problem" is the title of the talk to be given by Mrs. Ruth Atkinson of the State Board of Public Welfare. Judge Walter S. Criswell of the Duval county juvenile court will present the problems of the delinquent child and Dr. P. A. Brink of the State Board of Health will speak on "Safe-guarding the Child's Health." "Behavior Problems of Childhood" is the subject of the talk to be given by Mrs. W. S. Griswell, executive secretary of the Boys Home Association, Jacksonville. Dr. Carl Herman, president of the Associated Welfare Bureau, West Palm Beach, will talk on "The Social Implications of the Economic Depression." Miss Helen C. Mawer, State Commissioner of Public Welfare, will try to answer the question, "What is the Solution?"

Mr. Sherwood Smith, president of the State Conference of Social Work, will attend the meeting. At the luncheon which is scheduled for 12:15, Dr. Parker will give the principal talk on "Social Hygiene and the Community."

The Fort Pierce Conference is the second of six to be arranged on dates between February 29 and March 9 and will be followed by meetings in New Smyrna, Marianna, Cross City and Leesburg. There will be no registration fee or other charges except for the luncheon which will be fifty cents per plate. Reservations should be made in advance with Dewey Crawford.

An invitation is extended to all citizens of the district. Representatives of churches, service clubs and other organizations, having a child welfare program, will find the discussion especially helpful in carrying on their work.—Fort Pierce News-Tribune.

T. O. (Tip) Mercer, caught red-handed while robbing the bank at Lake Placid last September, and sentenced to life imprisonment, is to apply to the state pardon board for a pardon at its next meeting. If then of his type he is pardoned after serving only a few months, he might as well wear down his jail discharge our law enforcement officers, and grab our shotguns to protect our lives and property.—Wabuchula Advocate.

Hoarding Money

By JUDGE JOHN W. DODGE

EFFECT — CAUSE — RESPONSIBILITY.

We now have another committee and commission to dislodge hoarded money and credits, and the President is making strenuous efforts to stop hoarding. It is a most pitiable condition of national welfare into which we have arrived, and it is most hoarding. The President's own statements are authority for our present condition.

The effect of hoarding, says he, is to stagnate all business — to retard any business revival — to prevent a return from depression to normal conditions and to bring about a general economic disaster. It is terrible — it is unpatriotic — it is almost a crime, says he, to hoard money.

But, what is the CAUSE of hoarding? It is actions and reactions, as Emerson and Rabson would say. What are the actions which are the causes of hoarding? The President says it is fear. Fear about what? What caused the fears? What is feared and who is feared? "Listen my children and you shall hear," of the daily raids on our treasures dear.

Those who were accepted in times past, the last several years, in 1927, 1928, 1929, even 1930, 1931 and to date — those public leaders, men of high position, office holders, bankers, investment houses, who falsely and fraudulently misled the public, selling worthless, foreign bonds, watered stocks, betrayed their trusts, they deserve punishment. They have deceived the people, big and little, widows, orphans and others, who have been defrauded, now fear and now hoard their remaining treasures.

The responsibility for any hoarding is directly attributable to those who are now fearing the rafters of their own structures are falling in upon themselves. They now fear. They uphold others.

The masses, high and low, lost confidence in thousands of our so-called leaders, because there were so many dishonest and crooked thinking leaders, who lacked honesty and integrity — who even knowingly deceived and exploited the masses. The good have suffered for the acts of the bad ones.

Hoarding will cease when men of honor, trust, integrity, truth, are believed by the people to be in control of our financial institutions and of our government. Until the people have such a belief, hoarding will continue.

IF YOU, and your known friends, really believe your banker is truthful, a man of honesty and integrity, and such banker tells you to trust your money in his bank, then consider doing it only when you believe their own bankers will hold your money safe. Acts speak louder than words — honesty, and integrity will remove hoarding, its effect, its cause and its responsibility — nothing else can or will. We need a good house cleaning, from top to bottom, in both finance and government.

POLITICAL Announcements

CANDIDATE FOR SHERIFF

I hereby announce that I am a candidate for Sheriff subject to the Democratic Primary next June and will appreciate the support of the voters of Highlands County.

DOYLE SCHUMACHER.

FOR CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT.

To the Voters of Highlands County:

I take this method of announcing to you my candidacy for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of Highlands County, subject to the action of the voters in the Democratic Primary in June, 1932.

If you think I have merited your support it will be much appreciated. Yours very truly,

L. T. FARMER.

TO THE DEMOCRATIC VOTERS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY.

I hereby announce myself as a candidate for representative from Highlands County, subject to Democratic primaries in June. If nominated to the Legislature, subject to the voters and tax payers an economical program consistent with good business. I am not a machine candidate, but will represent every voter and tax payers' interest in the county.

Yours respectfully,

WILLIAM M. MAYNARD.

TO THE VOTERS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY.

I hereby announce my candidacy for the Democratic nomination for Representative from Highlands County to the Legislature, subject to the primary June 7th. My pledge to the Democrats is the only pledge I make — to do my part to bring about the best government and maintain our Democratic doctrine of majority rule.

J. E. (Jack) SIMS.

FOR COUNTY JUDGE.

