

Here and There About Avon Park

By W. M. Hetherington

The grand jury will get you, if you don't watch out!

And if Carson furnished a desk and typewriter, should he also put a new ribbon on the typewriter? And what about furnishing paper and carbon and an electric fan? And if you please, Mister Tubby, news reporters would also like a cold glass of Bud these hot days.

"Is a small social affair indeed, that does not have a table 'centered with a low bowl of Spring flowers'."

The legislature has been arguing for a week over a beauty parlor bill, resulting in an \$81,000 manure to the people. The legislature was a quarter million dollar headache; this one is a pain in the south end of a north bound taxpayer.

Right when we thought modern youth was at the height of its fling, some old fashioned parents of Tarpow Springs succeed in getting a curfew law passed—and they insist that it be "rigidly enforced, too!" Our experience both as a curfew breaker and someone has convinced us that the rigid enforcement begins at home. Parents who call upon the law to keep their kids off the streets at night accomplish little, save to admit their own ineptitude.

Large stocks of imported Cuban beer, rushed into the state before the American brewers could get their stuff here, are holding the price of 3.2 up to 25 cents or more per bottle. One Tampa distributor is said to have imported \$50,000 worth of the high priced Cuban beers, which they intended like hot potatoes to unsuspecting dealers. Now the retailers are stuck, and beer sales are slow, and will continue so until the price comes down to a more popular level. Meantime, no sales, no revenue.

May 27th is Poppy Day in Avon Park. The poppies are made by disabled veterans in hospitals, and are sold by them to veteran organizations for sale to the public. The funds raised are used locally for aid of unfortunate veterans and their families who need assistance. In its economy program, the government is cutting off many veterans who have been drawing disability allowance. Some of these cuts will need help from the home people. Buy a poppy and help the Auxiliary ladies in this worthy work.

We are wondering just what will happen when Henry Murphy and Judge Holland get home and are offered a cold one.

One of the councilmen disposed of the Sunday movie question the other night with the statement that the whole thing had become "so mixed up that we had better forget it!" Meanwhile, the sheriff has the key to the picture show, and nobody is going to bulter to get it unless the show is over and over on Sunday. Our guess is that the rest of us are "all mixed up," too, so why not lock up the whole thing until the picture show and play checkers the balance of the summer?

Confirmation at Episcopal Church Wednesday Evening

Marked with the dignity and elaborate ritual of the Episcopal church, the Sacrament of Confirmation administered at the Church of the Redeemer here Wednesday night by the Rev. John D. W. King, D. D., bishop of the diocese of South Florida. The church had been very beautifully decorated for the occasion, the leaves and yellow flowers predominating, the jacinths and gladioli blending harmoniously with yellow gladioli and a pretty yellow wall.

The bishop preached the sermon for the occasion and the choir, under the direction of Father Hart Johnson, rendered appropriate anthems, with Miss Marjorie Lacey accompanying at the organ. The pretty little church was filled to overflowing with the church members and their friends. A class of 14 was confirmed in the Episcopal faith.

Cleaning Arbutus Creek
S. P. Duran and a crew of men are engaged in cleaning the Arbutus creek and debris from Arbutus creek in this county. It is understood that Polk county will also be cleaned, and it would be time to that comes under its jurisdiction.

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SKIPPER DENIED VENUE CHANGE IN BANK CASES

Motions to Quash Are Also Denied by Judge Barker; Not Guilty Pleas Entered and Trial Set for July 6.

The trial of C. A. Skipper, on charges of embezzlement, larceny and conversion of funds of The Highlands County Bank of Sebring, was tentatively set for July 6th by Judge W. J. Barker late Wednesday afternoon following an all day hearing.

The defendant was represented by W. D. Bell of Arcadia and motions to quash the indictments against him were argued before the court. Bell sought to have the indictments thrown out on the grounds they were duplicitous, vague, indefinite and uncertain and that the defendant was unable to properly prepare his defense because of the duplicity of the charges.

The defense counsel also argued that two penalties were permissible under the charges, rendering the indictments void.

The right of J. C. Adkins, acting prosecuting attorney, to select the venue was argued before the court by Governor Dave Sholtz to take the place of L. Grady Burton, who was unable to prosecute the case for reasons unknown, and was also questioned by Bell. Bell argued that Adkins could be sent to another judicial circuit to prosecute the case for reasons unknown, and was also questioned by Bell. Bell argued that Adkins could be sent to another judicial circuit to prosecute the case for reasons unknown, and was also questioned by Bell.

Avon Park Boys May Be in Band At World's Fair

It is expected that Avon Park will be represented in the state boys band that will represent Florida at the World's Fair at Chicago this summer. Fred Tholman and Jim Murdoch of Jacksonville, representing the state chamber of commerce were in Avon Park this week getting particulars of the talent available here. They went from here to Sebring to consult Prof. P. J. Gustaf who has charge of the music in the high schools of the county.

If sufficient funds are available it is expected the band will consist of 150 pieces and will be on the fair for about 10 days. The best talent from every section of the state will be assembled and Avon Park and Highlands county will be well represented. This county has an enviable reputation all over the state for the excellence of the musicians here. Mr. Tholman said and he was told at several places on his way down from Jacksonville to be sure and stop at Avon Park.

COUNTY SETS FEE FOR SELLING BEER

These merchants and places of business which sell the new legal 3.2 beer in Highlands county will be taxed an amount equal to 50 percent of the state license tax, according to a resolution passed by the board of county commissioners in regular session Tuesday.

The resolution follows:

Resolved, That there be enacted by the legislature of the State of Florida, an act, designated as Senate Bill No. 427, said bill being entitled as follows:

An Act regulating and controlling the manufacture, transportation and sale of malt and vinous beverages commonly known as beer, port wine, wine or fruit juices, and such similar beverages as are not prohibited by the laws of this state, authorizing the Governor of the State of Florida to appoint supervisors to supervise the business of persons, associations or corporations, engaged in such business and prescribing the powers and duties of said supervisors; providing a tax to be levied and assessed upon all such beverages manufactured or sold within this state and prescribing the method of levying and collecting said tax and the distribution thereof; prescribing license fees and the penalties for the violation of the provisions of this act, and providing for referendum.

And, Whereas, Section Nine (9) of said Senate Bill No. 427 provides that the various Boards of County Commissioners be authorized to levy and collect an additional license tax upon each manufacturer, distributor and vendor having a place of business within said County not to exceed fifty (50) percent of the State license tax herein provided for, it is Resolved, that the Tax Collector of Highlands county, he and is hereby directed to collect an additional license tax in an amount equal to fifty (50) percent of the State license tax, as prescribed in said Senate Bill Number 427, and to be deposited in the same fund as other county license taxes are deposited, and.

It is Further Resolved, that the Tax Collector of Highlands County be paid the same amount of fees for the collection of said license tax as for the collection of all other license taxes.

Passed by the Board of County Commissioners of Highlands County at a regular meeting held on May 16, 1933.

Transferred to Tampa
Ernest A. Ritchie who has served as minister of the Church of Christ here for the past five months, left on Monday for Tampa where he will perform his duties at the new Avenue Church of Christ.

COUNCIL ORDERS COLLECTION OF ALL BACK TAXES

Action To Be Started June First; Sunday Movies Are Dropped

Following the assertion of City Attorney S. C. Parke that the City of Avon Park will be faced with mandamus suits and special levies to satisfy them unless steps are taken at once to collect delinquent taxes, the city council Tuesday night authorized him to proceed with the 1932 delinquents after June 1. This action was taken on motion of Councilman Masters, seconded by Councilman Tark. Masters expressed the opinion that steps should be taken to collect all taxes in arrears, both 1932 and prior years and Chairman Pendleton thought that other ones should be handled first so as to give the 1932 delinquents a little more time.

The city attorney said no special millage had been levied to date and mentioned several suits pending against the city on bonds and coupons which he thought could not be successfully fought. He said the attorneys handling the suits had indicated that if a little cash is forthcoming the collection of the 1932 taxes will be easier. He said he would make special levies at the present time. He therefore, urged that all means be taken to collect delinquent taxes and the money collected placed in a special bond fund and apportioned among the various districts.

He said that about 70 percent of the 1932 taxes are delinquent and he was of the opinion that half of these delinquents could be collected in the immediate future if an effort is made and he predicted a high millage unless this is done. He said that he had had a meeting with taxes prior to 1932 on account of conditions and asked what the council wished regarding the collection of the 1932 taxes. He was authorized to proceed as of June 1 as it was pointed out that many taxpayers are of the opinion that the 1932 taxes had been extended to that date.

The city attorney also introduced a telegram he had received from E. P. Owens, president of the Florida League of Municipalities, urging that Avon Park be represented at a meeting to be held at Tallahassee in the interest of legislation sponsored by the league to add Florida cities. This would be a part of the gas tax money derived from the sale of gas with in cities to be devoted to the repairing of bonds in the city where the gas is sold. No decision was arrived at although it was indicated that the city would be represented.

W. D. Adams, former chief of police, entered a claim against the city for \$25.50, alleged to be due for two weeks salary. Adams allowed providing Adams would sign a release in full for all claims he might have against the city. The tennis court recently organized was granted permission to fence the two courts being built in order to prevent the city from preventing damage to the playing surface.

Councilman Head inquired as to the return of a check tendered by Andrew Deis in payment of certain past due taxes. The city attorney claimed the property in question had been sold at a tax sale to the Pen Mar Corporation and that Deis was not interested at the time of sale in the property, according to the records. Adam Schaefer was the owner of record, he said and he had been written to regarding the matter. Councilman Head also asked as to the Sunday movie ordinance, and whether or not the city would use it in accordance with the mayor's wishes. Councilman Masters said the matter had become so mixed he thought it ought to be dropped and this was agreed to.

Ford Takes Lead In April Sales Over Other Makes

Ford outsold all other makes of cars in the state during the month of April, according to Jack Head, manager of Ford Motor Sales, Inc. Figures furnished by the Polk Registration Service show that Ford sales totaled 30.6% of all automobile sales in Florida during the past month. The nearest other make sold 20.4%.

April was the first month in which Ford production had reached its peak in the hands of the dealer, with supplies with all types of cars, Mr. Head stated.

Supreme Court Fails To Sustain Decision In Election Contest

The State Supreme Court Wednesday reversed the decision of Judge Taylor of Bartow in the Carson-Farmer election contest.

The original action contesting the election was brought by L. T. Farmer who was defeated for the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court in this county by W. Z. Carson, whose name was written in on the ballots.

Carson demurred to Farmer's suit before Judge Taylor at Bartow and the demurrer was sustained by the court. The case was appealed by the plaintiff to the supreme court which Wednesday handed down its decision.

