

Washington Digest

National Topics Interpreted

by William Bruckart

Washington.—With the farm strike still threatening mischief and with many agitators continuing to make disturbing motions, officials of the government, who ever they can contact people, are counseling patience more than they ever have since the gloom of the depression settled over us. It is undoubtedly true that the great bulk of the American people want to see a proper and final solution accomplished for the economic troubles in which the nation, and the world, too, finds itself. But it does not seem to hide one's head in an ostrich case and insist that there are no conflicting interests that are dangerous. They exist, and they are vital and they may cause serious trouble. Hence, the government's policy of asking those who want to help to be patient.

As nearly as I have been able to arrive at the base of the present crop of conflicting interests, I believe much of the trouble stems from a lack of understanding of the basic problems. It seems to be undeniably true, also, that there are certainly many groups of individuals who do not want to understand the situation. They want to use the bad conditions to further selfish ends and to make money. Unfortunately, my research discloses that there are many following such leadership who are being misled.

There seems to be scarcely a single official of the government but who holds the view that such leadership will accomplish anything but self-destruction of a majority of the followers of those curial doctrines. That sort of thing never has accomplished anything in history, and there seems to be no ground for believing there will be any other result this time.

Unfortunately, it may be, in our rush to get back to what we call prosperity, some groups have become jealous of other groups and interests. This jealousy has been translated into action in numerous instances. I do not say that jealousy is the cause of all of the trouble, but I believe selfishness of one kind or another together with personal motives of an ulterior character can surely be used to the general foundation for all of them.

But the natural question is: why should the situation be so perilous? The existence of such difficulties between the farm strike and labor troubles? The answer seems to me to be in a law with which we have had anything to do, namely, the age-old law of supply and demand. Just as we have had anything to do with framing that law, we have had anything to do with amending it or changing it. Farm strikes, labor strikes, capital striking, hoarding of money, some of these things exist, and they will continue to exist, unless we change the purpose. Indeed, the only way that we can get back to something like normal conditions is by pulling together. That is why the government is urging everyone to be patient within reason.

I am indebted to Secretary Wallace of the Department of Agriculture, for an expression of the opinion that seems to me to be the picture of the situation better than any I have heard. He describes the condition as one requiring a two-horse team to pull us out of the depression phase, he means that producer and laborer must pull together. If one of them balks or is unwhipped, the load simply stalls. That is all there is to it.

Let us analyze the necessity for pulling together which the government so strongly urges upon us. If all of the cobwebs are swept off of the picture, it seems to me to be fairly clear, and simpler than the point in becoming more confused as to what the need is or what may be done about it or why things move slowly.

After some research into the field of figures, I cannot escape the conclusion that there is an absolute and positive relationship existing between the money paid to labor and the money received by the farmers. There is therefore a necessity for the farmer and laborer must keep in step. If one gets a step ahead, the team is not pulling and conditions grow worse. It really does not matter whether it is the laborer or the farmer whose team moves too fast; the result all through the history of modern agriculture has been precisely the same, and that too much selfishness on either side causes trouble.

The government has collected statistics that provide a most interesting proof of the statement I made above that there must be absolute teamwork. For example, the figures show that gross income of agriculture and pay rolls of factories have been rising together or falling together as conditions are good or poor. And in the last ten years, it happens, they have been in the least about the same amount. The re-

ports reveal that farmers' gross income in 1923 was just above eleven billion dollars. Labor's wage, as shown or measured by factory pay rolls, was slightly under that figure. Both of these totals shrank a little bit during the succeeding years until each was between nine and ten billions in 1930. There was a further decline in each in 1931 and the totals were about seven billions. Last year, as nearly as accurate records can be obtained, gross farm income was about five billions and labor's wage through factory pay rolls was just about the same.

From these statistics, compiled year after year, the government has developed what the statisticians call an index. It is a yardstick, a basis for measurement. The index indicates that gross farm income is just about half what can properly be called normal (an index figure of 100, while labor is recorded at only about 58 per cent of that normal amount).

But to get to those conflicting interests, everybody who makes anything or grows anything, in short, everybody who produces, wants to get as high a price as he can for anything he sells. It applies to those who work with their hands and sell their services. Those who sell what as high a price as they can get and those who buy what as low a price as they can force.

So far as known Mr. Morgenthau has never advocated currency inflation via the printing press. As government of the farm, the industrial sector has been more conservative than many farm leaders would like him to be. His main concern, however, is for agriculture and his associations are with men who have developed radical and inflationary ideas for meeting present conditions.

So it seems to me that there is need for the patience which is now being urged. In the first instance, it appears that the government will not be able to make an accomplished feat overnight. It is a slow process, and it seems slower than it is. It appears to take some time to get the benefits to reach the man in the street after there has been improvement in basic conditions and among the so-called key industries. But it is to be remembered that when the depression took hold, there was a great deal of money in the hands of the farmer and he had invested them in stocks and bonds or tangible property which he had sold. The money was felt by the man in the street.

Sometime in the future when the next generation has grown to maturity, it will be asked, "What was the C.C.C. doing?" It is about all that can be said about them and observed from the time they were established. The picture before them was that of a man who had put their money into the great depression took hold, there was a great deal of money in the hands of the farmer and he had invested them in stocks and bonds or tangible property which he had sold. The money was felt by the man in the street.

Mr. Roosevelt started out in execution of his reforestation program as a means of alleviating unemployment. He proposed that congress create the civilian conservation corps so that upwards of three hundred thousand unemployed men might be given work that was of a character of which they would not be ashamed. He believed the money paid to them would reduce suffering among their families and, if not among their families, would take the number of men off of relief rolls or lift them from the almshouses. And such it has proved to be to the extent of some two hundred thousand families and some one hundred thousand individual men.

They are working; they are clothed well and they are fed well. Their morale is high, according to all persons who have visited the conservation camps. They feel that the nation owes them a debt for the work they are doing is useful. Consequently, it is the view of those who have been in the camps that the corps that these men feel life to be worthwhile.

I was reminded of the scope of the conservation program, the tree planting plan, the other day when one of the numerous boards and commissions around Washington asked for approval of purchase of 65,000 acres, scattered through twenty states. The lands being acquired will be added to the government holdings in the national forest system and will be used for timber growth.

News Review of Current Events the World Over

Morgenthau Made Acting Treasury Head, Woodin on Indefinite Leave—President on Relief and Employment—Soviet Recognition Negotiations.

By EDWARD W. PICKARD

SOME money advocates were rather dismayed though perhaps not surprised by the sudden shift of treasury officials that has taken place in Washington. Secretary Woodin, still suffering from the throat ailment that has troubled him all year, sought to resign, but President Roosevelt instead gave him an indefinite leave of absence. Dean Acheson, then, as the President's request, resigned as undersecretary of the treasury. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., was appointed to succeed him, thus becoming actual head of the department during Mr. Woodin's absence.

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Mr. Morgenthau, long a close friend and adviser of Mr. Roosevelt, is a member of the Cornell university group that includes Prof. George F. Warren, co-author of the gold buying plan.

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The new undersecretary is a farmer and a farm publisher. He owns a large farm and dairy farm in Dutchess county, New York, where he specializes in raising pure bred Holstein cattle and Red McKinstry apples. He became interested in agriculture as a boy when he spent considerable time on ranches in the West. On graduation from high school, he attended Cornell university, to equip himself for scientific farming.

During the World war he served in the army, in the cavalry. In the navy, his father was chairman of the finance committee of the Democratic national committee during the first term of President Wilson. He has been a member of the American diplomatic corps, including ambassador to Turkey.

Mr. Acheson's retirement, according to observers in the National Capital, is likely to be followed here long by the resignations of others not in accord with the gold purchase scheme. These include Prof. O. M. W. Sprague, financial adviser of the treasury; Director of the Budget, Joseph Douglas and Gov. Eugene B. Black of the federal reserve board.

Mr. Woodin announced that he would go to Atlantic beach, to receive health and that he would accept no salary from the government during his leave of absence. The belief general is that he never will return to his post.

GOVERNORS, mayors and representatives of the various large numbers gathered in Washington to pledge assistance in the government's drive to put 4,000,000 persons to work in the next few weeks. President Roosevelt told them that relief of the needy must not be made a political football. Said he: "Your national government is not trying to gain advantage one way or the other out of the needs for human relief. We expect the same spirit on the part of every governor of the 48 states, and we expect the same spirit on the part of the mayors and relief administrators."

"We would like to have a rule that everyone assisting with relief work never ask whether a person needed assistance be Democrat, Republican, Socialist or anything else," Mr. Roosevelt described his gigantic employment venture, which is being conducted by the federal government, as a "partnership between the United States, the states and local governments. Each one is expected to do their share."

"The effort we now are engaged in," he said, "is to put 4,000,000 people on the job so that we can honestly say this winter is not going to be like last winter or the winter before. At least half of the people on the job now will be called a wage. When people are on a dole something happens to them mentally. The sooner we can take them off of the dole the better off we will be."

Expenditure of \$400,000,000 for the work of the federal government, \$500,000,000 will be engaged, the President said, would not add to the financial burden of the country. "We are going to take this money out of the public works fund, but it means putting the money to good use," Mr. Roosevelt explained.

DETERMINED to give the monetary plan of Professor Warren and Rogers a full chance to work out, the President, it was stated authoritatively, will not change his policy at present. If it fails, he stands ready to turn to devaluation of the dollar and return to the gold standard. In its first three weeks the program of buying gold at premium prices at home and abroad raised the price of gold considerably, and the sponsors of the plan assert it also has been responsible for the rise of 4.1 per cent in commodity prices.

The "committee for the nation," whose ideas are largely embodied in the present monetary program, now has a rival organization, known as the "committee on monetary policy." It was formed by 20 business and industrial leaders of Chicago who endorse the stand recently taken by a group of midwestern university professors against tinkering with the monetary unit. The new committee thus sets forth its policy: "I. Recovery can be achieved only through an increased volume of business, which increases wages and the whole national income. II. Recovery can be achieved only through an increased volume of confidence in the dollar and in the national credit, and a reasonable expectation of profit for individual enterprise, in industry, in trade, and in agriculture. III. Confidence in the dollar and in the national credit, and a reasonable expectation of profit for individual enterprise, in industry, in trade, and in agriculture. IV. 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So far we feel about the same as before Russia was recognized.

If the country knew that grapefruit is both a preventative and a remedy for colds, Florida could not produce enough to supply the demand.