This is to announce to the Citizens of Highlands County, that I am a candidate to succeed myself in the Office of County Judge of Highlands County, subject to the Democratic Primary in June.

If my conduct in office has met your approval I will appreciate your support.

Very respectfully,

M. C. WHITEHURST.

FOR COUNTY ASSESSOR.

To the Voters of Highlands County:

I hereby announce myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Highlands County subject to the Democratic Primary June 7th, 1932.

My record in office has been solely on my record of public service to this County in the past and I trust that my efforts have been such as to warrant your continued support and favor. In exchange for this support I elected I promise to continue to give you the very best service possible, and I will appreciate your vote.

CYRIL BALDWIN.

TO THE CITIZENS OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY.

I take this method of announcing to you that I am a candidate for re-election to the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction of Highlands County, subject to the Democratic Primary in June.

During the past seven years I have had only one purpose in view and that was to administer the affairs of this office to the advantage of the people of our county.

My long experience as an educator, as an executive, and as a business man has enabled me to place and keep the schools of Highlands County among the very best schools in the state. The co-operation I have had from the co-operation all over the county has been a source of satisfaction and greatly aided me in the work.

If re-elected I shall continue to put forth every possible effort for the schools, to maintain a high degree of efficiency, to keep them in operation full time, and to continue to reduce taxation.

The numerous duties of my office will be carried out in my home to house canvass, but I wish you to know I shall greatly appreciate your continued support.

F. N. K. BAILEY.

Winter Park—Local building permits for 1931 totaled \$407,326.

Work on beautification of local streets underway. Plant City — 7,311,490 plants.

BALDNESS

BALD SPOTS

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Sunday School Lesson

FOR FEBRUARY 28, 1932

SUBJECT: Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead.
GOLDEN TEXT: "I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11:25.
LESSON TEXT: John 11:32-44.
TIME AND PLACE OF LESSON: A few weeks before the Crucifixion; Bethany.

INTRODUCTION: "The Gospels give us three detailed accounts of resurrection miracles performed by Christ, the raising of the son of the widow of Nain, and of the daughter of Jairus, and the raising of Lazarus which we are now to study. Of all the narratives of our Lord's acts none is so full of his majesty and his sympathy as this of the raising of Lazarus. It was a humanly speaking, the great moving cause of the Lord's death. And he deliberately did it, knowing that it would have this effect. This great miracle is recorded by John alone, perhaps because he wrote so long after the other evangelists, and when they wrote Lazarus was probably still living and it might not have been safe for him to have the miracle recorded and broadcast among the churches.

At Bethany, on the Eastern slope of the Mount of Olives, about two miles from Jerusalem, the family of Lazarus lived. Martha seems to have been the oldest, a practical housewife. Mary, the next in age, was a woman of deep spiritual nature, a devout disciple of Jesus. Lazarus was probably the youngest of the three. The family apparently rejoiced in the privilege of entertaining Jesus when he came to Jerusalem.

Practically nothing is known of Lazarus outside the facts in this lesson. Judging from the number of cordoning friends who came from the city upon the occasion of his death and the costly ointment which Mary used to anoint Jesus, the family was probably well known and well-to-do.

After healing the blind man; and giving the discourse about the "good Shepherd," as set out in our last two lessons, the Jews sought to kill Jesus, and he left Jerusalem and Judea and went to Bethabara, where John the Baptist baptized on the east side of Jordan river. While Jesus was at that place Lazarus who lived at Bethany became sick. His sisters, Martha and Mary, sent unto Jesus saying, "Lord behold, he whom thou lovest is sick." Jesus remained two days on the Jordan and then said to his disciples, "Let us go into Judea again." The disciples objected because the Jews had tried to kill Jesus there. Jesus told them that Lazarus was dead, but said, "Nevertheless let us go unto him." Then the disciples, Thomas, said to the others, "Let us also go, that we may die with him." When they came to Bethany Lazarus had been in his tomb four days. The sister Martha went out to meet Jesus and said, "Lord if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died." And then she added, "But I know, that even now, whatever thou wilt, ask of God, God will give it thee."

Would it not be well if Christians today would have such faith in Christ? After a conversation with Jesus Martha went back to her house and said to Mary, "The Master is come, and calleth for thee." Then Mary "arose quickly, and came unto him."

Then our lesson for today begins. "Then when Mary was come where Jesus was, and saw him, she fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping which came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. And said, Where have ye laid him? They said unto him, Lord, come and see. Jesus wept. Then said the Jews, Behold how he loved him! And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died? Jesus thereupon again groaning in himself, cometh to the grave. It was a cave, and a stone lay upon it." The Jews who were present were largely "professionally mourners" who, according to the custom of the time, attended funerals, and noisily lamented.

"Jesus said, Take ye away that stone. Martha, the sister of him who was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time he stinketh: for he hath been dead four days. Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldst see the glory of God? They took away the stone and after a short prayer to God, Jesus "cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth." And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and feet with graveclothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go." This was probably the last and greatest miracle performed by Jesus.

Plant City.—New Green Funeral Home opened at 103 South Evers street.

Key West.—Plans and specifications for new lighthouse structure at Smith's Shoals, four and one-half miles from here, approved by Department of Commerce.