The case now reverts again to the Circuit Court where it started before the demurrer was filed. Carson has held the office since the beginning of the year and received his commission from the Governor. Word of the court's decision was received in Avon Park Wednesday. D. D. Bell is attorney for Carson.

TENNIS CLUB IS ORGANIZED HERE

Will Maintain Two Courts in Donaldson Park and Arrange Tournaments

The movement to provide recreational facilities in Donaldson Park advanced another step Monday night with the formation of a tennis club to take over the maintenance of the two courts recently built on the grounds of the local relief committee with the City of Avon Park.

Temporary executive officers were elected and a membership committee composed of Paul Garber, Nelson Smith, Barney Noland and Tom Stevens was appointed to organize the membership by the next meeting, which will be Monday night, May 22nd, at the city hall.

A tournament committee composed of three members, Bill Sachse, Paul Garber and Barney Noland, was also elected to determine the players' rating so that a team may be formed to represent Avon Park in tennis matches with other nearby towns.

Membership fees were fixed at \$2.00 per year, payable in biennial installments. The dues discussed for lighting the courts for night playing. It is the intention of the club to maintain one court open to the public under certain restrictions. Both courts will probably be surrounded by a fence so that the playing surface will be protected from abuse.

Seaboard Officials Pass Through Here On Inspection Trip

A party of Seaboard Air Line officials passed through Avon Park yesterday afternoon on their way to Lake Wales. They left their special train at Sebring and boarded it again at Lake Wales after inspecting groves through this section and paying a visit to the Bok Tower and other points of interest.

The reason for their visit was not divulged.

Those in the party included L. R. Powell, receiver, T. W. Parsons, assistant general manager, C. H. Henry W. Anderson, General Freight Wey, J. W. Booth, assistant freight manager, and J. A. Seelye, extension animal husbandryman of the University at Gainesville, has been in the county this week discussing with local cattlemen the ways and means of improving their herds with pure bred bulls.

Cattle Business Outlook Good In Highlands County

The cattle business in Highlands county is acquiring "bullish" tone with the eradication of the tick and the removal of the tax on calves. J. A. Seelye, extension animal husbandryman of the University at Gainesville, has been in the county this week discussing with local cattlemen the ways and means of improving their herds with pure bred bulls.

GRAND JURY FINISHES SESSION AND BRINGS IN ITS FINAL PRESENTMENT

PLANNING FIGHT TO CURB CUT IN SCHOOL FUNDS

School Board Officials Meet in Sebring Resolution and Pass Resolution

Strong opposition to Governor Sholtz' suggested \$5,000,000 state school appropriation was indicated at a meeting of the West Coast Association of School Board Members and County Superintendents, held in Sebring Monday.

The meeting and luncheon were well attended, with 14 counties represented, and by the superintendents or board members of both.

Less than a \$7,000,000 state appropriation for school and transportation will mean shortened terms in each of the 14 counties represented or further drastic reductions in teachers' salaries, the representatives stated.

Strong opposition to both of these plans was voiced by the educators. Captain George F. Lynch of Pinellas county, president of the association made a stirring address before the assembly, urging that every pressure be brought to bear upon these in Tallahassee, both representatives and senators, and upon the Governor himself, in order to secure the funds which were needed to insure complete school terms.

The educators made no bones about their feelings in the matter. Sharp criticism of Sholtz was heard upon the floor of the meeting, especially with regard to funds available for the state road department and none for the children's needs.

That a general side tax is the only solution of the state schools, seemed to be the consensus of opinion. While no official stand was taken, it was pointed out by the representatives gathered made no effort to conceal their personal opinions.

On the morning session, held in the Nancowess Hotel, a committee was named to draw up a resolution condemning the suggested \$5,000,000 appropriation. Following luncheon at the hotel, the educators took up their afternoon session in the auditorium of Sebring hotel.

At this time the report of the resolutions committee was heard. The following was adopted unanimously:

Whereas, the West Coast Association of School Board Members and County Superintendents represent the following counties: Hillsborough, Polk, Pinellas, Lee, Collier, Okaloosa, Highlands, Santa Rosa, Charlotte, Duval, Marion, Lake, Citrus, Pasco, Hendry and Glades, in regular meeting assembled, have agreed in both name and action to the following resolution:

Resolved, That the Legislature of the State of Florida be urged to maintain a uniform eight month term in accordance with the desires and recommendations of the state administration and

Whereas, it is found impossible to accomplish any or all of these objectives without an appropriation of less than \$7,000,000.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That an appropriation of not less than \$7,000,000 for the teachers' salary and transportation fund be unanimously requested of the Legislature of the State of Florida now in session.

It was ordered that the president and secretary sign copies of the resolutions which are to be sent only to the president of the Senate, the speaker of the House and the Governor, but to each and every member of the legislature.

The administration's proposed bill placing administrative power of the education system in the hands of an executive committee of three was endorsed by the body.

It was also found that the seats in the auditorium were badly in need of repair, which matter has been called to attention by a previous grand jury.

After examining the jail and finding that the sanitary condition is good, but we find that the roof leaks should be repaired at once.

New Indictments Are Found Including C. E. Lien and E. J. Etheredge in Highlands County Bank Case.

Three new indictments in connection with the closed Highlands County Bank of Sebring, were returned by the grand jury, in session Wednesday morning. One indictment named C. A. Skipper and E. J. Etheredge, charging them with embezzlement and conversion of a \$15,000 note belonging to the bank; Carl E. Lien, president of the institution was named in two separate indictments, the first charging him with willful misappropriation of bank funds amounting to \$2,326.87 and the second with misappropriation of the proceeds of a \$15,000 note said to have been made by the Russ Lumber Company.

Etheredge and Skipper were named jointly in the first indictment as taking the note from the bank, converting it into cash and then failing to pay the proceeds into the bank.

Lien's misappropriations were the result of paying out money on checks of the Sebring Land Company when there were no funds in the bank to the credit of the company and the misappropriation of the proceeds of a \$15,000 note said to have been \$5,000.00.

Constable Indicted.
H. F. Franklin, constable at Venus, was indicted on two counts by the grand jurors who charged him with embezzlement of certain funds collected as bonds. In one instance the amount taken was said to have been \$15 in the second charge, \$12.40 was given as the amount.

A "No bill" was returned by the jurors in their investigation of N. H. Trent, in connection with the Miami Cattle Company of Avon Park.

A "No bill" was also returned in the case of Ed McElhenny, Sebring negro, who was charged with the shooting of Charles Foster at the residence of John A. Taylor on Lakeview Drive, Sebring. The State's case was alleged to have been brought to steel times at the time the charge of shot was made by the negro.

H. F. Sells, negro was indicted for assault with intent to commit murder in the first presentation of the grand jury.

In making their final report, which is given in detail herewith, the foreman stated that the jurors were so charged that copies of the report be sent to the Governor, State Comptroller, chairman of the commission on the House and House at Tallahassee, Mayor of the City of Sebring, Board of County Commissioners and each representative of the House in the county.

The final report follows:

To the Honorable W. J. Barker, judge presiding:

We find that in this spring term of court for 1933 in Highlands County, Florida, we have to make this their final report. The case bills and no true bills have been previously reported.

The grand jury has inspected the court house and has found certain things that need attention. The roof on the building has sagged to such an extent that water will stand on it, and as the guarantee on same has not expired this should be taken up by the county commission with the contractor at once and repaired, and all outside woodwork should be painted.

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We further recommend that the county commissioners look into the matter of losses in the banks which have closed with county funds in them and take steps to collect any sums that have not been settled. It is our opinion that the recovery of some funds may be made if the necessary steps are taken by legal action.

It has come to the attention of (Continued on page eight)

OLD LAW FOUND GIVING HOLIDAY ON CITY'S DEBTS

Fifty-Year Old Ruling of Supreme Court in Memphis Case

Editor's Note.—Coming at a time when the bonded indebtedness of nearly every town in the state is a question of major importance, the following article taken from the Detroit Times of recent date will be of great interest. The idea conveyed might be applicable to Avon Park and other cities of the state.

Precedents set by the Supreme Court of the United States 50 years ago, when the city of Memphis, with the active co-operation of the state of Tennessee, successfully went through a self-sought receivership, still stand as the law of the land. This was the opinion, Saturday, of representative Detroit lawyers.

The crux of the Supreme Court decisions was that bondholders and other creditors cannot use the courts to "step in" and run a city, but that the state, in the best interests of the public good, can. That public and private property cannot be seized for public debt.

That the courts have no power to levy taxes to meet the claims of creditors.

That municipal debt may be compromised without violation of the bondholders' contract.

5-Year Moratorium. Memphis enjoyed five years of a practical moratorium on debts and acted under a provisional government set up by the state, which it was taxed only for essential services such as police, fire and health protection.

At the end of this time, its remaining debt was compromised at 50 cents on the dollar and refunded. The results are evidenced by Memphis' present strong financial position at a time when Mayor Hoan, of Milwaukee, declared: "Sixty of the largest cities of the United States can not borrow a nickel anywhere."

Memphis sold \$1,000,000 tax anticipation notes, an attractive issue in January. It sold \$250,000 faith and credit bonds, at 4% and 5 per cent, April 11. Its total bonded debt is \$22,400,000, or only one per cent of its 1932 real estate assessments.

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Financial Stability. The receivership of Memphis lasted five years, 1880 to 1885. The city charter was sacrificed, but by 1891 financial stability had been restored and the city's autonomy again was affirmed by the legislature.

Memphis' "five year plan" provided a "receiver and his tax collector," appointed by the governor, who worked with the Circuit Court to collect delinquent taxes, at a rate not exceeding 20 per cent of individual bills per year, and to apply them against the total indebtedness.

This, and acceptance of outstanding bonds for delinquent taxes, was virtually the full extent of "liquidation" to which the city submitted. The city's indebtedness was permitted to be applied on delinquent taxes at the ratio of 1 to 2. That is, a \$100 city bill was reduced when used for payment of delinquent taxes. This provided a considerable market for outstanding municipal bonds, and offered a premium large enough to discourage discounting.

At the end of this time, the taxing district, which had replaced the city of Memphis proper, was permitted to issue new bonds for compromising the remaining outstanding indebtedness of the former city at the rate of 50c on the dollar.

Debt Cut In Half. The population there not only enjoyed a five-year moratorium, during which it paid just for necessities and retired a considerable portion of its debt by setting it against back taxes, but, in the end, was permitted to cut its remaining debt burden in half, and to refund the residue over a new period of years.

All of this was not accomplished without stubborn opposition from bondholders and other creditors. They, in their own behalf, obtained appointment of a receiver by the Circuit Court for the intended purpose of liquidating the city's assets to meet their claims.