The Jacksonville lady who flew out over the ocean, "to find out what it's all about," may have done so. But she did not come back to tell others.

The NRA has done more for union labor than for any other group, and striking union laborers have been perhaps the greatest hindrance to the NRA.

Was it an early frost or something that checked the threatened opposition to Senator Trammell? It seems to have hardly gotten beyond the sprouting stage.

After reading the stories of the Wynecoop murder we suggest once again that letting anybody invest in an insurance policy on your life is sometimes a fore-runner of bad health.

Some one estimates that the government is now spending money at the rate of \$200 a second. That will run up to a tidy sum if we can keep it up long enough. It will not be paid back at a rate as rapid as that.

Perhaps, after all, the crux of the lynching trouble is expressed in the comment of Governor Bill Murray: "Citizens would not take the law in their own hands if speedier prosecutions in the courts were assured."

Governor Ritchie may not get far in his attempt to convict lynchers in his State, but his courageous stand against mob rule challenges the admiration of all who believe that a Governor should have some respect for his oath of office.

Brooksville is going to foil roaming cattle by building a fence around the town. In some sections it has been found practical to build a fence around the cattle. But in most parts of Florida there is reluctance to curtail any of the privileges of the sacred oow.

With all due respect to both of them, and without taking the side of either, we think Al Smith and Father Coughlin are talking too much. The former's pronouncements savor too much of the grunt of the disgruntled. The latter might give more attention to his prayers and less to politics.

The program of civil works just adopted and which is giving real employment to thousands instead of doing jobs in almost every detail exactly as outlined in this column two and a half years ago. The only difference is that we suggested a minimum wage of \$2.50 a day instead of the \$2 wage adopted.

Much has been done since last March to better conditions in the country. Much more is being done. Conditions are being bettered as rapidly as could reasonably be expected considering the vastness of the job that was undertaken. Criticism on the part of those who have no better plan, or who if they think they have better ideas have no means of putting them in operation, is merely destructive. We are nearing peaceful waters. We have a pilot worthy of confidence. It is no time to rock the boat.

The big doctors are disagreeing violently over the monetary plans. We poor ignorant laymen can only pin our faith on the convictions of those whom we believe are earnestly and honestly trying to lead us out of the slough of despond. We respect the opinions of Al Smith and others whom we believe to be intelligent and sincere. They may be right. We elect to follow the President, because though he may make mistakes we refuse to believe he will pursue any mistaken policy to the point of precipitating national disaster. To us F. D. R. still looks like our best bet.

Louisiana can be happy when she can say "It won't be long now."

Governor Rolph sowed the whirlwind from which a new crop of lynchings may be harvested.

If Mr. Smith or anyone else has any of this country's "baloney dollars" they don't want we can use 'em—and how!

A great many people will commend the attitude of Governor Rolph, of California, who refused to call out troops to protect two alleged kidnappers, and then commended the mob that lynched them. That course will appeal to the thoughtless; to the element representing those criminally inclined but who are too cowardly to gratify that inclination unless there is opportunity under protection of the pack to vent their savagery upon a helpless victim; perhaps to a large number of well-intentioned people whose mental processes do not go far beyond their animal impulses. But to those who believe that the law should be supreme, and who know that every time the mob usurps the functions of the courts anarchy is encouraged and the security of every individual is weakened; to those who consider that the paramount duty of the chief executive of any state is the preservation of law and order; to those who recognize the eternal truth that two wrongs do not make a right, but only produce a more monstrous iniquity—the Governor's position is indefensible. He is not only to blame for the violent deaths of these wretches, whose adequate punishment under the orderly processes of law was assured, but responsibility will in large part rest upon him for other acts of law-contemptuous mobs which will be given far-reaching encouragement by his attitude. Nothing herein should be construed as expressing sympathy for the two men who were lynched. They deserved their fate—but it should have been meted out to them by process of law and not by a law-defying mob.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY
By RUSSELL KAY

Three groups, one representing Florida mayors, another Florida chamber of commerce secretaries, and a third Florida newspapers, met at the Miami Beach hotel last week to discuss the subject of "Advertising the state."

There was a lot of first class handshaking and backslapping, several fair to middlin' speeches and up to Wednesday noon, it looked like the whole thing would turn out to be "just another meetin'."

Then some of the newspaper boys got their heads together and figured that before we tackle as big a task as selling Florida to the cockeyed world, maybe it would be a good idea to get busy and sell Florida to Floridians.

The thought being that if we could just get Florida folks enough worked up about their state, it would naturally follow that they would feel a lot better like to sell Florida to the cockeyed world.

Somebody in the crowd suggested that we form an "All Florida Committee" and inaugurate a statewide educational campaign in an effort to break down sectionalism and advance the interests of the state as a whole.

Representatives of both the daily and weekly papers decided their full cooperation and an Executive Committee was appointed to build a fire under the idea and get somewhere with it.

This committee agreed to undertake the task of bringing every daily and weekly newspaper in Florida into the movement with a pledge to devote approximately a page a month to "All Florida Advertising" like to be prepared and approved by the Executive Committee.

And while state newspapers have taken the lead in this forward movement and are giving concrete evidence of their sincerity by pledging in the neighborhood of \$200,000 worth of space to the campaign, they realize that the objective it is hoped to obtain demands similar unselfish co-operation from every group and interest and that the "All Florida Committee" to function as intended, must embrace all who are concerned with advancing the welfare of the state as a whole.

To this end, others will be asked to join and the requisite of membership is the contribution, without thought of personal gain, of some outstanding service for Florida.

The plan met the enthusiastic approval of all who attended the meeting which was outlined at the general meeting with all groups present. In recognition of the service, Colonel Doherty has consistently rendered the state, an invitation was extended him to become the first non-newspaper member of the "All Florida Committee."

The Colonel accepted and offered as his contribution, to meet the expense of preparing the engravings and mats, supply the Committee with a Secretary and underwrite the initial expense of perfecting a working organization.

And he has started another movement designed to promote the welfare of Florida through the mutual unselfish effort of all interests, a move to sell all Floridians with the hope that in the breaking down of sectional jealousies and petty differences, our people will be brought to realize the advantages to be gained by united effort.

It is an ambitious program, an idealistic program, and one that will prove extremely difficult of achievement, but it can be done.

With intelligent direction and unselfish effort the "All Florida Committee" possesses potential possibilities for good, or it can become just another one of those things, just another name. It is merely a starting point. Where it will lead will be answered by you—and you—and you.

FORUM

EDITOR AVON TIMES:

Have read the carefully thought out and well written editorial in your issue of the 24th inst. and feel that you deserve great credit for your untiring effort to get at the prime cause of our current civic problems.

Restoration of our municipal credit is the paramount problem in Avon Park today. The heedless expenditure of the city's money by the present council is pure wickedness, and then to publish a Balance Sheet for the average person to read and to know by this sheet anything whatsoever of the city's receipts and disbursements is adding injury to insult.

Now, if Mr. Lester will answer some of the pertinent questions put to him by Mayor Covington the public may be enlightened still further in regard to our town's finances.

What about the \$1,200 contract to those engineers for a survey in regard to the city taking over the water and light plant itself? This amount paid to our present lighting company would look better to the public.

This Pen-Mar Company. I see by your paper that the city attorney is president of this concern. How many of the other city officials are members of the company? And was there not some mention made of "dummies" on the books as well?

ARE THERE any lots for sale by this company for the same price that Glenada Hill lots sold for just before the school trustee election last summer?

Is it in compliance with Florida laws for a city official to be privately interested in any financial transaction of the city? I thought not. Yet this Pen-Mar Company evidently bought land and sold land.

And about the bond dealings for taxes which the city attorney handled. Let's have some information on that subject. Was there any self enrichment in any of these transactions?

We just have an inquiring mind of an intelligent voter who wants to render unto Caesar that which is Caesar's and we know that "figures never lie"—But—

Why all this effort in carrying out the privacy of the city's books through the courts—the city, mind you, paying the costs. Why, bless you, these books should be accessible to any citizen and the public welcome. If—

Now after the council's "lawing" and scheming, the State will give us what we want to know. The present administration desires continuance. Mr. Taxpayer, are you willing to pay the bill of the sort incurred the past few months by continuing them in office?

We want a council composed of men who can say NO and who will not permit the name of Avon Park to be entered on the minutes of the council as present when they are absent. Just because the KINGFISH desires to "put one over."

One man stands out in this administration for his stubborn fight for economy, for the right of the taxpayer and for law and order, refusing his required signature to illegal and unnecessary checks for city payment. (For which the signing of same was transferred to a YES man), vetoing acts of the three YES men on the council when illegal and standing firmly for Avon Park and her interests.

A man known for his civic pride and interest and public spirit. A man whom we have not been ashamed to have as our mayor. Mr. E. Covington has filled this office with dignity and ever considered the city's interests first in official capacity.

He deserves a second term and the support of every law-abiding citizen.

The men whose names appear on the ticket which Mayor Covington heads, were drafted for service, not one seeking the office. They are men of business ability and men whose names have not been mentioned in questionable transactions or in whispering terms. A representative ticket of good citizenry able to cope with the problems confronting the city and they are many and difficult.

Read their platform. There is no one man to rule them. Such a council and mayor working together will bring order out of chaos and this will eventually bring peace and a neighborly feeling, making Avon Park a desirable place in which to locate and live as in days of yore.

A RESIDENT

Seaboard Air Line
Crack Train Will
Start January 2

For years the Orange Blossom Special, Florida's famous train operated over the Pennsylvania, R. F. & P. and Seaboard Air Line Railways, has been recognized as the finest one night out Winter train between New York and Florida. This year it will be completely air conditioned with the most modern air conditioning system produced by the Pullman Company. It will be the first and only air conditioned train ever operated to Florida and will be the longest distance, completely air conditioned train in the world. The first trip of the Orange Blossom Special this season southbound from New York will be at twelve thirty p. m., January 2nd.

Air conditioning means the control of temperature and humidity the same in winter and summer. It completely eliminates dust, dirt, smoke and greatly reduces noise. It changes the air in the cars every hour, keeping it pure and free of impure air. No matter what the temperature may be on the outside, whether hot or cold, inside the air conditioned Orange Blossom Special will always be fresh, pure, with out humidity and of the correct temperature for health and comfort.