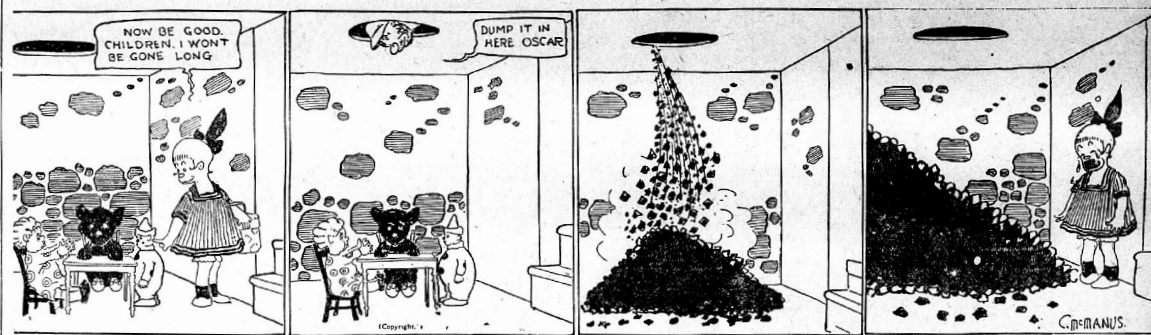
Palm Beach.—Chamber of Commerce investigating feasibility of establishing large tourist camp here.

Stuart.—Federal engineers now completing survey of St. Lucie inlet, East Coast terminus of cross-state canal.

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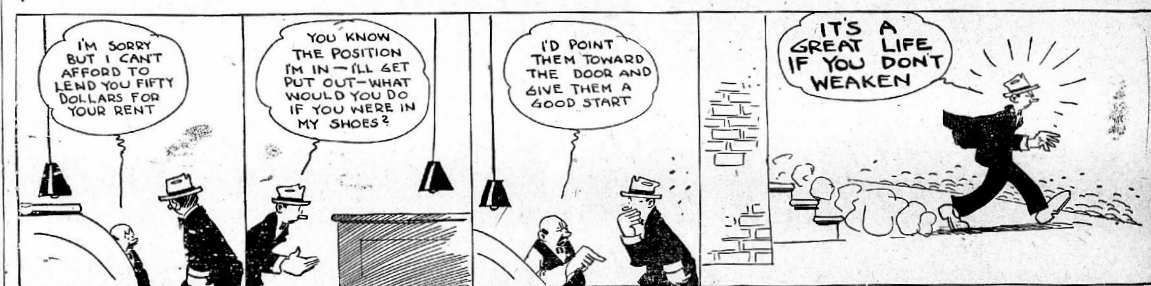
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By Charles McManus



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

By Jack Rabbit



MR. BROAD OF WALL STREET

By Charles McManus



"THE MAIN THING ON MAIN STREET"

By L. F. Van Zelm



FINNEY OF THE FORCE

By F. O. Alexander



A Killing Situation

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Florida Scores Big In Memorial Tree Planting Campaign

The week of February twenty-second marks the climax of Florida's tree-planting campaign to commemorate the two-hundredth anniversary of the birth of George Washington. The campaign was launched on November 14, 1931, to extend to February 23, 1932, by proclamation of Governor Doyle E. Carlton. From Homestead to Pensacola, organizations have planted, or are planning to plant, trees as a distinct feature of their George Washington Bicentennial celebrations.

The George Washington memorial tree planting campaign, sponsored nationally by the American Tree association and in Florida by the Florida Forest Service, has produced some very gratifying results. The goal of the American Tree association was set at ten million living memorials to the Father of Our Country. Recent reports indicate that Florida is contributing very materially toward attaining this goal.

More than 240,000 memorial trees have been registered with the American Tree association by Florida citizens alone, states Harry Lee Baker, state forster. Mr. Baker also stated that, when the final results are compiled in December of this year, Florida will have registered approximately 325,000, or more, memorial trees. Florida citizens can feel justly proud of their splendid George Washington Bicentennial Memorial tree planting activities.

The records show that all types of organizations are participating in "putting Florida across" in the memorial tree-planting campaign. Patriotic, civic, women's, and juvenile organizations are all contributing their share in planting memorial trees. School children, led by their local community leaders, have shown amazing interest in the campaign. The school children alone have planted more than 100,000 memorial trees, most of which were set out as forest plantations so that the children and the trees will grow to manhood and maturity together.

231 Birds Entered In Annual State 4-H Club Poultry Show

Two hundred thirty-one birds were entered by 33 boys and girls in the second annual state 4-H club poultry show held at Deland last week in connection with the Volusia County Fair, according to Norman R. Mehrhoff, poultry specialist with the Florida Agricultural Extension Service, and superintendent of the show. Thirty-four exhibitors showed 180 birds last year.

The best cockerel was a Rhode Island Red, and was shown by Wilbur Jarrett, Alton, Betty Hard, Umatilla, showed the best pullet. It was a White Leghorn. The best hen was a White Rock shown by Carl McWhorter, and the best cock, also a White Rock, was shown by John Osborne, Jr. Both of these boys are from Umatilla. The Osborne bird was judged the best in the show.