In repudiating this receivership and affirming appointment of a "back tax collector" by the governor, the Supreme Court, in its majority opinion, ruled:

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"Greatest Powers Ever."

"He was, in fact, invested with the administration of the financial affairs of the city, so far as might be necessary for the collection of taxes and debts and disposing of the property of the city to pay claims of creditors. Executive and administrative functions

were invested in him, which, it has not been supposed, could adequately be performed by the same person in any government of a city properly conducted."

When the law was passed, permitting the tax district to refund the former city's remaining debts by issuance of new bonds on a 50-cents-on-the-dollar basis, the bondholders again protested. The Supreme Court again ruled against them, holding that their rights had not been prejudiced, nor the contract violated.

Justice Field, who wrote the majority opinion in the first case (Minor Meriwether, receiver of the city of Memphis, versus Robert Garrett & Sons, et al.), drew a picture of Memphis in January, 1879, as a city in a bad way financially.

"Indeed," he wrote, "the powers conferred on the authorities at various times to undertake public works and engage in enterprises for the benefit of the city, were as large as the supposed necessities of a municipality with great expectations of future growth could suggest; and these powers appear to have been exercised with a liberality proportionate to the expectations."

For several years not more than three-fifths of the annual taxes had been collected. Total delinquencies amounted to \$2,500,000 in a city of less than 10,000 inhabitants.

City In Default. The city was in default for all of the interest and part of the principal of its bonded indebtedness. The Federal Court had issued mandamus requiring the authorities to levy special taxes to cover approximately \$850,000 judgments.

"With taxes uncollected," Justice Field wrote, "debts were maturing, and both principal and interest unprovided for; with numerous suits coming on, and more threatened, with credit gone and the property of her citizens already subjected to foreclosure, the city, in the city was in a condition out of which she was almost helpless to extricate herself."

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the city cannot be subject to payment of debts of the city, except through taxation." To which Justice Field added, in the majority opinion:

"In Massachusetts and Connecticut, and perhaps in other states in New England, the individual liability of the inhabitants of towns, parishes and cities, for the debts of the latter, is maintained, and executions upon judgments issued there can be enforced against the private property of the inhabitants."

"But this doctrine is admitted by the courts of those states to be purely a matter of their jurisprudence, and an exception to the rule elsewhere prevailing."

Elsewhere the private property of the inhabitants of a municipal body cannot be subjected to the payment of its debts, except by way of taxation.

"What is the property of a municipal corporation which, on its dissolution, the courts can reach and apply to payment of its debts?"

"We answer: It is the private property of the corporation, that is, such as it held in its own right for profit or as a source of revenue, not charged with any public trust or use, and funds in its possession unappropriated to any specific purpose."

"Taxes are not debts. Debts are obligations for the payment of money founded upon contract. Taxes are imposed, levied for support of the government, or for some special purpose authorized by it. They are in no proper sense assets of the municipal corporation."

"The levying of taxes is not a judicial act. It is a high act of sovereignty, to be performed only by the Legislature upon considerations of policy, necessity and the public weal."

"The power of the state to make this change of local government is incontestable. Its subsequent provision for the collection of the taxes of the corporation levied before the repeal of its charter, and the appropriation of the proceeds to the payment of its debts, remove from the measure any imputation that it was designed to enable the city to escape from its just liabilities."

—Buy Avon Park—

RURAL COMMON SENSE

By Spuds Johnson

INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE

SHOULD COOPERATE FOR

BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH

An era of better human relationships, with agriculture and industry working together as a team, with the load equally divided between them, was proposed recently by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, in speaking before the United States Chamber of Commerce. The Secretary declared that he had no sympathy with attempts to set class against class—farmers against anybody else, or anyone else against farmers. "It is not only justice, but intelligent self-interest to restore reasonable purchasing power to agriculture," he declared.

"The last three years have been long years, but at least they have had the value of showing us the defects in our economic and social machinery. Now I wonder whether we are ready to profit by our experience."

"From the old era of the heedless expansionist and the rugged individualist, if we are ready to turn to a new era of better human relationships, with emphasis less on production than on equitable distribution of the fruits of production. We can, if we will, grant to the city laborer and to the farmer alike that higher standard of living which logically belongs to them as a result of their increased productive efficiency."

"We have had enough ruthless competition. A people wait, with hopes higher than they have been for years, for a new spirit to control our economic relations, the spirit of even-handed justice."

"Let agriculture and industry from now on travel in double harness, as a team with the load equally divided between them."

Industry cannot prosper over much unless there is a prosperous agriculture in the country, and certainly agriculture cannot attain very high standards of living without an industrial market for its products. It is to be hoped, as the Secretary said in closing, that we are entering "an era of better human relationships."

—Buy Avon Park—
Corn Club Contest.

Gainesville, May 17.—A new national 4-H corn club contest, sponsored by the Nelson Knitting company, has been announced by the National Committee on Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work, according to R. W. Blacklock, state boys' club agent. In this contest, the winning corn club member in each county having at least 10 members enrolled in the corn club and meeting the requirements of the contest will be awarded a medal. A trip to the National Club Congress in Chicago is offered to the state winner.

—Buy Avon Park—
Italian skiers who lost their way in the St. Bernard pass recently were found almost exhausted by dogs from the famous Hospice and led to safety.

At the New Circle



in a lay of 66.7 percent during April, and everything points to them finishing the contest the last of September with a fine record. To which Justice Field added, in the majority opinion:

"In Massachusetts and Connecticut, and perhaps in other states in New England, the individual liability of the inhabitants of towns, parishes and cities, for the debts of the latter, is maintained, and executions upon judgments issued there can be enforced against the private property of the inhabitants."

"But this doctrine is admitted by the courts of those states to be purely a matter of their jurisprudence, and an exception to the rule elsewhere prevailing."

Elsewhere the private property of the inhabitants of a municipal body cannot be subjected to the payment of its debts, except by way of taxation."

"What is the property of a municipal corporation which, on its dissolution, the courts can reach and apply to payment of its debts?"

"We answer: It is the private property of the corporation, that is, such as it held in its own right for profit or as a source of revenue, not charged with any public trust or use, and funds in its possession unappropriated to any specific purpose."

"Taxes are not debts. Debts are obligations for the payment of money founded upon contract. Taxes are imposed, levied for support of the government, or for some special purpose authorized by it. They are in no proper sense assets of the municipal corporation."

"The levying of taxes is not a judicial act. It is a high act of sovereignty, to be performed only by the Legislature upon considerations of policy, necessity and the public weal."

"The power of the state to make this change of local government is incontestable. Its subsequent provision for the collection of the taxes of the corporation levied before the repeal of its charter, and the appropriation of the proceeds to the payment of its debts, remove from the measure any imputation that it was designed to enable the city to escape from its just liabilities."

—Buy Avon Park—

RURAL COMMON SENSE

By Spuds Johnson

INDUSTRY, AGRICULTURE

SHOULD COOPERATE FOR

BEST INTERESTS OF BOTH

An era of better human relationships, with agriculture and industry working together as a team, with the load equally divided between them, was proposed recently by Secretary of Agriculture Wallace, in speaking before the United States Chamber of Commerce. The Secretary declared that he had no sympathy with attempts to set class against class—farmers against anybody else, or anyone else against farmers. "It is not only justice, but intelligent self-interest to restore reasonable purchasing power to agriculture," he declared.

"The last three years have been long years, but at least they have had the value of showing us the defects in our economic and social machinery. Now I wonder whether we are ready to profit by our experience."

"From the old era of the heedless expansionist and the rugged individualist, if we are ready to turn to a new era of better human relationships, with emphasis less on production than on equitable distribution of the fruits of production. We can, if we will, grant to the city laborer and to the farmer alike that higher standard of living which logically belongs to them as a result of their increased productive efficiency."

"We have had enough ruthless competition. A people wait, with hopes higher than they have been for years, for a new spirit to control our economic relations, the spirit of even-handed justice."

"Let agriculture and industry from now on travel in double harness, as a team with the load equally divided between them."

Industry cannot prosper over much unless there is a prosperous agriculture in the country, and certainly agriculture cannot attain very high standards of living without an industrial market for its products. It is to be hoped, as the Secretary said in closing, that we are entering "an era of better human relationships."

—Buy Avon Park—
Corn Club Contest.

Gainesville, May 17.—A new national 4-H corn club contest, sponsored by the Nelson Knitting company, has been announced by the National Committee on Boys' and Girls' 4-H Club Work, according to R. W. Blacklock, state boys' club agent. In this contest, the winning corn club member in each county having at least 10 members enrolled in the corn club and meeting the requirements of the contest will be awarded a medal. A trip to the National Club Congress in Chicago is offered to the state winner.

—Buy Avon Park—
Italian skiers who lost their way in the St. Bernard pass recently were found almost exhausted by dogs from the famous Hospice and led to safety.

Insect Control On Citrus Simplified By New Discovery

Gainesville, May 17.—A greatly simplified program of insect control in the citrus grove is in the making, says E. F. BeBuck, extension citrusiculturist. He believes that growers who spray for rust mites can add a pound of iron sulphate to 50 gallons of liquid lime-sulphur and greatly lengthen the time during which the spray will be effective.

Basing his suggestion on work done during the last two years by W. W. Yethers and Dr. R. L. Miller at the United States Department of Agriculture laboratory at Orlando, Mr. DeBuck believes that it will be possible to spray with the lime-sulphur and iron sulphate in early May, and the spray will remain effective until the summer rains set in July. Repeated tests by these

entomologists have shown that the 1 pound of iron sulphate in 50 gallons of lime-sulphur doubles the effective life of the spray. It also lessens the life of burning.

The addition is made at a cost of about one-fifth of a cent a tree for each application, says Mr. DeBuck.

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Costs of maintaining the British Royal Air Force are estimated at nearly \$200,000 a day.

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Three years—1929 to 1932—we Americans looked backward. All our old financial and political machinery was geared to pull us out of the depression by the same door through which we entered. We thought it simply a case of going back the way we came. It failed. We now realize that the way out is forward—through it.

Thanks for that belongs to President Roosevelt. Inauguration Day he turned the Ship of State around. Having observed the failure of sincere efforts to haul us back the way we came, he designed a new method—new political and financial machinery—to pull us out the way we are going—forward. He is clearing international obstacles out of the way; he does not stand in awe of tariffs. The people begin to feel that he does not take advice from the "interests"; that he has courage and loyalty to work for one supreme interest only—the welfare of the American people. That is a big achievement for two months in office.

And now we all look to what is coming; we grow less and less concerned with what is behind. We are looking for a hand-hold on the haul rope. Every man wants to do what he can, and all he can.