Passengers to and from Florida by using the Orange Blossom Special will experience the June like weather which prevails there during the winter season. They will travel on one of the finest and most completely equipped trains in the world. Fresh from the shops of the Pullman company there will be delivered to the Seaboard Air Line Railway in time for the first train January 2nd, forty of the latest all-steel Pullman cars required for service between New York and Florida, all luxuriously equipped consisting of dining cars, club cars, lounge, library cars and section, compartment and drawing room sleeping cars.

Operated on a one night out schedule faster than ever before in both directions between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Richmond and other Eastern cities to Avon Park, Sebring, Miami, West Palm Beach and other principal Florida resorts on both coasts and intra Florida passengers arriving at their destinations will not experience the fatigue generally occasioned by a journey of such length but will be thoroughly rested, fresh and clean.

Never before has the tourist visiting Florida been able to have the benefit of such modern service provided at such a low cost. There will be no extra fare, no surcharge and great reductions in one-way and round-trip rates. Season tickets will be sold this winter season from all points to all of the resorts in the Carolinas, Georgia and Florida at very low rates. Passengers will also have the opportunity to enjoy the excellent food, courteous attention and reasonable prices of the Seaboard Air Line Railway's famous dining car service whose reputation has never been excelled.

The Orange Blossom Special will operate daily and will pass through Philadelphia 2:16 p. m., Baltimore 4:05 p. m., Washington 5:20 p. m. with direct connections from Boston, Albany, Atlantic City, Buffalo, Pittsburgh and many other important Eastern cities arriving at Florida destinations at a convenient hour the following afternoon. Northbound the Orange Blossom Special making its first trip January 4th with one night out schedule leaving Miami, West Palm Beach, Tampa, Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Sarasota, Venice, West Lake Wales, Mount Lake Wales, Avon Park and other resorts during the forenoon and early afternoon arrives at Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia and New York the following afternoon making direct connections to Boston, Albany, Atlantic City, Buffalo, Pittsburgh and many other principal Eastern cities.

Indications point to the largest winter tourist season Florida has ever had and there are naturally many reasons why there should be a vast number of tourists going South this winter. A great reduction in railroad fares and elimination of Pullman surcharges, improved train service, reductions in hotel cost, short distances and accessibility from the North make a vacation in Florida or other Southern resorts less expensive than a trip to California, revolutions in Cuba and deflation of the dollar make a trip to foreign resorts as costly that people seeking a vacation will undoubtedly go to Florida this winter.

MICKEY MOUSE
CLUB NOTES

Last Saturday the Mickey Mouse Club staged a Pet Parade which drew a lot of comment. A goodly number of the members brought their pets. However the rain coming when it did kept a lot of the members from bringing their pets. The winners were Miss Marjorie Lacey, whose two kittens won first and second prize went to R. P. DeCany with a Boston Bull dog. The third prize went to Miss Ruth Pendleton with her white spitz dog. Members had a great time watching the parade and judging.

Two sets of twins celebrated their birthdays during this past week. They were Hilma and Hans Reddick and Hlene and Irene Fennell. All four had birthdays on November 28th. Other members who celebrated birthdays were Elsie Visei on November 28th, John Calhoun on the same date and Milton Rivers on the same date. On November 25 occurred the birthday of George Elliott. On November 28 the following members celebrated their birthdays: Viola Woodward, B. F. Jackson and John Childers.

Those having birthdays on November 29 were Ethel Harden and Edward Sturdivant. Nellie Reed and H. C. Willis had birthdays on November 30 and Harold Jackson has the honor of being the first member born in December.

Another big meeting of the members of the Mickey Mouse Club will be held at the Avon Theatre on Saturday morning, December 2 at 10 a. m.

Carpet Grass Sowing
On the Fire-Breaks

Carpet grass seed is to be planted on ten miles of fire-breaks west of Hicoria and Lake Placid in Highlands County, states the Florida Forest Service. The planting of the seed serves several purposes in that it establishes fire-breaks which are particularly maintained by cattle grazing thereon, supplies food for cattle, helps to keep cattle away from the highways and, if fire is not permitted to burn on adjoining lands, this excellent grass will spread to many other suitable places.

The fire-breaks were cleared of stumps, trees and brush by the Civilian Conservation Corpsmen and were then plowed. The ground will be thoroughly harrowed before the seed is sown and Camp Superintendent E. C. Porter, of Sebring, will supervise the planting of the seed. The seed was secured by the cooperation in forest protection of the local citizens and community with the Florida Forest Service and the United States Forest Service. The manner of sowing and the results secured will be of great interest to cattlemen, timberland and pasture-landowners.

At the New Circle

MARIE DRESSLER and WALLACE BERRY
"THE GREAT ANNUAL"

Coming to the New Circle Theatre next Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 7, 8 and 9. Matinee, Saturday, 3:30.

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Marie DRESSLER

Wallace BERRY

THE GREAT ANNUAL

To Organized Labor of Avon Park

There is talk on the streets of Avon Park that I am against Organized Labor. This statement is a lie, I DEFY ANY MAN that I have made any assertions whatsoever AGAINST ORGANIZED LABOR.

If anyone cares to mix POLITICS WITH RELIGION I cannot stop him, but as an AMERICAN CITIZEN I have the privilege to VOTE THE COURAGE OF MY CONVICTIONS AT THE BALLOT BOX the same as all good citizens do.

My business records will show that I have always sold UNION MADE merchandise and today am doing business with houses who display the BLUE EAGLE, (NRA).

Although Avon Park, as a small community is out from the NRA code 1 AM PAYING MY SALESPeople CODE WAGES.

FRIENDLY YOURS,

PHIL ABRAMS.

SOCIAL and Personal News

Phone 37

By MRS. HARCOURT JOHNSON
Society Editor

Auxiliary Meets Monday

Mrs. D. G. Perry and Mrs. E. E. Melton were hostesses on Monday evening at the home of Mrs. Perry on Highland Avenue to members of the American Legion Auxiliary.

A. M. Morgan appeared before the auxiliary and outlined a proposed plan for the new community Legion home to be built on Lake Verbena. He presented architect's sketches of the log construction building which met with instant approval and members promising their full cooperation in assisting the Legion in their plans.

Details of the auxiliary's Christmas party were discussed and the president appointed Mrs. C. L. Johnson, Mrs. Demos Mandis and Mrs. Louis Martin to have charge of the party, which has become a local annual affair for the children of Legionnaires.

Mrs. C. L. Johnson, secretary, treasurer read several communications and gave the yearly treasurer's report.

Other matters of auxiliary interest were brought before members for consideration and the meeting was then turned over to the hostesses.

Popular patriotic songs were sung and high lights of the National convention were given in rapers read by Mrs. Henry Hughes, Mrs. Demos Mandis and Mrs. A. M. Morgan.

Golden daisies placed about the living room were suggestive of the Thanksgiving season and refreshments of pumpkin pie topped with whipped cream and coffee were served on individual card tables.

Members present were: John Hood, Mrs. Virginia Cloud, Mrs. A. M. Morgan, Mrs. Raleigh Lawson, Mrs. Louis Martin, Mrs. Demos Mandis, Mrs. Earl Hart, Mrs. Henry Hughes, Mrs. C. L. Johnson, Mrs. Cyril Baldwin, Mrs. Paul Jones, Mrs. W. M. Hetherington and the hostesses, Mrs. Melton and Mrs. Perry.

Junior Woman's Club Have Meeting

The Junior Woman's Club of Avon Park held their regular meeting on Tuesday night at the club room in the City Hall with the president, Mrs. Billie Smith, in charge.

An election for the office of vice-president was held with Mrs. Lou Shockey elected to fill the position. Miss Irene Dawson was named treasurer in connection with the office of secretary. Plans were made for a benefit bridge party to be given at the home of Mrs. Lou Shockey on December 14, and various committees were named to serve. Tickets will be on sale same time next week. A membership drive is being sponsored by the club and seven members were present at this meeting: Miss Jerry Leslie, Miss Jerry Leslie, Mrs. Lena Taylor, Miss Emma Mackey, Miss Ruth Hall, Mrs. M. L. Rogers, and Miss Frances Jones. Regular members present were: Mrs. Irene Dawson, Mrs. Louis Drott, Miss Lillian Smith, Mrs. Billie Smith, Miss Barbara Weaver and Mrs. Lou Shockey.

Local Woman's Club Wins Prize

The yearly sectional meeting of the Polk-Highlands County Federated Clubs took place in Bartow on Tuesday.

Mrs. Buford Bum, vice president, presided and Mrs. Shearer of Orlando, vice-president at large was also present.

A prize was given for the largest attendance based on the percentage of those present compared with enrollment of the club represented and the Avon Park Woman's Club won this prize, and were presented a lovely copper tray with copper pitcher and vase.

Those attending from the local club were: Mrs. M. V. Pilcher, Mrs. M. L. Covington, Mrs. W. D. Dornthier, Mrs. E. P. Loomis, Mrs. Fred Stevens, Mrs. E. U. Youngquist, Miss Irene Lang, Mrs. W. A. Davidson, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. S. E. Booth, Mrs. G. A. Thayer and Mrs. May Walden.

Woman's Club Meets Today

The regular monthly meeting of the Woman's Club will take place this afternoon. The business meeting will begin at 2:30 and the program will start at 3:30.

All members are urged to be present.

Young People's Service League

The members of the Young People's Service League of the Church of the Redeemer were hosts on Friday evening to a costume party in the Parish House.

Japanese daisies and turk's caps were used in decorating and the lights were shaded in red crepe paper.

Each guest came as his or her favorite movie star and after the grand march and the signing of the register, prizes were awarded for the best costumes. Mary McCarthy won the prize for girls, being cleverly costumed to portray Groucho Marx. David Skipper was the prize for boys as Charlie Chaplin and Peggy Mandis, as Lupe Velez, was given honorable mention.

After a number of games and contests the guests were served punch and cookies.

Chaperones for the party were: Father and Mrs. Harcourt Johnson, Mrs. Demos Mandis, Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mrs. E. P. Loomis, Mrs. Kathleen Jones, Mrs. W. H. McCarthy and Mrs. Laura Woodruff.

Children present were: Peggy Lacey, Walter Mandis, Dorothy McNicholas, Mary McCarthy, Sibyl Bigbie, Betty Sherman, Jane Hart, Jay Gordon, Elizabeth Hetherington, Mary Lydia Stephens, Paul Jones, Marjorie Warner, Marguerite Loomis, Peggy Mandis, Gladys Hill, Marjorie Warner, Donald Reed, Charles Sherman, Donald Todd, David Skipper, Herbert Todd, Joe Patterson, Jimmie Yearwood, Alton Cole, Gladys Bryant, Sanford Hart, Peyton Covington, Herbert Reck, Jr., Frances Dornthier, and Guinn Warner.