The birds were judged by D. Lincoln Orr, manager of the Madison Square Garden poultry show, New York.

This Texas Vegetable Growers' Co-operative Modern, Progressive

"A million dollars worth of vegetables will be shipped through the new Rio Grand Valley Vegetable Co-operative Association," says the Valley Farmer of that region, as the winter shipping season gets under way. Eight "master sheds" are being used for packing, equipped with automatic machines, so that the entire process from the unloading truck to the refrigerator car is as efficient as practical. This illustrates the advances which producers are making with the help available under the Agricultural Marketing Act.

Better Health Object of Nutrition Program

In a year when economical meals are so important, housewives are likely to give the family an adequate diet. That is one of the prime considerations in this year's health and nutrition program by the State Home Demonstration Department, says Miss Anna Mae Sikes, extension nutritionist. Home demonstration agents and other state workers will make every attempt to place before housewives suggestions for planning adequate, economical meals. Their program of work also includes showing how diseases may be prevented by proper diet, planning better school lunches, arranging community meals, and home gardening, poultry raising, dairying, and other endeavors to raise food for the family. The sole object of the program will be better nutrition and health for every member of the family.

Dahlia, gladiolus, and some other flowers can be planted in February.

Melon and Pickle Worms Are Easily Trapped In Squash

Melon and pickle worms, which bore into cantaloupes, cucumbers, and squashes, prefer the squash and therefore it makes a good trap crop for them. J. R. Watson, entomologist at the Florida Experiment Station, recently explained.

Growers should take advantage of this preference and plant a few squashes around the field and in rows every few feet over the area. The squash are best planted at the same time the cantaloupes or cucumbers are planted. Since they will bloom sooner, they will attract the worms. As soon as the squashes become thoroughly infested they should be pulled to the stock or otherwise destroyed.



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This trap crop will only diminish the number of worms, and one must resort to some poison for further control.

It is almost impossible to poison the pickle worm, since its entire life is spent on the inside of the plant. The egg is laid in the blossoms and the little worm soon bores into the blossom or stems. The egg for the melon worm, on the other hand, is laid on the leaves, and there the young feeds for a few days before boring into the melon. While feeding on the leaves it is easily poisoned with lead arsenate. Since cucumbers and melons are frequently sprayed with bordeaux the best plan is to put one pound of lead arsenate into 50 gallons of the bordeaux.

It's not easy to control the pickle worm in squash, but the melon worm can be controlled by spraying weekly.

How to play Bridge AUCTION and CONTRACT by Wynne Ferguson Author of "PRACTICAL AUCTION BRIDGE"

ARTICLE No. 17

The other night a friend of mine asked me: "What's the best way to learn how to play a good game of Auction or Contract?" I replied: "Learn to play a good game of Auction or Contract." That's the secret of improvement and the only one that is of any value. No matter how much a teacher may tell you or how many books you read, you will not become a fine player until you learn by your mistakes. Don't make the same mistake twice. You will soon become a fine player. The ones who make the same mistakes over and over again are the hopeless players. Don't be afraid to ask questions. If you do something wrong, ask some body else what you are doing wrong. Write to the editor and, if your question is one of general interest, it will be published in these articles.

The following hands represent portions of bidding that have confused readers of these articles and are now given as a test of your knowledge of bidding. If your analysis agrees with those given below, you are a pretty good bidder. If they do not, compare your analysis with the writer's and try to find out your mistakes.

Solutions to Last Week's Problems Hand No. 1

Hearts—A, K, Q, 4, 3, 2
Clubs—A, K, Q, 7
Spades—A, 4

No score, rubber game. Clubs are trumps and Z is playing the hand. A opens the bidding with one club and all follow suit. He then leads the trump of spades. How should Z play the hand so that he can make game no matter how the remaining cards are distributed?

Solution: This hand is a problem in "tripping." It is, taking out all suits except the two and then throwing opponents in the lead. When this has been done, one opponent is forced to lead the remaining club suit and the disadvantage of one of the two missing plain suits and thus allow one hand to trump and the other to discard. At trick No. 2, Z should win the trick in A's hand with the ace of spades and lead a low club, winning in his own hand with the queen. Z should then lead the six of diamonds and trump in Y's hand with the ten of clubs. Y should then lead a low club and win in Z's hand with the king. The lead of Z's last diamond should be trumped in Y's hand with the nine of clubs. The lead of the ace king of hearts to determine the distribution of that suit should now be made, followed by a low club, which Z will win with the ace. The cards now held by Z and Y are as follows:

Hearts—Q, 4
Clubs—J
Diamonds—none
Spades—4

Hand No. 2

Hearts—J, 10, 8, 3, 2
Clubs—A, K, Q, 7, 6, 5, 4
Diamonds—A, 9, 5
Spades—K, 6, 5

No score, rubber game. What should Z, as dealer, bid with the foregoing hand?

Solution: At Auction, with this hand Z should bid one club. The hand contains three aces and, therefore, should make a sound no trump bid. The distribution is bad for that bid. The six-card club suit, even without top honors, offers the best attacking bid of the hand and so must be the best bid. The only other possible bid with this hand is one diamond and that is doubtful because of the shortness of the suit and the length of the club suit.