The best thing I can do for the Country is to create industry by building good motor cars. If I knew anything better to do, I would do it. Industry must be my contribution. Motor cars must face ahead to the future, like everything else. They are so much a part of the Nation's daily life that if they lag behind they hold the Country back.

Henry Ford

FEDERAL FARM ACT SHOULD BE AD TO FARMERS

Many of the Provisions Applicable to Citrus Growers Here

Gainesville, May 17.—The Agricultural Emergency Act recently passed by Congress should benefit Florida farmers in three ways, according to Frank W. Brumley, economist, with the Agricultural Extension Service. In the first, producers of such commodities as cotton, corn, tobacco, hogs and dairy products may be directly affected by the crop control plan. Second, provision is made for easing indebtedness until the farmer's purchasing power has been restored. Third, the inflationary measures should result in rising prices for such Florida products as citrus and truck crops.

There are three distinct titles or sections to the law. The first is the production control and benefit payment section; the second part is the agricultural credits law; and the third part is the national financial and currency measure. The first part is administered by the Department of Agriculture, the second part by the Farm Credits administration, and the third part lies at the discretion of President Roosevelt and his Treasury aides.

Under the production control section, commonly referred to as the Farm Act, at least three means of securing proper adjustment of domestic production of certain farm commodities to meet world demand levels and to attain fair returns for agriculture are provided. The Secretary may use one or all of them. They are briefly: (1) Acreage reduction of certain agricultural commodities by rental and benefit payments to farmers; (2) payment of allotment benefits on the domestic portion of a crop in return for agreements covering specified crop reductions; or (3) the use of marketing agreements with processors and handlers of certain farm commodities so that higher prices will go to farmers and a guaranteed system of production control and fair play. For cotton growers special option deals are provided.

The commodities named in the law are wheat, cotton, field corn, rice, tobacco, hogs, and milk and its products. The bill also provides that the Secretary of Agriculture may extend certain benefits of the bill to other commodities if he deems it advisable. On all commodities named except tobacco the base period for figuring necessary price levels to reach equality in farm buying power is 1909-14. On tobacco the base period is from 1919-28.

To meet the cash payments required to reimburse farmers for acreage reductions and crop control to needed amounts, the Federal Government has \$100,000,000 in hand for immediate use; but later on the sums paid out of the Treasury will be restored by means of a processing tax. This processing tax will be levied, assessed and collected by the internal revenue department upon the first domestic processing of each commodity, including imports processed in this country.

In the agricultural credits section provisions are made to reduce the rate of interest and to grant necessary extensions of payments on principal to deserving old and new Federal Land Bank borrowers for a 5-year period. Capital will also be available to enable farmers to redeem or repurchase farm property lost through foreclosure and to refinance minor obligations. This is under the Farm Credits Administration, in charge of Henry Morgenthau, Jr. Ample local machinery will be in force to meet individual problems and claims.

In the third section the president is given broad discretionary powers to inflate currency and credit. It is understood the executive will take advantage first of the initial clause authorizing an expansion of \$500,000,000 in credit through open market operations of Federal reserve banks. Should this prove inadequate, the president could adopt any of the following methods:

Direct the issuance of \$300,000,000 in new treasury notes or currency and provide for a federal fund to redeem the notes at the rate of four percent annually for 25 years.

Reduce the gold content of the dollar by as much as 50 percent to lower its purchasing power. Accept \$500,000,000 in silver at 40 cents an ounce on the war debt and overdue this fiscal year, and issue silver certificates against the metal.

Monetize silver at a fixed ratio with gold and provide for free and unlimited coinage. First steps in the operation of the law cannot be exactly stated with full assurance, but a general idea of the progressive movements which should soon take place may be given. State councils for commodity control and adjustment, acting as official arms of the federal government, will be set up at once. The agricultural extension system and state agricultural colleges will be re-

New Stamp Issue Postmaster Approves



Washington, D. C.—Postmaster General James Farley today officially approved the new special stamp commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the issuance of the Proclamation of Peace at Newburg, New York. Left to right at the Bureau of Engraving are Postmaster General Farley, and Alvin W. Hall, Director of the Bureau of Engraving, with the new stamps.

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Just as one temperature will melt wax, a higher temperature will melt lead or reduce steel to liquid form, so a certain heat in a flat-iron will destroy one fabric and leave another fabric unharmed. Each of these materials has a different critical heat point.

Rayon fibre and other synthetic goods have critical heat points different from cotton. Cotton is different from wool; different fabrics vary in their ability to withstand heat. It stands to reason that a rayon garment requires a much lower heat than cotton, and cotton lower than linen. Using an ordinary electric iron without any heat control or using one heat for all kinds of fabrics is wrong, just as wrong as using the same heat to melt lead that would be used to melt wax.

Tests have proven conclusively that flatirons which are hot enough to destroy the fibres of cloth even though no yellow or brown scorch may be seen. These invisible burns caused by using the wrong heat make the fabric brittle, reduce its tensile strength, and as a result ruin its wearing qualities.

Cottons, linens, silks and synthetics, like rayon, last longer when excessive ironing temperatures are not used. Rather generally it is considered that linen will withstand the most heat, that cotton takes less ironing heat, that wool has the lowest, and that the proper ironing temperature for silk is yet lower, and that the synthetics should be ironed at a lower temperature than any of the others.

Visible scorch is the mark of visible deterioration and is found in all fabrics with the exception of one of the synthetics, namely, Colanese, as pointing to the danger ahead. This one exception shows a shiny spot when the iron is slightly too hot. —Miss Ruby McDevitt.

—Buy Avon Park—

Meat Pies With Rice.

Four cups cooked rice, 1 onion, 2 cups tomatoes, 1/2 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon pepper, 1 tablespoon fat, 1 pound raw meat or left-over meat cut up small. Melt the fat, add the sliced onion, and if raw meat is used, add and stir until the red color disappears. Add the tomato and seasoning after the onion is browned, and heat through. Grease a baking dish, put in a layer of rice, add the meat and gravy, and cover with the rice dotted with fat. Bake for half an hour.

—Buy Avon Park—

Suit for divorce was filed in Circuit Court Monday by Merle Y. Molter against E. J. Molter. No bill of particulars was obtainable. A suit was also instituted in which Merle Molter is plaintiff against E. J. Molter in which a division of the corporation is asked.

Decision regarding methods to be followed in applying the optional provisions of the production control sections of the law will be made by Secretary Wallace after the commodity hearings.

Processing tax levies will be the last objective, and these will not start on any commodity whose control is undertaken until full examination of existing conditions is made and the proper margin between current market prices and the parity level is fully ascertained.

Throughout the entire administration of the law there is to be a spirit of voluntary agreement, practical application of the means to the desired end, and a free and open discussion of the problems that arise.

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GRAND JURY SLAM IS BOOMERANG

People who have no knowledge of how such things come about, will read with surprise and amazement, a paragraph in the grand jury's final presentment, intended as an official rebuke of W. Z. Carson, clerk of the circuit court. Read this:

"It has come to the attention of the grand jury that the Clerk of the Circuit Court has been very discourteous to certain people who have had business in that office, and on account of such actions has caused the withdrawal of financial support from certain enterprises, and the loss of business and employment. We condemn such action on the part of any public official, and those who have dealings in public offices have a right to expect courteous treatment from the officials."

It would be interesting to know which particular member or members of the grand jury instigated this public criticism of the clerk, and the motives back of such an unwarranted attack. The public generally is at a loss to understand why the clerk's office was under investigation, anyway. Surely, there has been no general complaint, nor any grounds for the charge that he has been "discourteous."

As is well known there was a spirited fight at the last election for the office of clerk of the circuit court. Mr. Carson won over L. T. Farmer, after overcoming tremendous odds by having his name written in on the ballot by the voters, who thus left no doubt as to whom they wanted for the office.

Without presuming to know what went on in the grand jury room, we are given to understand from other sources that the only complaint against Mr. Carson that could have led to such a criticism was based on his refusal to furnish an employee of a newly organized abstract company a desk and a typewriter in his office in the court house for an indefinite period of time. Inasmuch as the abstract company was purely a commercial enterprise, Mr. Carson undoubtedly had the right to refuse this rather unusual request. Mr. Carson states he did not refuse officers or employees of the abstract company access to the records—that he could not have legally done so, had he so wished.

This bickering over a desk and typewriter, which by the way, was to have been used by Mrs. Farmer, wife of the man Carson defeated, could hardly be considered a subject for grand jury investigation. It seems a petty thing for a body of that calibre to deal with, and it is strange that none of its members objected to such picayunish business. At most it was a personal affair between Mr. Carson and the Farmers, and in no way required official grand jury action.

Mr. Farmer was clerk of that grand jury, and as such is presumed to have had a hand in framing the presentment. If so, it is unfortunate that he took part in such small business; or if not, then surely he could easily have had the offending paragraph stricken from the report. The incident leaves the impression with the public that Mr. Carson was unfairly treated, and that the back-handed slap was inspired from persons and political motives—nothing more nor less.

There doesn't seem to be half the talk about repeat there was a few weeks ago.

In spelling the name of the fair-tail fabricator, Means, the "s" is wholly superfluous.

A Florida legislature seems more difficult to control than a Congress of the United States.

The sole redeeming trait in bootleggers and gangsters is their commendable habit of killing one another.

One trouble about this tax exemption of hemp up to the value of \$5,000 is that it may result in the assessor getting mighty

The Cat in Gloves Catches No Mice—(Old Saying)



few reports of homes in Florida of a value in excess of \$5,000.

Florida's corn crop has been going to market for some weeks now, in the shape of roasting ears that are shipped North in carload lots. It brings money to the grower that would surprise corn farmers of other states.

More votes were caught by the five and ten promise—"35 for small cars and \$10 for large ones"—than any other campaign propaganda. There wasn't anything said about \$5-\$10-\$15-\$20, which seems to be the program that is to be adopted.

We would hand our sprig of lilac to the horticulturist who would persuade Florida oleanders to bloom a few weeks earlier, while our winter visitors are with us. They are beautiful now. Oleanders are particularly suited to road or highway beautification.

Being Mayor of New York City is one of the biggest jobs this nation has to offer. It was "in the bag" for Al Smith, but he positively declines it. Perhaps after one has had his sights on the White House it is hard to rest them contentedly on any lesser eminence.

It is hard to work up much sympathy for men who will accept government food and shelter, and yet turn down jobs that are proffered them, scorning to earn an honest dollar a day. The habit of looking to the government for a free meal ticket is becoming all too prevalent.

Mr. Ford says that "if motor cars lag behind they hold the country back." Those cars Mr. Ford makes do not lag behind. Never saw a Ford car of whatever vintage that didn't make a manful try to get ahead of everything on the road, making a specialty of passing Cadillacs, Packards and the like.