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Memorial Service Sunday

The impressive memorial service of the Local Chapter of the Eastern Star took place on Sunday afternoon at the Masonic Temple.

The service was opened by Mrs. W. M. McFarland, who read the opening of the Lord's Prayer. The hymn "Abide With Me" was sung and immediately followed by the roll call of the dead.

After the roll call there was a few minutes silent prayer and the hymn "Safe in the Arms of Jesus" was sung.

The Rev. W. K. McClure had charge of the devotional and read the 91st Psalm.

Mrs. George Scott McKnight, accompanied by Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., sang "Crossing the Bar".

Rev. McClure gave an interesting talk and paid tribute to the departed members.

The service was closed with the hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy" and the guests present went to Boguenville cemetery to place wreaths on the graves.

Thanksgiving Family Parties

Thanksgiving Day was family day in Avon Park. Among the larger dinner parties was one given by Mr. and Mrs. Demos Mandis when they entertained sixteen of their family. Those present were: Peggy and Walter Mandis, Phillip Boardman, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Woodruff, Mrs. Edward Nelson and Miss Esther Nelson, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. McCarthy, Mrs. Laura Woodruff, Mary McCarthy, Constantine Vuans, Mrs. Mae E. Lamb, and Mrs. Maude E. McCord.

Mr. and Mrs. Todd entertained at dinner Mrs. William Reck, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Reck, Herbert Reck, Letta, Josephine and Ryland Reck, Donald, Herbert and Howard Todd and Father and Mrs. Harcourt Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Tacke Anderson entertained Mr. and Mrs. Fred Smith, Patricia and Nelson Smith, Mrs. L. E. Bass, Mrs. Olive E. Anderson, Roscoe Bass and Arden Anderson.

Mrs. Bass Entertains Club

Mrs. L. E. Bass was hostess this week to the Tuesday Afternoon Bridge Club.

The house was attractively decorated with poinsettias. Three tables were in play.

After several progressions Mrs. S. Y. Hart was awarded high score prize.

The hostess served her guests a salad course with cookies and coffee.

Club members present were: Mrs. Alexander Gilmore, Mrs. C. G. Christ, Mrs. C. P. Pardo, Mrs. W. H. Yates, Mrs. J. B. Moore, Mrs. H. H. Kempton.

Guests of the club were: Mrs. A. B. Able, Mrs. E. E. Melton and Mrs. Parks Anderson.

Circle No. 2 Of Baptist Church Meets

Mrs. Charles Clements was hostess on Monday afternoon to her missionary circle of the Baptist Church.

Mrs. B. M. Fussell had charge of the business meeting and Mrs. W. C. Touchton had charge of the devotional and prayers.

The fourth chapter of the study book, "Christ in the World" was read and discussed by Mrs. W. A. Davidson.

After the regular business meeting plans were made for a Christmas present for the girl in the Orphan's Home who is being taken care of by the circle.

The hostess served orange juice and cookies to those present who were: Mrs. B. M. Fussell, Mrs. C. C. Touchton, Mrs. Charles Sherman, Mrs. J. B. Coen, Sr., Mrs. Lester Armstrong, Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Mrs. W. A. Davidson and her mother, Mrs. Johnson.

The next meeting will take place next Monday afternoon at the church.

Reddick Twins Have Birthday Party

Misses Hazel and Hilda Reddick, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Reddick, entertained with a delightful birthday party on Tuesday night, the anniversary of their birth.

Fall flowers were arranged throughout the house and the guests enjoyed games and promising until a late hour.

Refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served.

Those present for this occasion were: Frances Gaudin, Corine Tate, Gladys Pate, Gladys Helms, Eva Mae Lewis, Evelyn Martin, Johnny Mae Smith, Lena and Evelyn Martin, Gladys Helms, Edward Touchton, James Tuten, Sport Mercer, Jimmie Skipper, Richard Bennett, Herbert Reck, Nellie Clements, Roland Bailey and Kellie Flanders.

Many Acionians In Gainesville Saturday

Besides the boys in the Avon Park Band who went to Gainesville in a body on Saturday, there were others who went by motor and train for the Home-Coming Day and football game between Florida and Auburn.

Among those who went were: Mrs. Neal T. Trent, Misses Sara Lucy Trent, Paty Loomis, Lucille Langford, Oleta Bigbie, Carmen Pate and Evelyn Clements, Misses Eleanor Kinney, Elizabeth Rollins, Marie Brink and Virginia Goff, Buddy Trent, Edward Touchton, W. A. Madison, Albie E. Charles Carter, Billy Martin, Robert Roberts, Misses Mary and Myrtle Turner, Miss Marie McFarland, Phil and Bill Lacey, Herbert and Ryland Reck, Messrs. Lester Armstrong, and C. C. Holt and Mr. and Mrs. Francis Sheekley.

Thanksgiving At Congregational

Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock the Covenant Circle of the Union Congregational Church sponsored an interesting program.

The service was opened with prayer by Dr. A. P. Vaughn.

Miss Letta Reck played a piano solo and twelve of the Sunday School children gave a clever little play called "Missionary Clock".

Mrs. E. E. Melton, who was in charge of the program, gave an interesting talk on "Missions" and this was followed by a skit portraying a scene in a hospital in China.

Mrs. Adelaide Gerrard gave a reading called "Thanksgiving Ann."

The collection taken at this service went to the Benevolent Fund. Miss Alice Davidson assisted Mrs. Melton in directing.

Baptist Circle No. 3 Meets

Circle No. 3 of the Baptist Church met on Monday with Mrs. D. H. Bowman.

Mrs. J. W. Green had charge of the devotional and read the Scripture lesson, the third chapter of Ephesians.

After business meeting which Mrs. Otto Skipper had charge of, Mrs. Martin read and gave an interesting talk on the fourth chapter of the year study book "Christ in the World".

Those present were: Mrs. J. L. Collins, Mrs. J. W. Green, Mrs. Will Bennett, Mrs. Otto Skipper, Mrs. A. B. Able, Mrs. E. E. Melton and Mrs. Parks Anderson.

Baby Show Interesting Event

The annual Baby Show, sponsored by the Woman's Club and this year under the direction of Mrs. Jack Hood, took place on Saturday afternoon in the banquet room of the Jaccaranda Hotel.

The large room was beautifully decorated with palms and an assortment of flowers. The columns in the center were banked with vases of star-jasmine, Japanese daisies and bougainvillea. Floor baskets of wild flowers were placed at the ends of the room.

In the center of the room was a tiny tea-table set for dolls. Teddy-bears, tricycles, wagons and numerous other toys to amuse the children.

Despite the inclement weather a large number of people were present although many babies and children who had been entered were not able to be brought out.

In the first group of babies, from two weeks to five months old, three babies were entered. The blue ribbon went to Nelda Ray Henderson, second prize, to Gladys Melton, third prize to Harry Lee Roy Hood.

Second Group, Five months to one year. Blue ribbon baby, Marjorie Hetherington; second prize, Johnny Albright; third prize, Ronald Langford.

Third Group—One year to two years. Blue ribbon baby, Arlon Anderson; second prize, Gloria Garber; third prize, Norman Todd.

Fourth Group—Two years to three years. Blue ribbon baby, Bill Beckett; second prize, Anna Jean Dickie; third prize, Esten Melton.

Other children entered in the show were: John Clements, Geraldine Barwick, David Foster, Norma Jean Thompson, Don Walton, McCuller, Betty Jones, Anna Vally, Virginia, Carmichael, Kathrine Cox, Betty Dobson and Helen Lorane Bryant.

While the judges were making their decisions Frances Brown, accompanied at the piano by Miss Zeldia Langford, gave a tap dance number.

Immediately following the awards there was an interesting style-show with children acting as mannequins.

Mrs. L. P. Daniels played while the children showed attractive models for school and parties, and Little Shirley Coates, with much poise and charm, announced each model and gave a clever description of what was being modeled.

The clothes were shown through the courtesy of Mrs. Brothers, Tampa, where Miss Louis Wade, a former Avon Park girl, is in charge of the children's section.

Children taking part in the style show were: Betty Ann Holland, Marguerite Loomis, Janice Greve, John Paul Garber, Annette Youngquist, David Lanier, Billy and Sister Archer, Josephine Brown, Bobby Keller, Nancy Morgan, Barbara Allen Martin, Midge Pilcher, Marjorie McNicholas, Sojette Dornthier, Betty Touchton, Yvonne Held, Gloria Garber, Mary Ruth Pardo, and Mary Eloise Martin.

Assisting Mrs. Hetherington in her committee were: Mrs. E. P. Loomis, Mrs. J. Paul Garber, Mrs. E. F. Carmichael, Mrs. Wilford T. Coates, Mrs. C. E. Lanier and others.

Mrs. M. E. Covington assisted in decorating.

The judges were Mrs. C. C. Hart, Mrs. A. Wingfield and Mrs. E. M. Pond of Frostproof.

Mrs. Anderson Hostess to Club

Mrs. Olive E. Anderson entertained the members of her bridge club and a few guests on Wednesday evening of this week, in her apartment at the Palmetto Hotel.

Astors were used in decorating and two tables were in play.

After several progressions Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hart were awarded the coupe favor.

The hostess served eight refreshments to her guests who were: Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hart, Mr. and Mrs. S. Y. Hart, Mrs. H. M. Johnson, Prof. Funderburke and Mrs. Katherine Brister.

Leigh Chapter No. 85, O. E. S.

The regular meeting of the Leigh Chapter No. 85 will take place on Tuesday night.

At 8:30 there will be a covered dish supper and each member is asked to bring her service.

The business meeting will begin at 8 o'clock and be immediately followed by the election of officers.

Mrs. McFarland, Worthy Matron, urges all members to be present at this meeting as it is most important.

Eleanor Seaverns Lodge, No. 65 will have its regular business meeting on Monday night.

All members are urged to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Copta announce the arrival of a little daughter on Monday evening. The little miss weighed 7-14 pounds on arrival and both she and her mother are doing very well.

Mr. Rawlings Improving

Friends in Avon Park will be glad to know that W. S. Rawlings in Washington for several months improving and expects to leave the hospital in a few days and, if his condition is still satisfactory, he will visit Mrs. Rawlings and their son, Luaby, will arrive here about the twenty-second of December to spend the remainder of the winter at their home on East Walnut Street.