At Contract, the hand should be passed, despite the three aces. Partner will try for game with a fair hand and the weakness in the club suit, if he may cause disaster. The penalties, when one is vulnerable, are too heavy to justify bidding this type of hand.

Hand No. 3

Hearts—J, 10, 8, 3, 2
Clubs—A, K, Q, 7, 6, 5, 4
Diamonds—A, 9, 5
Spades—K, 6, 5

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one no trump and A passed. What should Y now bid with the foregoing hand? Should A auction or contract?

Solution: Y should pass either at Auction or at Contract. This hand is a free example of the type of hand containing five-card major suit that does not justify a take-out.

Hand No. 4

Hearts—J, 10, 8, 3, 2
Clubs—A, K, Q, 7, 6, 5, 4
Diamonds—A, 9, 5
Spades—K, 6, 5

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one no trump and A passed. What should Y now bid with the foregoing hand? Should A auction or contract?

Solution: Y should pass either at Auction or at Contract. This hand is a free example of the type of hand containing five-card major suit that does not justify a take-out.

Hand No. 5

Hearts—J, 10, 8, 3, 2
Clubs—A, K, Q, 7, 6, 5, 4
Diamonds—A, 9, 5
Spades—K, 6, 5

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one no trump and A passed. What should Y now bid with the foregoing hand? Should A auction or contract?

Solution: Y should pass either at Auction or at Contract. This hand is a free example of the type of hand containing five-card major suit that does not justify a take-out.

Hand No. 6

Hearts—J, 10, 8, 3, 2
Clubs—A, K, Q, 7, 6, 5, 4
Diamonds—A, 9, 5
Spades—K, 6, 5

No score, rubber game. Z dealt, bid one no trump and A passed. What should Y now bid with the foregoing hand? Should A auction or contract?

Solution: Y should pass either at Auction or at Contract. This hand is a free example of the type of hand containing five-card major suit that does not justify a take-out.

NEWS of General Interest To Highlands County

HICORIA

Rev. York and Randall B. York were in Hicoria during last week.

Mrs. Mabel Walker of Sherman was visiting Mrs. Skipper last Saturday.

Mrs. Charlie Williams of Venus was visiting with Mrs. W. J. Peoples.

Mrs. Irvin Cobb of Lake Placid is visiting Miss Nita Sapp this week.

Mrs. and Mrs. Babe Williams of Venus were in Hicoria on business this week.

Messrs. Earl Peoples and Rod Morrison were in Okeechobee last Friday night.

Miss Martha Francis Doss of Lake Placid spent Sunday with Miss Jusselle Peoples.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guthrie and family were attending church services at Lake Placid last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Shackelford and Miss Frankie Shackelford and Garvin and Harry attended church services in Lake Placid Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Peters and daughter Ethel Ray, attended church services in Lake Placid last Sunday night.

Russell Oscar Roberts and Mrs. Lewis and daughter were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Guthrie last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Causey and Arnie Garrett, attended the dance at the American Legion Hall last Friday night, in Lake Placid.

Tuesday afternoon the first rain of the new year fell in this community. It was certainly needed as everything was becoming so dry that it was getting to be serious.

Mrs. T. W. Peters' father, Mr. Hammons of Canal Point, and her sister, Mrs. Davis of New York and brother, Mr. Hammon of New York City, are visiting them this week.

Flags were prominent on the streets of Hicoria Mercantile company and the I. G. A. last Monday. Some private homes also had them up. It shows a spirit of Americanism to see these flags up.

Rev. Oscar Roberts, of Bowling Green, pastor of the Baptist Church in Lake Placid preached to a large congregation at the Mill Chapel last Sunday afternoon. Sunday evening Rev. Huey of Lake Placid filled his regular appointment at the same place.

The school desires to thank a group of men that came to the building last Monday and helped to raise the new flag pole. We now have a steel pole 30 feet high of which we are very proud. It adds considerably to the appearance of the school grounds.

Mrs. C. H. Shackelford and Mrs. J. W. Guthrie were appointed by the Baptist Church of Lake Placid last Sunday night, as members of the financing board in the drive to clear up the Orphanage debt. The Baptist people of Florida hope to avail themselves of the help of the son of Hon. Jay Gould who has promised to loan the Orphanage \$15,000 if they will raise the other \$30,000 indebtedness by the seventh of March.

Last Monday morning the pupils of the school took part of the morning to render a program in honor of George Washington. Several songs were sung and a scripture read by Mildred Houston. Pieces were read by Genevieve Battles, Eloise Rues, Ethel Ray, Peters, Ruth Peters, Janet Peoples, Ethel Ray Peters then unveiled a portrait of Washington. The children repaired to the grounds where a Camphor tree, donated by Miss Lillie Eures was set out. Then two cherry trees, the gift of Eloise and L. W. Eures, was set out and the flag was then raised upon the new flag pole.

J. P. Sullivan, proprietor of the I. G. A. Store here was returning from Tampa last Thursday night and passing through Hicoria and was detained by Rusk and Tampa some party or parties drove up to the rear of his car without any lights and he could not see what they could see. Mr. Sullivan did not stop his truck from

the time he left Tampa until he arrived at Bradenton. It was then he noticed the loss. He says that the things could not have fallen out as they were secured to the truck. It is his supposition that the robbers drove to the rear of his truck and one boarded the truck and passed the things to the driver of the car.