Old Demon Rum used to have to stand the hard knocks, but now all the punches seem to be directed at poor little 3.2. If people can be educated to drink the latter beverage, or wine of equally small alcohol content, instead of "hard" liquor, temperance will have made the greatest advance ever recorded in history.

Bishop Cannon fights one court after another to avoid standing trial for violation of the corrupt practices act in 1928. The court of appeals of the District of Columbia having overruled the technicality he invoked in connection with his indictment, he now takes his fight to the supreme court. One can scarcely help wondering why an innocent man should strive so strenuously to dodge a fair trial.

Hope springs perennial, and perhaps some of that much promised economy will materialize in legislative action during the remaining days of the session. But so far where a dollar is cut off from some item of

state expenditures, there seems to be a two-dollar increase in another direction. We trust when the whole work of the session is simmered down to where it may be analyzed some net gain to the taxpayer may be found in the residue.

The early bird does not always get the worm. Governor Sholtz very properly rebuked the unseemly haste of a delegation which urged him to make an appointment before there was time to hold the funeral of the man who had been filling the position—even before the occupant was dead, in fact. The man so hastily thrust forward will not be considered, the Governor says. Nowadays the holder of a job better use a little dye to cover up the greying hair, or camouflage any trifling ailment he may have, otherwise, as he walks down the street he may become uncomfortably conscious of the cold but interested regard of the man who is speculating on filling his place.

This is no time for bonus marches to the capital, farm strikes, or any other form of trouble-making. The national administration is doing everything possible to relieve undesirable conditions and to set the country firmly on the road to prosperity. Regardless of what they profess to be, those who would rock the boat at this time are not patriots concerned with the welfare of the country. There may be honest dupes among them, but the motivating spirit, however disguised, is that of communism or anarchy. The man in the White House and his associates who are doing a great and unselfish work for the people should receive the loyal and patriotic co-operation of every citizen, no matter how prominent he may be, or how obscure.

Editor Leach, of the Leesburg Commercial, comments on a practice he says was more prevalent among Florida editors of earlier years than those of today—that of constantly printing items regarding the beauty, the products, the climate and other advantages of the State. He adds that the things that influenced him most to come to Florida was the reading of a casual article in a Florida newspaper telling about the luscious strawberries that were being gathered here in mid-winter, while the part of the country in which he was then living was covered with ice and snow. This paper often slips in a paragraph making some reference to the weather, the fruits, the flowers, the crops, or other features or charms of Florida—not for the benefit of our own people, who know about these things, but because we know they have intense interest for readers in other states.

TOO LAKE TO CLASSIFY

By RUSSELL KAY

For a while it looked like Florida was about to lose her "Voice" but now a Senate Committee, after prowling around down in Gainesville, tells us that instead of hither WRUF over the head with an axe, maybe if we just operate on her tonsils and nurse her along a little, it might be a better idea. They tell us how many farmers have radio sets,

but they forget to mention how many of 'em ever heard "the voice of Florida." We've got over a hundred thousand dollars invested in it now and still the darn thing can't much more than whisper.

If we gonna keep the station we ought to quit foolin' around and apply to the Federal Radio Commission for the right to operate it on a 50,000 watt day-time schedule and then develop some constructive helpful programs in which the public would be interested.

Operated as it is now WRUF is a first class pain in the neck to the average radio listener. As far as being 'beneficial to the taxpayer, I don't believe there would be any mob marchin' on Tallahassee if it was announced that the station was being discontinued altogether.

The only time WRUF was really popular with a lot of people was when they were broadcastin' the foot-ball games with Red Barber at the mike. Red knows his stuff and he's a snappy, peppy announcer. Give that boy a mike with some power behind it and he'll popularize the station and have folks tuncin' in for it, and you can take it from me there's darn few exertin' themselves in that direction right now.

We can protect the money we already have invested in WRUF and develop it into a proposition acceptable and appreciated by the public. The chances are, however, that we won't. About all we can do now is "stand by" for further announcements.

Well it seems that there are still two or three people out of work, judgin' from the number of applications the governor received for the job of beer inspector.

A chance to gallop from beer joint to beer joint singin' "Sweet Adeline" and get paid for it had such a general appeal that about eight hundred guys answered "Here" before Dave even started callin' the roll.

And now there's even a better job comin' up for somebody and if I'm a judge of human nature I'm bettin' there will be a million applications. They passed a bill last week providin' for the regular inspection of all beauty shops.

I know the governor is opposed to any new form of revenue, but if he'll just make one exception in this case and offer that Beauty Shop inspection job to the highest bidder it ought to set for a better price than a seat on the Stock Exchange.

Talk about political foot-balls, boy, imagine bein' able to wish a guy into a job like that. It ought to be good for 10,000 votes in anybody's election. If you wanted to go a little further with it and appoint deputies man, oh man.

But no matter what a guy paid for the job he couldn't lose in the deal. After one inspection tour he ought to have enough telephone numbers to last a lifetime.

Imagine bein' able to walk into any beauty shop in the state and flash a badge. But go on ahead and paint your own picture. I gotta quit thinkin' about it, I got a weak heart.

World War Debts

By JUDGE JOHN W. DODGE

THEY MUST BE PAID.

Fifteen sovereign nations in Europe owed last year to Uncle Sam the stupendous figures of over Twelve Billion Dollars, poised to be paid over a period of 62 years, which with interest would amount to Twenty-two Billion Dollars.

Great Britain, France, and Italy owed eleven-twelfths of the above; and Great Britain's part was \$4,715,310,000.

The United States borrowed, evidenced by her Liberty Bonds and other obligations, sold to Americans, the money she lent to Europe.

"On July 1 the treasury department has received, \$1,677,333,024 in return for her generosity some fifteen years ago. The cost to the United States, in interest paid, to carry those debts from their dates of settlement to July 1 has been in excess of four billions of dollars, which places the United States \$2,364,695,938 the worse off for playing the part of Santa Claus to Europe when she began the little exhibitions of pyrotechnics."

"Inasmuch as the payments made and to be made for 62 years by debtor nations will be insufficient to pay the interest charges incurred by the United States to carry these debts, it is evident there will never be anything to apply on the principal. Hence, these principal sums are cancelled. To determine the consequent loss to July 1, 1932, add together the sums of \$2,364,695,938 excess interest paid by the United States and \$12,000,000,000 total debts. The sum is \$14,364,695,938. From year to year this huge loss will increase even though the debtor nations pay their obligations in full."

With retaliatory foreign commercial agreements and tariffs imposed by those European nations against us with defaults by France and others, with constant dickering to repudiate, or slip from under those debts; it behooves American Taxpayers to write their Senators and Representatives in Congress not to let those debts be saddled on Americans.

Let Europe default. It will spell her, not our ruin and destruction of credit for carrying on any future wars. Others will not, if the defaults and repudiations her obligations, hereafter lend her either credit, money or gold.

There is no use in Americans playing Santa Claus to let Europe shoot fireworks of war, to destroy human beings as cannon fodder. If they are made to pay they will of necessity have to live in peace, in honesty, with others.

Governor Sholtz courageously refuses to call an extra session of the state legislature, believing the solons can easily finish their task in the next two weeks. Sholtz didn't propose to put the state to a lot of expense just because the legislature became deadlocked over certain bills. Florida has had a sad experience with the legislatures of 1931 and 1932, and the Governor is to be commended for refusing to prolong the agony any further.—Winter Haven Chief.

Now that Uncle Sam has gone off the gold standard what in the world will the monde and brunette gold diggers do for a living?—Jacksonville Times-Union.

An electrician by the name of Sparks was charged with battery in New York the other day, and the judge ordered him put in a cell for thirty days.—Jacksonville Times-Union.

Banana Flower Grown Here Gets A Blue Ribbon

A banana flower grown in Avon Park took the blue ribbon in the novelty class at the annual flower show of the Garden Club of Franklin, Tenn., held Monday, May 8. The flower was grown by Miss Peggy Lacey and taken to Tennessee by Mrs. E. E. Hill, mother of Mrs. Harcourt Johnson, who had been visiting here. Mrs. Hill left Avon Park on Saturday, May 13 and took great care of the flower until she placed it on an exhibition in the show.

The flower created a great deal of comment as it was indeed a novelty in that section of the country.

Carson Sued For \$10,000 Damages

A suit claiming \$10,000 damages was filed late yesterday against W. Z. Carson, clerk of the circuit court for Highlands county and his bonding company. The plaintiff is the Fidelity Title company and the suit was filed by R. R. Rhudy, Esq., of Jacksonville. No bill of complaint was filed and it has not been learned on what the claim for damages will be based.

Camping Days Are Here.

Of course, the real camper camps from January until December. In fact, he seems to take particular delight in his winter camping.

For most boys, however, the camping season starts now and continues until the late Fall.

Camping without proper supervision or proper knowledge, may have many things in its favor, but there are also many things to be said against it. In fact it is a dangerous pastime.

These days such camping is not necessary. Almost anywhere one can find a troop of boy scouts, or a group of boys sufficiently interested in the great outdoors to be formed into such a troop. These boys soon learn how to camp wisely. One glance at the tanned faces and healthy bodies of a group of scouts returning from a camping trip, should be enough to prove this statement true.

Do you like camping? If so, unite with such an organization and associate with those whose likes are similar to yours. If you are a boy, become a scout. If you are a man, become a scout official and while you are enjoying your camping trips, you will be teaching others to enjoy days and nights in the open.

If learning to swim, to cook outdoors, to render first aid and to secure a knowledge of birds, leaves, stars, everything that has to do with nature is worth while, it is certainly worth while being a boy scout.

Church Notes

METHODIST CHURCH

Bible school, 10 a. m.
Sermon 11 a. m.
Junior Epworth League 6:00 p. m.
Senior Epworth League 7:00 p. m.
Sermon 7:30 p. m.
Church night, Wednesday 7:30 p. m.

UNION CONGREGATION CHURCH

Morning service, 11 a. m.
Evening service, 7:30 p. m.
Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Rev. A. P. Vaughn, Pastor.

THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rev. W. K. McClure, Pastor.
Sunday school, 9:45 a. m.
Praying at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
B. Y. P. U. at 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening, 7:30 p. m.

Sabbath School Teachers' Meeting, Friday evening at 7, taught by Mrs. J. B. Coen, Jr., followed by Brotherhood.

Brotherhood meeting second Friday evening of each month at 7:30 o'clock, in the basement of the church.

CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE

East Canfield, Near Lake Ave.
L. C. Fox, Pastor.

We are starting a new assembly year, and we hope it will be the greatest year in the history of the church.

Sunday Bible school, 9:45 a. m.
Praying service, 10:45 a. m.
Young People's service, 8:30 p. m.