The Rev. and Mrs. Hancock Surprised

On Tuesday evening a number of friends surprised the Reverend and Mrs. A. H. Hancock with a delightful food shower.

A large basket was presented by Mrs. E. P. Lacey, Peggy and Phil Lacey, Miss Patay Loomis and Miss Oleta Bigbie.

The contents of the basket were given by various members of the Methodist congregation.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Gilmore were in Frostproof today.

Miss Marjorie Lacey is here for the Thanksgiving holidays.

O. C. Wilkes spent Thanksgiving here with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Yearwood spent the week-end in Auburndale.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Stevens spent Thanksgiving visiting friends in Gainesville.

Prof. Barshell is spending the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Brendla.

E. P. Lacey who is stationed at Lakeland spent the week-end here with his family.

Parke Anderson has been ill for several days this week but is improving.

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Commissioner of Internal Revenue Guy T. Helvering stated today that it has been brought to the attention of the Bureau of Internal Revenue that in many instances farmers and others are slaughtering hogs and selling the products to consumers, without paying of the processing tax. This is a violation of the agricultural adjustment act and regulations promulgated thereunder, which provide that any person who slaughters hogs for market must file appropriate returns and pay the processing tax thereon.

The tax applies even in the case of the producer, who slaughters his own hogs and sells or otherwise disposes of all or any part of the products.

Heavy penalties are provided for violation of the law or evasion of the tax and any person who slaughters hogs and sells or otherwise disposes of them should confer with the collector of internal revenue for his district who will assist him in preparing and filing the required returns.

Processing Tax Must Be Paid

Landis Rules On Intangible Tax

Tallahassee, Nov. 29.—(FNS)—According to a recent ruling of Attorney General Landis, citizens and residents of Florida are required to pay an intangible tax on securities held in corporations in other states, even though such securities may be kept outside the state.

In their tax return to local tax collectors a citizen of Florida should show all security holdings, regardless of where corporation is located, or where such securities may be kept, the Attorney General states.

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SMASHING VICTORY FORECAST FOR CITIZENS' CANDIDATES

\$5,000 Sachsenmaier Deal Is Skeleton in Pardee's Cupboard

City Attorney Got the Money on Lot that Was "Donated"

Speaking of skeletons, we just "let it out" this skeleton out of the cupboard. But it is there and will be there as long as the present generation of voters live.

We refer to the \$5,000 Sachsenmaier deal—a skeleton which has been resting peacefully in the city hall skeleton closet for 10, these many years. And which Mr. Pardee certainly must have hoped had been buried deeply there.

A good many voters will recall the Sachsenmaier deal of some years ago. It was the time when the drainage project was put through. A terminal for disposal was needed and Mr. Henry Sachsenmaier of Philadelphia, who is also a large property owner of Avon Park and vicinity, generously DONATED a disposal site to the city FREE OF COST.

But Mr. Pardee handled the deal. And Mr. Pardee was Mr. Sachsenmaier's attorney!

What happened? It seems that any donation that was made was to Mr. Pardee, for he collected \$5,000 IN CASH from the city for himself for this very tract which Mr. Sachsenmaier thought he was donating free. What happened in the dark?

The city paid Pardee this \$5,000 on February 2, 1928, supposedly for the Sachsenmaier deal. On June 7th, 1929, sixteen months later, the city was shocked to learn through a letter written by Mr. Sachsenmaier to Mayor Donaldson that Mr. Sachsenmaier was unaware that any charge had been made for the tract.

Quoting from Sachsenmaier's letter: "Mr. Pardee came to me in Philadelphia last summer stating that the city wished to secure lot 2, in section 34 on which to erect its disposal plant. While I was not particularly in favor of the disposal plant so close to my land, I realized that it was sufficiently far enough away not to interfere with me and I signed a deed for this land and had my wife sign it WITHOUT ANY COST ON MY PART TO THE CITY."

He had given Pardee instructions as his attorney to deed it to the city FREE. The \$5,000, Mr. Pardee's bright idea and he got the money. Boy, oh boy, what a skeleton!

Boom-Time Stuff

Pardee has accused former councilors of doing extravagant things during boom days. Sure they did. Who didn't? Even Mussolini-Hitler Pardee did a few wild things during the boom. You have all seen the concrete curbs Pardee put around some of the orange groves three miles south of town, which he was managing for a lot of unsuspecting stockholders in the North.

You have seen the stucco bungalows he partly completed on Lake Lela, three miles from town, and for the material of which Townsend Lumber Co. is still trying to get its money. You have seen those same groves, half covered for going slowly but surely to ruin under Pardee's management. You might look on the city books and see if you can find when and where the taxes on these groves were paid.

So can Dictator Pardee accuse boom-time councilors of extravagance, of being extravagant? No. He was doing some things that were just as wild or perhaps wilder at the very same time.

A STATEMENT

The statements printed on this circular are put out by the Citizens League of Avon Park, sponsors of the Citizens' ticket, and are disseminated for the information of the voters.

THE CITIZENS LEAGUE
A. V. Anderson, Pres.
W. M. Hetherington, Secy.

Well Then, Who Gets The Money

In a recent statement S. C. Pardee alludes to a report that he collects 28 cents per head from members of the Citrus Workers Union, both white and black. He says it is a lie.

This is the first we have heard of it. However, according to their own members, 10 cents a month per worker goes as dues to the state office, located in the Brickell building next to the Pardee office. From Mr. Pardee's statement, there are "over 50,000 members" in the state organization. At 10 cents per month, that amounts to \$5,000 monthly that should be flowing into this state office adjoining Mr. Pardee's office.

It might be interesting to the public to know WHAT BECOMES OF THIS \$5,000 EACH AND EVERY MONTH.

PARDEE DODGES REAL ISSUES

For two years the citizens of Avon Park have been forced to watch a spectacle of petty politics, expensive litigation which has accomplished nothing, council meetings in which the three "Yes-Men" jumped through the hoop every time their master cracked his whip—all with just two results—a large portion of the CASH receipts of the city have been absorbed by Pardee under the guise of fees, court costs, collection expense and what-not—and the debt of the city steadily mounts upward.

Pardee has filled the coats of his crowd, and anyone else who would listen, without stopping to think very hard about what was being said, with a lot of wild statements, accusations, denials and personal attacks, few of which have any bearing on this election whatsoever.

LET'S CLARIFY THIS SITUATION. WHAT ARE THE ISSUES WHICH THIS ELECTION WILL SETTLE?

The candidates of the Citizens' League will give Avon Park a CLEAN, VIGOROUS, BUSINESS-LIKE ADMINISTRATION. They will take the necessary steps towards refunding the city's bonded debt. This will prevent mandamus suits which will force the city to pay off its bonds at plus interest. It will enable the city to reduce its tax rate to a level which will make it possible for people to pay their taxes.

From past performance, everyone knows that Mr. Pardee's hand-picked council, if elected would do just as he wishes. And also from past performance, everyone knows what Mr. Pardee wishes is to continue as city attorney and enjoy the city's money while he gets that job as he runs it (\$9,198.76 worth in 21 months).

That is one of the main issues—rule by the people for the people's benefit, or rule by Pardee for Pardee's benefit, and to hell with the city and its citizens.

ANOTHER ISSUE—The re-establishment of Avon Park's reputation and credit. Put Avon Park in the proper hands and the creditors of Avon Park will deal with the city. We can refund on a basis of a small proportion of our bonded debt. One of our committees was offered \$100,000 worth of bonds with six interest coupons attached—a total face value of \$118,000—for the small sum of \$10,000. The "legal" expenses which Dictator Pardee has saddled on the city would have if applied for buying bonds, reduced the city's bonded debt by \$80,680.00. What would a few business-like deals like this do to your taxes, Mr. Taxpayer?

Vote the straight Citizens' ticket and insure a business-like administration.

City Attorney Called On For Figures About Penn-Mar Deals

Mr. S. C. Pardee, City Attorney, Avon Park, Florida.

Dear Sir:

Failing to get any satisfaction whatever from the Mayor's open letter addressed to A. Gilbert Lester & Co., the firm of auditors you selected to audit the books of the city, we are addressing this letter to you as you are the one person who knows more about the transactions between the Penn-Mar-Florida Corporation and the City than any one else.

We particularly wish you to furnish us information on the following points:

1. Parcel No. 8, being Lot 2, resubdivision of Block 48, Section 22.

2. Is this the frame dwelling which formerly stood immediately adjoining the rear of the Peinistella Hotel?

Did the Penn-Mar-Florida Corporation pay the City of Avon Park the sum of \$127.75 for this real estate, or was this amount charged, as you claim, to your account on the city books?

If this property and other parcels of real estate were purchased by the Penn-Mar-Florida Corporation, why should it have been charged to your account? Are you the sole owner of the Penn-Mar-Florida corporation, or are there other city officials or councilmen interested in the Corporation?

We are informed that the frame dwelling referred to was torn down and the lumber, plumbing fixtures, etc. removed. Is this a fact or merely idle gossip?

Have you relinquished all right and title to this property? Is so, you have relinquished the city for the value of the lumber and plumbing fixtures said to be removed?

Parcel No. 11, Lot 12, Yonce Subdivision of Block 39, Section 22.

Is this the frame dwelling on South Lake Avenue at Hall Street now occupied by Mr. Wilcox as tenant?

Did you or the Penn-Mar-Florida Corporation pay this house \$385.92 for this property, or was it charged to your account?

Is it a fact that you or the Penn-Mar-Florida Corporation executed a lease to Mr. Wilcox on this property?

Have you collected any rent from Mr. Wilcox for this house? If you or the Penn-Mar-Florida Corporation have relinquished title

other fellow's? Just another cloud of smoke, just some more bull from the champion "Bull-Slinger" Pardee—at his same old game of trying to beg the issue of this campaign—shall the people rule for themselves, or shall Pardee rule for himself.

Speaking of Whiskers How About These?

Some of the candidates for council on the Citizens' ticket owe the city past due taxes. That is easy to understand. Just read in another column why Clements hasn't paid his taxes. His attitude is typical of why hundreds of other taxpayers are not paying their taxes. But Mussolini Hitler Pardee says a very, very funny thing for he says in his position, to say he says, "Would you put your business in charge of a man who owes large sums of money, and owed it so long that whiskers had grown on it?" No, we wouldn't. That's one of the reasons you don't want a council dominated by Pardee running your city.