Mr. Sullivan says they told him. The things taken were from the middle of the truck.

DeSOTO CITY

Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Jones spent Saturday in Tampa.

J. H. Twitty spent the week-end in Sanford visiting relatives.

H. E. Galloway spent Sunday visiting relatives in Sanford.

Robbery Wilson of Tampa is visiting Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Galloway.

J. W. Leaphart and John Webster were business visitors at Hicoria Friday.

Miss Willy Taylor of Sebring spent the week-end with Miss Allie Mae Etheredge.

Col. F. N. K. Bailey and W. W. Masters were business visitors in Bradenton Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Etheredge spent several days last week in Tampa and Jacksonville.

Lee and Willard Etheredge spent the week-end here visiting their relatives, Pastor Etheredge.

Mrs. J. H. Twitty and Mrs. H. E. Galloway spent the week-end in Pelham, Ga., visiting their father.

Misses Martha King and Betty Jane Brant of Sebring were the week-end guests of Miss Kathleen Walters.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Austin of New York are spending several days here visiting their cousin, Mrs. Alice Demott.

Among those from here who attended the Colonial Tea sponsored by the Woman's Club of Sebring on Monday were: Mrs. F. N. K. Bailey, Mrs. L. T. Farmer, Mrs. Perry Etheredge, Mrs. D. P. Jones, Miss Thelma Bailey and Miss Allie Mae Etheredge.

ISTOKPOGA

Enich Davis of Avon Park was here Sunday visiting George Boney.

Pat Stegar of West Palm Beach spent the week-end with friends here.

E. W. Swank of Sebring spent the week with his daughter, Mrs. J. D. Reish.

Sol McClelland and George Boney were business visitors in Sebring Tuesday.

Willis McClelland and Mrs. Charley Gillipie of Glaco spent Sunday with relatives here.

Miss Florrie McClelland, Bertha Boney and Mrs. Etta Montecore were shopping in Sebring Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. N. C. Reid and children spent the week-end at Lawley, returning Monday evening.

Nelson Kiler and John Nelson of Tampa spent Sunday and Monday with relatives here, Mr. and Mrs. John Rigler.

VENUS

Steve Ferrell is picking beans. Orin and Corlie Mathis motored to Hicoria Saturday.

W. H. Cannon was the guest of W. D. Hope Saturday.

Mrs. Hartsfield and son, Joe, motored to Sebring Saturday.

J. H. Holcomb carried a load of vegetables to Hicoria Tuesday.

L. Dodson of Manatee was a business visitor in town Wednesday.

Paul Moore and friend of Moore Haven were in town Sunday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. L. Stalls and two daughters were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Stalls Sunday.

George Hartsfield and his sister and family, and Mrs. Smith, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Titus Rowell Sunday.

Forrest Mrs. Ellenberger and the Misses Ranch and Edna Studley returned Sunday after a week

end visit at their home.

N. B. Jackson, W. H. Cannon, J. L. Sutherland and A. H. Farrington motored to Miami Wednesday on business.

Mrs. R. L. Cline is visiting her brother, Willie McDuffie, at Lakeland. The stork visited the McDuffie home last week and left a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hendry and sister, Margaret McDuffie and James McDuffie and other friends were the dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. Alex McDuffie Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks and Mr. Hicks' mother and granddaughter of Palmdale were the guests of Mrs. Hartsfield and her three sons, Hamme, Silas and Joe, Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Stalls and daughter June will be the guests of her parents Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Mullins at Fort Myers Sunday. While there they will attend the fair.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Holcomb left Wednesday last week for Moore Haven. Mrs. Holcomb was the guest of her sister, Mrs. F. H. Farrington. Mr. Holcomb was working at Citrus Center and they returned Saturday, accompanied by A. H. Farrington.

G. W. Mathis, his mother, brothers and sisters and their families held a three day reunion on the creek. There were 32 present and Kenneth Cassels was the only guest. Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Mathis' youngest son, Rollie, of Arcadia, attended and afterwards were the guests of his parents for a few days.

The First Baptist Sunday school adopted the six point method to attain a record of a standard Sunday school and a Bible normal study class will begin soon with Prof. E.

J. Peters of Hicoria as teacher. After the manual is completed an examination will be given and those that pass will receive a diploma. Everybody is invited to attend this class. It is free with the exception of the books.

George Washington's birthday was observed by the school. Three trees were planted with the first dedicated to George Washington by Mrs. Esplanada. Miss Studley dedicated the second tree to Martha Washington and J. L. Sutherland, chairman of the trustees, dedicated the third tree to Prof. Ellenberger. Other plants trees at their homes and a welcome rain Tuesday will assist them in growing.

Planting grazing crops for hogs is the economical way to feed them and keep them free of worms.

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BACKYARD KRONIES

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In Remembrance of George Washington.

In observance of the bicentennial anniversary of Washington's birthday, the Senior Class gave a program last Friday, Feb. 19. The program consisted of:
Song: America, by the school.
Poem on Trees, Oleta Bigbie.
Brief Address, Mary Turner.
Then the audience went out to the northeast section of the school grounds, where a 45 palm was planted by the Senior Class. The planting ceremony consisted of planting the tree by each member of the Senior Class, bugle call by Carol Bailey, and dedication of the tree by Mr. Fahey.