Evangelistic service, 7:30 p. m.
Mid-week prayer meeting, Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

A warm welcome to all of those services is extended.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Bible School, 10 a. m.
Worship, 11 a. m.
Lord's Supper, 11:45 a. m.
Bible People's Study, 7 p. m.
Mid-week service, Wednesday, 7 p. m.

SOCIAL and Personal News

BY RUBY TURNER MORGAN
Society Editor

Large Attendance at Musical Tea

About 75 guests attended the musical tea sponsored by the ladies of the Methodist church at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier last Tuesday evening.

The beautiful Lanier home was a veritable garden scene. Roses in quantities, lilies in bright colors, and other garden flowers were effectively arranged in bouquets, and placed at vantage points about the spacious room. On the patio tables were arranged for the serving of cooling fruit juices.

A reception committee composed of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Rev. and Mrs. A. H. Hancock, Mrs. L. M. Orr, Mrs. J. D. Raab, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Pardee, and Steve Roberts, greeted the guests and looked after their entertainment during the evening.

The program, with Miss Marjorie Lacey, in charge was as follows:

Vocal solos, Mrs. George Scott McKnight accompanied by Miss Marjorie Lacey.
Recitation by Master David Lanier.

A burlesque on four of Shakespeare's plays, Lady Macbeth, Romeo and Juliet, Merchant of Venice and Hamlet, with characters as follows:

Lady Macbeth, Mrs. Daisy Ten Eyck.
Romeo, Mrs. Virginia Cloud.
Juliet, Mrs. Hayes Maxwell.
Ophelia, Mrs. R. L. Brown.
Vocal solos, Mrs. Payne Sebring accompanied by Miss McElwaine of Sebring.

Piano solo, Miss Mary Coen.
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Rev. Hancock at the close of the program gave a short address, expressing the appreciation of the ladies for the wonderful entertainment of the town in this musical, which was one of the outstanding events of the season.

Junior Woman's Club Organized

The organization of the Junior Woman's Club was completed at a special meeting held last Monday evening at the home of Mrs. M. V. Picher, senior club president. Mrs. M. E. Covington, sponsor for the Juniors from the Park Women's Club, presided at the election of officers which resulted in the following members being elected to fill offices for the coming year:

Mrs. Edwin Smith, president; Miss Ethel Clark, vice-president; Miss Inez Dawson, secretary; Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Jr., treasurer. Immediately following the election, the president, Mrs. Smith appointed a committee to draw up the by-laws and constitution. Mrs. C. R. Ginn being chairman of this committee, acting with Miss Marjorie Lacey and Mrs. Phil Abrams.

The Dramatic Club, which was sponsored by the Fine Arts department of the Woman's Club, has been abolished, the members being asked to join with the Junior Woman's club.

The hostess for the evening, Mrs. Picher, served during the special hour delicious fruit juice and cookies.

Those present from the Senior club were Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. G. P. Thayer and Mrs. M. V. Picher, with Mrs. Edwin Smith, Mrs. Francis Shockey, Mrs. L. M. Abrams, Mrs. C. R. Ginn, Jr., Mrs. Joe Baas, Miss Lillian Smith, Miss Marjorie Lacey, Miss Ethel Clark, and Miss Inez Dawson, composing the list of members of the Junior club present.

Evening Contract Club Meets

Wednesday evening of this week another interesting meeting of the contract club was held at the home of Dr. and Mrs. George Scott McKnight, on East Main street. Mrs. McKnight had arranged a quantity of pink roses in effective bouquets about the room, where the two tables of players were entertained at bridge.

Mrs. J. B. Hart was high scorer in the drawing. S. Y. Hart was the high cut.

Refreshments were served by the following members, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hart, Mrs. L. M. Abrams, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. O. E. Anderson, Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. M. V. Picher, Mrs. J. D. Raab, Mrs. J. E. Powell and Mrs. J. B. Hart.

Lovely Mother's Day Party

One of the prettiest social affairs of the week was a bridge party given by Mrs. C. Parke Anderson last Saturday in the parlour of the "Anchorage" apartment on Lake avenue, honoring her mother, Mrs. Lulu Bass, and Mr. Anderson's mother, Mrs. Olive Anderson.

The salarum, which is an ideal place for entertaining, was unusually attractive on this occasion, baskets of flowers being used in decoration of the charming and fragrant to the room.

Six tables of players enjoyed an hour's diversion of bridge. Mrs. A. H. Able being success Mrs. Alex. and Gilmore, Mrs. Ford deAngura, Mrs. C. A. Clark, Mrs. Katherine Bristol, Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Mrs. S. Y. Hart, Mrs. George Scott McKnight, Mrs. Norton Smith, Mrs. Harry Dilley, Mrs. John Henry Smith, Mrs. J. B. Baack, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. P. Thayer, Miss Mattie and Miss Kate Tompkins, Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Chapin, Mrs. S. Y. Hart, Mrs. E. P. Lacey and Mrs. J. B. Hart.

Two honorees were presented with lovely framed pictures of their running grand-daughter, Arden E. Anderson.

The hostess served a delicious and appropriate ice course to her guests on this occasion.

Those attending this unusually lovely affair were Mrs. Lulu Bass, Mrs. Olive Anderson, Mrs. A. H. Able, Mrs. W. H. Bates, Mrs. Alex. and Gilmore, Mrs. Ford deAngura, Mrs. C. A. Clark, Mrs. Katherine Bristol, Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Mrs. S. Y. Hart, Mrs. George Scott McKnight, Mrs. Norton Smith, Mrs. Harry Dilley, Mrs. John Henry Smith, Mrs. J. B. Baack, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. P. Thayer, Miss Mattie and Miss Kate Tompkins, Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Chapin, Mrs. S. Y. Hart, Mrs. E. P. Lacey and Mrs. J. B. Hart.

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Woodman Circle Have Bridge Benefit

Last Wednesday evening the host of Mrs. Henry Reddick on Forest avenue, was the scene of an interesting social affair, members of the Woodman Circle having a benefit bridge at this time.

The Reddick home was attractively decorated with pink and white flowers, which were effectively arranged in bouquets and placed about the party room. Scores were kept on dainty tables, resulting in Mrs. H. H. Keller being awarded for her high score a lovely Italian cut work guest towel, while Mrs. Marion Baldrice received for second best score a choice tea ball of unique design.

The chosen color motif of pink and white was again reflected in the refreshments of ice cream and cake.

Those enjoying this affair were Mrs. Ruby Latham, Mrs. Marion Baldrice, Mrs. A. B. Thompson, Mrs. Minnie Barnes, Mrs. Louise Eastman, Mrs. Helen Mann, Mrs. and Mrs. H. W. Harden, Mrs. B. H. Cox, Mrs. Ed. Gough, Hilda Reddick, Mrs. Henry Reddick, Miss Evelyn Martin, Mrs. Marion Baldrice, Mrs. Philip Baldrice, Mrs. Jim Pate, Mrs. Mary Childers, and Mrs. Y. Bass.

Mr. H. A. Straube Celebrates Birthday

Mr. H. A. Straube, of Green Bay, Wisconsin, who has been a regular winter visitor to Avon Park for the past ten years, and who is the grandfather of Mrs. D. V. Rouse, entertained Thursday of last week, this being his 52nd birthday anniversary.

Mr. Straube is very active, being an ardent fisherman.

Guests were invited for dinner at noon, when a sumptuous repast was served. Mrs. George Frank presented Mr. Straube with a delicious sunshine cake, which he expects to leave for his northern home about the first of June.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Norton Smith, Mrs. J. B. Baack, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. J. E. Powell and Mrs. J. B. Hart.

Miss Vera Platt Honored

Honoring Miss Vera Platt, who graduated from the Avon Park high school this term, and who left Sunday for her home in Arcadia, Mr. and Mrs. Lester Armstrong entertained at a delightful dinner party last Saturday, at their lovely home on Verona avenue.

Places were laid for six at the dining table which was attractively decorated with a beautiful bouquet of spring blossoms.

Those invited in compliment to Miss Platt were Miss Zella Langford, Miss Evelyn Martin, Miss Frances Emerson and Mrs. J. B. Baack.

Missory Society Meets Monday

Monday afternoon the general meeting of the Missory Society of the Methodist church met in the church, Mrs. L. M. Orr, president, being in charge of the business session.

Arrangements were completed, and committees appointed for the district conference to be held here June 5-7.

Plans were discussed for a "treasure hunt" to be conducted by the society. All members and friends of the church are requested to bring their old gold and silver for this purpose, date to be announced later for the hunt.

After the brief session a very interesting "quilt" giving a brief for the day. J. D. Raab's talk on the "Training of the Deaf" was the opening number on the program, and was greatly appreciated by those present.

A trio, composed of Mrs. O. B. Clark, of Deland, Mrs. Hayes Maxwell and Mrs. Tom Graham rendered several musical selections. Mrs. L. M. Rodgers rendered a solo on the piano.

The scripture reading and prayer were read by Mrs. A. H. Hancock. Those present at this meeting were: Mrs. L. M. Orr, Mrs. K. J. Bailey, Mrs. A. H. Hancock, Mrs. Hayes Maxwell, Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Mrs. S. Y. Hart, Mrs. George Scott McKnight, Mrs. Norton Smith, Mrs. Harry Dilley, Mrs. John Henry Smith, Mrs. J. B. Baack, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. P. Thayer, Miss Mattie and Miss Kate Tompkins, Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. Fred Smith, Mrs. Dorothy Chapin, Mrs. S. Y. Hart, Mrs. E. P. Lacey and Mrs. J. B. Hart.

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Club Meeting Enjoyable Affair

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier were hosts to members of their contract bridge club Thursday of last week, their attractive home on Lake Lotella.

Using bouquets of cut flowers, roses and gladioli predominating, the spacious living room, where three tables of players enjoyed an hour's diversion of bridge, was a bower of spring time in lovely surroundings.

Couples eager were added at the conclusion of the games, Mr. W. M. Reck and Mrs. E. G. Todd being the successful couple for the evening, receiving decks of cards for their award, while Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Dorniney also were awarded cards, their score being second.

Ice cream and cake were served following the awarding of prizes.

Those present were Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mrs. W. H. Hart, Mrs. W. M. Reck and Mrs. E. G. Todd, Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Trent, Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Abrams, Mrs. H. E. Keller and Mrs. J. B. Baack.

Mrs. H. E. Keller Entertains

Members of the Tuesday luncheon contract club were delighted to entertain this week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keller on Lake Lotella, Mrs. Keller inviting her guests for 10 o'clock.

Several propositions of the game were indulged in by the guests, the hostesses serving a lovely luncheon at noon on small tables arranged in the living room.