The receiver for the First National Bank at Avon Park is suing Pardee for around \$9,500 which he has been owing the depositors of the bank since 1929. Whiskers? Lord yes, long ones.

And what about the lumber and other building supplies that Jack Townsend sold Pardee along in 1925 or 1926, and for which he hasn't yet been able to collect? More whiskers, and longer yet.

Why doesn't Pardee pay his own debts, before he talks about the

to this property, have you refunded to the city any rents you might have collected?

2. Parcel No. 48. Being the South 65 feet of the North 161 feet of Lot 6, Block 38, in Section 22.

Is this the property on South Lake Avenue, known as the Avon Furniture Company place?

Did you or the Penn-Mar-Florida Corporation pay the sum of \$78.83 to the city when the property was foreclosed? If so, was this amount refunded to you? We find no such entries on the books.

4. Parcel No. 67, being West 70 feet of North half of Lot 2, Block 37 in Section 22.

Is this the small frame dwelling on Canfield Street known as the Dies property?

Did the city receive \$78.83 for this property? Our accountant found no record of it.

5. Parcel 82, being North 180 feet of Lot 6, Block 2, Section 22. Is this the small grove at the corner of N. Lake Avenue and Christie Street, adjoining Mr. McKally's home?

Did you or the Penn-Mar-Florida Corporation pay \$217.66 to the city for this property?

Was any fruit sold from this grove while you claimed ownership to it?

If you relinquished all title to this grove, has the city been reimbursed for the amount of fruit sold in the 1932-1933 season?

6. Parcel No. 98, being 48x135 feet in southwest corner of Lot 2, Block 34 in Section 22.

Is this a small grove on Bell Street near Mr. George Godwin's home?

Did the city receive \$169.96 from you or the Penn-Mar-Florida Corporation when this grove was sold?

Has the city received any money from fruit sold from this grove in the season of 1932-1933?

In addition to the above, we would be pleased to have you enlighten us on the following points:

You claimed that the Penn-Mar-Florida Corporation took title to this property for the protection of the groves. Is this so-called "protection" offered by banks which close "or the protection of the depositors?"

Is there anything pertinent in the fact that your Penn-Mar-Florida Corporation did not offer this sort of protection to any property owner not owning real estate improved by groves or dwellings?

As an example of the kind of deliberate misinformation being fed to the voters of this city, the latest despairing effort takes the form of a whisper started Saturday that I, as manager of the Exchange packing house, had stated that any of the employees of the packing house who didn't vote for the Citizens' nominees for council would have no job after election. This statement is a deliberate lie.

Nailing Another Campaign Lie

No employee of the Exchange packing house, with the exception of Mr. Sanderson, the foreman, can truthfully say that he ever discussed the local political situation with him, or that I have made any effort to find out how he stood politically. No pressure has been brought to bear on any of our employees to vote OUR way. I recognize every man's right to vote as he pleases.

HERBERT F. RECK

CHOOSE BETWEEN THESE TWO TICKETS

Citizens' League Ticket

For Mayor
M. E. COVINGTON

For Council
CHAS. CLEMENTS

EARL W. HARTT
F. S. JORDON

WALTER RUTHERFORD
FRED M. SMITH

"All For One" Ticket

For Mayor
S. C. PARDEE

For Council
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WHICH OF THESE DO YOU PREFER?

Citrus Workers, Would You Like a Gravy Train Like This?

Mr. Citrus Worker:

How would you like to earn \$5,957.41 for a week's work?

At the prevailing CWA wage scale of \$12.00 per week, you could earn this amount in about Six and One-Half Days, provided you worked six days a week, year in and year out, with no time off for sickness, or to go fishing.

You hardly think it possible for any one in Avon Park to earn this amount for a few days' work during a financial depression.

Yet that is the exact amount of money allowed to S. C. Pardee as city attorney by his hand-picked councilmen for ONE lawsuit! A suit by the City of Avon Park to foreclose liens against 90 parcels of real estate for non-payment of taxes and assessments, and in which he encountered no opposition. Possibly SIX AND ONE-HALF DAYS' WORK at the most.

Is it any wonder that Mr. Par-

dee wants to hang on to this easy picking? Is it any wonder that he should pose as a "Labor Leader" in order to create a political machine in an attempt to continue this "easy picking"?

Whether or not you own property in Avon Park or pay any taxes, you have a vital interest in the manner in which tax monies are spent. The largest part of the city's income is derived from taxes paid by local industries—crate mills, packing houses, etc. The same industries are responsible for the payrolls released in Avon Park to the workers.

A continuation of the "public-benefit" policy assumed by the Pardee administration will result in ultimately driving these industries away from Avon Park, and certainly serve to prevent any industries from coming here.

These industries furnish the payrolls of Avon Park. How much payroll does Mr. Pardee furnish?

Citizens' Ticket Firmly Against Gomez Act

In a letter to the Citizens' League published in The Sun, City Attorney Pardee endeavors to convey the impression that the Gomez act is a fine thing for the City and taxpayers. He stated that the provisions of the City of Avon Park requiring tax suits to be brought by actions in Chancery as mortgage foreclosures had been declared unconstitutional. On investigation we find that this statement is untrue. Judge Barker has never so declared, and for him to have done so would have been to hold that all the mortgage foreclosure procedure in the laws of Florida are unconstitutional, and everybody in Florida knows that no court has done this.

Pardee says the Gomez Act saves the taxpayer money. The records do not bear this out. The City paid him in one suit \$3,500.00. He says it is better than the usual foreclosure method because it gives notice by registered mail and also by advertisement. Attention is called to the fact that such advertisements do not name the owner of the land but merely describe the land, and how many people owning land in Avon Park live outside of the City and never see The Pilot or Sun? Isn't a citizen of Florida entitled to be given notice in person with any summons?

However, we went to the best source for information about what this Gomez Bill is and we read what Judge Ellis said about it. Judge Ellis is recognized as one of Florida's ablest Supreme Court judges. Speaking about the Gomez Bill in the case of the City of Coral Gables vs. Certain Lands: "It opens an opportunity for abuse of power in unlawful discrimination in favor of some individuals against whom no action may be taken and against others against whom action may be taken."

It is a pity that Judge Ellis said about it. Judge Ellis said about it. Judge Ellis said about it.

The Citizens' League in their platform announced its candidates for council, the extraordinary method of tax collections. It has been the use made of the statute by the City Attorney of Avon Park, and it is a pity that Judge Ellis said about it when it makes the City of Avon Park hand him out for just one suit the magnificent legal fee of \$3,500.00.

The case referred to by Judge Ellis has been carried to the Supreme Court of the United States, and probably be there a fine decision.

Yet in the face of this, the present city attorney continues to bring these suits in Avon Park, piling up court costs and taxes, while running the risk that the entire procedure may be declared unconstitutional and of no force and effect.

A fine thing for Mr. Pardee because he gets the fees, but not so fine for the city and the taxpayers who pay them.

The Citizens' candidates have made no promises of appointments to anyone.

There is no promise of appointments to anyone.

AROUSED PEOPLE WILL VOTE FOR NEW DEAL TICKET

Over 400 New Registrants Bring Total Voters to 1,300 in Protest Against Present Administration.

The largest vote in the history of Avon Park is anticipated for Tuesday, and a smashing victory is forecast for the Citizens' League ticket.

That the citizens of Avon Park are thoroughly aroused by the mis-administration of the present "one-man government" is evidenced by the large number of new names added to the registration rolls in the past few weeks. Over 400 citizens have qualified as new voters, bringing the total number of registered voters to approximately 1,300.

The recent startling revelations as to exorbitant legal fees and court costs have opened the eyes of the people who heretofore have been kept in the dark as to the inner workings of the Pardee-Pendleton clique.

The big question to decide on election day is: Shall the City of Avon Park, its people and its money be controlled in the future by the advice, suggestions, threats and political agreements of the present city attorney, or shall it be ruled by its citizens and property owners?

Let us go to the polls Tuesday and defeat the theory that we are no longer capable of self-government. This town needs strong, virile men, who can use their own minds to cope with the financial and business affairs of the city.

Who Pays Wages?

What makes wages possible? Just one thing—the ability of the employer to pay them out of profits. If there are no profits, there can be no wages. If our groves are taxed beyond their ability to pay, and they have been, they won't be cared for—and they haven't been. What is the result? Not much more for groves, not much fruit to pick or pack. No profit from the groves, no money to spend for groceries, clothes, or more up the home, churches, schools or the town itself.

If our crate mills are taxed beyond their ability to pay—and they have been—either they won't operate, or they will move elsewhere. What is the result? Less jobs, or none at all.

Let's elect business men to the council—men who recognize these problems and will grapple with them. This city can't stand two more years of aimless drifting, with Pardee at the helm. Unless the city debt is refunded very shortly, and only the Citizens' council will have the confidence of the city's creditors which will insure its being done, there won't be enough jobs in this city to keep a fourth of its population at work. Jobs haven't flourished under Pardee's rule.

City Owes Clements

If a man owed you \$10 and you owed him \$5, you would be tickled to death to swap deals with him, wouldn't you? But you wouldn't feel like paying an outsider a commission for taking your \$5, would you?

Put yourself in Charlie Clements' position. Charlie, who is a candidate on the Citizens' ticket owes the city \$2,800 in back taxes on his various properties in the city. Meanwhile, the city owes him \$5,000 for past due bonds which he holds, and which have been due since 1930.

Clements has the bonds and several years ago offered to make a settlement with the city, but the city attorney wants a commission of about \$200 in cash for taking the bonds.

Clements won't pay it, and neither would you.

Vote For THE CITIZENS' TICKET

For Mayor - **M. E. COVINGTON**

For Council

**CHAS. CLEMENTS
FRED SMITH
F. S. JORDON
EARL W. HARTT
WALTER RUTHERFORD**

THE CITIZENS' PLATFORM

The following platform was adopted by the Citizens' Committee and endorsed by its candidates for mayor and city council:

1. We stand for the elimination of unnecessary fees, penalties and costs in the collection of delinquent taxes, and propose to transfer the collection of such taxes from the office of City Attorney to the office of City Clerk, thus saving to the taxpayer attorneys' fees which are now being imposed under the present system.

2. We stand for the adoption of a plan permitting the payment of taxes in installments, through the office of the City Clerk.