The dedication address was as follows: In the name of the Senior Class of the Avon Park High School, I solemnly dedicate, or set aside as sacred, this Royal Palm tree to the memory of George Washington, the greatest President of the greatest Republic the world has ever known. As this is the bi-centennial, or 200th anniversary of the birthday of Washington, I trust that this tree will be standing here throughout the centuries to be celebrated as long as the American people remain true to the ideals established by Washington.

Let us remember to protect and defend this tree as something set apart and sacred. May it be a constant reminder of all that is great and noble in this great Nation, and may it stimulate us to emulate the virtues so well portrayed in George Washington.

Let's hope this tree lives and prospers in the memories of the class of 1932 and of George Washington.

Carroll C. Belin,
Senior Reporter.

Eighth-A News

The Whites gave the Reds a picnic Friday afternoon because the Reds sold the most tickets with which to get the volley ball. The girls enjoyed a swim, followed by delicious sandwiches and orange juice. We have the ball and thanks to everyone who helped us get it. The Greens, Joan Mills' side, got the most words from George Washington and they will have to be entertained in some way. Helen Vandenberg got the most words on the Green side. She was awarded a beautiful compact by Sara Lacey Trent, who is also on the Green side. Mabel Crawford on the Pink side also won a compact given to her by Virginia Gough, who was on the same side.

Hazel Wilkerson,
Reporter.

Seventh-A News

We wish to thank Mr. and Mrs. Francis for the fourth picture that they have given us for our chapel. It is a picture of Washington and we received it on February 22, 1932. We enjoyed Mrs. Wise's Class program on Washington.

Dorothy Weisheyer
and J. L. Greene,
Reporters.

The Gossips.

If this singing the Junior boys have been giving us, then we know of a dairy herd that should go in for "grand opera." It has caused quite a bit of suffering throughout the high school. But they have borne up bravely and suffered in silence.

By the way, do you know the teacher who: 1. Strikes a "George Washington crossing the Delaware" attitude when angry? 2. Always looks like the latest thing from Paris? 4. Loves long assignments with all her heart? 5. Should be a drum major for the Avon Hi Band. Anyway it takes all sorts of people to make the world, and I'm glad I am not one, ain't you Minnie.

Umatilla—Uncle Tom's Bar B-Q opens at Twister-Filling Station, North Umatilla.

Concerning the Seniors.

Our editor-in-chief made a remark last week to the effect that characterizations and personalities were not as frequently portrayed now as before Christmas. Here's some lowdown on the Senior Class.

1. Out of blunders. Probably you could consider Carol Bailey as "blondy" among the boys.

2. As another fact there are no decided brunettes, that is with black hair and dark eyes.

3. Our "Ghost Parade" is nearly here, and the characters are chosen. They will be, if you ask me, just the opposite to Ghosts. Can you imagine Paul Baldwin as a negro ghost, Charlotte Shepherd, Novell Barwick, and Mary Wilde as assistants, and other people to give us amusement?

4. Noticed everybody looks freshened up a bit this week. No wonder, when the water is just right for swimming, the boys made a possible success at the tournament, and the Juniors and Seniors are looking forward to entertaining the Juniors and Seniors of Sebring, Friday night.

5. And Maude Delaney featured as a new Kate Smith. She would make a success over radio don't you think?

6. When is J. T. going to give us a big, successful house party? We are all patiently waiting for it to come to pass.

Carroll C. Belin,
Senior Reporter.

Typing and Shorthand Class News.

By request of Mrs. Peden, I was appointed to relate a few instances concerning these two Commercial Courses.

The typing class has started the W. A. T. C. Club, which in full name "Win a Typing Club." In this club there are four leaders: the president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. And just remember these four officers are filled by students that make the highest average each successive week in typing, until school is out. It was started last week and the officers are as follows for both this week and last week: 1. Virginia Chandler, president; 2. Oleta Bigbie, vice-president; 3. Carroll Belin, secretary, and 4. Frances Bowman, treasurer. The highest speed achieved this week is 53 words per minute, by Virginia last Thursday.

All of us are rather worked down with shorthand now. To begin with we are behind, and have faint hopes of catching up. Dorothy Garrett, a Junior, lets her pencil fly and seems to be the quickest shorthand transcriber in the class. Of course others nark close.

Such a word as temporarily, made some of us stumble the other day. We were not sure whether the "t" should be in it or not. Here are the outlines for it. T-m blend, pr, r, small loop a, for ily. No wonder we were not sure of how to write it.

C. O. Belin.

Junior Class News.

Mrs. Peden says that this time is the "slackest" period in the whole year. Does she mean that since football, the Junior Play and basketball are finished that we have a brief breathing space of "slack" time to apply on our lessons before the Sebring Party, Senior Play,

Junior-Senior Banquet and Graduation come into view? Or does she mean that everybody is "slacking"—lacking in lessons and "slacking" in the classrooms? Perhaps the last is right.