Flowers in effectively arranged bouquets were placed about the party room.

When scores were totaled Mrs. M. V. Picher was awarded high score prize, a lovely set of water glasses, in fancy design.

Wednesday Club Meets With Harts

Mrs. E. W. Hart entertained members of her Wednesday bridge club with a pretty summer luncheon this week at her home on Walnut street. Quaint flowers and flowers in effectively arranged bouquets were placed about the room.

Scores were kept on dainty tables, resulting in Mrs. N. H. Trent receiving for her high score a quart cream pitcher, while Mrs. C. Parke Anderson was awarded a set of luncheon necessities for her second high score.

Those present were Mrs. N. H. Trent, Mrs. C. Parke Anderson, Mrs. E. W. Hart, Mrs. W. H. Hart, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. W. D. Dorniney, and Mrs. A. M. Morgan.

B. P. W. C. Picnic Enjoyable Affair

The Business and Professional Women's Club celebrated its social meeting this month by a delightful picnic supper, Thursday afternoon at Lake Wales. Previous to supper being served there were four tables of contract in progress while members and guests who did not care to play cards entertained themselves with jigsaw puzzle games.

At six o'clock a delicious supper was served consisting of fried chicken, cold salad, potato salad, rice, cold tea, olives, and pickles, followed by ice cream and home-made cake.

The club members attending were: Mrs. Pearl Spink, Mrs. Frances Clark, Mrs. Mary Ann Wilkes, Mrs. Fudema Hagood, while the guests of the club members were: Mrs. Harry Dilley, Mrs. John Henry Smith, Mrs. J. B. Baack, Mrs. C. E. Lanier, Mrs. G. P. Thayer, Mrs. S. C. Pardee, Mrs. C. H. Pardee, Miss Mary Pardee, Mr. Phil Abrams, Mr. Fred Peden, Mrs. Mabel Seibert, Mr. Johnnie Wilkes, Mr. Lee Everett Hagood, Miss Daisy Mann, and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Curry and son, Billy.

Poppy Day May 27th

On Saturday, May 27th, America will pay annual tribute to the men who gave their life in defense of the country in 1917 and 1918, by wearing the memorial poppy. I am sure that every patriotic citizen of Avon Park will wear this token of remembrance.

Poppy means that we have not forgotten our comrades who fell amid the poppies of France and that we are carrying on for America in their spirit.

The poppies will be offered on the streets here by the children of the American Legion Auxiliary members. They have volunteered for this work, giving their services without thought of personal gain. Doubled veterans have made the poppies which the children will distribute, and the contributions they will receive will go entirely to the relief of needy veterans and veterans' families. Be sure to wear a poppy on Poppy day.

Double Wedding Solemnized

A double wedding of local interest was that performed by Judge Chester Watkins of Lakeland, Miss Annie May Fitch and Mr. Charles Bowman, and Miss Nellie Pearl Timmons and Mr. Charles Bowman, both being married in Bartow Saturday evening, May 13th.

Mrs. Bowman is the daughter of Mr. George W. Fitch, of Bowling Green, having lived there all her life, attending the public schools in that city. Mr. Bowman is the son of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bowman, and is employed by the Tampa Union Terminal Company. They will make their home here for the present at the home of the groom's parents.

Mrs. Wilcox is from Wauchula, being the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Timmons of that city. Mr. Wilcox is an Avon Park young man, and graduated from the Avon Park high school in 1932.

They will also make their home here for the present time.

Wimodauts Club Entertains

Members of the Wimodauts club were entertained last Friday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Dessie Huss on East Pleasant Street.

An effective arrangement of bright spring blossoms was noticed in the party room.

A new member, Mrs. Reuben T. Johnson, was admitted during the business session.

During the social hour which followed, the hostess served cooling fruit juices with assorted cookies.

Members enjoying Mrs. Huss' hospitality were Mrs. J. B. Moore, Mrs. Reuben T. Johnson, Mrs. C. E. Head, Mrs. W. W. McFarland, Mrs. G. C. Day, Mrs. M. E. Covington, Mrs. J. B. Baack, Mrs. L. M. Abrams, Mrs. B. T. Cox, Mrs. W. H. Kempton, Miss Furlow Anderson, Mrs. Anna LaRocca, Mrs. Charlotte Leigh, and Mrs. Mary Marsh.

Royal Neighbors Postpone Meeting

The meeting of the Royal Neighbors of America which was to be held at the home of Mrs. J. S. Schweigart has been postponed until Friday night, May 27.

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SUBJECT: Jesus Answers his
Adversaries

GOLDEN TEXT: "Never man

spoke like this man." John 7:46.

LESSON TEXT: Mark 12:28-40.

PRACTICAL TRUTH: Love for God and man is the essence of all true religion.

TIME AND PLACE OF LESSON: In the Temple at Jerusalem
* * Tuesday before the crucifixion
on Friday.

INTRODUCTION: After cleansing the temple of Money, Jesus returned to Bethany for the night. The next day, Tuesday, was Christ's last day of public teaching, and he had driven out the traders and had given commands which involved the assumption that he was Lord of the temple. Now the religious leaders demanded, "By what authority doest thou these things?" Jesus silenced them, and then he uttered three parables, the parable of the Two Sons, the Wicked Husbandmen, and the Marriage Feast. Following these parables, three

Questions were asked of Jesus concerning paying tribute to Caesar, one about marriage in the resurrection, and the other regarding the greatest commandment. The third question was asked by a scribe who had been impressed with the answers Jesus had already given. The questioner asked Mark is that this man was an honest seeker after truth. The question he asked was important, and had been a subject of dispute among the rabbis. The question was great emphasis upon the Mosaic Laws. Some laid most stress upon the laws pertaining to sacrifices and purifications; others considered the laws of the prophets to be of great importance. Still others held that duties to man were superior to duties to God. In practice, many observed the traditions of the elders more scrupulously than the law of Moses and Jesus himself.

The lesson begins: "And one of the scribes came, and having heard them reasoning together, and perceiving that he had answered them well, asked him, Which is the first commandment of all?"

Which of all the commandments is the most important to be observed? or perhaps, what kind of religious precept is most necessary to be kept? This question was frequently debated among the Jews and so came readily to the lips of the scribe.

"And Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments is, Hear, O Israel; The Lord our God is one Lord; And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these."

With all thy physical powers, thy body being entirely devoted to God with all its beauty and skill and force. If there were any further possible divisions of our human nature, they would have been added to this list. "The love of God is the chief and principal part of the religion which we are taught in the New Testament, and the Christians were meant to be different from the rest of the world in this one thing, above all others, that they knew and loved God."

Our neighbor is the one whom we can serve, whether the relative with whom we live, the servant who waits upon us, the friend or acquaintance whom we occasionally meet, the stranger or the afflicted in our city, or the oppressed or ignorant or suffering of the whole world over. "The noblest love can forget no one, for it is built on the rock of universal sympathy."

needs of man, not on his qualities. "And the scribe said unto him, Well, Master, thou hast said the truth: for there is one God; and there is none other but he: And to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the soul, and with all his strength, and to love his neighbour as himself, is more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices."

Of this scribe a writer says: "Yet, so far as we know he never entered the kingdom."

"Jesus said * * How say the
 scribes that Christ is the Son of
 David? For David himself said *
 the Lord said to my Lord, Sit thou
 on my right hand, till I make mine
 enemies thy footstool. David *
 called him Lord; and whence is he
 then his son? As a man Jesus was
 born of David (dennand), but
 God, Jesus was a David's Lord."
 * And he said unto them in his doc-
 trine, Beware of the scribes which
 love to go in long clothing, and love
 salutations in the market place,
 and the chief seats in the syna-
 gues, and the uppermost rooms at
 feasts; which devour widows'
 houses, and for a pretence make
 long prayers: these shall receive
 greater damnation."

—Buy Avon Park—
Dr. Victor Concha, the Hungarian authority on English constitutional law, and who for six years held the chair of political science at Budapest university, has died in Budapest, aged eighty-seven.

THE TIMES' WEEKLY PAGE OF COMICS

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given, that Ida J. Marshall, holder of Tax Certificate No. 141, dated 1st day of June, A. D. 1925, has filed said certificate in my office and made application for tax deed to issue thereon in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit: W 1/4 of SE 1/4, section 20, township 27 south, range 31 east, containing 80 acres.

The assessment of said property under the said certificate issued was in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the fifth day of June, A. D. 1933. Dated this fourth day of May, A. D. 1933.

(Seal) W. Z. CARSON
Clerk of Circuit Court, Highlands County, Florida
May 5-12-19-26-June 2.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given, that Ida J. Marshall, holder of Tax Certificate No. 92, dated 1st day of June, A. D. 1925, has filed said certificate in my office and made application for tax deed to issue thereon in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit: SE 1/4 of NE 1/4, section 21, township 30 south, range 29 east, containing 40 acres.

The assessment of said property under the said certificate issued was in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the fifth day of June, A. D. 1933. Dated this fourth day of May, A. D. 1933.

(Seal) W. Z. CARSON
Clerk of Circuit Court, Highlands County, Florida
May 5-12-19-26-June 2.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given, that Ida J. Marshall, holder of Tax Certificate No. 94, dated 1st day of June, A. D. 1925, has filed said certificate in my office and made application for tax deed to issue thereon in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit: W 1/4 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, section 22, township 30 south, range 29 east, containing 20 acres.

The assessment of said property under the said certificate issued was in the name of Unknown. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the fifth day of June, A. D. 1933. Dated this fourth day of May, A. D. 1933.

(Seal) W. Z. CARSON
Clerk of Circuit Court, Highlands County, Florida
May 5-12-19-26-June 2.

FINAL NOTICE

In the Court of the County Judge, Highlands County, Florida, in Probate.

In re: Estate of William A. Marshall, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned will on the 3rd day of July, A. D. 1933, present to the Honorable County Judge of Highlands County, Florida its final return, account and vouchers as Executor of the Estate of William A. Marshall, deceased, and at said time, then and there, make application to the said Judge for a final settlement of its administration of said estate, and for an order discharging it as such Executor. Dated this 27th day of April, A. D. 1933.

THE BARNETT NATIONAL BANK OF JACKSONVILLE, as Executor of the Estate of William A. Marshall, Deceased.

By SAM S. CONLEY, Vice-President.
Apr. 28-June 23, 1933.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Notice is hereby given, that Ivey E. Pate, holder of Tax Certificate No. 2818, dated 4th day of July, A. D. 1927, has filed said certificate in my office and made application for tax deed to issue thereon in accordance with law. Said certificate embraces the following described property situated in Highlands County, Florida, to-wit: SE 1/4 of all fraction Section 35, Township 16 south, Range 30 east, containing 120 acres.