3. We stand for the adjustment of delinquent taxes by payment in bonds, on such terms and conditions as may be deemed fair and just, such adjustments to be made only through the office of City Clerk, in order that the taxpayers may receive the full benefit of the discount in the market price of bonds. We oppose any arrangement whereby any city official or employee may personally benefit through the speculation in city bonds.

4. We stand for a fair and equitable settlement of taxes due by outside property owners. We believe that property owners of the outside area should be allowed to pay their taxes in bonds, so that all payments so made be allowed as a credit against their just portion of the bonded debt of the city.

5. We oppose the collection of delinquent taxes under the operation of the Gomez Act, for the reason that we believe no man's property should be taken

from him without full notice and due process of law. We believe that the system of collecting delinquent taxes as provided in the City Charter affords ample means for the collection of such taxes, without unjust discrimination or unfair treatment to any taxpayer.

6. We stand for civic betterment and material progress, and will work for the maintenance of municipal services to which the taxpayers are entitled. To this end we pledge ourselves to work out a plan for the operation of the street lighting system; we pledge full and adequate fire protection, and a sufficient police force to protect the lives and property of our citizens.

7. We stand for a definite financial policy to re-establish the city's credit, and for the adjustment of its bonded indebtedness on a basis of its ability to pay.

8. We believe in an equitable distribution of the city's trade among all the merchants in the city, with favoritism towards none.

We believe that a public office is a public trust, and we pledge, if elected, to administer the affairs of the City of Avon Park fairly and impartially for the best interest and welfare of all of the people. Upon this platform we invite all the people of Avon Park to join with us in bringing back to Avon Park peace, prosperity and progress.

M. E. COVINGTON, Candidate for Mayor.

FRED M. SMITH
EARL W. HARTT
WALTER RUTHERFORD
CHARLES CLEMENTS
F. S. JORDON

Candidates for Council

Here and There
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The outcome of Tuesday's election apparently gives the Pardee faction control of the city for the next two years, and presumably will result in the reappointment of Mr. Pardee as city attorney.

Regardless of factions, there were some excellent suggestions brought out in the campaign, which the incoming council might well consider for the benefit of the city and for the relief of the taxpayer.

We have special reference to that suggestion which would take the collection of delinquent taxes out of the hands of the city attorney and make it the duty of the city clerk and tax collector to attend to all tax collections, both current and delinquent.

We are convinced that such a course would result in increased tax collections, and would go far toward smoothing out the differences that exist between the two factions.

There are large property owners in both the old city and in the "outside" area who make the claim that they would have settled their taxes long ago had it not been for the commissions allowed the city attorney, who is allowed six percent for all delinquent tax collections, regardless of whether or not he has done anything to earn the money. Taxpayers can go into the market and buy bonds at a fraction of the value of the taxes. We are informed by those who follow the bond market that Avon Park bonds are being offered for as low as 15 cents, meaning that the purchaser gets the advantage of the interest coupons attached. One informant tells us that he can buy \$1000 bonds with \$180 worth of interest coupons attached for \$150. Yet, if a taxpayer buys this bond, with a face value of \$1180, and turns it in on his taxes, he is compelled to pay the city attorney \$70.80 in cash as his commission for accepting the bond.

In this instance, we find the taxpayer faced with a penalty, NONE OF WHICH GOES TO THE CITY, of nearly half as much as his cash outlay for the bond.

It can readily be seen that this form of tribute is onerous to the taxpayer, and is one of the big reasons why a great many of the past due taxes have not been cleared off the books.

If the delinquent department were turned over to the city clerk, any taxpayer could buy a bond and go down and "trade it in" on his taxes without being penalized in these fees.

In extreme cases, where suit is necessary, the tax bill could be turned over to the city attorney, and in those cases, he would be justly entitled to his commission and other costs, but we are satisfied that in a majority of cases the old taxes could be wiped off the books to the benefit of the taxpayer and of the city by allowing the matter to be handled through the city clerk's office.

While this issue is being up in the campaign by one of the organizations, it has more to commend itself to be treated as a mere plank of a political platform. It goes to the very heart of the tax situation, and the new council would do a service to the taxpayers if they would give it earnest consideration.

In the election, the Times took the position of good government versus selfish interest. We espoused the cause of men who stood for just that thing. We have no apologies to offer for their defeat, and we hope we shall never see that day when we shall ever desert such a cause.

We had no spoils of victory in sight, so we have lost nothing. We still believe in the principles we advocated. We have faith that in the end those principles will triumph. We have heard of instances of irregularities. One couple, who had moved to Lakeland voted while others who had been gone about the same length of time had their names stricken from the rolls and were refused the privilege of voting. One girl who was raised here and who has always made her home here, was not allowed to vote, because she was teaching school a few miles out in the country. A young man, similarly situated, also teaching in the county, was allowed to vote.

But those things must be accepted as the fortunes of politics. There were no challenges made. Purposely so. There was no desire to contest the election. We agreed to accept the verdict, win, lose or draw, and we are doing it.

We trust that the new administration will go into office with a determination to do its best for Avon Park.

CWA APPROVAL OF AIRPORT HERE SOUGHT BY CITY

Council Approves Project at Special Meeting Held This Afternoon

The proposed municipal airport adjoining Cardinal field was approved by the Avon Park city council in special session this afternoon and a resolution passed requesting the approval of the county civil works administration and for them to forward the project to the county civil works administration. The matter was brought up by E. G. Todd who stated all the necessary leases had been obtained and City Clerk Francis Shockley said the city attorney had prepared the necessary papers as requested by council at a former meeting. As soon as the project is formally approved by the mayor and clerk on behalf of the city.

It is expected the project will put a number of men to work and will prove a valuable asset to the city. A number of airports are planned throughout the state under the civil works program, and they will be under the control of the state road department as authorized by the last session of the legislature.

The airport will be leased to the city for a number of years at a nominal rental and will be exempt from all taxes for the period. The proposal to develop the airport between Avon Park and Sebring was not approved by the state authorities but the site adjoining the ball field was approved by Capt. McMullen for the state and there is little question of its final adoption.

The council also accepted the tabulation of the vote in the election Tuesday as made by the city clerk and passed a resolution to endorse the project.

The council also authorized the appropriation of \$75 towards the funeral expenses of the late George Prescott who served the city for a number of years as a police officer.

Mrs. Head Elected President Local Auxiliary U. S. W. V.

Mrs. Oia L. Head was elected president of the Richmond P. Hobbs auxiliary at a meeting held last evening at Sebring. Mrs. Norton T. Smith was elected vice-president and Mrs. Olivia Sharpe of Sebring, junior vice-president. Mrs. Bert Bassage was named secretary and Mrs. Rueben Johnson, treasurer. The installation ceremonies will be held on the 10th of December. The auxiliary will conduct a pie and coffee supper at Sebring on Saturday evening from 6 to 9 o'clock. The location will be in the old Broder's store on North Ridgewood drive.

Congregational Bazaar Saturday

The Ladies of the Congregational church will hold their annual bazaar Saturday afternoon, beginning at 2:30. The location will be in the Jacaranda hotel building in the room formerly used by the 10 cent states. Many fancy articles, such as linens and pillows and suitable things for Christmas gifts will be on display. At 5:30 a turkey supper will be served at a charge of 50c a plate.

Fancy License Tags Don't Fit All Cars

Tallahassee, Dec. 6.—(FNS)—Florida's new 1934 automobile tags carrying the "theft proof" device are manufactured to be bolted to the car above the numbers. Owners of some of the newer model automobiles have discovered articles are designed with brackets to fasten the tags at the bottom of the plate. Therefore, special license plates will have to be purchased before the new license plates can be attached to the cars.

The state motor vehicle department states they have been informed that dealers would install the needed type of bracket for the new tags at the minimum cost of about 25c.

County Agent Makes Annual Report to Commissioners

The annual report of County Agent Louis H. Alsmeyer was presented to the Board of County Commissioners at the regular meeting of Tuesday morning. In addition to a narrative report, he filed his statistical report and showed that during the past year he spent 192 days in the field and only 112 days in the office. He made 1103 farm calls and had 1073 office calls. He received 1089 telephone calls. He wrote 513 letters and distributed 1282 state and federal bulletins. Made 2 radio talks. Came from WFLS in Chicago. He conducted 9 demonstration meetings with an attendance of 255 growers and had 32 people on the three tours which he organized and took part in 92 other meetings which were attended by 3256 people.

CIRCUIT COURT ENDED TUESDAY

Three Convictions and Two Acquittals Out of Five Cases Tried

The full term of Circuit Court adjourned Tuesday after trying five cases, three of which ended in conviction, two others' plead guilty to charges, and two negroes were acquitted on charges of aggravated assault.

The following cases were disposed of: Henry Stepp, negro, charged with aggravated assault was found not guilty.

Herman Reuhl, charged with larceny of automobile, was found guilty but has not been sentenced.

Left Carthy, negro, charged with aggravated assault was found not guilty.

Shin Henderson, negro, charged with grand larceny, was found guilty of petty larceny.

David Golden, Fred Foreman, Charles Gibson, Henry Davis, Lewis, all colored, of Avon Park, charged with assault and attempt to commit murder were found guilty of aggravated assault.

John Salls, charged with assault and attempt to commit murder, plead guilty of assault and battery.

D. D. Drawdy of Hicoria, charged with grand larceny and breaking and entering, was set for January 8th.

Trial for Joseph E. Johnson has been set for January 9th. He was tried in Polk county some time ago for the murder of T. A. Nicholson, a policeman in Lakeland on Easter, 1932 and was granted a new trial in the Florida Fair and Casino Association, which when completed will represent a cost of more than \$500.00.

Much of the work has already been completed, such as resurfacing the auto race course, weed cutting and general ground leveling. While much construction work is contemplated, only that which can be completed before the opening of the big racing season on February 10, workers will finish the task of rebuilding the entire plant. Spanish Architecture will be used throughout.

Fireworks will play an important part in the entertainment programs at the fair. More than 30,000 variable colored illumination globes will be used for illumination effects. Four powerful search lights, visible for 30 miles, will also be used. In preparation for the big fair, the officials have built the half mile speedway, resurfacing it with asphalt and surrounding it with a strong concrete wall.

Seventeen Florida counties will have pretentious exhibits, according to P. T. Strieder, general manager. The representation of county exhibitors will be the largest in five years.

Vacancies in Marines Are Announced

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 5.—A limited number of boys between the ages of 17 and 18 will be accepted at the Marine Corps recruiting station, post office building, Savannah, Ga., during the month of December to learn the drum and trumpet it is announced by Lieut. Colonel A. B. Drum, officer in charge.