Every day in the week seems to be a Blue Monday with the Juniors. One can observe going down the hall the slow, draggy walk, slumped shoulders and woe faces with a "maybe I'll get through this day" look on them. The same things can be observed in the classrooms—still more woe faces staring at the ceilings or out of windows, feet in the aisles, figures slumped all over the desks.

What's the world coming to? Could this be what is called an early touch of the spring fever? What's the cure if any for such an ailment? How can everybody be snapped out of this daze? Why, it's getting so bad that Miss Bryant says that she can see a little bit of sense in a girl and boy staring at each other in a daze but when two boys and such as Harry Hancock and Phil Lacey start staring at each other in the above mentioned manner that it is just too much for her.

Maybe the Sebring-Avon Park Party will put a little vim, pep and vitality back in us. Great plans are being made, and if they go through—ho! Boy!

Jokes

Claude: "Well, how are you and your new girl getting along?"
Cameron: "I asked if I could see her home!"
Claude: "And what did she say?"
Cameron: "She said she'd send me a picture of it."

Raymond: "Miss Bryant, how is this for a poem I've written in three minutes?"
Miss Bryant: (after reading it over) "Why! Raymond, your fortune's made!"
Raymond: "Is it that good?"
Miss Bryant: "No, not if you wrote this in three minutes, you can make thousands of dollars addressing envelopes by the thousand!"

Sophomore News.

We had a class meeting Tuesday morning and discovered that our old classmate, Clarence Howell, was back with us. He has been down in the muck, the Everglades, Canal Point, that's it. He tells us that everything is very dry down in that country and that there is not much work being done there.

Mrs. Ginn suggested that each member contribute a nickel so that we may have a picture of George Washington framed for the beautification of our dignified Sophomore classroom.

We are anticipating a party to be given the girls by the boys sometime in the near future.

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Egypt Temple Again Sponsors Easter Sunrise Service

The 10th annual Sunrise Easter Service sponsored by Egypt Temple Shrine as a Community Enterprise will be staged this year at 6:28 a. m. Sunday morning, March 27th at Plant Park in Tampa.

This beautiful service was started 10 years ago by Dr. George Hyman, Chaplain of the Temple, and each year the Service has grown from the standpoint of interest and attendance.

Potential Stanley Price has appointed Dr. Hyman, General Chairman for this year's Service and it is the 10th Anniversary it is planned to make it outstanding.

The Shrine is asking the cooperation of all faiths and creeds, the affair is strictly non-sectarian,

a truly universal service. It is not a display of Masonry but a presentation of the truths of the Resurrection.

A new feature this year will be a chorus of one thousand voices provided by two groups of high school pupils. A Symphony orchestra will participate and of course the Egypt Temple Band and the Temple Chanters.

A nationally known soloist will be featured and the name of the artist will be made known at a later date.

This Easter morning Sunrise Service is beautiful and impressive, each year thousands of people drive for miles to be in attendance and feel well repaid for doing so.

No matter what your creed or nationality you will enjoy attending the Sunrise Service, and Egypt Temple extends a cordial invitation to you to join them again on this gladsome Easter morning.

\$25,000 Suit Results From Auto Collision

Damages of \$25,000 are sought by W. H. Nollman, Sebring attorney, in a civil action filed against A. W. Forbes of Avon Park. Only the precept for summons was filed. The action is the outgrowth of an automobile crash there recently when the cars of Nollman and Forbes collided, Nollman and his two guests were injured and his car was demolished.

Guid Ladies To Have Food Sale

The ladies of the Episcopal Guild will hold a food sale Saturday, February 27th at the Smith-Dorrimore hardware store. They will have pies, cakes, baked beans, salad, baked ham and other good things.

Lake Worth.—Formal dedication held recently for Pioneer Park.
Jacksonville.—Jobs for 200 men provided at Ford assembly plant recently.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

IN THE COURT OF THE COUNTY JUDGE OF HIGHLANDS COUNTY, FLORIDA.

IN THE MATTER OF ESTATE OF WM. J. HOOD, Deceased.
To all creditors hereafter, distributees and persons having claims or demands against said estate: You and each of you are hereby notified and required to present any claim or demands which you or each of you may have against the estate of Wm. J. Hood, deceased, late of Highlands County, Florida, to the County Judge of said County, in his office at the courthouse, within twelve months from the first publication of this notice, viz: January 29th, 1932, first publication, and expiration of time of filing, January 29, 1932. All claims or demands not presented will be barred by limitation under the provisions of Chapter 10115, Laws of Florida, approved June 4, 1925.

JOHN H. HOOD, Administrator.
Jan. 29 Feb. 5-12-19-26 Mar. 4-11-18-25

Del Monte Coffee 1 lb. can 29c		B & B COFFEE BULLS EYE 1-Lb. 15c 7 TILL 7 COFFEE lb. 21c	
White Bacon Clear Sides, pound . . . 8c			
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IRISH POTATOES, 10 lbs. 15c 5-LB. BAGS 25c SUGAR, 10 lb. bags 49c KEROSENE, 5 gallons 50c DAIRYLEA MILK, 3 tall cans 20c CURRANTS, package 15c ICEBERG LETTUCE, head 8c NO. 2 CANS STRING BEANS, 3 for 25c			

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