The assessment of said property under the said certificate issued was in the name of B. L. Laird. Unless said certificate shall be redeemed according to law, tax deed will issue thereon on the 22 day of May, A. D. 1933. Dated this 18 day of April, A. D. 1933.

(Seal) W. Z. CARSON
Clerk of Circuit Court, Highlands County, Fla.
Apr. 21-28, May 5-12-19.

FRATERNAL AND CIVIC ORGANIZATIONS

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

Meets first and third Tuesday of each month at 8 p. m. at the Masonic Temple.
MRS. RACHEL McFARLAND, Worthy Matron.
MRS. S. AGNES COX, Secy.

Poinciana Lodge No. 227 F. & A. M.

Meets first and third Fridays of each month at Masonic Temple at 8 p. m.
E. E. MELTON, Worshipful Master.
PHIL ABRAMS, Secy.

Highlands Chapter No. 42 Royal Arch Masons

Meets second Monday of each month at Masonic Temple at 8 p. m.
D. F. CANFIELD, High Priest.
C. R. HEAD, Secy.

Hollywood Commandery No. 27 Knights Templar

Meets third Monday of each month at the Masonic Temple at 8 p. m.
LOUIS G. HILL, Protopost.
Eminent Commander.
D. F. CANFIELD, Recorder.

Highlands Post No. 69 American Legion

Meets first and third Wednesdays of the month at the fire station at 8 p. m.
W. M. HETHERINGTON, Commander.
GLENN SPINK, Adjutant.

Highlands Unit No. 69 American Legion Auxiliary

Meets every other Monday at American Legion Home on Butler Avenue at 3 p. m.
MRS. L. R. MARLIN, President.
MRS. A. M. MORGAN, Secy.

Richard P. Hobson Camp No. 20 United States War Veterans

Meets fourth Thursday of each month at Veterans Hall, on the pier, Sebring, at 8 p. m.
MAJOR WHITE, Commander.
REUBEN JOHNSTON, Adj.

Woodmen Circle Victory Grove No. 248

Meets every second and fourth Monday nights at Odd Fellows Hall at 8 o'clock.
MRS. VIVIAN HARDEN, Guardian.
MRS. BARBARA MEADOWS, Secretary.

Boy Scouts of America Avon Park Troop No. 1

Meets every Friday evening at 7:15 at the Armory.
E. E. MELTON, Scoutmaster.
MAX BRUNK, Assistant Scoutmaster.

Avon Park Dramatic Club

Meets every second and fourth Tuesday night at Woman's Club room, City Hall.
MRS. PHIL ABRAMS, Pres.
MISS LEE KEMPTON, Secy.

Eleanor Seaverns Rebekah Lodge No. 65

Meets first and third Mondays in Odd Fellows hall at 8 p. m.
KATHLEEN JONES, Noble Grand.
RACHEL WESTER, Secretary.

Royal Neighbors of America Updoin Camp No. 10623

Meets first and third Friday nights of each month at 8 o'clock in Odd Fellows hall.
WILMA PEDEN, Oracle.
FANNIE SPINK, Recorder.

Parent-Teachers Association

Meets at High School Auditorium every second Thursday in the month at 3:30 in the afternoon.
MRS. W. W. McFARLAND, President.
MRS. B. F. MARTIN, Secretary.

Business and Professional Woman's Club

Meets first and third Tuesday of each month at club room in the City Hall.
MISS MILLIE PEARSON, Pres.
MRS. PHIL ABRAMS, Secy.

Wimodausis Club

Meets first and third Friday afternoons at 3 o'clock at homes.
MRS. GROVER C. DALY, Pres.
MRS. W. W. McFARLAND, Secretary.

Rotary Club

Meets at luncheon every Wednesday at 12:15 at the Jacaranda hotel.
E. E. MELTON, President.
A. McKEE ELWELL, Secretary.

Highlands Lodge No. 80 I. O. O. F.

Meets every Thursday night at 8 o'clock at Odd Fellows hall.
JOE ALLEN, Noble Grand.
A. C. WESTER, Secretary.

Girl Scouts of America Avon Park Troop No. 1

Meets every Friday night at 7:30 at the Congregational church.
MISS LEE KEMPTON, Scout Leader.
MISS RUTH KEMPTON, Assistant Scout Leader.
BETTY BROOKS, Scribe.

Woman's Club of Avon Park

Meets every first Friday of the month at Woman's club rooms in the City Hall at 3:30 p. m.
MRS. M. V. PILCHER, Pres.
MRS. D. G. PERRY, Recording Secretary.

WRUF Farm Program

Gainesville, May 17.—College of Agriculture workers are scheduled to speak at noon each day next week over state radio station WRUF. They will speak during the Florida Farm Hour, from 12 to 12:45, EST, according to the following schedule:

Saturday, May 20.—Florida Farm News and Hints. Editorial Snapshots.

Sunday, May 22.—The Myth of Over-Production.—D. E. Timmons.

Tuesday, May 23.—The Value of Double Cropping on Hillsborough County Farms.—R. H. Howard.

Wednesday, May 24.—Care of the Ornamental Garden to Maintain Its Beauty.—H. Harold Hume. Growing Chrysanthemums.—John V. Watkins.

Thursday, May 25.—The Importance and Construction of the Trench Silo.—Dr. A. L. Shealy. Beef Cattle Improvement.—Dr. Dixie County and How.—D. M. Treadwell.

Friday, May 26.—Disposing of Surplus Milk.—Hamlin L. Brown. The Dairy Feeding Program in Duval County.—A. S. Lawton.

—Buy Avon Park—

Columbia has limited the right to attach salaries, rents or pensions to one-fifth of the amount due the debtor.

Economic Highlights

Happenings That Affect the Dinner Pails, Dividend Checks and Tax Bills of Every Individual. National and International Problems Inseparable From Local Welfare.

Present Administration policy might be expressed thus: "Raise prices now and go to any possible limit to do it." The inflation bill is result of this attitude. Presidential control of Congress, in spite of appearance of organized opposition, was easily great enough to carry it through. Its chief provisions are:

The Federal Reserve banks and boards for the banks to purchase in the open market and hold up to \$5,000,000,000 worth of government obligations, thus providing an identical amount of new credit.

If this is inadequate, the President may then direct issue of currency up to \$5,000,000,000 to tide government obligations; reduce the gold content of the dollar by 50 per cent or any smaller proportion; provide unlimited free coinage of silver at a ratio of 16 to 1; accept silver up to \$200,000,000 in the payment of war debts in the next six months, valuing the silver up to 50 cents an ounce.

With the approval of the President, the Federal Reserve Board may declare the existence of an emergency, and increase or decrease reserve balances required to be held against deposits.

Of paramount interest, is influence reduction of gold content of the dollar would have on relations of debtor and creditor. Expert opinion places it as follows:

Debtors.—Following the devaluation of the dollar, a man who had contracted to pay a certain number of dollars could tender the new dollars in satisfaction of the debt.

Principal classes to be benefited in this respect would be those who had mortgaged homes and farms.

Creditors.—Superficially, this class would lose under the changed basis, inasmuch as the dollar would have less purchasing power than the old. However, this apparent injustice would be much offset by the fact that the loans were largely contracted at a time when the dollar was worth only about half of what it is worth at the moment.

Farmers.—Would benefit. Prices would rise, thus netting the farmer more dollars per acre. On the other hand, the cost of what he purchased would rise as well, but probably not so rapidly.

Manufacturers, Wholesalers, Retailers.—The same condition obtains as in the case of the farmer. Prices of the goods they sell will go up—and so will the prices of the raw materials they buy. Concerns with large stocks of raw materials on hand, however, will naturally benefit.

Wage-Earners.—The man with the fixed income will receive dollars which buy him less. How much hardship this will create is dependent upon the rapidity or the slowness with which wages rise.

Unemployed.—This class will doubtless be benefited most, inasmuch as industrial operations will increase, new markets, foreign and domestic, will be found and there will be greater demands made on our producing units.

The parity between the foreign empires and the American government have produced five concrete accomplishments in the interest of world recovery. They are:

1. The summoning of the World Economic Conference in London in the middle of June.

2. The formulation of a tariff treaty to last until the conference had had an opportunity to map an economic peace treaty.

3. A ban on currency warfare until the details of stabilization can be worked out.

4. An impetus to Geneva disarmament conference, with American pressure for reduction of armaments.

5. Removal of resentments in war debt relations through exhibition of American willingness to recognize foreign difficulties and make some concessions.

The amazing part of the conference is their complete informality. There are no documents, no rows of statistics, no formal discussions. The principals sit down, talk it over—and produce results.

Business conditions have improved steadily since the latter part of March.

Greater activity and generally higher prices characterize the commodity and security markets after gold exports were suspended. Steel mills have gone to more than 20 per cent of capacity, after the drop to 15 per cent in March.

Automobile output has rapidly expanded. Department stores, hand sales are sharply increasing. Lumber and electric power production, both good indicators, have advanced.

Some improvement has been registered in car loadings. The farmer's markets show similar advances, with grains reaching and holding better levels.

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Mr. Watson has heard the Cry-

Bulls Stored For the Summer Are Subject To Damage by Thrips

Gainesville, May 10.—Mealybugs and thrips are liable to be troublesome on bulbs that are stored during the summer, says J. R. Watson, head of the Entomology Department at the Florida Experiment Station. Bulb raisers should watch for these insects, since they multiply rapidly and are capable of doing much damage to the bulbs.

The mealybugs can be controlled by dipping the bulbs in a solution of one of the pyrethrum compounds, but unless the bulbs are dried they are liable to sprout. Mr. Watson says: "Mealybugs can be killed by fumigation with hydrogen cyanide gas, but a tight bin is essential. This usually necessitates moving the bulbs, since they have to be stored where there is good ventilation. During the bulbs with equal parts of tobacco dust and sulphur will help, but does not always give complete control. Dusting with pyrethrum powder is helpful but expensive."

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tolanus ladybeetle the most satisfactory way to get rid of mealybugs. Simply liberate a colony of the beetles where the bulbs are stored. Mealybugs are the choice food of the beetles. The beetles should be secured before the bulbs are heavily infested or the mealybugs may breed faster than the beetles can destroy them. If the storage bin is screened some of the older beetles will be kept from escaping.

To control or prevent the thrips, the bulbs should be treated with naphthalene flakes. This is the essential ingredient in moth balls, but if the balls are used they should be crushed. The flakes are preferred. The flakes are more effective than the balls. The flakes can be sprinkled on the bulbs at the rate of 1/2 pound to a bushel of bulbs when they are placed in storage.

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Extra cockroaches should be fattened and marketed as soon as possible. Save money by not feeding them and by giving the pullets plenty of room.

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