Applicants for drum and trumpet must have at least an eighth grade education and be not less than 68 inches in height.

PARDEE FACTION WINS AGAIN IN CITY ELECTION

Record Vote Cast Tuesday With Close Race for All Offices

Following an intensely heated campaign covering several weeks, the Pardee faction again obtained control of the city administration at the election Tuesday, three of his ticket being elected as against five of the Citizens' league ticket.

Mayor M. E. Covington, anti-Pardee candidate, was re-elected by the close margin of eight votes. Although there was a record vote cast, a total of 1223 being polled, and great acuity by both sides during the day there was no disorder among the large numbers crowding the polls both during the election and afterwards while the ballots were being tabulated.

For councilmen, Fred M. Smith was high with a total of 633 votes. W. T. Hall came next with 618 and J. L. Masters as third with 613. S. J. Pendleton was fourth with 598 votes and F. S. Jordan fifth with 594 and these five men will constitute Avon Park's next city council. Others in the race and the votes they received were: Earl W. Hart, 590; C. E. Mann, 586; Charles Clements and Walter Rutherford, 482 each; and T. H. Maxwell 533. H. A. Latham, the other candidate for mayor, polled 596 votes as against Covington's 604.

Counting of the votes began soon after the closing of the polls at midnight, 5:34 p. m., and was not completed until about 2 o'clock Wednesday morning. It was everybody's race, especially in the majority contest, until the last ballot was tabulated, so close was the balloting, and a large crowd gathered at the city hall until the official result was announced.

FLORIDA STATE FAIR ACTIVITIES

Modern Buildings Now Being Erected On Fair Grounds At Tampa

Preparation for the Florida State Fair will be held in Tampa, opening date January 30 and to close February 10, is well under way.

Ripping out old wooden structures to make way for modern steel and concrete exhibition buildings, 400 workmen have tackled the reconstruction program planned by the Florida Fair and Casino Association, which when completed will represent a cost of more than \$500,000.

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Poincianna Lodge Elects Officers

J. L. Smith was elected worshipful master for the coming year at the annual election of officers of Poincianna lodge 227, F. & A. M., Friday night at the Masonic hall. B. M. McCabe was elected senior warden and J. C. Ragdale, junior warden. F. S. Jordan and Phil Abrams were re-elected treasurer and secretary, respectively.

Rotarians Conduct Quiz on Articles in Club Magazine

A general quiz on articles in the "Rotarian" was conducted by E. G. Todd at the Rotary club luncheon at the Jacaranda hotel Wednesday noon. Some interesting items were brought out and discussed being on a cash basis, called particular attention to a story in the December issue dealing with the excellent conditions prevailing in Winnetka, Ill., in regard to the city government.

Dr. Davidson quoted extensively from the article which told of the county being on a cash basis throughout the depression and ending its last fiscal year with a \$50,000 surplus. The town is run on the city manager plan with policies in the general and accepted sense of the term being a thing of the past. Members of the city council could not see the office seeks them and they all serve without pay. A city employee is sure of his job if efficient and trustworthy and is not fired on account of politics or a change in administration.

Visitors at the luncheon were J. W. Brumback of Haines City and Norman Vissering of Frostproof.

Wauchula Reports Vegetable Market Prices Advancing

Wauchula, Dec. 6.—(FNS)—During the next few months Florida will step forward as the principal source of supply for green vegetables in the United States. Local varieties of winter vegetables report advancing prices. Northern markets are offering higher prices for vegetables than in several weeks.

Usually the northern markets are flooded immediately after Thanksgiving but this condition does not exist this year, buyers report. Shipments now consist mostly of mixed cars, including cucumbers, peppers, eggplants, squash and beans.

Mickey Mouse Notes

Mickey Mouse members are requested by the management of the Avon Park fair to be sure and bring "Crokers" socks to the Meeting Saturday morning. Just what he expects to do with all these "crokers" socks remains very much of a mystery, but nevertheless they are wanted.

At the meeting last Saturday members enjoyed the fact that they were not present will have to ask those who were present what it was all about.

Members having birthdays during the month of December are: Harold Jackson, December 1st, Elmer Faircloth and Walton Mandis on December 4, Janice Halliday and Paul Vilkaitis on December 5, December 6, Billie Johnson and Billy Englemann celebrated birthdays. Two members, Jack Head, Jr. and Jimmie Holm, had birthdays on the 7th and Jane Clements celebrated her birthday on December 8th.

Members are urged to be present promptly at 10 a. m., at the Avon theatre next Saturday morning for the regular weekly meeting. Every member bring a member and let's see how big a crowd we can have.

Tampa-Havana Air Service Is Started

Tampa, Dec. 6.—(FNS)—Following dedication ceremonies which were held in Tampa and Havana, Tampa-South Havana afternoon, the giant Pan American Clipper soared into the air on her initial trip to Havana early Monday morning, inaugurating the regular Tampa-Havana service.

Beginning operations of the Pan American Airways system at Tampa, the leading ports of 32 countries and colonies of the Western Hemisphere. Latin America will be easily and speedily reached by this modern air transport system.

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Larger Payroll Expected on Civil Works Projects

With the Civil Works Administration getting into its stride in Highlands county business is picking up as a sizeable payroll is being turned loose every week. Last Saturday following the first week of the civil works program it is reported that approximately \$800 was paid out and this is expected to be materially increased this week.

The exact figures cannot be obtained as Director Thomas P. Denham, in charge of the county headquarters at Sebring, says all such information must come from Tallahassee.

A number of projects are under way with numerous others awaiting approval and every unemployed man in the county will be offered work. The rate of pay is 30 cents per hour on roads outside of corporate limits and 40 cents inside such limits, with a scale up to \$1 per hour for skilled labor.

COUNTY BOARD O. K.'S PROJECTS

County Airport Project Passed Conditionally Will Probably Be Abandoned

The board of county commissioners at their regular meeting Tuesday passed on two new airport projects and presented them to the county CWA for approval.

One item calls for \$350 to repair a section of the road from Sebring to the Lewis Taylor district.

The other projects was for building an airport on the present site of the old American Legion landing field between Sebring and Avon Park and was passed on conditionally providing that the city council agree to endorse the project which calls for the expenditure of \$7,600. Due to the Sebring road project, the city already procured the endorsement of a project for an airport near the Municipal golf course and that Avon Park is planning on building a field at Cardinal field, it is not probable that the above project will go through.

County Agent Alsmeyer presented his annual report to the Board of County Commissioners at this meeting.

The board voted \$150 to the Fair Association to be applied on expense of placing a Highlands county exhibit at the State Fair in Tampa next month.

A resolution was passed to pay to the estate of J. M. Alderman, also was Justice of the Peace with J. S. Francis, District 1, the sum of \$439.40 which was due him from the Fine and Forfeiture fund. Four hundred dollars to be paid with time warrant and the balance in cash when available.

Special Program At Congregational

"How far can you talk by telephone, and how does it work?" This is the subject for the Sunday night talk at the Congregational church at 7:30. Seventy-five screen pictures will show the machinery of the greatest telephone company in the world, over which more telephoning is done than in all the rest of the world put together.

At the morning service, Sunday 11 a. m., the sermon will discuss "Talk that is Worth While." Bible school at 9:35. Everyone is invited.

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PENDLETON IS UNDER ARREST; BETTING CHARGE

Said To Have Wagered On Result of Tuesday's Election

S. J. Pendleton, president of the city council, and successful candidate to succeed himself in Tuesday's election, was arrested this morning by Sheriff Doyle Schumacher for betting on the election. Bond was set at \$250, which was furnished by E. P. Loomis and J. L. Masters.

The warrant, charging Pendleton with betting was sworn out by M. M. Bass, and issued Wednesday morning by the Peace Henry Halliday. The case is returnable to county court and will be heard before Judge Murray Whitehurst. County court convenes Monday, and it is probable that the case will be set for hearing one day next week.

The law under which the warrant was obtained provides: "All persons convicted of bribery, larceny, perjury, or any other infamous crime, or who shall become or become directly or indirectly interested in any bet or wager, the result of which shall depend upon any election, or who shall hereafter fight a duel, or send or accept a challenge to fight, or who shall be second to either party, or be the bearer of such challenge, or acceptance, shall be excluded from any office of honor, power, trust, or profit, civil or military, within this state, and from the right of suffrage; but the legal disability shall not accrue until after trial and conviction by the due form of law."

Pendleton Warned In giving testimony in the recall case two years ago, Mr. Pendleton is alleged to have admitted on the stand that he offered to bet on the former election. At that time Judge Barker, presiding at the trial, is said to have asked the witness not to make a circus out of the case.

Mr. Pendleton was specifically warned if a friendly manner by the circuit judge about two weeks ago when the county clerk appeared before him to arbitrate differences and agree upon the manner of holding the city election. At that time the judge read the law to Mr. Pendleton and cautioned him not to bet on the election.

The affidavit upon which the warrant was obtained alleges that Pendleton made a bet on Monday before the election on Tuesday, placing a bet with O. C. Wilkes for the election with J. S. Francis for \$15. Mr. Collins is said to have been stake holder.

According to the law, conviction of the above charges would subject Mr. Pendleton to a fine of not exceeding \$300, and also carry the disfranchisement penalty.

Forestry Service Will Distribute Million Pine Trees

Tallahassee, Dec. 6.—(FNS)—The State Forestry Service announces that a million pine seedlings will be distributed to land owners during the next few weeks. Shipments will begin about December 15 and continue until the middle of February if the supply is not exhausted.

The pine seedlings are produced on the State-owned pine seedling station in the State Forest Service, under the supervision of the State Forestry Service.

Last year 500,000 seedlings were grown. The demand for them so far exceeded the supply that the "planting was doubled this year. From requests already received, indications are that the nursery will again be unable to meet the demand. New methods of cultivation at the state nursery have produced unusually thrifty stock this year, according to a statement of the Forest Service.

The trees are sold to Florida land owners for reforestation purposes at \$4.00 per thousand.

Florida Sugar Crop Shows Big Increase

Clewiston, Dec. 6.—(FNS)—Operation of the United States Sugar Corporation mill began here last week. The first cane harvest, which supplies the mill is approximately the same as last season but favorable growing conditions and improved harvesting methods will enable the mill to show an increase in tonnage over last year. Last season 225,000 tons of sugar were manufactured in Florida's "sugar bowl."